



STUDY IQ
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ECONOMICS

OPTIONAL 2026

APRIL BATCH



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ADVANTAGES OF ECONOMICS AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT

1. OVERLAP WITH GENERAL STUDIES (GS) PAPERS:

- Economics covers about 60% of the GS Paper III syllabus, i.e, 120-125 marks. This significant overlap can save you time and effort in preparation.
- GS Paper II: Economics can be helpful for understanding topics like governance, development, and international relations.
- In the prelims paper, at least 30-50 marks can be covered by this subject.

2. ANALYTICAL AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS:

Economics fosters analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities, which are crucial for a civil servant.

It helps you analyse complex issues, evaluate policies, and make informed decisions.

SCORING POTENTIAL

Economics is considered a logical and rational subject, making it generally scoring if you have a good understanding of the concepts.

Candidates with a good grasp of graphs and data interpretation can score high marks in the economics papers.

1. OVERLAP WITH GENERAL STUDIES (GS) PAPERS:

- Economics has a consistent success rate among candidates.
- Constantly performs as Top 5 success rate.
- For instance, in the Civil Service Exam of 2013, the first rank holder, Gaurav Agrawal, had economics as his optional subject.
- At least 1 rank in top 10 and 4 in top 50 constantly for the last 5-6 years.

SCORING POTENTIAL

Economics is highly relevant to current affairs, which is a crucial part of the UPSC syllabus. This relevance helps in both the prelims and mains exams.

Features

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Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion



Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated



Regular answer writing sessions with evaluation



One to one Mentorship 24*7



Mains Test Series (Sectional & Full Length Test)



Optional Gyan Bhandar



Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty



Validity

18 Months

30 Months

STUDY PLAN

Date	Topic
28/04/2025	Orientation Session
28 April	Indian Economy Before 1947 • Indian Economy in Pre-Independence Era: ▪ Land system, ▪ commercialisation of agriculture, ▪ de-industrialisation.
21 May	Indian Economy after 1991 ▪ Economic Reforms: Liberalisation, privatisation, globalisation. ▪ Agriculture: Recent trends, issues, and policies. ▪ Industry: Industrial growth, policies, and performance. ▪ Services Sector: Growth, issues, and policies. ▪ Foreign Trade: Trends, policies, and impact. ▪ Foreign Investment: FDI, FII, and their impact.

	• Marshallian and Walrasian Approaches to Price determination Theory of Production and Cost: Production function, laws of returns, returns to scale, cost curves. • Theory of Firm and Market Organization: Perfect • competition, monopoly, monopolistic competition, oligopoly. • Factor Pricing: Marginal productivity theory, theories of wage determination, rent, interest, and profit. • Welfare Economics: Pareto Hicks and Scitovsky, Arrow's Impossibility Theorem, A. K. Sen's Social Welfare Function.
19 Aug	Macroeconomics • National Income Accounting: Concepts and measurement. • Determination of Output and Employment: Classical and • Keynesian approaches. IS-LM analysis. • Inflation: Theories, causes, and control. • Business Cycles: Theories and control. • Economic Growth and Development: Harrod-Domar model, Solow model, endogenous growth models.
3 Sept	Money and Banking • Demand for Money: Fisher, Cambridge, Keynesian theories. • Supply of Money: Measures of money supply, money multiplier.

16 sept

Public Finance

- Public Goods and Externalities: Concepts and theories.
- Taxation: Principles, types, and incidence.
- Public Expenditure: Theories and effects.
- Public Debt: Sources, effects, and management.
- Fiscal Policy: Objectives and instruments.

3 Oct

Growth and Development

- Theories of growth : Harrod's model;
- Lewis model of development with surplus labour.
- Balanced Unbalanced Growth.
- Human capitals and Economic Growth.
- Research and Development and Economic Growth.
- Process of Economic Development of less developed countries: Myrdal and Kuznets on economic development and structural change: Role of Agriculture in Economic Development of less developed countries.

20 Oct

International Economics

- Old and New Theories of International Trade
- Comparative Advantage
- Terms of Trade and Offer Curve
- Product Cycle and Strategic Trade Theories
- Trade as an Engine of Growth and Theories of
- Underdevelopment in an Open Economy.
- **Forms of Protection**
- Tariff
- Quota

- **Balance of Payments Adjustments:
Alternative Approaches**

- Price versus Income Adjustments under Fixed Exchange Rates
- Theories of Policy Mix
- Exchange Rate Adjustments under Capital Mobility
- Floating Rates and Their Implications for Developing Countries: Currency Boards
- Trade Policy and Developing Countries
BOP Adjustments and Policy Coordination in Open Economy Macro-Model
- Speculative Attacks
- Trade Blocks and Monetary Unions
- WTO: TRIMS, TRIPS, Domestic Measures, Different Rounds of WTO Talks
- Economic Development and International Trade and Investment, Role of Multinationals.
- Planning and economic Development: changing role of Markets and Planning, Private-Public Partnership.
- Welfare indicators and measures of growth—Human development indices. The basic needs approach.
- Development and Environmental Sustainability—Renewable and Non Renewable Resources, Environmental Degradation, Intergenerational equity development.

	• Infrastructure: Energy, transport, communication, and social infrastructure. • Poverty, Unemployment, and Human Development: • Measurement, trends, and policies. • Indian Public Finance: Fiscal federalism, fiscal policy, budgetary trends.
18th June	Indian Economy between 1947-1991 • Contribution of Vakil, Gadgil and V.K.R.V. Rao. • Agriculture: Land Reforms and land tenure system, Green • Revolution and capital formation in agriculture. • Industry Trends in composition and growth, Role of public • and private sector, Small scale and cottage industries. • National and Per capita income: patterns, trends, aggregate and Sectoral composition and changes therein. • Broad factors determining National Income and distribution, Measures of poverty, Trends in poverty and inequality.
27 July	Microeconomics • Theory of Consumer Behavior: Cardinal and ordinal approaches, demand analysis, elasticity of demand, consumer surplus.

4 SECTIONAL + 4 FULL LENGTH TEST

	Sectional 1	Microeconomics+Macroeconomics
	Sectional 2	Money Banking + Public Finance
	Sectional 3	International + Growth and Development
	Sectional 4	Paper 2
	Full Length 1	Full Paper 1
	Full Length 2	Full Paper 2
	Full Length 3	Paper 1 + Paper 2
	Full Length 4	Paper 1 + Paper 2

* Please note that this is a tentative schedule of the batch and the dates may vary.

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