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2025

CSE
Qualifier
2025

GEOGRAPHY

OPTIONAL

Complete Syllabus *in* **60** **DAYS**

through

**DAILY ANSWER WRITING
& MENTORSHIP**

30⁺ MENTORSHIP
SESSIONS

Based on 25 Topical Tests to cover
entire syllabus of Geography Optional.

4 WEEKLY
Revision
Tests

4 SUBJECT
Revision
Tests



Detailed Discussion of the Tests
for better clarity



Daily Preparation Target with
Strict Schedule (No Flexi Format)



One on One Mentorship Sessions
for Marks Improvement

Mentor: KRISHNA GUPTA

BATCH
STARTS

22

SEPTEMBER

PROGRAMME FEE

₹ 10,000 +GST



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Course COMPONENTS

CSE Qualifier 2025 – Geography Optional offers a 60-day comprehensive coverage of the entire optional syllabus, with a special focus on daily answer writing and personalized mentorship. This course emphasizes the critical role of consistent answer writing practice to sharpen conceptual understanding, improve answer presentation, and align with UPSC's marking demands. With daily writing sessions and expert guidance, aspirants will be well-prepared to handle Geography Optional questions with confidence, ensuring a structured and disciplined approach to excel in the examination. The programme will include:

1

DAILY ANSWER WRITING

The syllabus is divided into 25 Topical Tests to cover each topic through daily answer writing



2

MENTORSHIP

3-4 Mentorship sessions in a week comprising Pre-Test and Post-Test (5 Questions) based on Topical Tests.



3

REVISION

Weekly Revision Tests and Sectional Tests will be conducted after every 2 weeks to cover different dimensions of the topics covered.



Course DELIVERY

STEP
01



PRE-TEST MENTORSHIP SESSION

Concept Building Mentorship Session for the Topical Tests will include discussion of important concepts for the topics mentioned in the upcoming test.

ATTEMPT THE TEST
as per the Test Schedule



STEP
02

STEP
03



EVALUATION

The Topical Test will be evaluated within 2 working days

POST-TEST MENTORSHIP SESSION

Doubt-clearing session after evaluation for common mistakes, key demand of the questions, answer structure and modification in learning process.



STEP
04

STEP
05



ONE-ON-ONE COPY DISCUSSION

after evaluation with the faculty for marks improvement and better outcome.

Mentorship & Test PROCEDURE

**01**

The **Pre-Test and Post-Test Mentorship Sessions** will be held for each Mains Topical Test. The session will be held on **Google Meet** and the timing will be **8:00 PM**.

The **Offline Students** can attempt the test between **09:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the Test Center.

02**03**

The **Online Students** can attempt the test between **09:00 AM to 7:00 PM** in your account at iascore.in.

Evaluation of the **Topical Test Mains Copy** will be done within **2 working days** or **before the Mentorship Session** for that Test.

04**05**

Evaluation of Weekly Revision and Subject Revision Mains Tests will be done **within 5 working days**.

Mentorship & Test SESSION PLAN

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
PAPER 1		
WEEK: 01	<u>MENTORSHIP SESSION – 01</u> (PRE-TEST)	<u>22 SEPTEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TESTS: 01-06
	TOPICAL TEST: 01 23 SEPTEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Geomorphology ☐ Factors controlling landform development; endogenous and exogenous forces; ☐ Origin and evolution of the earth's crusts; ☐ Fundamentals of geomagnetism; ☐ Physical conditions of the earth's interior; ☐ Geosynclines; ☐ Continental drift; ☐ Isostasy
	TOPICAL TEST: 02 25 SEPTEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Geomorphology ☐ Plate tectonics; ☐ Recent views on mountain building; ☐ Volcanicity; ☐ Earthquakes and Tsunamis; ☐ Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Land scape development; ☐ Denudation chronology; ☐ Channel morphology; ☐ Erosion surfaces; ☐ Slope development; ☐ Applied Geomorphology; Geomorphology, economic geology and environment.
	<u>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 02</u> (POST-TEST)	<u>26 SEPTEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST - 01

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 01	TOPICAL TEST: 3 27 SEPTEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Climatology ☐ Temperature and pressure belts of the world; ☐ Heat budget of the earth; ☐ Atmospheric circulation; ☐ Atmospheric stability and instability. ☐ Planetary and local winds; ☐ Monsoons and jet streams; ☐ Air masses and fronts
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 03 (POST-TEST)	28 SEPTEMBER, 2024 Topical Test - 02
WEEK: 02	TOPICAL TEST: 4 30 SEPTEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Climatology ☐ Temperate and tropical cyclones; ☐ Types and distribution of precipitation; ☐ Weather and Climate; ☐ Koppen's ☐ Thornthwaite's ☐ Trewartha's classification of world climate; ☐ Hydrological cycle; ☐ Global climatic change, and role and response of man in climatic changes ☐ Applied climatology ☐ Urban climate
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 04 (POST-TEST)	01 OCTOBER, 2024 Topical Test - 03
	TOPICAL TEST: 5 02 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Oceanography ☐ Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans; ☐ Temperature and salinity of the oceans; ☐ Heat and salt budgets, ☐ Ocean deposits; ☐ Waves, currents and tides; ☐ Marine resources; biotic, mineral and energy resources; ☐ Coral reefs coral bleaching; ☐ Sea-level changes; ☐ Law of the sea and marine pollution.

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 02	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 05 (POST-TEST)	03 OCTOBER, 2024 Topical Test - 04
	TOPICAL TEST: 6 04 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Biogeography ❑ Genesis of soils; ❑ Classification and distribution of soils; ❑ Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation and conservation; ❑ Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; ❑ Problems of deforestation and conservation measures; ❑ Social forestry, ❑ agro-forestry; ❑ Wild life; ❑ Major gene pool centres.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 06 (POST-TEST)	05 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 05
WEEK: 03	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 07 (POST-TEST)	07 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 06
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST - 1 08 OCTOBER, 2024	REVISION OF WEEK: 01 & 02
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 1 11 OCTOBER, 2024	SYLLABUS (TOPICAL TEST 1 TO 6)
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 08 (PRE-TEST)	13 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TESTS – 07 TO 12
	TOPICAL TEST: 7 14 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Environmental Geography ❑ Principle ecology; ❑ Human ecological adaptations; ❑ Influence of man on ecology and environment; ❑ Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; ❑ Ecosystem their management and conservation;

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WEEK: 04		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Environmental degradation, management and conservation; ▣ Biodiversity and sustainable development; ▣ Environmental policy; ▣ Environmental hazards and remedial measures
	TOPICAL TEST: 8 16 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Human Geography ▣ Perspectives in Human Geography ▣ Areal differentiation ▣ Regional synthesis; ▣ Dichotomy and dualism ▣ Environmentalism ▣ Quantitative revolution ▣ locational analysis; ▣ Radical, behavioural, human and welfare approaches; ▣ Languages, religions and secularisation; ▣ Cultural regions of the world; ▣ Human development index
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 09 (POST-TEST)	17 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 07
	TOPICAL TEST: 9 18 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Economic Geography ▣ World economic development: measurement and problems; ▣ World resources and their distribution; ▣ Energy crisis; the limits to growth; ▣ World agriculture: typology of agricultural regions; ▣ Agricultural inputs and productivity; ▣ Food and nutrition problems ▣ Food security; famine: causes, effects and remedies; ▣ World industries: location patterns and problems; ▣ Patterns of world trade

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WEEK: 05	<u>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 10</u> (POST-TEST)	<u>19 OCTOBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST - 08
	TOPICAL TEST: 10 21 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Economic Geography ❑ Population and Settlement Geography ❑ Growth and distribution of world population; ❑ Demographic attributes; ❑ Causes and consequences of migration; ❑ Concepts of over-under-and optimum population; ❑ Population theories, world population problems and policies, ❑ Social well-being and quality of life; ❑ Population as social capital.
	<u>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 11</u> (POST-TEST)	<u>22 OCTOBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 09
	TOPICAL TEST: 11 23 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Economic Geography ❑ Types and patterns of rural settlements; ❑ Environmental issues in rural settlements ❑ Hierarchy of urban settlements; ❑ Urban morphology; Concept of primate city and rank-size rule; ❑ Functional classification of towns; ❑ Sphere of urban influence; ❑ Rural-urban fringe; Satellite towns; ❑ Problems and remedies of urbanization; ❑ Sustainable development of cities.
	<u>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 12</u> (POST-TEST)	<u>24 OCTOBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 10
	TOPICAL TEST: 12 25 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Regional Planning ❑ Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalisation; ❑ Growth centres and growth poles; ❑ Regional imbalances; ❑ Regional development strategies; ❑ Environmental issues in regional planning; ❑ Planning for sustainable development.

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 06	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 13 (POST-TEST)	<u>26 OCTOBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 11
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 14 (POST-TEST)	<u>28 OCTOBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 12
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST-2	<u>30 OCTOBER, 2024</u> (Revision of Week 4 & 5)
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 2	<u>02 NOVEMBER, 2024</u> Syllabus (Topical Test 7 to 12)
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 15 (PRE-TEST)	<u>03 NOVEMBER, 2024</u> Topical Test – 13 to 18
PAPER 2		
WEEK: 07	TOPICAL TEST: 13 04 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography ❑ System analysis in Human geography; ❑ Malthusian, Marxian and ❑ demographic transition models; ❑ Central Place theories of Christaller and ❑ Losch; Perroux and Boudeville; ❑ Von Thunen's model of agricultural location; ❑ Weber's model of industrial location; ❑ Rostov's model of stages of growth. ❑ Heart-land and Rimland theories; ❑ Laws of international boundaries and frontiers.
	TOPICAL TEST: 14 06 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Physical Setting: Space relationship of India with neighbouring countries; ❑ Structure and relief; ❑ Drainage system and watersheds; ❑ Physiographic regions;
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 16 (POST-TEST)	<u>07 NOVEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 13

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 07	TOPICAL TEST: 15 08 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns; ☐ Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; ☐ Floods and droughts; ☐ Climatic regions; ☐ Natural vegetation, ☐ Soil types and their distributions
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 17 (POST-TEST)	09 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 14
WEEK: 08	TOPICAL TEST: 16 11 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Resources: Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, ☐ biotic and marine resources, ☐ Forest and wild life resources and their conservation; ☐ Energy crisis.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 18 (POST-TEST)	12 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 15
	TOPICAL TEST: 17 13 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Agriculture: Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; ☐ Institutional factors; land holdings, land tenure and land reforms; ☐ Cropping pattern, ☐ agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability; ☐ Agro and social-forestry; ☐ Green revolution and its socio-economic and ecological implications; ☐ Significance of dry farming: ☐ Livestock resources; ☐ white revolution; ☐ Aqua-culture; ☐ Sericulture, ☐ Agriculture ☐ poultry: ☐ Agricultural regionalisation; ☐ Agro-climatic zones; ☐ Agro-ecological regions.

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WEEK: 08	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 19 (POST-TEST)	14 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 16
	TOPICAL TEST: 18 15 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry: Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, aluminium, fertiliser, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage and agro-based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalisation; New industrial policy, Multinationals and liberalisation; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including ecotourism.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 20 (POST-TEST)	16 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 17
WEEK: 09	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 21 (POST-TEST)	18 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 18
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST-3	20 NOVEMBER, 2024 (REVISION OF WEEK: 07 & 08)
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 3	22 NOVEMBER, 2024 SYLLABUS (TOPICAL TEST 13 TO 18)
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 22 (PRE-TEST)	23 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 19 TO 25
WEEK: 10	TOPICAL TEST: 19 25 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transport, Communication and Trade: Road, railway, waterway, airway and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space programme.
	TOPICAL TEST: 20 27 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Setting: Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; Major tribes, tribal areas and their problems; Cultural regions; Growth, distribution and density of population;

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WEEK: 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (interregional, intra-regional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 23 (POST-TEST)	28 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 19
	TOPICAL TEST: 21 29 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Settlements: Types, patterns and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; Urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; Town planning; Problems of urbanisation and remedies.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 24 (POST-TEST)	30 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 20
WEEK: 11	TOPICAL TEST: 22 02 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Development and Planning: Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programmes; Panchayati Raj and decentralised planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought-prone, hill tribal area development; Multi-level planning Regional planning and development of island territories.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 25 (POST-TEST)	03 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 21
	TOPICAL TEST: 23 04 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Aspects: Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State re-organisation; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inter-state issues; International boundary of India and related issues; Cross-border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 26 (POST-TEST)	05 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 22
	TOPICAL TEST: 24 06 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contemporary Issues: Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues related to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 27 (POST-TEST)	07 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 23
WEEK: 12	TOPICAL TEST: 25 09 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management Population explosion and food security; Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification and soil erosion
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 28 (POST-TEST)	10 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 24
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST-4	12 DECEMBER, 2024 (REVISION OF WEEK 10 & 11)
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 4	15 DECEMBER, 2024 SYLLABUS (TOPICAL TEST 18 TO 25)





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