'Harvest of Hustle' – A Comprehensive Program for Conquering PRELIMS 2024 – by SOMP

Your Gateway to Mains 2024

Prelims with time has become **one of the most difficult stages to clear** because of its very nature of being the **largest eliminating stage.** Often a student ends up failing in prelims year after year. Although, every year after final result, it is seen that for some it was **just a matter of getting a chance to write mains.**

2023 Prelims was no less different. In fact, it was even more brutal than the previous Prelims. With expanding horizons of syllabus, increased complexity and newer and tougher ways of framing the questions, it won't be wrong to interpret that this challenge will continue, and most likely increase in 2024 Prelims.

A careful analysis of the multiple aspects present **two fold challenges** which students have faced in clearing this stage – the **academic challenges** and the **non-academic challenges.**

The **academic challenges** relate to **wrong and misguided preparation** related to the **evolving demand of the paper on content side and overall planning** as per your level of preparation.

The **non-academic challenges,** **mostly overlooked and ignored**, sometimes end up **becoming the major roadblocks** which create hurdles in a student's overall journey, which either a student doesn't identify or he fails to address them even after identifying because of no clear pathway.

The Golden Opportunity

Good number of vacancies are being expected this year.

If you are a sincere student, and have decided to whole heartedly pursue your UPSC dream in 2024, 2024 is an extremely favourable year to pursue your civil services career.
This isn't merely in terms of **vacancies**, but also in the **number of candidates who will be selected for subsequent stages**.

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'Harvest of Hustle' Program 2024 is so complete in all aspects that if you follow it diligently and as per the guided direction, you'll definitely have a very good chance of writing Mains in 2024.

Components of 'Harvest of Hustle' Prelims Program 2024

DETAILS OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS

1) **NCERT Classes**

Reading NCERTs is important, but usually most aspirants make many mistakes while reading them

- ✓ E**ither completely ignoring them, or goes 100% into it**. Both of these are **wrong** strategies.
- ✓ Focus **merely on extracting factual** information, rather than both conceptual and factual.

It is with this vision an **NCERT Course has been included for you** , with the following **objectives**
- ✓ **Clarity and Mastery of important Concepts and Themes**
- ✓ **Factual coverage** – this has become very important again in recent times
- ✓ Many **Questions in UPSC prelims and Mains** recently could be directly traced to NCERT, especially in 2023**.**

2) **Previous Year Questions Analysis**

Previous Year Questions are the **backbone and the soul** of any competitive examination. And for UPSC, it has emerged as even more important, be it Prelims or Mains. PYQ is the **biggest misutlised shield and sword** in the UPSC preparation.

The Previous Year analysis for 2024 Prelims will deal with

- a. **PYQ Complete Analysis** from **1995-2023.**
    - i. **Yes – we are very clear on this.** PYQs need to be analysed from 1995 to 2023. Not only from 2013 or the last few years.
    - ii. **Very often it's the game of few marks –** and it would be an ocean of guilt if we miss out on something which UPSC had already asked.

    b. <u>**Detailed Analysis of 2023 Prelims, to :**</u>
        i. Tell you how UPSC has remained the same.
        ii. Tell you how UPSC has changed
        iii. Tell you how to perform, even in this atmosphere of chaos and complexity.

    c. **Important Themes, Sub-Themes and topics** which UPSC has always focused
    d. **Logical skills** to solve questions and how that thing has changed over years.
    e. **Exploring the options** other than the one which was the answer.

3) <mark>**Thematic Current Affairs**</mark>

    a. **Objective –** provide you the most relevant One Stop Solution for Current Affairs, so that you use it to *work for you, rather than working against you.*
    b. Coverage based on **important themes** which UPSC keeps on exploring from **last 2 years important themes** - *based on the trend of UPSC in last 5 years, especially last 3 years.*
    c. **Covering the gap existing with respect to current affairs**, where coverage of all small and big current affairs of last 1 year isn't the solution. In fact that is an inefficient strategy.
    d. Rather, a **more refined and directed strategy** is covering major affairs of **last 2 years** in a thematic manner.

4) <mark>**Prelims Test Series**</mark>

Some of these mistakes committed by the students in a test series are :

➢ <u>**Solving tests beyond the capacity**</u>
    ▪ Of Course, you should solve as many tests as possible, but this doesn't mean solving 150 tests without analysing the previous ones.
    ▪ Ideally, you should solve **minimum 30-35 tests**. Only after you have analysed them, should you move on to the next tests

➢ <u>**Not Solving Quality Tests**</u>
    ▪ Solving **average or poor quality tests** can only give you temporary satisfaction, and not results. Unfortunately, <u>**most test series today in market aren't well aligned**</u> with the changing needs and the demand of UPSC
    ▪ <u>**At SOMP, our aim is very simple**</u> – to give <mark>**absolute quality and relevance**</mark> in all the tests.

➢ <u>**Not analysing the tests, and harping on scores rather than the learnings**</u>.
    ▪ In Simple words – **it's a sin to not do that.**

➢ <u>**Having an impractical schedule of solving tests, and procrastination.**</u>

- The Schedule of our test series is designed as per the practical considerations and to deal with procrastination, we will be conducting tests **live on Zoom Session.**

Two Components in SOMP Prelims 2024 Test Series

a. **Daily MCQ worksheets** on **Weekdays (Mon to Friday)** according to a schedule.

b. **Test Series** - total 27 tests, having NCERT Tests, Medium Level Tests, High Level Tests, Full Length Tests.

      i. **6 NCERT Tests** – covering History, Geography, Polity, S&T. **(NCT)**

      ii. **8 Subject Wise Medium Level Tests (MLT)**

      iii. **7 Subject Wise High Level Tests (HLT)**

      iv. **6 Full Length Tests** covering entire syllabus (FLT)

      v. **Schedule and details** shared below.

5) **Mentorship**

a. **SOMP provides 1-1 mentorship** along with **common sessions**, unlike only group mentorship provided in the name of mentorship.

b. Mentorship is the **USP of SOMP.**

c. You will be allotted an experienced mentor who will be there with you in your **entire journey of prelims course**, through telegram and call.

d. Mentor support helps in **channelizing your energy and time** towards your goal.

e. Mentor will help you deal with **academic and non-academic challenges**, and help you maintain **accountability and discipline.**

f. The Mentor will be your **ultimate accountability partner.**

g. **Mentor regulated** Peer group for discussion and information.

h. **Excel Sheets** to track your overall preparation.

6) **Outcome Oriented Program**

a. A program of **30-45 days for effective and quick revision** of the static part of the syllabus.

b. **No Irrelevant and Extra Notes** will be given for the topics which are already present in the reference books. You just have to read those topics from the sources you've followed till now. (Any specific notes, however if required, will be given)

c. **Strategy:**

      i. **3 Days – Live Zoom Session .**

  i. You will be **guided to study the topics effectively** in the limited time.

  ii. You'll be **given time there and then** in the session. You have to complete the reading/ revision of that particular topic in that time.

  iii. Major points, most important facts will be highlighted which students shouldn't miss.

  iv. **Appropriate PYQs, logical techniques, value additions** will also be discussed.

  v. Specific focus on difficult, complex, ignored and important topics

d. **Rest 4 Days**- You have to complete things at your own pace. Readings and Revisions of the remaining topics and Revisions of the topics discussed in the live class.

e. Outcome Oriented Program was **one of the most productive and successful programs in 2022 and 2023**. Due to sessions in the morning, students utilised their time very effectively.

f. This program will start in **March Mid.**

g. **Usually this is the time, when students start feeling nerves. This reduces their productivity. Outcome oriented sessions in the last 2 years have proved to calm down students and help them channelize their preparation effectively.**

7) **CSAT** – A comprehensive CSAT course (**More details below**)

8) Other Major deliverables

a. **Regular Group Zoom Sessions** –

  i. Major objective of this session is to relieve the stress and pressure and some light talk.

  ii. Let's accept, we are all humans who get saturated. The idea is to **get rid of that stress in a productive way.**

  iii. Additionally, common issues faced by students can also be discussed.

b. **Complementary SOMP Static Prelims Notes** (These notes should be used for reference. Your primary source should be the main books)

Details and Schedule of different components of 'Harvest of Hustle' Prelims 2024 program.

CSAT

Deliverables
1. Telegram Support 24*7
2. Doubt clearing sessions.
3. PYQ Discussion as well as CAT level questions discussion in Class.
4. Mentorship Support
5. Handholding till Prelims
6. 4 Full mocks and 4 half mocks.
7. Total Classes may go up to 35.

S.NO	Session	Topics to be covered	Dates
1	1	Number system (Basics and definition)	13.01.2024
2	2	Number of factors sum of factors , Divisibility rules	16.01.2024
3	3	Remainder theorem, unit place , number of zeroes	20.01.2024
4	4	Assumption methods and PYQs	23.01.2024
5	5	LCM and HCF of the Number	27.01.2024
6	6	Ratio and proportion and allegation	30.01.2024
7	7	Percentage	03.02.2024
8	8	Average	06.02.2024
9	9	Time and work	10.02.2024
10	10	Speed and distance	13.02.2024
11	11	Profit and loss and SI and CI	17.02.2024
12	12	Pipe and Cistern	20.02.2024
13	13	Probability	24.02.2024

14	14	Permutation and combination	27.02.2024
15	15	Direction	02.03.2024
16	16	Blood relations	05.03.2024
17	17	Ranking and sitting arrangements	09.03.2024
18	18	Venn diagram and syllogism	12.03.2024
19	19	Calander and Clock	16.03.2024
20	20	. Cuboids and cubes	19.03.2024
21	21-22	2 Sessions on Data sufficiency	22.03.2024 and 23.03.2024
22	23-27	5 sessions on Reading comprehension	29.03.2024, 30.03.2024, 31.03.2024,02.04.024 and 06.04.2024

Previous Year Questions Schedule

Subject	Date
Ancient History -1	Jan 10 2024
Ancient History -2	Jan 11 2024
Medieval History -1	Jan 16 2024
Medieval History -2	Jan 17 2024
Modern History -1	Jan 21 2024
Modern History -2	Jan 22 2024
Modern History -3	Jan 23 2024
Geography-1	Feb 4 2024
Geography-2	Feb 5 2024
Geography-3	Feb 6 2024
Economics-1	Feb 13 2024
Economics-2	Feb 14 2024
Economics-3	Feb 15 2024
Polity-1	Feb 20 2024
Polity-1	Feb 21 2024
Polity-1	Feb 22 2024
Environment-1	Mar 02 2024
Environment-2	Mar 03 2024
Environment-3	Mar 04 2024
S&T-1	Mar 14 2024
S&T-2	Mar 15 2024

Daily Worksheets Schedule

- ➢ Daily 10 MCQs (Monday to Friday)
- ➢ Schedule according to Previous Year Questions subject.
- ➢ Detailed day wise schedule will be shared later.

Test Series Schedule

Test Type	Test No	Subject	Date
NCERT (NCT)	Test 1	Ancient History, Medieval History	Jan 19 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 2	Ancient, Medieval History, Culture + Current Affairs	Jan 22 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 3	Modern History	Jan 25 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 4	Modern History + Current Affairs	Jan 27 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 5	Geography	Feb 7 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 6	Geography	Feb 9 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 7	Geography + Current Affairs	Feb 11 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 8	Economics + Current Affairs	Feb 19 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 9	Polity	Feb 23 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 10	Polity + Current Affairs	Feb 28 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 11	Environment + Current Affairs	Mar 6 2024
NCERT (NCT)	Test 12	Science	Mar 16 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 13	S&T + Current Affairs	Mar 18 2024
Medium Level (MLT)	Test 14	Current Affairs	Mar 21 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 15	FLT-1	Mar 24 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 16	Ancient, Medieval History, Culture + Current Affairs	Mar 27 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 17	Modern History + Current Affairs	April 2 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 18	Geography + Current Affairs	April 7 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 19	Economics + Current Affairs	April 12 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 20	Polity + Current Affairs	April 17 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 21	Environment + Current Affairs	April 21 2024
High Level (HLT)	Test 22	S&T + Current Affairs	April 23 2024

Full Length (FLT)	Test 23	FLT-2	April 26 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 24	FLT-3	April 30 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 25	FLT-4	May 3 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 26	FLT-5	May 6 2024
Full Length (FLT)	Test 27	FLT-6	May 10 2024

Fee Details

Fees - Rs18200 + GST

Some Feedbacks of Previous Batches of Prelims Course by SOMP

December 27

Thank u sooo much Sahil Sir for this great session....Your sessions on PYQ analysis is really working tremendously in taking out d fear of prelims....Especially the tactics of reading d questions minutely nd analysing options minutely is really very helpful....

17:22

December 28

Daily worksheet is every effective in the following ways.
1. 10question keeps the momentum up
2. The question are of good quality (eg the negative liberty)not only for the sake of giving question .
3. What I liked is , to the point answers and easy to check our mistakes without any confusion,which otherwise in others questions fill the entire space in explanation (market mocks)

December 29

FEEDBACK-PYQ SESSIONS
SOMP pyq sessions is one of the best feature much needed for upsc cse preparation. It includes thorough analysis, emphasis on important topics, and most necessary factor Developing the thinking process and line that can be applicable and simulated in real exam day scenario. The sessions are interactive and extremely helpful in building right mindset. There are many books available in market which give PYQs, but none of the material will guide you to utilize them properly. Sahil sir is very accommodating, address doubts and help students to understand the preliminary exam dynamics and do the preparation accordingly.

20:01

Thank you for your feedback 😊

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20:22 ✓✓

February 19

Sahil sir is an absolute gem. I've been under his mentorship since the start of phoenix batch. He understands the view of us aspirants and course corrects us when ever we deviate.
He's more like a big brother to all of us.
Thank you SOMP for this wonderful program.
Everyone needs mentors in their life. Like Gopal krishna Gokhale ji to Mahatma gandhi, Lord krishna to Arjuna.. It is what we learn from history. 12:48

Thank you for your feedback 12:54

December 16

Quality of questions is good and this is very helpful for me. 14:36

Thank you for your honest feedback about the worksheets 14:42

December 31

Test quality is good 15:19

January 2

The quality of Full Length tests z good....it has channelised d revision part nd is helping to analyse my preparation at dis point of time....Question format being too close to upsc format is boosting my confidence for prelims 2023....Thank You Sahil Sir and Team SOMP... 12:55

Thank you 13:10

January 11

#feedback
The HYC is helping me to properly segregate the topics as per UPSC exam pattern of the subject specially helped me alot in Ancient History...first in one reading it was like putting things in a room but now with HYC and 2nd reading it is helping me to know where to find that thing in the room..so know a clear picture is started generating in mind regarding topics & what to focus. 21:01

February 1

#feedback
2 classes of Thematics done on economics, and Sahil sir's teaching not only helped me to clear static topics related doubt but also helped me to connect it with the current developments regarding same, also it has broaden the horizon of studying Economics as per UPSC perspective. Thanks 16:42

Thank you for your feedback 17:04

February 9

First of all thanks for the timing of the session sir. Maybe in my whole preparation journey I've never woken up this early and revised any subject 😅. It was a difficult task for me but I was able to move out of my comfort zone and study.
The session was helpful for me because it made me revise particular chapters in time bound manner. Otherwise I would have taken little more longer to cover them.
Also the important points you emphasised will surely get more clearer in my memory.
And the possibility of getting confused in exam as well in similar concepts you highlighted will help more.
Overall I found it helpful.
One suggestion,if possible, that can you add pyq of 2-3yrs to make us analyse the importance of topic as well as how to attempt that particular question.

Thanks a lot sir. 🙏 edited 10:09

And Sir my feedback 👇 on outcome based mentorship program 14:07

Firstly, thank you so much for this initiative sir.. joined it with the intention to gauge myself from where i stand with other aspirants in this prepation as i was preparing on my own at home also i was slightly loosing confidence from mid March....But never expected that these sessions will be so much productive...never completed polity(majority of it)so quickly in my entire preparation with so much clarity...Thanks to you. Got to know the value of time specially when you gave around 10 to 15 minutes to revise the things 😅 and asking questions making those sessions more productive and active.

One suggestion: For Ancient and Modern india it would be useful if co-aspirants spend extra 10min to discuss things which they collected from various sources and feel important for the exam...In this way it will save our time to make value addtion separately.. 14:08

April 10

Hello sir, Good evening
I am Nidhi from phoenix batch 1.
Thank you for extending the outcome based initiative to us..
I joined today's class and it was really effective in revising things in very less time..
I would've have studied by my own i would have taken atleast 2 days to revise those things which I revised in just three hours and also in very effective way..
Thank you sir.. 15:42

January 3

First session of hyc was productive and helpful bcoz of the good quality of material and explaination was to the point 14:27

Thank you for feedback 20:22

😊 Message

During my initial years of preparation, I use to think that analysing PYQs meant merely solving them and the job is done. But this costed me heavily. Attending SOMP PYQ sessions have really helped me to go beyond mere solving questions. It gave me an insight as to what exactly analysing PYQs mean; from tracing important topics to minutely observing options and eliminating them. Thank you to the SOMP family for such insightful sessions. edited 13:39

Thank you for your honest feedback 😊 14:02

#feedback PYQ sessions
Although Ive done PYQs earlier too, this perspective was completely unknown before. Its not only telling us what we should know but also how to tackle the unknown, & the boundaries of both. The fact that It was totally interactive was just the cherry on top. 21:21

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