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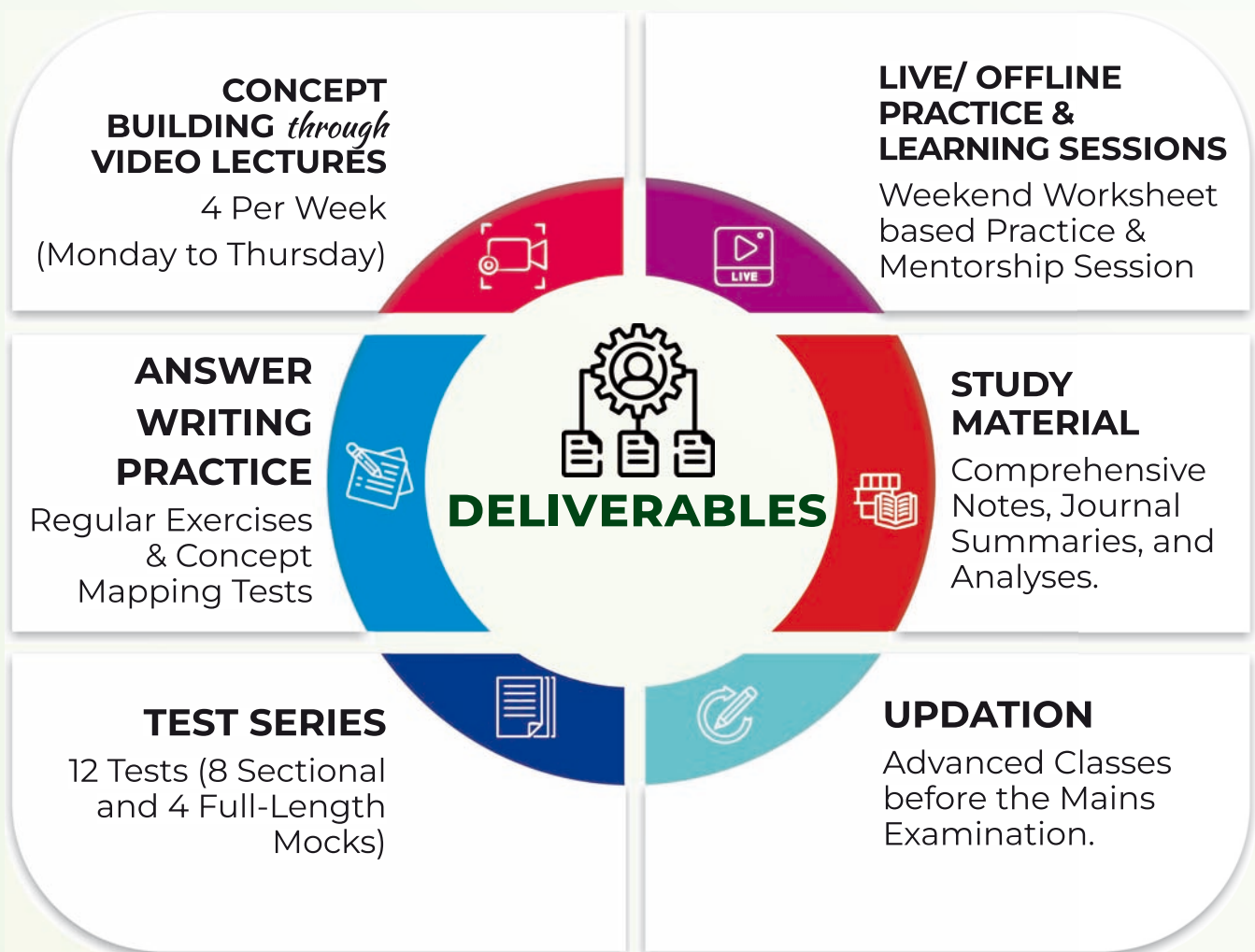
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COURSE DETAILS

Enhance your UPSC preparation with the **Geography Optional Hybrid Programme**, tailored for aspirants choosing Geography Optional as their optional subject. This programme offers the flexibility of video lectures on weekdays, coupled with live/offline practice and learning sessions on weekends. Ideal for college students and working professionals, it provides a balanced approach, combining the convenience of online learning with the benefits of interactive sessions, ensuring a comprehensive and effective preparation strategy for optimal success.



COURSE OUTCOMES





SESSION PLAN

WEEK	TOPICS
WEEKS 1 TO 8: PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (PAPER I)	
WEEK 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Climatology Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Atmospheric Composition & Evolution; Structure of Atmosphere ◦ Temperature and Pressure Belts; Factors Affecting Winds ◦ Heat Budget of the Earth; Atmospheric Circulation ◦ Atmospheric Stability, Instability, and Inversion of Temperature
WEEK 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Climatology Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Planetary and Local Winds; Monsoons and Jet Streams ◦ Air Masses and Fronts; Cyclones (Temperate and Tropical) ◦ Types and Distribution of Precipitation ◦ Weather, Climate, and Climatic Classifications ◦ Applied Climatology
WEEK 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Oceanography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Ocean Floor Mapping; Bottom Topography of Oceans ◦ Temperature and Salinity of Oceans; ◦ Heat and Salt Budgets ◦ Ocean Currents, Waves, and Tides ◦ Marine Resources; Coral Reefs; Sea Level Changes ◦ Law of the Sea

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<p>WEEK 04</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Geomorphology Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Factors Controlling Landform Development; Geomorphological Theories ◦ Earth’s Movements (Endogenetic & Exogenetic Forces); Denudation Processes ◦ Earth’s Crust Evolution; Geosynclines & Continental Drift ◦ Plate Tectonics; Isostasy and Mountain Building
<p>WEEK 05</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Geomorphology Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Volcanicity; Earthquakes & Tsunamis ◦ Geomorphic Cycles and Landscape Development (Davis, Penck) ◦ Channel Morphology; Erosion Surfaces and Slope Development ◦ Denudation Chronology; ◦ Applied Geomorphology
<p>WEEK 06</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Biogeography Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Soil Formation; Soil Profile and Erosion ◦ Classification and Distribution of Soils; Soil Degradation and Conservation ◦ Biomes: Types and Distribution of Plants & Animals ◦ Factors Influencing World Distribution of Plants and Animals
<p>WEEK 07</p>	<p>Biogeography & Environmental Geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Biogeography Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Extinction, Speciation, and Biological Dispersal ◦ Biogeographic Regions of the World ◦ Problems of Deforestation and Conservation; Social Forestry ◦ Wildlife, Major Gene Pool Centres ▣ Environmental Geography Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Principles of Ecology and Environmental Studies ◦ Human Ecological Adaptations

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WEEK 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Environmental Geography Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Influence of Humans on Ecology; ◦ Global and Regional Environmental Changes and Imbalances ◦ Ecosystem their management and conservation ◦ Biodiversity and sustainable development ◦ Environmental policy, education and legislation ◦ Environmental Degradation, Management, and Conservation
WEEKS 9 TO 14: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (PAPER I)	
WEEK 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Perspectives in Human Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Classical Geography: Greek, Roman, and Arab Contributions ◦ Dualism and Dichotomies in Geography (General vs Regional) (Possibilism and Determinism) ◦ Systems Analysis ◦ Quantitative Revolution & Spatial Analysis ◦ Radical Geography; Welfare Geography and Pragmatism ◦ Environmentalism, Neo Determinism
WEEK 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Models & Theories in Human Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Malthusian, Marxian, and Demographic Transition Models ◦ Central Place Theory (Christaller, Losch) ◦ Von Thunen's Agricultural Location Model; ◦ Weber's Industrial Location Model ◦ Rostow's Stages of Growth; ◦ Heartland and Rimland Theories
WEEK 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Population Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Population Distribution & Growth; Theories of Population Growth (Malthus, Marx) ◦ Demographic Transition Model; Migration Theories (Ravenstein, Lee)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Causes of Migration; Over, Under, and Optimum Population ◦ World Population Policies; Social Well-being and Quality of Life
<p>WEEK 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Settlement Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Types & Patterns of Rural Settlements ◦ Urban Settlements: Hierarchy, Rank Size Rule, Primate Cities ◦ Functional Classification of Towns; Rural-Urban Fringe ◦ Urban Sprawl, Slums, and Problems of Urbanization
<p>WEEK 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Economic Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ World Economic Development: Measures, Problems & Regional Disparities ◦ World Resources (Energy, Minerals, Water, Marine, Forest) ◦ Agriculture: Inputs, Productivity, Intensity, and Crop Patterns ◦ Green Revolution and its Socio-Economic & Ecological Implications ◦ Industrial Location: Factors, Types of Industries, SEZs ◦ World Trade Patterns; Transport and Communication Networks ◦ Energy Crisis and Limits to Growth ◦ Concept of Sustainable Development
<p>WEEK 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Regional Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Concept of region ◦ Growth centres and growth poles ◦ Regional imbalance ◦ Regional development strategies ◦ Integrated Rural Development Programme (Paper II) ◦ Command Area Development & Water Management (Cad&Wm) Programme (Paper II) ◦ Planning for the development of backward districts (Paper II) ◦ Development of islands in India (Paper II)

WEEK

TOPICS

WEEKS 15 TO 16: INDIAN GEOGRAPHY (PAPER II)

WEEK
15▣ **Indian Physical Geography**

- Physiographic Divisions of India; Space Relations with Neighbors
- Mechanism of Indian Monsoons and Rainfall Patterns
- Indian Drainage System; Natural Vegetation and Soils
- Climate of India; Tropical Cyclones and Western Disturbances

WEEK
16▣ **Week 16: Indian Economic, Social and Political Geography**

- Agriculture in India: Land Reforms, Green Revolution, Agro-Climatic Zones
- Industries in India: Locational Factors, Industrial Policies, SEZs
- Transport and Communication; Ports and Trade in India
- Population Distribution, Growth, Migration & Related Problems in India
- Regional Planning and Development in India
- Political Aspects of India
- Contemporary Issues





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