

## ANSWER WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

# HISTORY Q&A

COMPLETE SYLLABUS *through*  
CONCEPT CLASSES, ANSWER WRITING  
& MENTORSHIP



# 23

**MARCH, 2024**



**09:00 AM**

PROGRAM  
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**17,000 +GST**

✓ Approach & Trend Analysis Sessions  
for Paper I & II

✓ 60+ Hrs (40 Sessions) of Classes for  
Concept Building

✓ 3 Level of Tests for Gradual  
Improvement

- 16 Topical Tests (10 Questions)
- 4 Sectional Tests (20 questions)
- 4 Full Mock Tests (As per UPSC  
standard)

✓ 7+ Hrs (14 Sessions) of PYQs  
Discussion

✓ 30+ Hrs of Topical Test Discussion  
and Post-Test Mentorship Sessions  
for Marks Improvement



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## PROGRAMME FEATURES

01

### APPROACH & TREND ANALYSIS SESSIONS

It will focus on orienting the students with Paper 1 & 2 and the methodology required as per the demands of the UPSC.

02

### CONCEPT BUILDING & ANSWER WRITING APPROACH

**60+ Hrs** Emphasis on Conceptual building, clarity and Answer Writing Approach for Paper 1 & 2.

03

### COMPLETE HISTORY SYLLABUS COVERAGE

Through **24+ Tests & 300+ Questions**, entire History Syllabus will be covered.

04

### PERSONALISED MENTORSHIP

The Post-Test Mentorship Session will be conducted after each Topical Test for conceptual clarity, marks improvement and personalized feedback.

05

### PYQs DISCUSSION

Topic-wise PYQ Discussions to under the trend of a particular topic.

06

### ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE SKILLING

Designed to enhance the skill of articulating answer in sync with the conceptual requirement of the question.

07

### GRADUAL ASSESSMENT & IMPROVEMENT

For gradual improvement and revision, the programme is divided into Topical Tests, Sectional Tests and Full Mock Tests.

## SESSION PLAN

DATE	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
APPROACH CLASS - 01 23 MARCH, 2024	Approach to History Optional (Paper-I)	
APPROACH CLASS - 02 24 MARCH, 2024	Approach to History Optional (Paper-2)	
TREND ANALYSIS 25 MARCH, 2024	Trend Analysis of History Optional (Paper 1 & 2)	
ANCIENT HISTORY		
CONCEPT CLASS - 01 26 MARCH, 2024	Sources of History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Archaeological sources: Exploration, excavation, epigraphy, numismatics, monuments</li><li>◦ Literary sources: Indigenous: Primary and secondary; poetry, scientific literature, literature, literature in regional languages, religious literature</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 02 27 MARCH, 2024	Indus Valley Civilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Theories related Origin of IVC</li><li>◦ Characteristics of IVC</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 03 28 MARCH, 2024	Indus Valley Civilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Theories related to decline</li><li>◦ Survival and Significance of IVC</li><li>◦ Art and Architecture</li></ul>
PYQ 29 MARCH, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 01	

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<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>31 MARCH, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 01</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 04</b> <b>01 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Vedic Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansions of Aryans in India</li> <li>Vedic literature</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 05</b> <b>02 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Vedic Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of Monarchy and Varna system</li> <li>Transformation from Rig Vedic period to the later Vedic period</li> <li>Significance of the Vedic Age</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 06</b> <b>03 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Period of Mahajanapadas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formation of States (Mahajanapada): Republics and monarchies</li> <li>Rise of urban centers; Trade routes; Economic growth; Introduction of coinage</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>05 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 02</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>06 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 01</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>07 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 02</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 07</b> <b>08 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Period of Mahajanapadas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spread of Jainism and Buddhism</li> <li>Iranian and Macedonian invasions and their impact</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 08</b> <b>09 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mauryan Empire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation of the Mauryan Empire</li> <li>Mauryan period Literature</li> <li>Ashoka; Concept of Dharma; Edicts</li> <li>Religion; Spread of religion</li> </ul>

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<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 09</b> <b>10 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mauryan Empire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Polity, Administration; Economy</li> <li>◦ Art, architecture, and sculpture</li> <li>◦ External contacts</li> <li>◦ Theories related disintegration of the empire</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>12 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 03</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>13 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 02</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>14 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 03</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 10</b> <b>15 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Post - Mauryan Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Growth of urban centers, economy, coinage</li> <li>◦ Development of religions, Mahayana</li> <li>◦ Social conditions</li> <li>◦ Development of Art, architecture, culture, literature, and science</li> <li>◦ Early State and Society in Eastern India, Deccan, and South India</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 11</b> <b>16 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Gupta Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Polity and administration</li> <li>◦ Economic conditions, Coinage of the Guptas, Land grants, Decline of urban centers</li> <li>◦ Indian feudalism</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 12</b> <b>17 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Gupta Period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Caste system and Position of women</li> <li>◦ Literature, scientific literature, art, and architecture</li> <li>◦ Bhakti movement</li> </ul>

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PYQ 19 APRIL, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 04	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 20 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 03	
TOPICAL TEST 21 APRIL, 2024	Topical Test: 04	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 27 APRIL, 2024	Mentorship Session: 04	
SECTIONAL TEST 28 APRIL, 2024	Sectional Test: 01 (Ancient History)	
MEDIEVAL HISTORY		
CONCEPT CLASS - 13 29 APRIL, 2024	Early Medieval India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Themes in Early Indian Cultural History</li><li>◦ origin and the rise of Rajputs</li><li>◦ The Cholas: administration, village economy and society</li><li>◦ Debate on “Indian Feudalism”</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 14 30 APRIL, 2024	13th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Establishment of the Delhi Sultanate</li><li>◦ The Ghurian invasions – factors behind Ghurian success</li><li>◦ Economic, social and cultural consequences</li><li>◦ Consolidation: The rule of Iltutmish and Balban</li></ul>
TOPICAL TEST 05 MAY, 2024	Topical Test: 05	
CONCEPT CLASS - 15 06 MAY, 2024	14th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ The Khalji Revolution”</li><li>◦ Alauddin Khalji: Conquests</li></ul>

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		<p>and territorial expansion, agrarian and economic measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Muhammad Tughluq: Major projects, agrarian measures, the bureaucracy of Muhammad Tughluq</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 16</b> <b>07 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>14th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Firuz Tughluq: Agrarian measures, achievements in civil engineering and public works, theories related decline of the Sultanate</li> <li>◦ Society, Culture, and Economy in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>10 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 05</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>11 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 05</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>12 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 06</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 17</b> <b>13 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>15th &amp; 16th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Political Developments and Economy</li> <li>◦ The Vijayanagara Empire</li> <li>◦ Mughal Empire, First phase: Babur and Humayun</li> <li>◦ The Sur Empire: Sher Shah's administration</li> <li>◦ Bhakti and Sufi Movements</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 18</b> <b>14 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>15th &amp; 16th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Conquests and consolidation of the Empire by Akbar</li> <li>◦ Establishment of Jagir and Mansab systems</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Akbar's Rajput policy</li> <li>◦ Evolution of religious and social outlook</li> <li>◦ Court patronage of art and technology</li> </ul>
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>18 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 06</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>19 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 07</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 19</b> <b>20 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>17th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Major administrative policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan, and Aurangzeb</li> <li>◦ Religious policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan, and Aurangzeb</li> <li>◦ Nature of the Mughal State</li> <li>◦ Late Seventeenth century crisis and the revolts</li> <li>◦ Ahom Kingdom; Shivaji and the early Maratha Kingdom</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 20</b> <b>21 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>18th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Factors for the decline of the Mughal Empire</li> <li>◦ Regional principalities: Nizam's Deccan, Bengal, Awadh</li> <li>◦ Maratha ascendancy under the Peshwas: Battle of Panipat: 1761</li> <li>◦ Maratha fiscal and financial system</li> <li>◦ Emergence of Afghan Power</li> <li>◦ State of politics, culture, and economy on the eve of the British conquest</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>24 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 06</b>	



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POST TEST MENTORSHIP 25 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 07	
TOPICAL TEST 26 MAY, 2024	Topical Test: 08	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 01 JUNE, 2024	Mentorship Session: 08	
SECTIONAL TEST 02 JUNE, 2024	Sectional Test: 02 (Medieval History)	
MODERN HISTORY		
CONCEPT CLASS - 21 03 JUNE, 2024	European Penetration into India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English and French East India Companies; Their struggle for supremacy; Carnatic Wars;</li><li>Bengal: Battle of Plassey &amp; Buxar; Significance of Plassey &amp; Buxar</li><li>British Expansion in India</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 22 04 JUNE, 2024	Economic Impact of British Colonial Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Land revenue settlements in British India</li><li>Decline of traditional &amp; De-industrialisation Debate</li><li>Drain of wealth</li><li>Economic transformation of India</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 23 05 JUNE, 2024	Social & Religious Reform Movements in Bengal and Other Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Social reform movements in India</li><li>Contribution of Indian renaissance to the growth of modern India</li><li>Reformist &amp; Revivalist</li></ul>
PYQ 07 JUNE, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 07	

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<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>09 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test: 09</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 24</b> <b>10 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Indian Response to British Rule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Peasant movements and tribal uprisings in the 18th and 19th centuries</li> <li>◦ Great Revolt of 1857 - Origin, character, causes of failure, the consequences</li> <li>◦ peasant movements of the 1920s and 1930s</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 25</b> <b>11 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Indian Nationalism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Factors leading to the birth of Indian Nationalism</li> <li>◦ Thesis relating to the birth of the INC</li> <li>◦ Social composition of early Congress leadership</li> <li>◦ Ideology of Moderates and Extremists</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 26</b> <b>12 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Indian Nationalism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Partition of Bengal (1905)</li> <li>◦ Swadeshi Movement in Bengal</li> <li>◦ beginning of revolutionary extremism in India</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>14 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 08</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>15 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 09</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>16 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test:10</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 27</b> <b>17 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Gandhian Phase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Character of Gandhian nationalism</li> <li>◦ Rowlatt Satyagraha</li> <li>◦ Non-cooperation Movement</li> <li>◦ Civil Disobedience movement</li> </ul>

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<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 28</b> <b>18 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Gandhian Phase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Simon Commission and Nehru Report</li> <li>◦ Nationalism and the Peasant Movements</li> <li>◦ Nationalism and Working-class movements</li> <li>◦ election of 1937 and the formation of ministries</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 29</b> <b>19 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Other strands in the National Movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Rise of Socialism</li> <li>◦ 2nd &amp; 3rd phase Revolutionaries Movement</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>21 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 11</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>22 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 10</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>23 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test-11</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 30</b> <b>24 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Constitutional Developments in Colonial India between 1858 and 1935</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Constitutional Developments in Colonial India between 1858 and 1935</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 31</b> <b>25 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Transfer of Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ August offer 1940</li> <li>◦ Cripps Mission 1942</li> <li>◦ Quit India Movement</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 32</b> <b>26 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Transfer of Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Wavell Plan 1945</li> <li>◦ Cabinet Mission</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>28 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 10</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>29 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 11</b>	

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TOPICAL TEST 30 JUNE, 2024	Topical Test: 12	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 06 JULY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 12	
SECTIONAL TEST 07 JULY, 2024	Sectional Test: 03 (Modern History)	
WORLD HISTORY		
CONCEPT CLASS - 33 08 JULY, 2024	Enlightenment and Modern ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Major ideas of Enlightenment: Kant, Rousseau</li><li>◦ Spread of Enlightenment in the colonies</li><li>◦ Rise of socialist ideas &amp; spread of Marxian Socialism</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 34 09 JULY, 2024	Origins of Modern Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ European States System</li><li>◦ American Revolution and Constitution</li><li>◦ French revolution and aftermath</li><li>◦ American Civil War</li><li>◦ British Democratic Politics, 1815- 1850</li></ul>
PYQ 12 JULY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 11	
TOPICAL TEST 14 JULY, 2024	Topical Test: 13	
CONCEPT CLASS - 35 15 JULY, 2024	Industrialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Britain Industrial Revolution</li><li>◦ Causes and Impact on Society</li><li>◦ Industrialization in other countries</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS - 36 16 JULY, 2024	Nation-State System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Rise of Nationalism in 19th century &amp; Disintegration of Empires</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Unification of Germany and Italy</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>19 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 12</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>20 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 13</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>21 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test-14</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 37</b> <b>22 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Revolution and Counter-Revolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 19th Century European revolutions</li> <li>◦ Russian Revolution of 1917-1921</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 38</b> <b>23 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Revolution and Counter-Revolution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fascism &amp; Nazism</li> <li>◦ Chinese Revolution of 1949</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>26 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 13</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>27 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 14</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>28 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test:15</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 39</b> <b>29 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>World Wars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ 1st and 2nd World Wars as Total Wars</li> <li>◦ World War I: Causes and consequences</li> <li>◦ World War II: Causes and consequences</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 40</b> <b>30 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>World after World War II</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Emergence of two power blocs: Cold War</li> <li>◦ Emergence of Third World and non-alignment</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◉ UNO and the global disputes</li><li>◉ disintegration of the Soviet Union</li></ul>
<div>PYQ</div> <div>02 AUGUST, 2024</div>	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 14	
<div>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</div> <div>03 AUGUST, 2024</div>	Mentorship Session: 15	
<div>TOPICAL TEST</div> <div>04 AUGUST, 2024</div>	Topical Test-16	
<div>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</div> <div>10 AUGUST, 2024</div>	Mentorship Session: 16	
<div>SECTIONAL TEST</div> <div>11 AUGUST, 2024</div>	Sectional Test: 04 (World History)	
AFTER PRELIMS		
Mock - 1	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 2	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 3	PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	
Mock - 4	PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)	

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