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The Optional Program (TOP) Public Administration 2023

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Why TOP - Public Administration 2023?

Choosing the right Optional subject is the most crucial decision for your success in UPSC CSE. The primary criterion for selection of an optional should be interest in the subject, past trends and convergence of syllabus with the general studies paper along with availability of a guide/mentor. Public Administration is a scoring optional if you get a robust conceptual clarity, continuous updation of current issues and a proven way to approach answer writing.

Benefits of choosing Public Administration as an optional.

- Helps in understanding governance mechanism and thus is very helpful in essay paper and interview.
- It is a concept-intensive subject and so does not need too much memorization.
- Ample availability of precise study material and easily understandable syllabus.
- A lot of topics overlap with General Studies Paper.
- Questions are asked in straightforward manner.

Since the inception of ForumIAS in 2012, we have been meeting tens of thousands of candidates from all over the country who are involved in the preparation for Civil Services. A common problem that candidates who choose to prepare optional themselves is that (a) they lack guidance (b) do not know what areas to focus on and what not to (c) lack a guide whom they can consult for their preparation strategy. A common consequence of this is that they are in an academic wilderness with a few attempts gone, and no notes, no tests attempted, and an ample amount of time wasted. TOP - Public Administration 2023 is designed to solve these problems that a student may face in his preparation journey.

What is The Optional Program – Public Administration?

We all need a Mentor. TOP Optional Program - Public Administration is an Optional Guidance Program by ForumIAS. In this program, a candidate will have a dedicated Mentor, who will take him through a preparation plan comprising of both static and dynamic portion of the Public Administration optional, such that the candidate has the right guidance backed by ForumIAS Research & Content Team. The Program shall provide a study target to be achieved regularly, and a follow up to ensure accountability and correctness of the path a candidate is choosing, with the purpose of having a rock-solid preparation for optional before he appears for the exam.

What will the candidates get?

- A dedicated Mentor who will be the guide to the candidate during his/her program journey and will be responsible for making a plan for him/her, based on their preparation level.
- Regular Study Targets, with assignments that focus on (a) note making (b) syllabus coverage (c) eliminating what not to study. The Study Target of 10 days to 12 days with assignments that must be submitted. At the end of the target period, a candidate must appear for subjective Tests.
- We believe that 4-5 months is the optimum time a candidate may need to finish the syllabus in a good way and have a robust preparation before he writes the Optional paper in CSE Mains.

However, depending on the time commitment, prior effort as well as the academic background of the candidate, this can be brought down to 2-3 months.

- The candidate will have access to Mentor Support for 5 months, even if the candidate finishes the syllabus before 5 months.
- Through this program, a candidate can expect to practice at least 300+ questions through Tests and assignments. These will be covered through (a) 7 Assignment Questions, (b) Tests conducted every 10-14 days as per the study plan. The number of tests will vary depending on the priority of the candidate, time commitment and mentor's assessment. The goal is to not have infinite tests, but to have tests and assignments that help in coverage of all important issues and highlights key areas.
- Candidates will have regular Benchmark Tests which also will have questions curated from ATS, so that they are assured that are getting as much as ATS students do, plus more.
- Regular Email Connect with Mentor, and telephonic/Web Conference with the Mentor every 7/10 days as per the Target & Test taking by the candidate.
- Candidate will be given access to Public Administration ATS+.

What are the duties and responsibilities of the Mentor?

It shall be the duty of the Mentor to

- Create Study Targets and assignments for the candidate that are to be completed within the time frame - usually between 7 days to 10 days.
- Conduct Assessment & Guidance Sessions post the Tests to guide the student towards improvements and preparation for the next test.
- Provide necessary inputs to the student as and when required based on test performance and objective assessment.
- Work with Program coordinators to nudge / follow up with the student when the student goes astray, with the purpose of instilling discipline in the candidate
- Communicate clearly to the candidate when he/she is falling behind targets and ensure timely correction.
- Work with the candidate to ensure improvement in answer writing practice.
- Provide handouts and concept classes on necessary topics (not all topics)

What not to expect from the Mentor?

- A Mentor is an expert in answer writing, Optional strategy & is someone who has guided a few hundred students with good ranks in the past and has complete knowledge and experience of the Optional preparation and the likely blind spots and pitfalls. He is not expected to be a tutor, to teach subjects with dictation.
- A mentor may provide a source - Including a video source such as a YouTube video to prepare a certain topic from but may not be expected to teach the student.
- A mentor can be a psychological counselor in only a limited capacity. He may try help a student with anxiety issues in a limited manner. However, a mentor specializes only with respect to the Optional Syllabus, Answer Writing and strategizing. He should not be expected to be of use in guidance with respect to private matters of the candidate.
- Candidates must seek professional advice only and not personal / private advice from the mentor.

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What are the expectations from the students?

- Since this is a self-study program, discipline, commitment, and a certain level of consistency is expected from the mentee.
- A mentee must be truthful and realistic with respect to the time investments he can make for the examination. Only then a good plan can be made.
- A Mentee must focus on covering syllabus instead worrying / pestering about things that do not matter in the long run.
- A Mentee must ensure that he covers the syllabus in the time once committed and finishes the assignments in the given time. This will require good time management skills, which the mentee must develop over a period of time.
- A Mentee must trust and follow the Mentor and work as per guidance provided by the Mentor.

What is the difference between Optional Foundation and TOP – Public Administration? Which one should I choose?

Optional Foundation program is a classroom-based program where the onus on the content / notes is with the faculty. We do not recommend over the TOP – Public Administration program, as a classroom program ensures that proper notes are made – which are crucial for the exam. The TOP – Public Administration on the other hand will provide a student with a Mentor, who will require the candidate to make notes (through curated assignments) by doing self-study, research and reading reference material suggested by the Mentor. In short, the notes in optional foundation will be dictated / provided by the faculty, whereas in TOP – Public Administration the notes have to be made by the student himself.

What is the difference between Public Administration ATS and TOP – Public Administration? Which one should I choose?

ATS provides a Mentor supported Test Series based program for Optional. You can discuss your paper after every test and make improvements in your answer writing with subsequent tests. A pre-set standard plan is followed for everyone which can be postponed. The TOP – Public Administration program is a Optional Guidance Program where the study plan and assignment itself is made by the Mentor and the TOP – Public Administration Team. Candidates who only need answer writing practice and improvement in answer writing must go for ATS. Candidates who are looking for the comprehensive preparation suite may go for TOP – Public Administration.

Is the program available in offline mode?

The program is available completely in online mode. However, candidate can visit the offline center (Karol Bagh, New Delhi) by prior information and write the Tests and submit the copies there itself he and meet mentor offline.

HOW TO ENROL?

Students can enroll in the program by paying the fees through the below mentioned means:

- By visiting the website:
<https://academy.forumias.com>
(Net Banking / Debit Card / Credit Card / UPI)
- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
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FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
TOP - Public Administration 2023	₹ 35,000/-	₹ 41,300/-

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- The program is non-refundable and non-transferable.
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