

GS SCORE

An Institute for Civil Services

IAS
2025

CSE
Qualifier
2025

POL. SCIENCE

OPTIONAL

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

through

**DAILY ANSWER WRITING
& MENTORSHIP**

30⁺ MENTORSHIP
SESSIONS

Based on 26 Topical Tests to cover
entire syllabus of Geography Optional.

4 WEEKLY
Revision
Tests

4 SECTIONAL
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

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BATCH
STARTS

22

SEPTEMBER

PROGRAMME FEE
₹ 10,000 +GST



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Course COMPONENTS

CSE Qualifier 2025 – Political Science 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 Political Science 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 26 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**

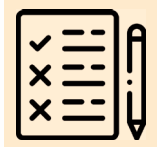
after evaluation with the faculty for marks improvement and better outcome.

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	MENTORSHIP SESSION – 01 (PRE-TEST)		22 SEPTEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TESTS: 01-06	
	TOPICAL TEST: 01 23 SEPTEMBER, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Western Political Thought ▣ Plato, ▣ John S. Mill, ▣ Aristotle, ▣ Marx, ▣ Machiavelli, ▣ Gramsci, ▣ Hobbes, ▣ Hannah Arendt ▣ Locke, 	
	TOPICAL TEST: 02 25 SEPTEMBER, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Indian Political Thought ▣ Dharamshastra, ▣ Sri Aurobindo, Arthashastra and ▣ M.K. Gandhi, Buddhist traditions; ▣ B.R. Ambedkar, ▣ Sir Syed Ahmed ▣ M.N. Roy Khan, 	
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 02 (POST-TEST)		26 SEPTEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 01	
	TOPICAL TEST: 3 27 SEPTEMBER, 2024		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Concept of Power and Political Ideologies ▸ Concept of power: hegemony, ideology and legitimacy ▸ Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism 	
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 03 (POST-TEST)		28 SEPTEMBER, 2024 Topical Test - 02	

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 02	TOPICAL TEST: 4 30 SEPTEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Theories of State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Liberal, ▣ Neo-liberal, ▣ Marxist, ▣ Pluralist, ▣ Post-colonial and ▣ feminist
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 04 (POST-TEST)	01 OCTOBER, 2024 Topical Test - 03
	TOPICAL TEST: 5 02 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Political Theory, Justice and Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Political theory: meaning and approaches ▶ Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques. ▶ Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 05 (POST-TEST)	03 OCTOBER, 2024 Topical Test - 04
	TOPICAL TEST: 6 04 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Rights & Democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; concept of Human Rights. ▶ Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy- representative, participatory and deliberative.
	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)

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 04	03 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"> ▣ Indian Nationalism and Making of Indian Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Indian Nationalism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Political Strategies of India’s Freedom struggle : constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience ; militant and revolutionary movements, Peasant and workers’ movements. ◦ Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit. ▶ Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.
	TOPICAL TEST: 8 16 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Salient features of Indian Constitution and Grassroots Democracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine. ▶ Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 09 (POST-TEST)	17 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 07
TOPICAL TEST: 9 18 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Principal Organs of Union and State Government and Federalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court. 	

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WEEK: 04		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts. ▶ Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 10 (POST-TEST)	19 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST - 08
WEEK: 05	TOPICAL TEST: 10 21 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Statutory Institutions/ Commissions and Planning and Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission. ▶ Planning and Economic Development : Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 11 (POST-TEST)	22 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 09
	TOPICAL TEST: 11 23 OCTOBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Indian Politics, Party System and Social Movements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. ▶ Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; patterns of coalition

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 05		<p>politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio- economic profile of Legislators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's
	<p>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 12 (POST-TEST)</p>	<p>24 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 10</p>
	<p>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 13 (POST-TEST)</p>	<p>26 OCTOBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 11</p>
WEEK: 06	<p>WEEKLY REVISION TEST-2</p>	<p>30 OCTOBER, 2024 (Revision of Week 4 & 5)</p>
	<p>SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 2</p>	<p>02 NOVEMBER, 2024 Syllabus (Topical Test 7 to 11)</p>
	<p>MENTORSHIP SESSION: 14 (PRE-TEST)</p>	<p>03 NOVEMBER, 2024 Topical Test – 11 to 17</p>
PAPER 2		
WEEK: 07	<p>TOPICAL TEST: 12 04 NOVEMBER, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Comparative Politics and State in Comparative Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method. ▶ State in comparative perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and, advanced industrial and developing societies.
	<p>TOPICAL TEST: 13 06 NOVEMBER, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Approaches to the Study of International Relations and Key Concepts of International Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory..

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 07		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Key concepts in International Relations: National interest, Security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 15 (POST-TEST)	07 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 12
	TOPICAL TEST: 14 08 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Politics of Representation and Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 16 (POST-TEST)	09 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 13
WEEK: 08	TOPICAL TEST: 15 11 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Globalisation and Contemporary Global Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. ▶ Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 17 (POST-TEST)	12 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 14
	TOPICAL TEST: 16 13 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Changing World Order and Evolution of the International Economic System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Changing International Political Order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Rise of super powers; strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and Cold War; nuclear threat; ◦ Non-aligned movement : Aims and achievements; ◦ Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.

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WEEK: 08		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 18 (POST-TEST)	14 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 15
	TOPICAL TEST: 17 15 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ United Nations and Regionalisation of World Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; specialized UN agencies-aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. ▶ Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 19 (POST-TEST)	16 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 16
WEEK: 09	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 20 (POST-TEST)	18 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 17
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST-3	20 NOVEMBER, 2024 (REVISION OF WEEK: 07 & 08)
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 3	22 NOVEMBER, 2024 SYLLABUS (TOPICAL TEST 11 TO 17)
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 21 (PRE-TEST)	23 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 18 TO 23
WEEK: 10	TOPICAL TEST: 18 25 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Indian Foreign Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Determinants of foreign policy; ▶ institutions of policy-making; ▶ continuity and change
	TOPICAL TEST: 19 27 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India's Contribution to Non-Alignment Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Different phases; ▶ current role

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WEEK: 10	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 22 (POST-TEST)	28 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 18
	TOPICAL TEST: 20 29 NOVEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and South Asia: SAARC and South Asia as Free Trade Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects. ▶ South Asia as a Free Trade Area.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 23 (POST-TEST)	30 NOVEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 19
WEEK: 11	TOPICAL TEST: 21 02 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and South Asia: Look East Policy and Impediments to Regional Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ India's "Look East" policy. ▶ Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 24 (POST-TEST)	03 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 20
	TOPICAL TEST: 22 04 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and Global South <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Relations with Africa and Latin America; ▶ Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 25 (POST-TEST)	05 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 21
	TOPICAL TEST: 23 06 DECEMBER, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and Global Centers of Power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ USA ▶ EU ▶ Japan ▶ China ▶ Russia
MENTORSHIP SESSION: 26 (POST-TEST)	07 DECEMBER, 2024 TOPICAL TEST: 22	

WEEK, TEST TYPE & DATE		DATE & TOPIC
WEEK: 11	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 27 (PRE-TEST)	<u>08 DECEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 24 & 26
	TOPICAL TEST: 24 <u>09 DECEMBER, 2024</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and UN System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
WEEK: 12	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 29 (POST-TEST)	<u>10 DECEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 23
	TOPICAL TEST: 25 <u>11 DECEMBER, 2024</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ India and the Nuclear Question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Changing perceptions and policy.
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 29 (POST-TEST)	<u>12 DECEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 24
	TOPICAL TEST: 26 <u>13 DECEMBER, 2024</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▣ Recent Developments in India's Foreign Policy
	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 30 (POST-TEST)	<u>14 DECEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 25
WEEK: 13	MENTORSHIP SESSION: 31 (POST-TEST)	<u>16 DECEMBER, 2024</u> TOPICAL TEST: 26
	WEEKLY REVISION TEST-4	<u>17 DECEMBER, 2024</u> (REVISION OF WEEK 10 & 11)
	SECTIONAL REVISION TEST - 4	<u>23 DECEMBER, 2024</u> SYLLABUS (TOPICAL TEST 18 TO 26)

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