

UPSC 2024 Toppers के Paper-wise

Final Marks

Trend Analysis

Best Optional

Name	Rank	Essay	GS-I	GS-II	GS-III	GS-IV	Total GS Marks	GS Marks (%)	Optional	Marks (Opt-I)	Marks (Opt-II)	Total Optional Marks	Optional Marks (%)	Written Total	Final Total
shakti dubey	1	100	125	125	86	141	464	46.4	PSIR	147	147	279	55.8	843	1043
harshita goyal	2	144	102	121	90	125	438	43.8	psir	117	152	269	53.8	851	1038
dongre archit parag	3	103	90	123	108	126	447	44.7	philosophy	142	156	298	59.6	848	1038
shah margi chirag	4	109	89	117	91	128	425	42.5	geography	170	121	291	58.2	825	1035
aakash garg	5	118	101	113	113	118	445	44.5	politics	131	137	268	53.6	831	1032
Aditya Vikram Agarwal	6	119	117	113	113	110	463	46.3	politics	134	132	266	53.2	839	1027
ashish sharma	7	125	97	120	110	118	451	45.1	politics	131	132	263	52.6	814	1025
madhav arora	8	144	114	115	110	113	462	46.2	politics	133	132	265	53.0	835	1020
trilok singh	9	113	106	124	110	113	456	45.6	politics	144	132	276	55.2	841	1016
dvyank	10	116	111	114	110	113	434	43.4	politics	142	132	274	54.8	806	1015
R Rangan	11	139	112	111	110	113	426	42.6	politics	151	132	283	56.6	835	1012
utkarsh yadav	12	117	100	115	110	113	429	42.9	politics	135	132	267	53.4	839	1006
alfred thompson	13	139	99	109	110	113	421	42.1	politics	137	132	269	53.6	814	1004
mudit bansal	14	98	103	111	110	113	434	43.4	politics	111	132	243	49.0	865	1000
malavika	15	118	101	113	110	113	434	43.4	politics	111	132	243	49.0	865	1000


UPSC CSE Topppers

Marksheet Comparative Analysis

2024 vs 2023

Learn


MY COURSESSTORE



All India UPSC Prelims 2025 Mock Test by Margdarshan IAS | Test. A...

1 Chapter


1 Content



PYQsAstra: The Lethal Weapon to Win Prelims 2025

14 Chapters


55 Contents



UPSC KEY TERMS - Notes

4 Chapters


23 Contents



Current Affairs 365 - Notes (English)

2 Chapters


12 Contents



Prelims Test Series 2025 Kit (English)

14 Chapters

62 Contents



Current Affairs 365 : Mock Test Series Subject-wise For UPSC Pre...

Dashboard

Learn

Downloads



Learn

MY COURSES

STORE

All India UPSC Prelims 2025 Mock Test by Margdarshan IAS | Test. A...

1 Chapter

1 Content

PYQsAstra: The Lethal Weapon to Win Prelims 2025

14 Chapters

55 Contents

UPSC KEY TERMS - Notes

4 Chapters

23 Contents

Current Affairs 365 - Notes (English)

2 Chapters

12 Contents

Prelims Test Series 2025 Kit (English)

14 Chapters

62 Contents

Current Affairs 365 : Mock Test Series Subject-wise For UPSC Pre...

Dashboard

Learn

Downloads

UPSC PRELIMS 2025

All India Mock Test

By Margdarshan IAS

GS-PAPER 1

11th May 2025

Sunday 9:30 AM Live

On Margdarshan IAS App

Sidharth Bhaiya Upsc

Sid Bhaiya Upsc

Download Our

Mobile App

Now !

Youtube: [Siddharth Bhaiya UPSC](#)

Website: Margdarshanias.com

Telegram: [Sid Bhaiya UPSC](#)

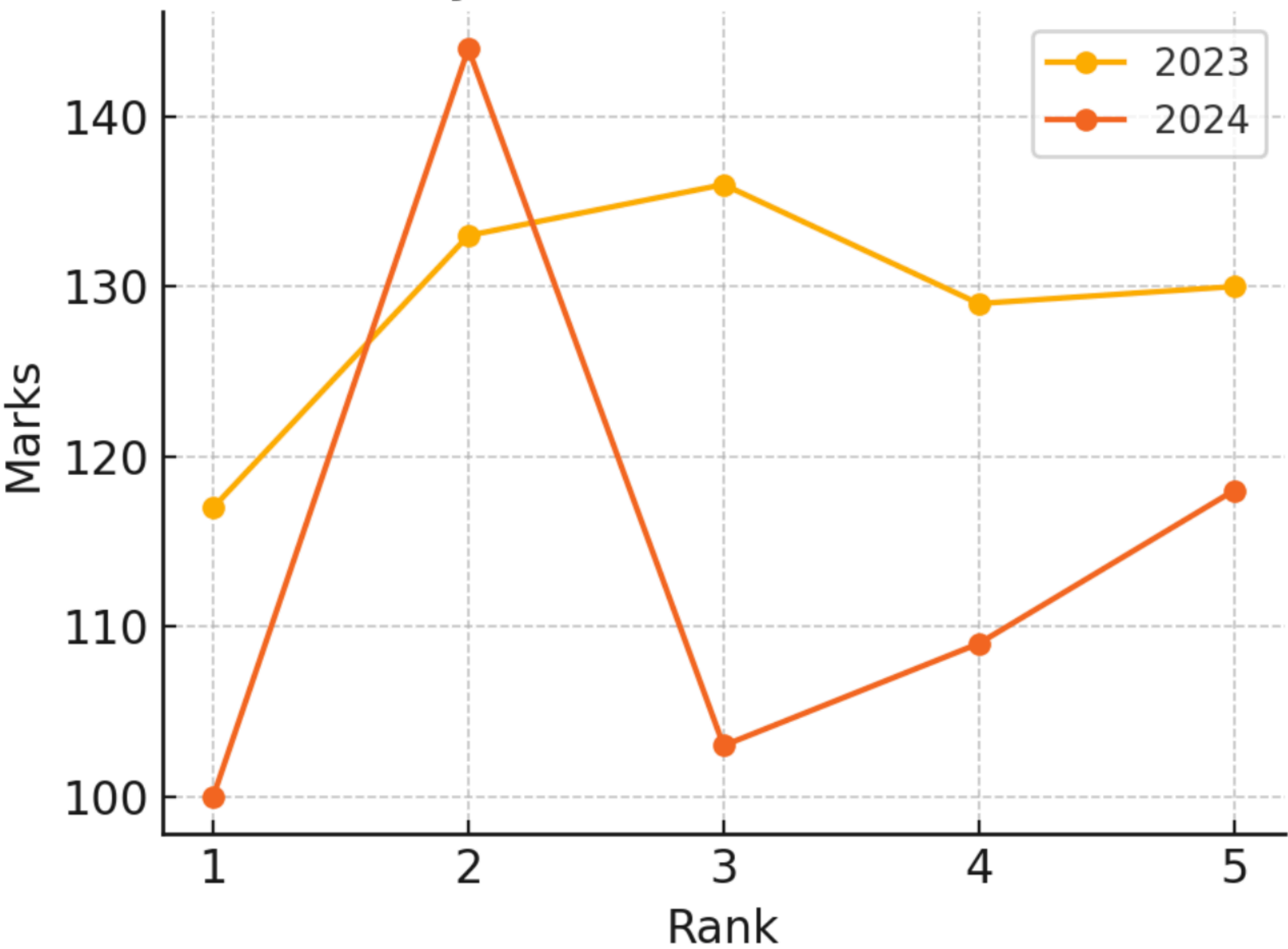
Essay Marks (out of 250) for Top 5 Ranks:

Rank	2023 Essay	2024 Essay
AIR 1	117	100
AIR 2	133	144
AIR 3	136	103
AIR 4	129	109
AIR 5	130	118

Notably, 2024's Rank 2 (**Harshita Goyal**) scored **144**, a remarkably high essay score that surpasses all top-5 essay scores from 2023. In contrast, 2024's Rank 1 scored only **100** in Essay, significantly lower than the lowest top-5 essay score of 2023 (117). This suggests that in 2024, performance in the Essay paper was more uneven – one topper excelled exceptionally, while even the rank 1 topper had a relatively modest essay score.

Essay = Risk-Reward Paper (Volatile ROI) potential game-changer.

Essay Marks: 2023 vs 2024



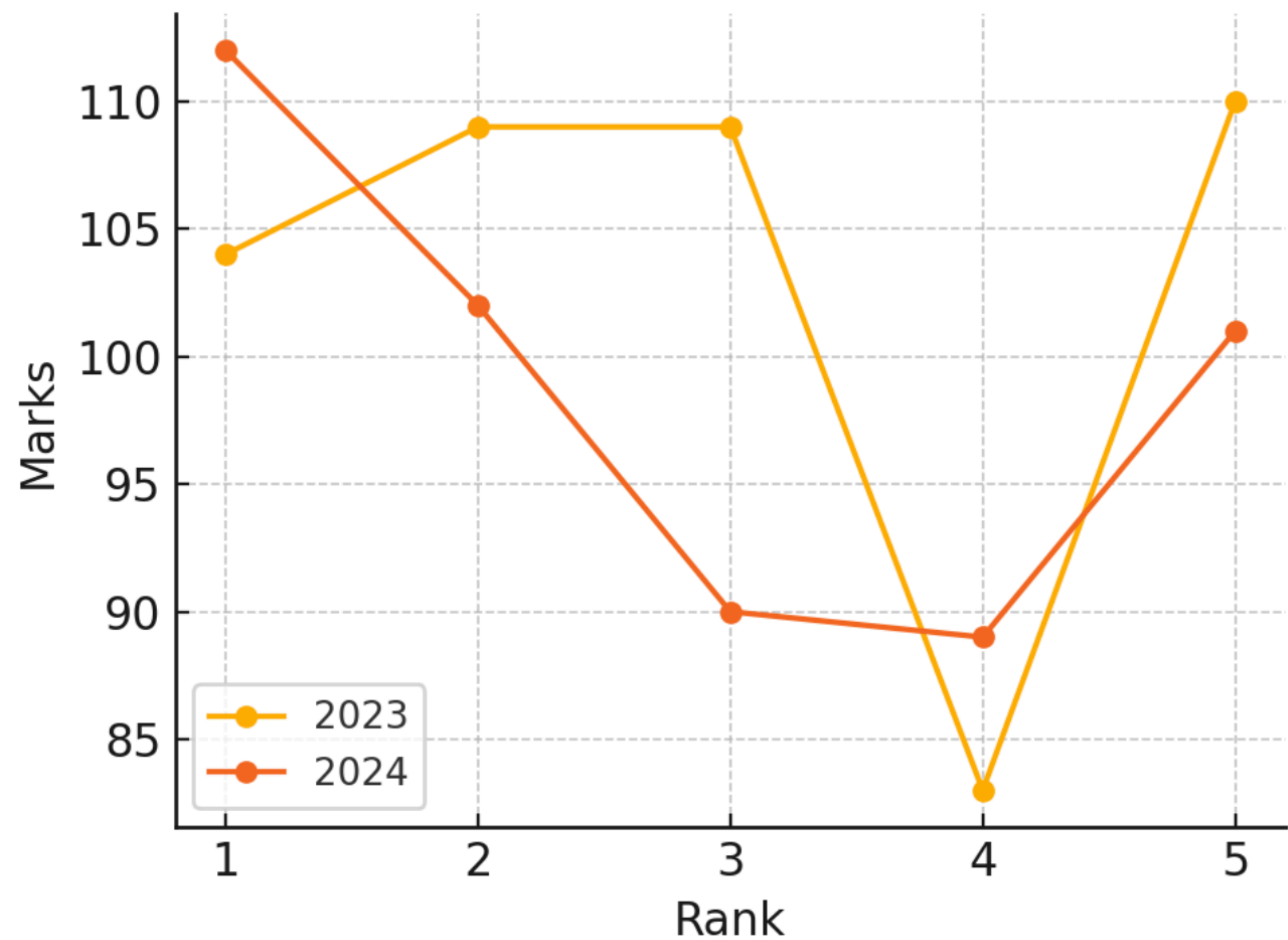
GS1 Marks (out of 250) for Top 5 Ranks:

Rank	2023 GS1	2024 GS1
AIR 1	104	112
AIR 2	109	102
AIR 3	109	90
AIR 4	83	89
AIR 5	110	101

The 2023 Rank 4 scored only **83** in GS1 – a noticeable dip – yet still secured a high rank overall by compensating in other papers (for instance, P. K. Sidharth had an exceptional optional score). Apart from that outlier, other 2023 toppers scored around 104–110 in GS1. **2024’s GS1 scores** (orange line) were a bit more uniform, ranging from high 80s to low 110s. The top scorer in GS1 among these was actually 2024’s Rank 1 (Shakti Dubey) with **112**, slightly higher than 2023’s top score in GS1. However, **ranks 2–5 in 2024 mostly scored around the 90s–100s**, whereas in 2023 most were above 100 except the one dip. This suggests that **2023 toppers generally performed well in GS1 (aside from one anomaly)**, whereas **2024 toppers had more middle-of-the-road GS1 scores**.

GS1 (History, Society, Geography) = Mid ROI, Less Predictability

GS1 Marks: 2023 vs 2024

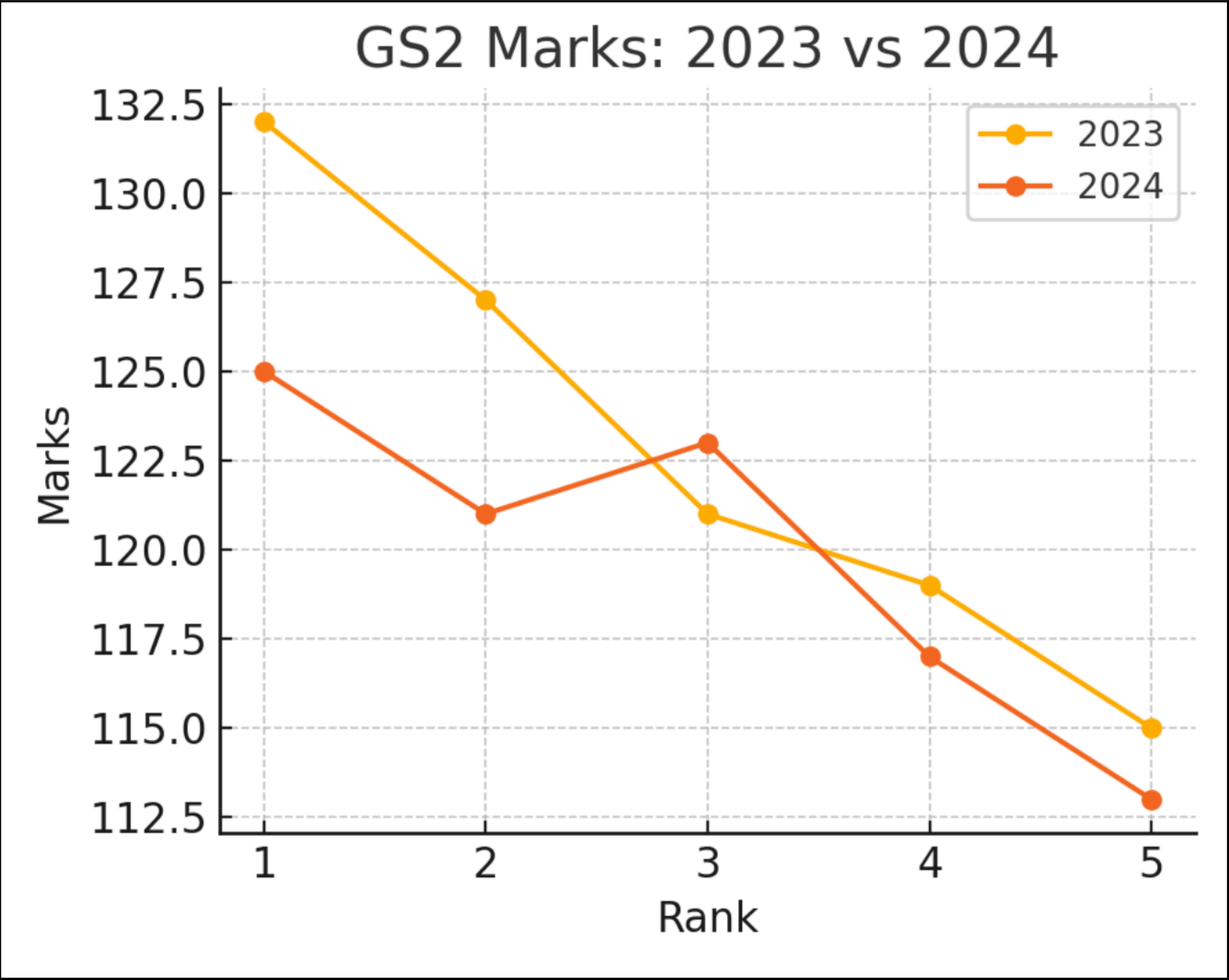


GS2 Marks (out of 250) for Top 5 Ranks:

Rank	2023 GS2	2024 GS2
AIR 1	132	125
AIR 2	127	121
AIR 3	121	123
AIR 4	119	117
AIR 5	115	113

We see a gentle downward slope for both years as rank increases, indicating that higher-ranked candidates tend to have higher GS2 scores (unsurprisingly). However, the **gap between the years is evident at the upper end**: the #1–3 ranks of 2023 outsourced their 2024 counterparts in GS2 by a few marks each. This could imply that the 2023 exam’s GS2 was slightly more scoring or that the top candidates of 2023 had stronger Polity/IR answers. By Rank 5, the difference narrows (115 vs 113). In summary, **Polity & Governance (GS2) was a high-scoring section for toppers in both years, but 2023 saw a higher peak score in this paper**

GS2 (Polity & IR) = Stable High-Scorer



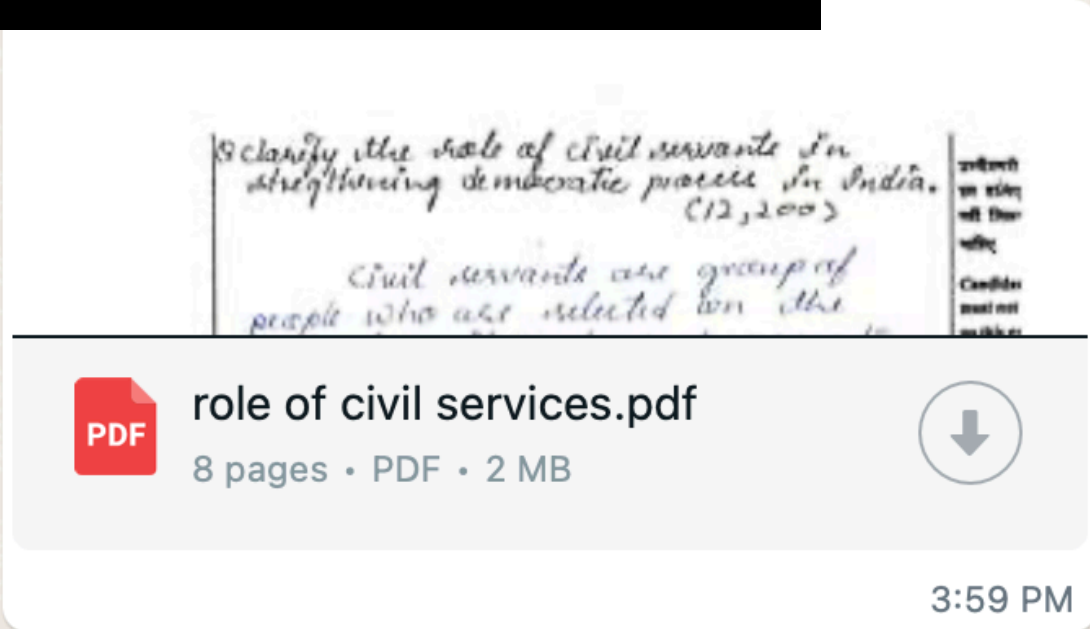
UPSC CSE 2026



MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM

Led by Siddharth SIR
-Trusted by IAS Toppers





23/4/2025

Sidharth bhaiya do we have meeting today?? 10:52 AM

Okay 11:07 AM

I want to start GS 1 along with GS 5 , Enough writing practice has been done on GS 2 11:11 AM

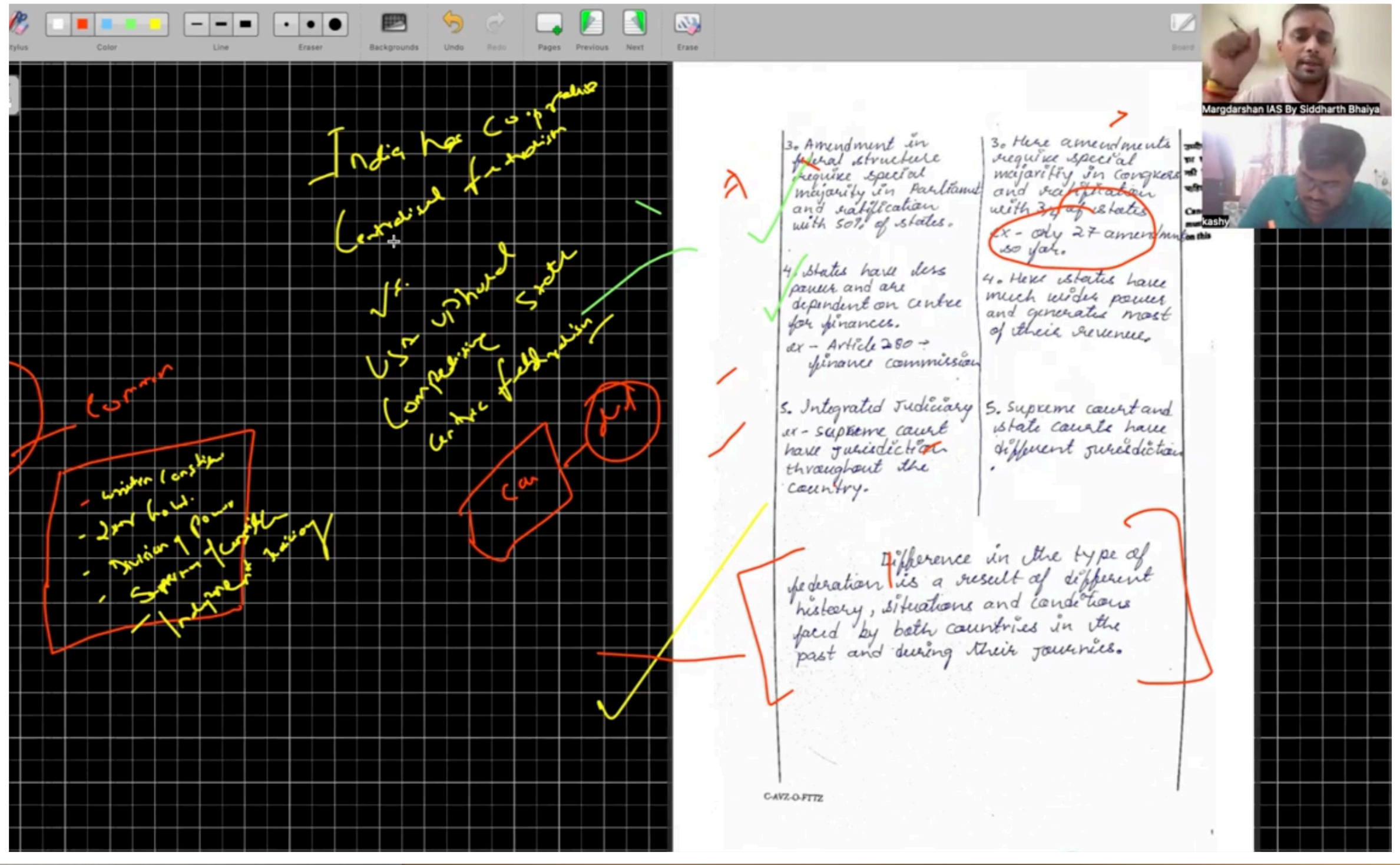
Before month end we should be done with it 11:12 AM

hi 12:23 PM

us06web.zoom.us
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85633050792?pwd=1nhT3jFuaWAahu6gKjSqaagOUH3sD6.1>
us06web.zoom.us

Margdarshan IAS By Siddharth Bhaiya is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Margdarshan IAS By Siddharth Bhaiya's Zoom Meeting
Time: Apr 23, 2025 12:30 PM Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85633050792?pwd=1nhT3jFuaWAahu6gKjSqaagOUH3sD6.1>

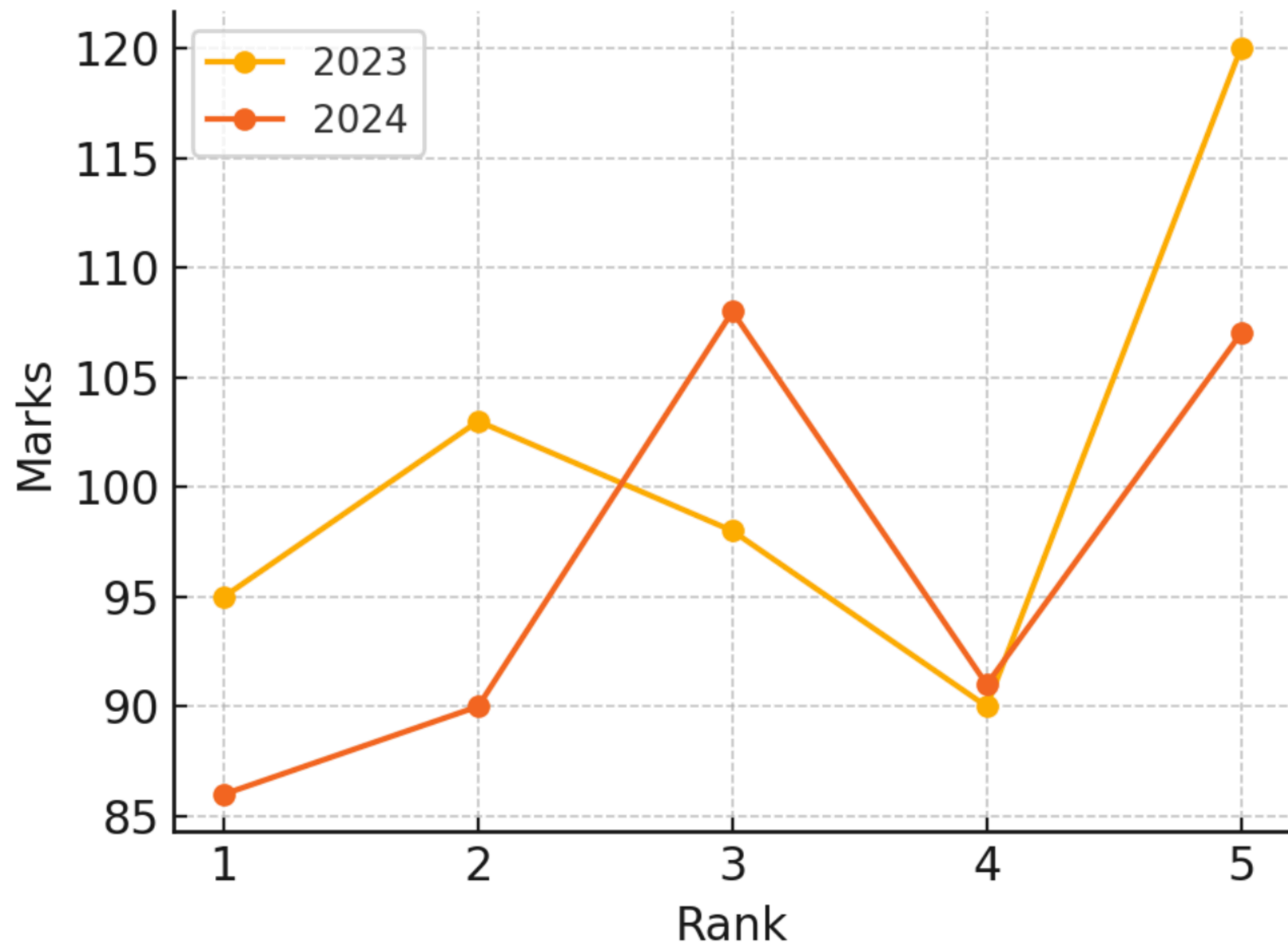


GS3 Marks (out of 250) for Top 5 Ranks:

Rank	2023 GS3	2024 GS3
AIR 1	95	86
AIR 2	103	90
AIR 3	98	108
AIR 4	90	91
AIR 5	120	107

In 2023, most top-5 candidates had GS3 marks in the 90s, except one standout – **Ruhani (AIR 5, 2023) scored 120 in GS3**, the highest among these ranks, which boosted her total significantly. In contrast, 2024's GS3 scores, while all below 110, were a bit more **consistent**, clustered between 86 and 108. Notably, **2024's Rank 3 (Dongre Archit) scored 108**, the highest GS3 in that year's top five, nearly matching 2023's high. Meanwhile, 2024's Rank 1 and 2 scored in the high 80s/low 90s, slightly below their 2023 counterparts (Aditya had 95 vs Shakti's 86 in GS3). The graph reflects these differences: the orange line (2024) is relatively flatter, whereas the yellow line (2023) dips and then spikes at rank 5. **This suggests that GS3 was a challenging paper in both years**, typically yielding lower marks than other GS papers, but **2023 allowed one top candidate to excel exceptionally (120 marks)**.

GS3 Marks: 2023 vs 2024

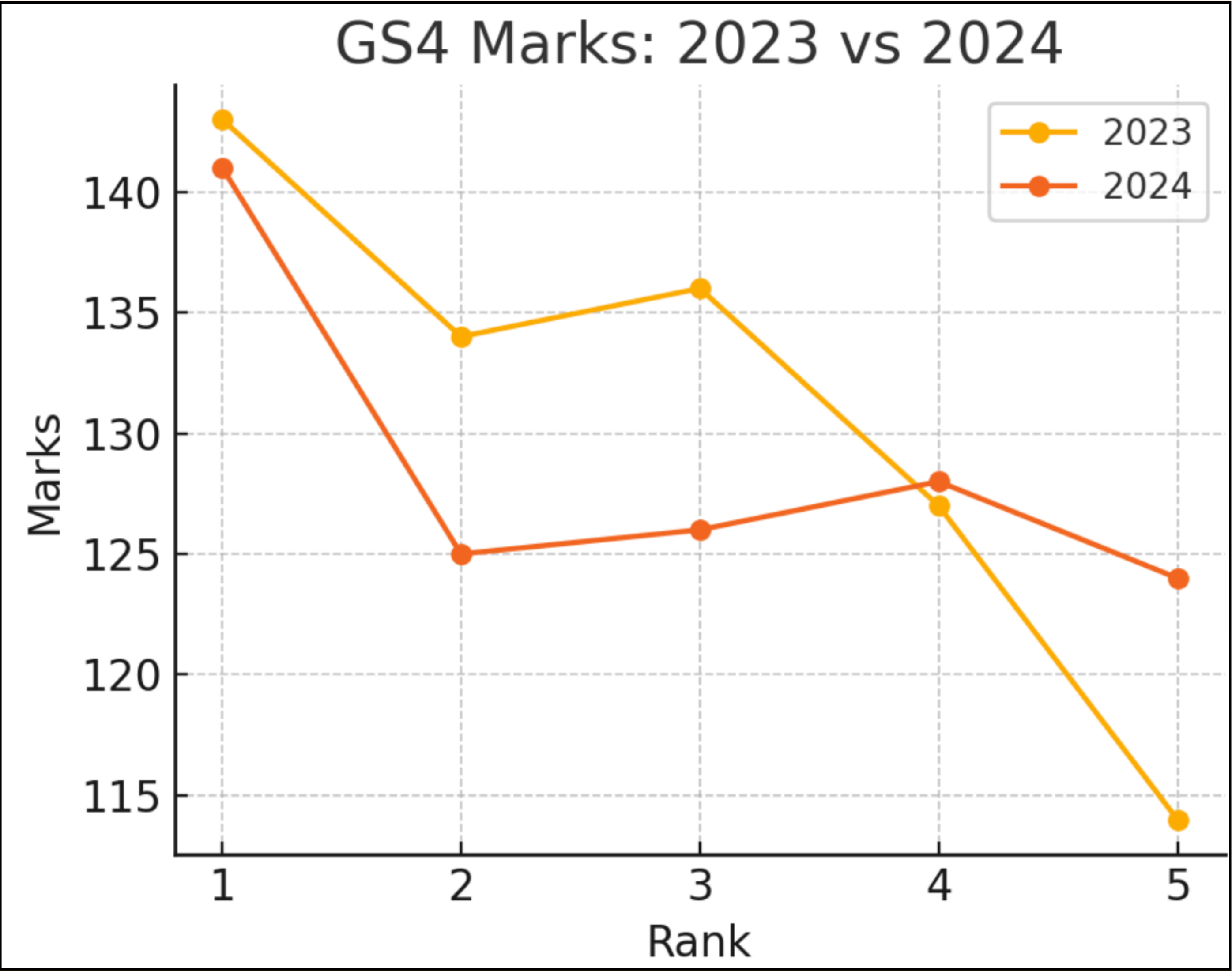


GS4 Marks (out of 250) for Top 5 Ranks:

Rank	2023 GS4	2024 GS4
AIR 1	143	141
AIR 2	134	125
AIR 3	136	126
AIR 4	127	128
AIR 5	114	124

The Ethics paper has been a **high-scoring section for top candidates** in both 2023 and 2024. The graph and table show that **most top-five contenders scored well above 120 in GS4**. In 2023, four out of the top five achieved **127–143** in Ethics, with AIR 1 Aditya scoring **143** – one of the highest Ethics marks. In 2024, three of the top five scored in the mid-120s, and notably, **AIR 4 Margi Chirag scored 128** and **AIR 1 Shakti Dubey scored 141** in Ethics (virtually matching the previous year’s topper). The Ethics scores for 2024 are a bit more clustered (124–141 range) whereas 2023 had one lower score (114 by AIR 5) but also a very high top score. The **trend line for 2024 (orange)** is relatively flat compared to other subjects – indicating consistent strong ethics performances for ranks 1 through 5 – and even rises slightly at rank 4. **2023’s trend (yellow)** starts very high at rank 1 then gradually declines

GS4 (Ethics) = High ROI (Low effort, High Return)



UPSC CSE 2024 - 25 Toppers Original Marksheet Comparative Analysis

Name	Rank	Essay	GS-I	GS-II	GS-III	GS-IV	Total GS Marks	GS Marks (%)	Optional	Marks (Opt-I)	Marks (Opt-II)	Total Optional Marks	Optional Marks (%)	Written Total	PT	Final Total
Aditya Vikram Agarwal	9	119	117	113	111	122	463	46.3	Anthropology	134	138	272	54.4	854	173	1027
R Rangamanju	24	139	112	111	93	110	426	42.6	Anthropology	151	117	268	53.6	833	179	1012
utkarsh yadav	32	117	100	115	90	124	429	42.9	Anthropology	135	125	260	52	806	200	1006
anju	60	102	113	122	92	117	444	44.4	Anthropology	128	131	259	51.8	805	190	995
Abhishek Chaudhary	64	103	102	113	87	118	420	42	Anthropology	137	139	276	55.2	799	195	994
saichaitanya jadhav	68	99	88	114	87	116	405	40.5	Anthropology	145	138	283	56.6	787	205	992
shivam singh	73	98	92	108	89	114	403	40.3	Anthropology	156	141	297	59.4	798	193	991
abhishek singh	78	106	109	113	91	113	426	42.6	Anthropology	142	156	298	59.6	830	160	990
shubham shukla	116	96	117	115	90	121	443	44.3	Anthropology	116	140	256	51.2	795	185	980
ANKIT PANDEY	262	135	90	107	76	89	362	36.2	Anthropology	149	124	273	54.6	770	192	962
VISHNOI DINESH HAPURAM	265	96	99	115	85	119	418	41.8	Anthropology	136	161	297	59.4	811	151	962
SHUBHAM KAURAV	291	108	101	105	108	112	426	42.6	Anthropology	135	137	272	54.4	806	154	960
PARAG SARASWAT	510	86	94	110	96	116	416	41.6	Anthropology	123	164	287	57.4	789	150	939
MANISH KUMAR MEENA	543	123	90	105	82	97	374	37.4	Anthropology	132	153	285	57	782	154	936
PATEL SHRITESH BHUPENDRA	746	90	92	100	107	106	405	40.5	Anthropology	134	118	252	50.4	747	171	918
MADHAN VARMA P	872	133	89	100	90	107	386	38.6	Anthropology	103	109	212	42.4	731	180	911
JAGDISH PRASHAD KHOKER	958	106	89	104	98	111	402	40.2	Anthropology	105	107	212	42.4	720	165	885


UPSC CSE 2024 - 25 Toppers Original Marksheet Comparative Analysis

Name	Rank	Essay	GS-I	GS-II	GS-III	GS-IV	Total GS Marks	GS Marks (%)	Optional	Marks (Opt-I)	Marks (Opt-II)	Total Optional Marks	Optional Marks (%)	Written Total	PT	Final Total
shakti dubey	1	100	112	125	86	141	464	46.4	PSIR	132	147	279	55.8	843	200	1043
harshita goyal	2	144	102	121	90	125	438	43.8	psir	117	152	269	53.8	851	187	1038
ashi sharma	12	125	97	120	105	129	451	45.1	psir	131	133	264	52.8	840	185	1025
trilok singh	20	113	106	124	104	122	456	45.6	psir	144	138	282	56.4	851	165	1016
kalpana rawat	76	107	98	121	95	121	435	43.5	psir	145	132	277	55.4	819	171	990
saksham bhatia	83	103	95	116	90	120	421	42.1	psir	133	130	263	52.6	787	201	988
damanpreet arora	103	105	97	120	80	118	415	41.5	psir	151	148	299	59.8	819	165	984
priyanshu mishra	121	122	100	117	90	111	418	41.8	psir	119	135	254	50.8	794	185	979
ANUSHKA JAIN	283	105	94	104	86	108	392	39.2	PSIR	152	130	282	56.4	779	182	961
SAGAR DUTTA MAJUMDAR	317	82	97	106	80	116	399	39.9	PSIR	145	131	276	55.2	757	201	958
APOORVA RAJORIA	382	118	91	102	76	108	377	37.7	PSIR	145	142	287	57.4	782	171	953
PIYUSH KUMAR	409	136	103	103	84	107	397	39.7	PSIR	131	124	255	51	788	162	950
AKASH NIGAM	418	117	99	114	79	104	396	39.6	PSIR	126	131	257	51.4	770	131	901
POONAM KASANA	485	101	85	106	85	113	389	38.9	PSIR	152	107	259	51.8	749	193	942
ANKIT KUMAR VANIYA	607	103	86	96	80	115	377	37.7	PSIR	140	125	265	53	745	184	929
RAVI SRIVASTAVA	751	109	88	105	71	96	360	36	PSIR	136	143	279	55.8	748	170	918

UPSC CSE 2024 - 25 Toppers Original Marksheet Comparative Analysis

Name	Rank	Essay	GS-I	GS-II	GS-III	GS-IV	Total GS Marks	GS Marks (%)	Optional	Marks (Opt-I)	Marks (Opt-II)	Total Optional Marks	Optional Marks (%)	Written Total	PT	Final Total
shah margi chirag	4	109	89	117	91	128	425	42.5	sociology	170	121	291	58.2	825	210	1035
aakash garg	5	118	101	113	107	124	445	44.5	sociology	131	137	268	53.6	831	201	1032
mudit bansal	44	98	103	115	108	128	454	45.4	Sociology	111	127	238	47.6	790	210	1000
malavika g nair	45	116	111	118	95	125	449	44.9	Sociology	129	141	270	54	835	165	1000
shagun kumar	100	105	110	116	95	122	443	44.3	sociology	123	135	258	51.6	809	175	984
siddharth singh	143	108	90	100	117	127	434	43.4	sociology	127	161	288	57.6	791	184	975
Nelaturu sreekanth reddy	151	90	97	113	86	115	411	41.1	sociology	142	127	269	53.8	770	204	974
MANAV JAIN	388	120	98	110	133	118	459	45.9	sociology	133	118	251	50.2	779	173	952
AKSHAT MANDIWAL	480	121	95	113	87	106	401	40.1	sociology	124	132	256	51.2	778	165	943
AMAR BAGHEL	592	95	77	115	91	117	400	40	sociology	146	132	278	55.6	773	157	930
KUNAL HARITAS	646	107	102	110	77	114	403	40.3	sociology	141	114	255	51	765	160	925
VIKAS KUMAR MEENA	750	97	107	115	77	128	427	42.7	sociology	141	118	259	51.8	783	135	918
SIDDHARTH RAO	898	90	99	111	94	114	418	41.8	sociology	127	106	233	46.6	741	157	898

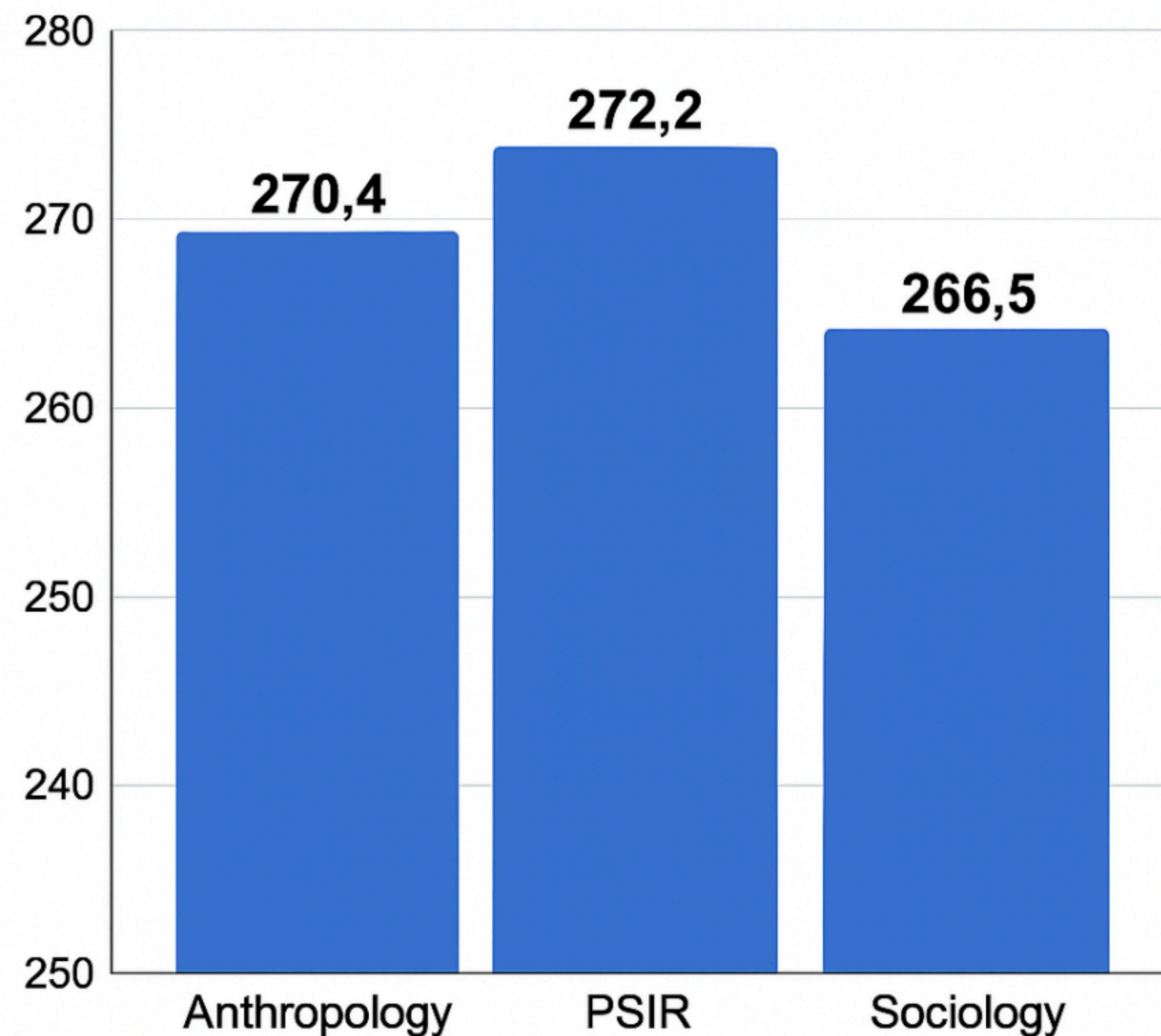
🔍 Average Total Optional Marks (UPSC CSE 2024 Toppers)

Optional	No. of Toppers	Avg Marks	Highest	Lowest 
PSIR	17	272.2	299	254
Anthropology	17	270.4	298	212
Sociology	13	266.5	291	233

Lessons for Future UPSC Aspirants (Optional Subjects Insight):

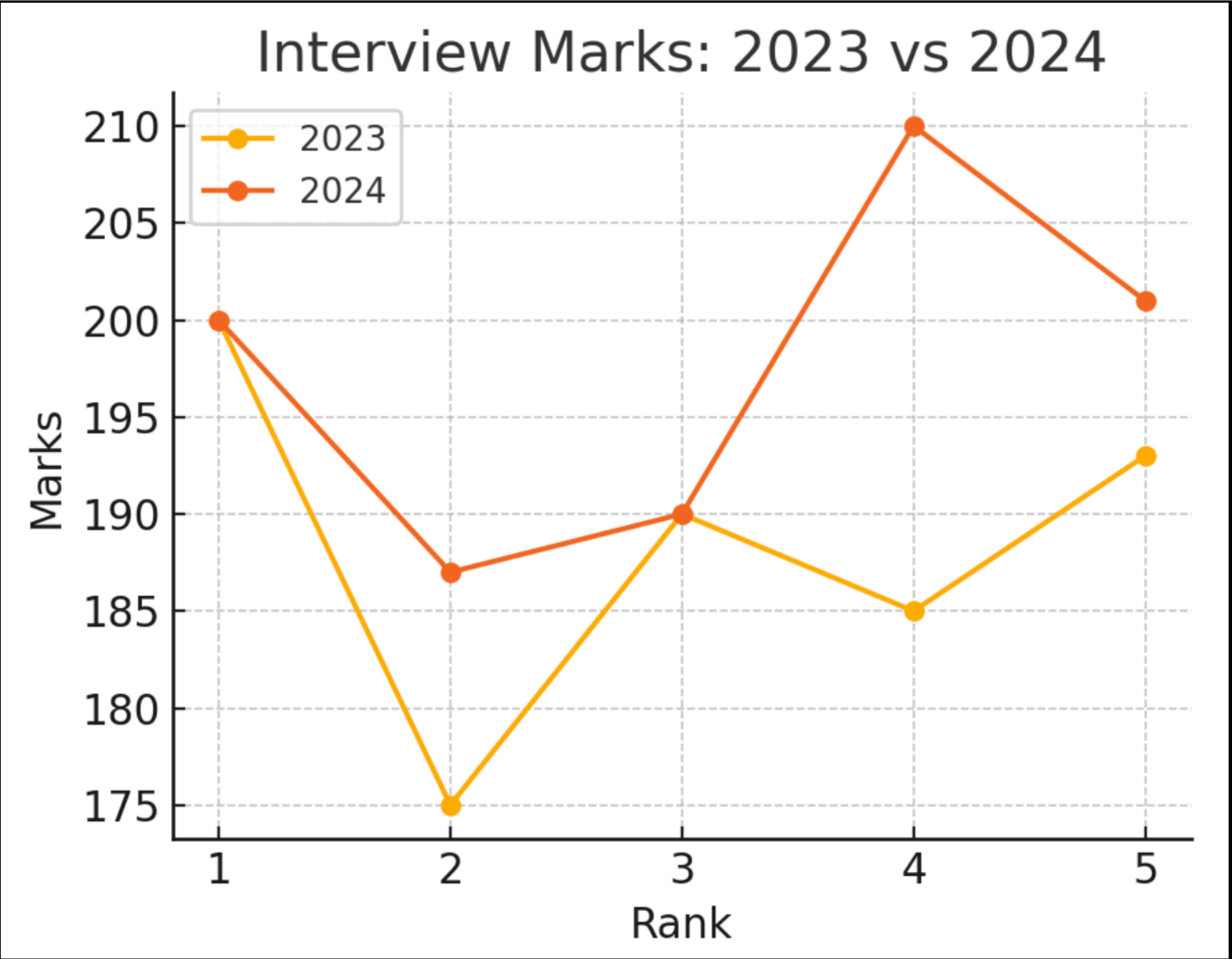
1. **PSIR and Anthropology** are consistently high-scoring with average marks above **270**, making them strong choices if prepared well.
2. **Sociology** remains popular but shows slightly more variation—strong fundamentals and writing skills are key.
3. Focus on **test series + answer writing** for optional to boost performance near the 280–300 range.
4. Don't choose optional based on trends alone—**your interest + ability to revise + scoring pattern** must align.
5. High optional score can compensate for slightly lower GS marks—**ROI is significant.**

Average Total Optional Marks (UPSC CSE 2024 Toppers)



Interview Scores (out of 275) for Top 5 Ranks:		
Rank	2023 Interview	2024 Interview
AIR 1	200	200
AIR 2	175	187
AIR 3	190	190
AIR 4	185	210
AIR 5	193	201

The interview process is subjective, but top candidates often score very well here. In **2023**, interview scores for the top five ranged from **175 to 200**, with the topper Aditya achieving a perfect **200/275**. In **2024**, the range was even higher – from **187 up to 210**. Notably, **2024’s Rank 4 (Margi)** received **210** marks in the interview, which is exceptionally high and above the usual maximum seen in 2023. The graph shows the orange line (2024) peaking at rank 4, whereas the yellow line (2023) peaks at rank 1 (200) and rank 5 (193). **On average, the 2024 toppers’ interview scores were a bit higher**: four of the five got 190 or above, compared to two out of five in 2023. In fact, **2024 saw three candidates break the 200-mark in interview** (ranks 4 and 5 above 200, and rank 1 exactly 200), whereas 2023 had only one candidate at 200 and others in the 175–195 range. This suggests that **the 2024 board interviews were generous to some top performers**, which helped boost their finals totals (for example, Margi’s stellar interview likely offset her lower GS/Optional scores to keep her at AIR 4). On the other hand, **2023’s top cohort had a wider spread in interview scores** – one candidate (AIR 2) got a relatively modest 175, while others were mid-180s to 200.



Cost-Benefit Summary Table:

Paper	Avg Marks	Max Marks	ROI Verdict
GS4 (Ethics)	~115+	143	✅ High ROI (must-score)
Optional (2 Papers)	~280–320	330+	🔥 Decisive (Top Rank Maker)
Essay	~105–115	144	🎯 Volatile but high impact
GS2 (Polity)	~110	132	👍 Stable & worth investing
GS1	~95–100	112	😐 Moderate, unpredictable
GS3	~90	108–120	⚠️ Low ROI (balance time)
Interview	~190	210	🚀 Rank booster (soft skill)

UPSC CSE 2025

Prelims Guidance + Test Series Integrated Programme

Key Inclusions from Test Series

- Level 1: NCERT Test Series
- Level 2: PYQ-Inspired Test Series
- Level 3: Topic-Wise Questions from Standard Books
- Top Level: Simulate Prelims 2025
- Bonus: 5 CSAT FLTs

Key Inclusions from Guidance Programme



- 5 Personal Guidance Sessions (1:1)
- Group Discussions
- Subject-Wise Strategy
- Test Series Answer Discussions
- Material Support
- PYQs In-Depth Analysis
- Exam Hall Strategy
- Bilingual Support

Mentor: Siddharth Bhaiya

Latest UPSC Preparation Blogs

AIR 1 MARKS COMPARISON

Prelims, Mains & Personality Test scores

2022	2023	2024
		
Ishita Kishore	Aditya Srivastava	Shakti Dubey

UPSC CSE AIR 1 Toppers Comparison

Get all the details about UPSC CSE AIR 1 Toppers Comparison including their journey, their preparation tips, and more.

[AIR 1](#)[Comparison](#)[UPSC CSE AIR 1 Toppers](#)

Sid Bhaiya



7 min read



May 03, 2025

[Read Blog →](#)

UPSC CSE 2024

AIR 1



AIR 1 Shakti Dubey - The UPSC Journey

Get all the details about AIR 1 Shakti Dubey including her journey, her preparation tips, and more.



Download Our App

Stay updated with the latest UPSC news, results, and exclusive study materials. Get instant notifications!

[Download for iOS](#)[Download from Play Store](#)

PRELIMS + MAINS

MARGDARSHAN ASSESSMENT AND GUIDANCE PROGRAM 2026

Led By
Siddharth Sir
-Trusted By Toppers



18:11

4.00 Kbps 30%



18:11

22.0 Kbps 30%



Get Started with Margdarshan IAS

Choose your preferred or given way of login.



Sign In

Forgot Password

☐ you acknowledge our [Privacy Policy](#)

