

## ANSWER WRITING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

# POLITICAL SCIENCE Q&A

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



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**MARCH, 2024**



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PROGRAM  
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**17,000 +GST**

- ✓ Approach & Trend Analysis  
Sessions for Paper I & II
- ✓ 60+ Hrs (42 Sessions) of Classes  
for Concept Building
- ✓ 3 Level of Tests for Gradual  
Improvement
  - 18 Topical Tests (10 Questions)
  - 4 Sectional Tests  
(20 questions)
  - 4 Full Mock Tests  
(As per UPSC standard)
- ✓ 9+ Hrs (18 Sessions) of  
PYQs Discussion
- ✓ 36+ 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 PSIR SYLLABUS COVERAGE

Through **26+ Tests & 250+ Questions**, entire Political Science Syllabus will be covered.

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### 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.

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### 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

SESSIONS/DATE	TOPIC	SUB TOPIC
APPROACH CLASS - 01 23 MARCH, 2024	Approach to PSIR Optional (Paper-I)	
APPROACH CLASS - 02 24 MARCH, 2024	Approach to PSIR Optional (Paper-II)	
TREND ANALYSIS 25 MARCH, 2024	Trend Analysis of PSIR Optional (Paper 1 & 2)	
Paper 1: Section-A (Political Theory & Indian Politics)		
CONCEPT CLASS: 01 26 MARCH, 2024	Political Theory and Theories of the State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Political Theory: Meaning &amp; Approaches</li><li>Theories of the State: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and Feminist</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 02 27 MARCH, 2024	Political Ideologies-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Liberalism</li><li>Socialism</li><li>Marxism</li></ul>
PYQ 29 MARCH, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 01	
TOPICAL TEST 31 MARCH, 2024	Topical Test - 1	
CONCEPT CLASS: 03 01 APRIL, 2024	Political Ideologies-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gandhism</li><li>Behaviourism</li><li>Multiculturalism</li></ul>

<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 04</b> <b>02 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Political Ideologies-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Fascism</li> <li>◦ Feminism</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 - 2</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 05</b> <b>08 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Western Political Thought-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Plato</li> <li>◦ Aristotle</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 06</b> <b>09 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Western Political Thought-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Machiavelli</li> <li>◦ Hobbes</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 - 3</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 07</b> <b>15 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Western Political Thought-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Marx</li> <li>◦ JS Mill</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 08</b> <b>16 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Western Political Thought-4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ John Locke</li> <li>◦ Gramsci</li> <li>◦ Hannah Arendt</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>19 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 04</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>20 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 03</b>	

<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>21 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test - 4</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 09</b> <b>22 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Justice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of Justice and its communitarian critique.</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 10</b> <b>23 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Equality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equality: Social, Political and Economic; relationship between equality &amp; freedom; Affirmative action</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 11</b> <b>24 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Liberty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liberty: social, political and economic; Definition, nature and theories</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>26 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 05</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>27 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 04</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>28 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test - 5</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 12</b> <b>29 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 13</b> <b>30 APRIL, 2024</b>	<b>Democracy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; Different models of democracy – representative, participatory and deliberative</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS: 14</b> <b>01 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power: Concept of power; hegemony, ideology and legitimacy</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>03 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 06</b>	

POST TEST MENTORSHIP 04 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 05	
TOPICAL TEST 05 MAY 2024	Topical Test - 6	
CONCEPT CLASS: 15 06 MAY, 2024	Indian Political Thought-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions</li><li>◦ Sir Syed Ahmed Khan</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 16 07 MAY, 2024	Indian Political Thought-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ M.K. Gandhi</li><li>◦ B.R. Ambedkar</li></ul>
CONCEPT CLASS: 17 08 MAY, 2024	Indian Political Thought-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Sri Aurobindo</li><li>◦ M.N. Roy</li></ul>
PYQ 10 MAY, 2024	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 07	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 11 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 06	
TOPICAL TEST 12 MAY, 2024	Topical Test - 7	
POST TEST MENTORSHIP 18 MAY, 2024	Mentorship Session: 07	
SECTIONAL TEST 19 MAY, 2024	Sectional Test – 1 – Paper 1:Section A (Political Theory and Indian Politics)	
Paper 1: Section-B (Indian Government & Politics)		
CONCEPT CLASS - 18 20 MAY, 2024	Indian Nationalism-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Political Strategies of India's freedom struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, non-cooperation, civil disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements,</li></ul>

		Peasant and Workers Movements
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 19</b> <b>21 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Indian Nationalism-2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perspectives of Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>24 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 08</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>26 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test - 8</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 20</b> <b>27 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Making of the Indian Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British Rule; Different social and political perspectives</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 21</b> <b>28 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights &amp; Duties, Directive principles; parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure Doctrine</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>31 MAY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 09</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>01 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 08</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>02 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test - 9</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 22</b> <b>03 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Organs of the Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principle Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 23</b> <b>04 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Grassroots Democracy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>07 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 10</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>08 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 09</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>09 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test - 10</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 24</b> <b>10 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Federalism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federalism: Constitutional Provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations, inter-state disputes</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 25</b> <b>11 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Party System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of legislators</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 26</b> <b>12 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>14 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 11</b>	



<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>15 JUNE, 2024</b>	Mentorship Session: 10	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>16 JUNE, 2024</b>	Topical Test -11	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 27</b> <b>17 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Statutory Institutions/ Commissions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory Institutions/ Commissions: Election commission, CAG, Finance Commission, UPSC, NCSC, NCST, NCW, NHRC, NCM, NBCC.</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 28</b> <b>18 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning &amp; Economic Development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives, role of planning and public sector; Green revolution, land reforms, and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 29</b> <b>19 JUNE, 2024</b>	<b>Social Movements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>21 JUNE, 2024</b>	Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 12	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>22 JUNE, 2024</b>	Mentorship Session: 11	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>23 JUNE, 2024</b>	Topical Test -12	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>29 JUNE, 2024</b>	Mentorship Session: 12	
<b>SECTIONAL TEST</b> <b>30 JUNE, 2024</b>	Sectional Test – 2 – Paper 1:Section B (Indian Government & Politics)	

## Paper 2: Section-A

### (Comparative Politics and International Relations)

<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 30</b> <b>01 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Comparative Politics, State in Comparative Perspective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method</li> <li>State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 31</b> <b>02 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Politics of Representation and Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, Pressure Groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>05 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 13</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>07 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -13</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 32</b> <b>08 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Approaches to the Study of International Relations, Key Concepts in International Relations-1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory</li> <li>Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 33</b> <b>09 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Key Concepts in International Relations-2 and Globalization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Concepts in International Relations: Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalization</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Globalization: Responses from developed and developing societies</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>12 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 14</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>13 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 13</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>14 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -14</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 34</b> <b>15 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Changing International Political Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing International Political Order: (a) Rise of super powers; Strategic and Ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; Nuclear threat; (b) Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements; (c) Collapse of Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 35</b> <b>16 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Evolution of International Economic System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evolution of International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third world demand for new international economic order; Globalization of the world economy</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>19 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 15</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>20 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 14</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>21 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -15</b>	

<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 36</b> <b>22 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>United Nations and Contemporary Global Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN Agencies- aims and functioning; need for UN reforms</li><li>◦ Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation</li></ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 37</b> <b>23 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Regionalization of World Politics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Regionalization of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA</li></ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>26 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 16</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>27 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 15</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>28 JULY, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -16</b>	
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>03 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 16</b>	
<b>SECTIONAL TEST</b> <b>04 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Sectional Test – 3 – Paper 2: Section A (Comparative Politics and International Relations)</b>	
<b>Paper 2: Section-B (India &amp; The World)</b>		
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 38</b> <b>05 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Indian Foreign Policy, India's contribution to NAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity &amp; Change</li><li>◦ India's contribution to NAM: Different phases and current role</li></ul>

<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 39</b> <b>06 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>India &amp; South Asia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India &amp; South Asia: (a) Regional Co-operation; SAARC-past performance and future prospects; (b) South Asia as a Free Trade Area; (c) India's Look East policy; (d) Impediments to regional co-operation: River disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 40</b> <b>07 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>India &amp; Global South</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India &amp; Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations</li> </ul>
<b>PYQ</b> <b>09 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 17</b>	
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>11 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -17</b>	
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 41</b> <b>12 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>India &amp; the Global Centres of Power, India &amp; the UN System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India &amp; the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia</li> <li>India &amp; the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for permanent seat in Security Council</li> </ul>
<b>CONCEPT CLASS - 42</b> <b>13 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>India &amp; the Nuclear Question, and Recent developments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India &amp; the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy</li> <li>Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crisis in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel: Vision of a new world order</li> </ul>

<b>PYQ</b> <b>16 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Previous Year Questions (PYQs): 18</b>
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>17 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 17</b>
<b>TOPICAL TEST</b> <b>18 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Topical Test -18</b>
<b>POST TEST MENTORSHIP</b> <b>24 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Mentorship Session: 18</b>
<b>SECTIONAL TEST</b> <b>25 AUGUST, 2024</b>	<b>Sectional Test – 4 – Paper 2: Section B (India &amp; the World)</b>
<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	
<b>Mock - 1</b>	<b>PAPER - 1 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)</b>
<b>Mock - 2</b>	<b>PAPER - 2 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)</b>
<b>Mock - 3</b>	<b>PAPER - 3 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)</b>
<b>Mock - 4</b>	<b>PAPER - 4 (COMPLETE SYLLABUS)</b>

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