“One does not have a choice between philosophic and non-philosophic; he can only make a choice between good philosophy and bad philosophy.”

— A.L. Huxley
I thank VVR IAS for their support. Special thanks to Ambuj sir who personally guided me in the test Series. His belief in me and constant motivation helped me a lot. Also the staff at VVR has been very cordial and helpful always.

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MESSAGE

Dear Aspirants,
The most prestigious, dignified and skilled job profile is desired by almost all the rational youths. But looking at the mean average, figures of past years, it is clear that out of about a Million students applying for the Civil Services Examination, little less than a thousand end up getting selected for the coveted posts. Given the complexity and the vastness of UPSC syllabus, and the nature of competition, the journey is indeed a rigorous one, which poses tremendous challenges to each aspirant draining him/her physically and emotionally, when a good guide can surely help you pass easily through this phase and you can emerge victorious in this battle of talent and endurance.

“You can not cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.” Be it the most coveted post or the easiest exam, journey always begins from scratch. With your hard work and consistency you can always achieve what you long for. I would suggest to start your preparation right now. Procrastination is never ending thing and tomorrow never comes. So buckle yourself up for this new journey, destination to which is really the most desired one.

I am not an authority to write about any subject because subject is totally subjective and relative thing. All the subjects are good and providing hundreds of results as well. Instead of searching good optional subject now aspirants of civil services are searching good guides, because the simplest subject can give negative result with an incompetent guide and toughest subject can produce positive result with a competent guide.

Wishing you good luck for coming examinations.

Dr. AMBUJ SRIVASTAVA
Mentor, VVR IAS
(PHILOSOPHY OPTIONAL)
IMPORTANT OF OPTIONAL SUBJECT

- Performance in your optional is a necessary condition to clear civil services examination.
- In general studies, even 45% is rare, while in optional one can target 60% and above.
- As per toppers, their performance in optional was the key to their success.
- Give more time on optional, instead of other papers.
- Presence of milestones in optional allows you to complete your syllabus well in time.
- GS or other papers have some sort of saturation level regarding marks but not the optional subject papers.
- In this 25% section, you can think of scoring more than 60%.

WHO SHOULD OPT PHILOSOPHY?

- Student having science background (B.Tech, Medical or Masters in sciences or Mathematics)
- Student having background of humanities like History, Geography, Philosophy, Sociology etc.
- Innovative, creative minds who want to try something new.

OPT PHILOSOPHY BECAUSE

- Short syllabus.
- Marks fetching.
- Based on scientific temper and Reasoning.
- A conceptual subject based on understanding.
- Quick revision and no need to mug it up.
- Analytical, Logical And Rational Subject.
- Nature of questions is more or less same, so student comes in SAFEZONE, even after giving less time.
- Makes you at THINK TANK and improves your writing skills.
- Helps In
  - Essay Writing
  - Personality Test
  - Ethics GS Paper- IVth
  - Social Issues GS Paper-Ist
  - Political Issues GS Paper- IIInd etc
PHILOSOPHY

BEFORE STARTING YOUR PREPARATION...

An academic discipline that seeks knowledge based on reasoning

It is difficult to define the philosophy in precision, and the attempt to do so forms an interesting and important part of philosophy itself. If you go through the dictionary you will find that the term philosophy is derived from two Greek words – PHILOS & SOPHIA, means “The love for wisdom or knowledge.” Right from the early period the term philosophy has taken on something of this meaning. Philosophy is different from other subjects not only because it makes an attempt to discover the most general and fundamental underlying principles, but is also different in its method that can be described as rational reflection. So philosophy is actually similar to the simple act of thinking hard about something. Unlike the sciences, the philosophy does not discover new empirical facts, but instead reflects on the facts we are already familiar with. The philosophy differs from other subjects in being normative. By normative we mean that unlike other disciplines philosophy tries to distinguish, in very broad ways, what is from what ought to be.

But still in order to define the subject this question is to be answered that what is the subject matter of philosophy? Basically, any area of human concern can become the subject of philosophical interest. Originally philosophers were interested in everything, and much of what could now be classified as Physics, Zoology, Anthropology, Political science, Sociology and even Mathematics. In addition, the ancient Greek philosophers also were interested in the principles of reasoning, the nature of beauty in art, the principles that regulate human conduct, the standard for distinguishing just from unjust societies, and even the nature of reality itself.

That’s why today if you ask a philosopher who is concerned with the principles that should govern human actions, you might be told that ethics is the heart of philosophy. On the other hand, a philosopher who is fascinated by the nature and function of language might tell you that the most important task of philosophy is linguistic analysis that dispels the ambiguity and confusion. A political philosopher might insist that the really important task of philosophy is to discover the principles of social justice. Therefore we can say that the state of affair in philosophy is not so different from what you might find in physics. There are many different area investigated by physicists. Some are concerned with understanding atomic and subatomic reality. Others directed their attention outward to the exploration of space, and they would insist that astrophysics is the real subject matter of physics. Similarly each generation of thinkers raises its own questions and these may be in part brought to the surface by other events. For example, advances in medical science have forced the philosophers to deal with the wide range of bio-ethical issues. Environmental pollution and ecological imbalance have forced philosophers to think about environmental ethics and sustainable development.

Of the many matters with which philosophers concern themselves, it would be difficult to say that any one is the real task of philosophy, or that any one of the various questions dealt with by philosophers today is the most important, because what may be most important to you may not seem to be as important to someone else. This explains that why it is so difficult to come up with a single definition of philosophy that all philosophers would accept as completely adequate.

Best Wishes
Dr. AMBUJ SRIVASTAVA
(Ph. D. Philosophy)
If you look in the dictionary you will discover that the philosophy is derived from two words – philos and sophia, that means – Love for Knowledge or wisdom. Right from the early period the term philosophy has taken on something of this meaning. So in principle, any area of human concern can become the subject of philosophical interest. Originally philosophers were interested in everything and that’s why one can see versatile scope in philosophy.
BENEFITS OF PHILOSOPHY OPTIONAL

Essay 250 Marks
Personality Test 275 Marks
Social Issues G.S. Paper-I
Political Issues G.S. Paper-II
Ethics G.S. Paper-IV

Civil Service Examination

Improves Presentation and Analysis All the Paper’s

PHILOSOPHY

Information Brochure for PHILOSOPHY
Philosophy is known as science of the sciences

Beginning of conceptual knowledge and philosophy is all about concepts

Philosophical approach preserves geographical conditions

Philosophy gave the solution as sustainable development

Latest subject which separated from philosophy. Is-Ought dichotomy

Normative study of the state

Social issues and social problems

Thinking about the reasoning behind what is just perceptible
UPSC PHILOSOPHY SYLLABUS

(PAPER-I)

History and Problems of Philosophy
1. Plato and Aristotle: Ideas; Substance; Form and Matter; Causation; Actuality and Potentiality.
2. Rationalism (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz): Cartesian Method and Certain Knowledge; Substance; God; Mind-Body Dualism; Determinism and Freedom.
3. Empiricism (Locke, Berkeley, Hume): Theory of Knowledge; Substance and Qualities; Self and God; Scepticism.
4. Kant: Possibility of Synthetic a priori Judgments; Space and Time; Categories; Ideas of Reason; Antinomies; Critique of Proofs for the Existence of God.
5. Hegel: Dialectical Method; Absolute Idealism.
6. Moore, Russell and Early Wittgenstein: Defence of Commonsense; Refutation of Idealism; Logical Atomism; Logical Constructions; Incomplete Symbols; Picture Theory of Meaning; Saying and Showing.
7. Logical Positivism: Verification Theory of Meaning; Rejection of Metaphysics; Linguistic Theory of Necessary Propositions.
8. Later Wittgenstein: Meaning and Use; Language-games; Critique of Private Language.
11. Quine and Strawson: Critique of Empiricism; Theory of Basic Particulars and Persons.
12. Carvacara: Theory of Knowledge; Rejection of Transcendent Entities.
14. Schools of Buddhism: Pratiyamuttapada; Ksanikavada; Nairatmyavada.
16. Sa-mkhya: Prakriti; Purusa; Causation; Liberation.
17. Yoga: Citta; Cittavritti; Klesas; Samadhi; Kaivalya.
19. Schools of Veda-nta: Brahma; I-s'vara; A-tman; Jiva; Jagat; Ma-ya; Adhya-sa; Moksa; Aprthaksiddhi; Pancavidhabheda.

(PAPER-II)

Socio-Political Philosophy
2. Sovereignty: Austin, Bodin, Laski, Kautilya.
3. Individual and State: Rights; Duties and Accountability.
4. Forms of Government: Monarchy; Theocracy and Democracy.
5. Political Ideologies: Anarchism; Marxism and Socialism.
6. Humanism; Secularism; Multiculturalism.
9. Gender Discrimination: Female Foeticide, Land and Property Rights; Empowerment.

Philosophy of Religion
1. Notions of God: Attributes; Relation to Man and the World. (Indian and Western).
2. Proofs for the Existence of God and their Critique (Indian and Western).
4. Soul: Immortality; Rebirth and Liberation.
5. Reason, Revelation and Faith.
7. Religion without God.
8. Religion and Morality.
**FOUNDATION COURSE (REGULAR BATCH)**

- **Programme Importance**
  - Foundation course will strengthen your roots in the subject so well that CS examination questions would no more be a brain teaser to you.
  - Guide will take you from nescience to refined level.
  - Consistency is the key mantra to success and this class programme will make the whole syllabus easy.
  - Regular answer writing practices and class tests will make you friendly with the pattern of writing.

- **Duration**
  - 3 months (About 170 Hrs.)

- **Commencement**
  - After CS Preliminary examination and after CS Main examination.

- **Structure**
  - In depth analysis of all four sections from scratch to the refined level. Equal focus on both the papers.

- **Study Material**
  - Clear, concise and lucid pre-class material for helping in building your concepts
  - Refined post class notes for framing answers and
  - Special supplement for understanding philosophical terminologies.

  *No need to refer any other books or sources.

- **Mode of teaching**
  - Interactive, dialogue and flow chart methodology.
  - Proper attention is given to the queries of students.

- **Class Test**
  - Unit wise and comprehensive class test.

- **Writing Practice**
  - Question wise tips for writing an ideal answer.

- **Special Session**
  - Unit wise discussion of Previous 20 years papers of UPSC Examination.
  - For clearing doubts and queries of the aspirants.

- **Hyderabad Centre**
  - Live online Classes are available.
  - Questions from both the centres would be entertained.

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**Membership Details**

**BATCH BEGINS**

**16th DEC. 2019**

**Fee**

₹48,000

**Just a course, and you would be ready for your most coveted post**
Programme Importance
- Man always go for betterment.
- Considering the prestige and dignity of civil services, youths working in different sectors, more often than a few, aspire to be at the coveted posts.
- Quitting job sometimes, is not that easy. Keeping their caliber and interest in view, VVR IAS, on special demand of students is offering weekend batches of philosophy optional.
- You would be learning time management skills during preparation which would help you manage your work and study at the same time.

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go ahead multi-tasking brilliants

Duration
12 (Twelve) Weekends and about 11 (Eleven) Hours classes every Saturday-Sunday.

Schedule
- Western Philosophy = 4 Weekends
- Indian Philosophy = 3 Weekends
- Socio-Political Philosophy = 2 Weekends
- Philosophy of Religion = 3 Weekends

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Coming Soon

BATCH BEGINS

Information Brochure for PHILOSOPHY
**MODULE COURSE**

**Programme Importance**
- Even after completing their class programme else where, many aspirants, more often than not realize that they are not as much comfortable in a particular section of the syllabus.
- Rejoining full course is definitely very expensive and time taking for them.
- Such students can now take the benefit of “Module Course Programme” offered by VVR IAS.

**Hyderabad Centre**
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**DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME**

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**BATCH BEGINS**

16th DEC. 2019

For any in house philosophy optional student flat 50% discount will be given.
TARGETTED AND ORGANIZED PRACTICE (TOP) for 300+ MARKS

- Programme Importance
  - Writing answers and getting your answers checked regularly is really important for getting a respectable score.
  - It improves your writing skills, presentation and time management.
  - Remember that you get marks on the basis of what you write and not on the basis of your knowledge.
  - Enough related knowledge, but failure in way of presenting, it can not let you score really well.
  - Sooner you start, more answers you write, increased are the chances of scoring high.

- Duration
  - 1 Month

- Commencement
  - Soon after CS Preliminary examination.

- Structure
  - Preparation of 250 question in 30 days.
  - With proper model answers that can be presented as such by the student.
  - Minimum 5 questions from each unit of syllabus.
  - Special focus on comparative and questions interlinking units.
  - Questions put up by the students will also be entertained apart from scheduled ones.

- Who Should join this course
  - Students who have completed their course of optional subject.

- Hyderabad Centre
  - Live online Classes are available.
  - Questions from both the centres would be entertained.

Membership Details

Fee ₹18,000

BATCH BEGINS

18th DEC. 2019
TEST SERIES

● Programme Importance
  ❖ Evaluate yourself before UPSC evaluates you.
  ❖ Know your strengths and weaknesses.
  ❖ Improve your concept and context.
  ❖ Manage your time in the best way.
  ❖ Above all excel your performance.

● Duration
  $2\frac{1}{2}$ Months

● Commencement
  Soon after CS Prelims examination and CS Mains examination.

● Structure
  Sectional Test: On different sections and units.
  Comprehensive Test: Paper wise.
  Mock Test: Imitation of UPSC examination: Writing and submission of both the papers according to UPSC Schedule.

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  All the tests will exactly be on UPSC format which consists of 2 sections and 8 questions.
  330+ questions to be taken, in total.

● Model Answers
  Apart from personal remarks, handwritten sample model answers will be given in defined word limit, which can be presented as such by the aspirant in the exam.

● Discussion Sessions
  Thorough discussion of each and every question given in the test paper in interactive manner.

● Video
  Video discussions are available.

● Hyderabad Center
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FLEXIBLE WRITING (EXCEPT MOCK TEST)

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Membership Details

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Fee: ₹ 48,000
Including Test Series

**Test Series**

Fee: ₹ 12,500

**TARGET**

300+ MARKS ➔ 18 Dec.
Including Test Series

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I am thankful to Dr. Amboy Swaminathan for providing me continual guidance with Philosophy. Due to his efforts and support, I could do well in philosophy and improve my score over the years. Their test series helped me tackle the questions with ease.

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