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Simplify your UPSC Journey

UPSC CSE

APPROACHING THE EXAM IN 3 PHASES

Agenda

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The Problem of UPSC preparation

Why is it so hard?

Hard questions

For you to answer.

Pre-requisites

Skills required to stand a chance to clear CSE.

Integrated Approach

And associated problems.

The WAY

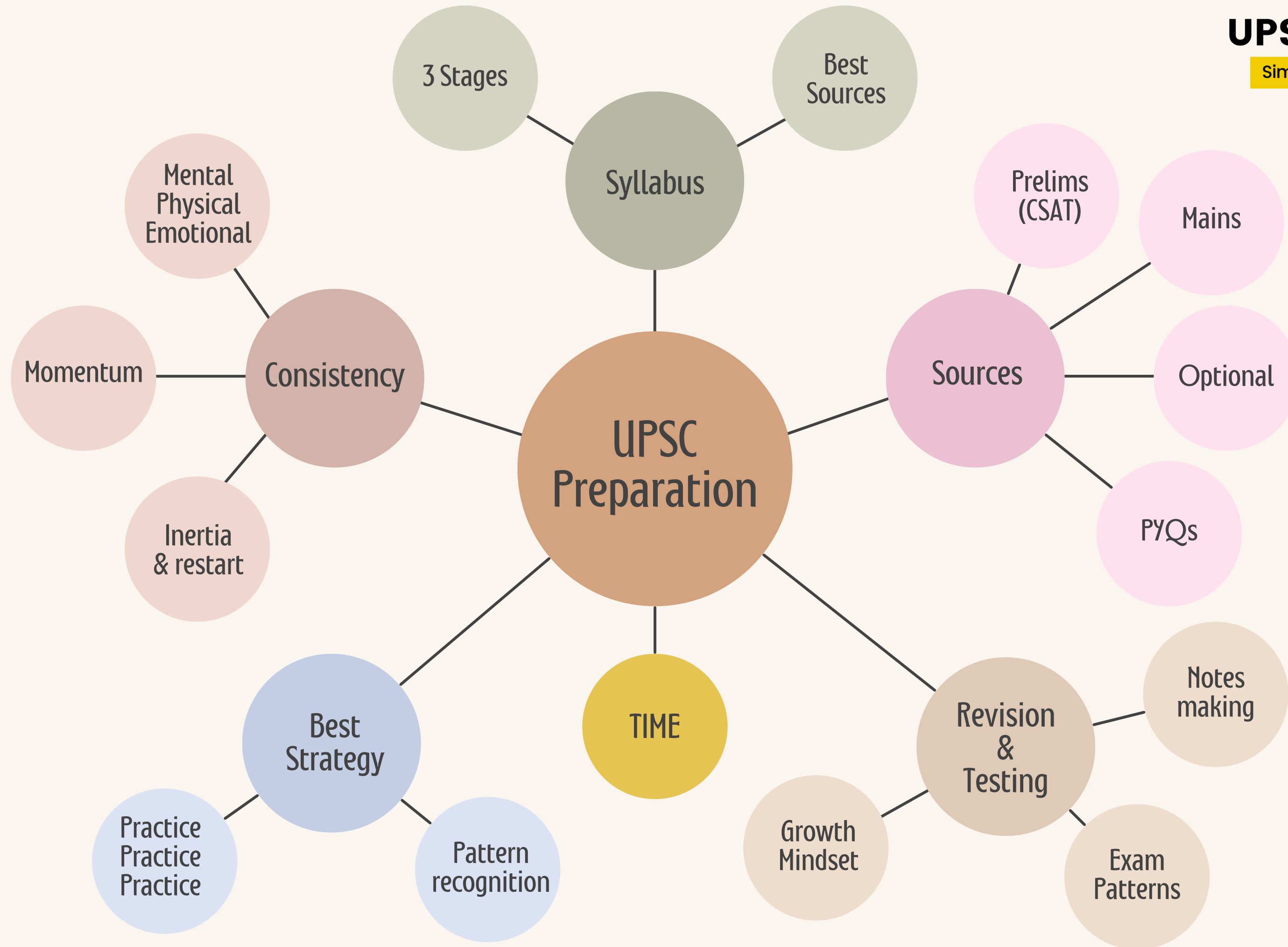
The journey you must undertake.

Consistency

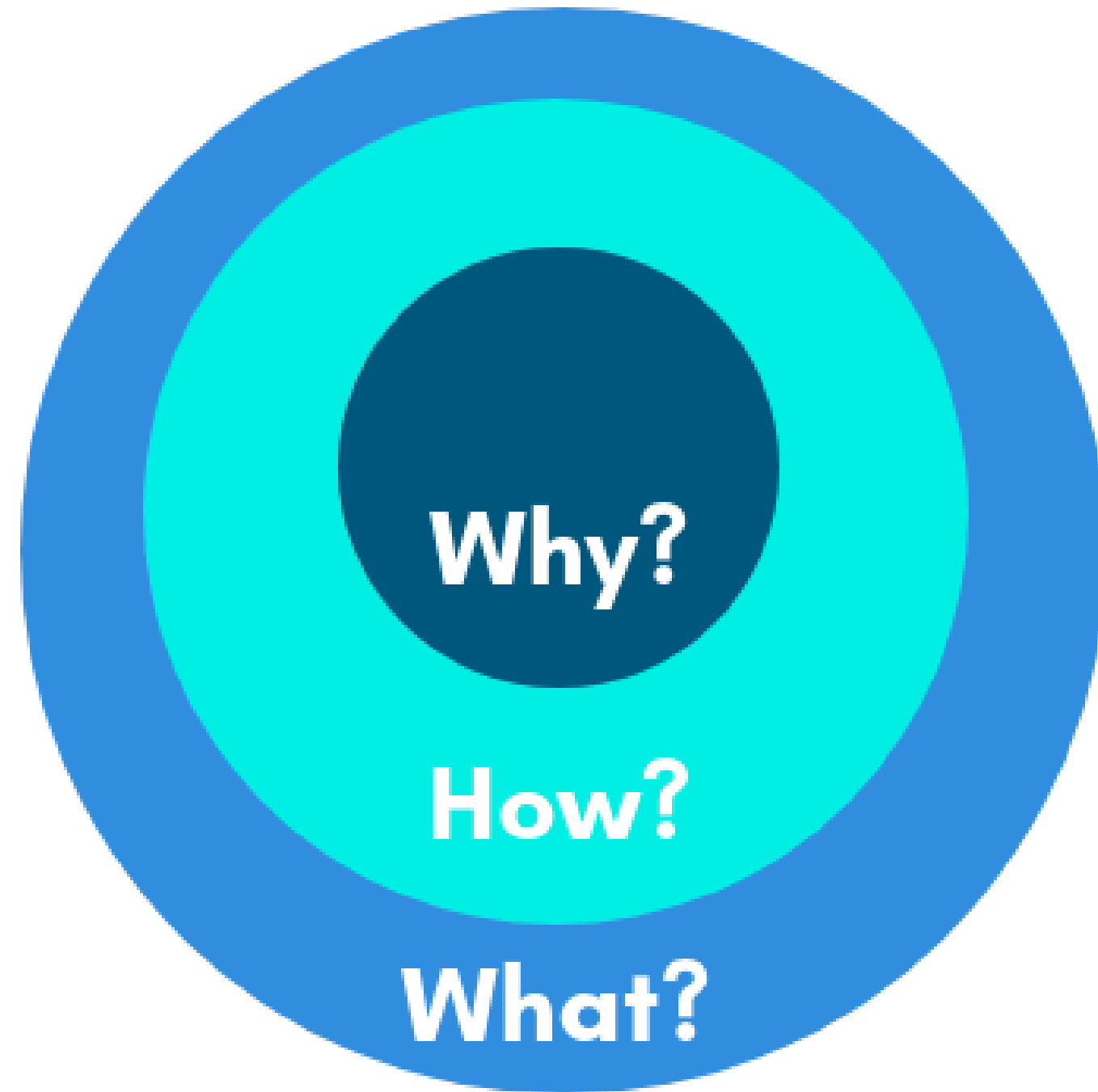
How to build and maintain.

The Problem

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Why CSE?



Why = The Purpose

What is your cause? What do you believe?

How = The Process

Specific actions taken to realize Why.

What = The Result

What do you do? The result of Why. Proof

READ?

THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

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Pre-requisites

THE UNDERLYING FACTORS FOR SUCCESS

2. RESOURCES

1. Prelims GS
2. Prelims CSAT
3. Mains
4. Optional

1. HEALTH

1. Emotional
2. Physical
3. Mental

3. CONSISTENCY

1. Hard work
2. Taking breaks
3. Inertia and restart!

4. GUIDANCE

1. Courses
2. Mentorship
3. Practice

Coaching?

DO YOU NEED TO GO TO DELHI?

Integrated Study

AND THE PROBLEMS WITH IT!

Remember

You read, you remember.

Ex: Dr. Ambedkar is the father of the Indian Constitution.

Understand

You gain the meaning behind the fact.

Ex: Dr. Ambedkar was the head of the Drafting Committee.

Apply

Let's use the concept in a different setting.

Ex: Dr. Ambedkar was drafting, so there must be others.

Analyse

Break the concept into parts, recombine as needed.

Ex: Dr. Ambedkar was chosen as the head to ensure constitution was inclusive.

Evaluate

Make value judgements, based on the facts.

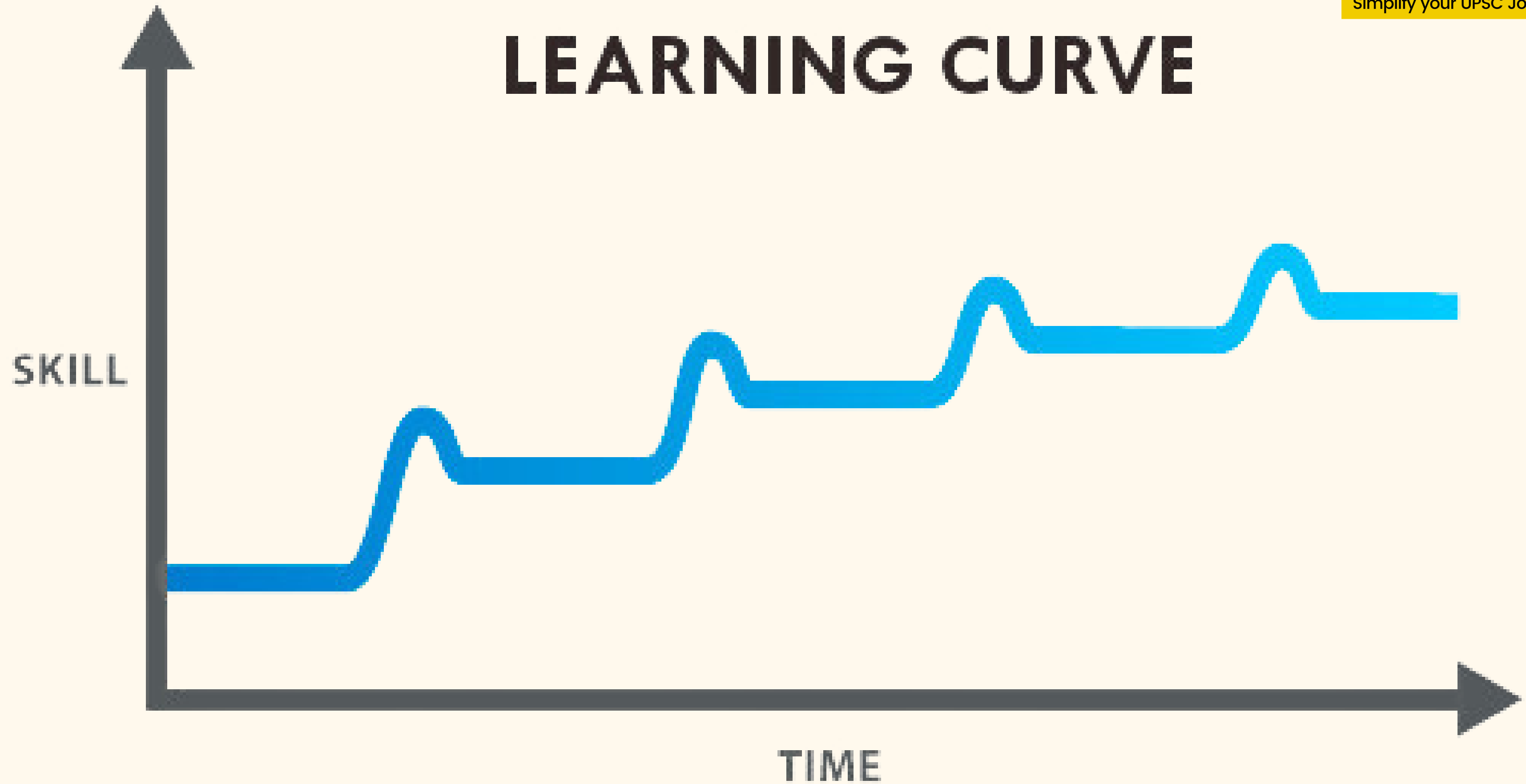
Ex: Does the Indian constitution safeguard the rights it promises?

Synthesise

Generate new knowledge. NOT NEEDED FOR EXAM.

Ex: Proposing new amendments to the constitution.

LEARNING CURVE



The WAY

3 PHASES TO SIMPLIFY YOUR UPSC JOURNEY

3 Phases Overview

Foundation

Absolute fundamentals only.

Ex: what are the different forms of government?

Basics

Syllabus from a Prelims point of view with focus on MCQ type questions.

Ex: What are the provisions for secularism in the constitution?

Advance

Focus on advance skills needed for Mains - answer writing, essays.

Ex: What can France learn from India's idea of secularism?

You also need to assess where YOU are STARTING.

Mentorship

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Test Series

- 1. Prelims
- 2. Mains
- 3. CSAT

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2025**

Foundation

Build up the foundation for your UPSC journey.

GS Basics

Cover the Prelims portion of all subjects.

GS Advance

Practice Answer writing with advance value addition classes

DPQs

Practice Active recall with daily practice questions

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Foundation

SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS

PHASE 1

The aim here is to **UNDERSTAND the EXAM.**

This phase should be used to familiarise yourself with the GS subjects, choose an optional, and learn the basic skills needed for CSE - like writing.

NCERTs are a great place to start. Try the **questions at the end of each chapter.**

NEGATIVE LIST

1. Make notes
2. Rush through books
3. Give mock tests

Basics

UNDERSTANDING GS CONCEPTS

PHASE 2

Familiarised with the exam, phase 2 should take into account **PYQs** and **exam trends**.

Start doing:

1. Cover GS from the reference books.
2. Collect resources for your Optional prep.
3. Basic answer writing practice.
4. Mock tests.

NEGATIVE LIST

1. Make current affairs notes.
2. Making detailed notes for GS.

CSAT

BASELINE TEST & STRATEGY

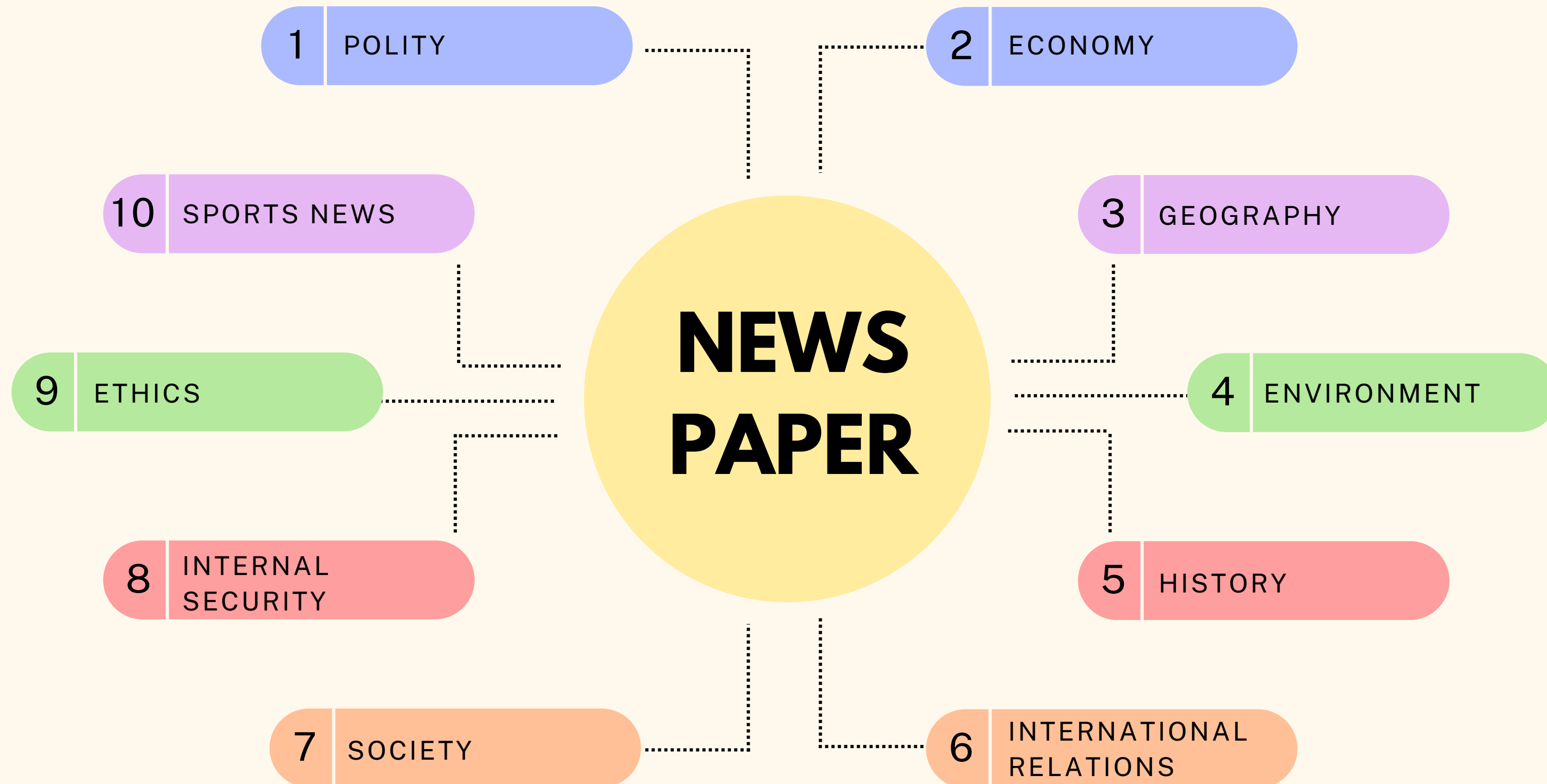
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Current Affairs

READ THE NEWSPAPER FOR 3 MONTHS!

IDENTIFY SECTIONS



Advance

APPLYING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

PHASE 3

Consolidation of preparation phase.

You apply the final touches to appear for the exam. For this you will need:

1. Cover Mains GS subjects
2. GS Notes - as per syllabus
3. Optional notes (at least 50%)
4. Answer writing practice

NEGATIVE LIST

1. 100 Prelims mock tests
2. I will practice optional later
3. I will make notes later

Making Notes

ORGANISING INFORMATION

Principles for NOTE MAKING

Organisation

Notes should be organised as per topics of the syllabus.

NOT as per:
Book
Month

What to NOTE?

Note making serves various purposes.

Mains - analysis.

CA - facts.

Tests - mistakes.

Review

Once made, you must keep reviewing and reducing your notes.

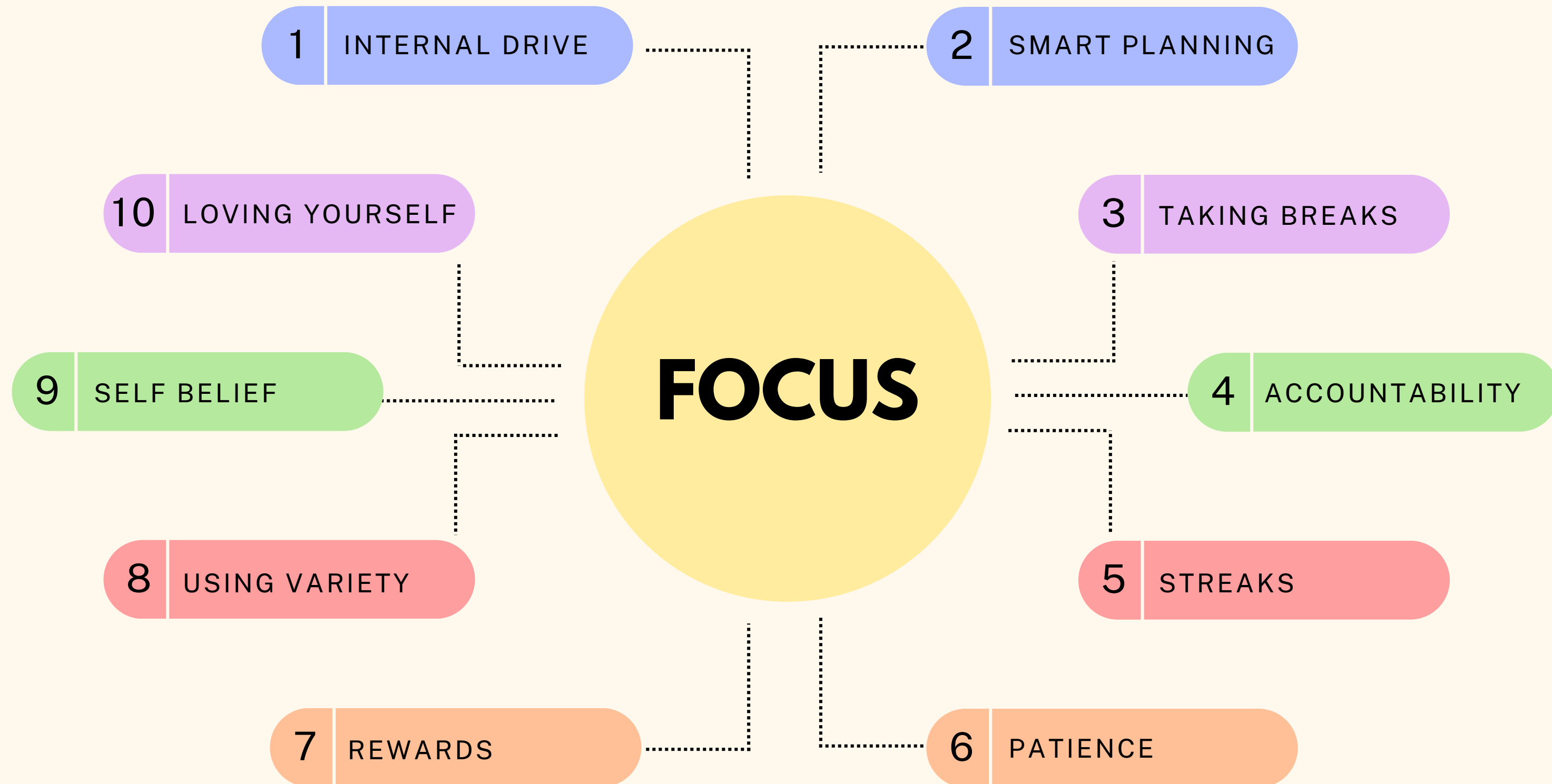
It's a constant process.

You gain more from the PROCESS of note making than from the notes.

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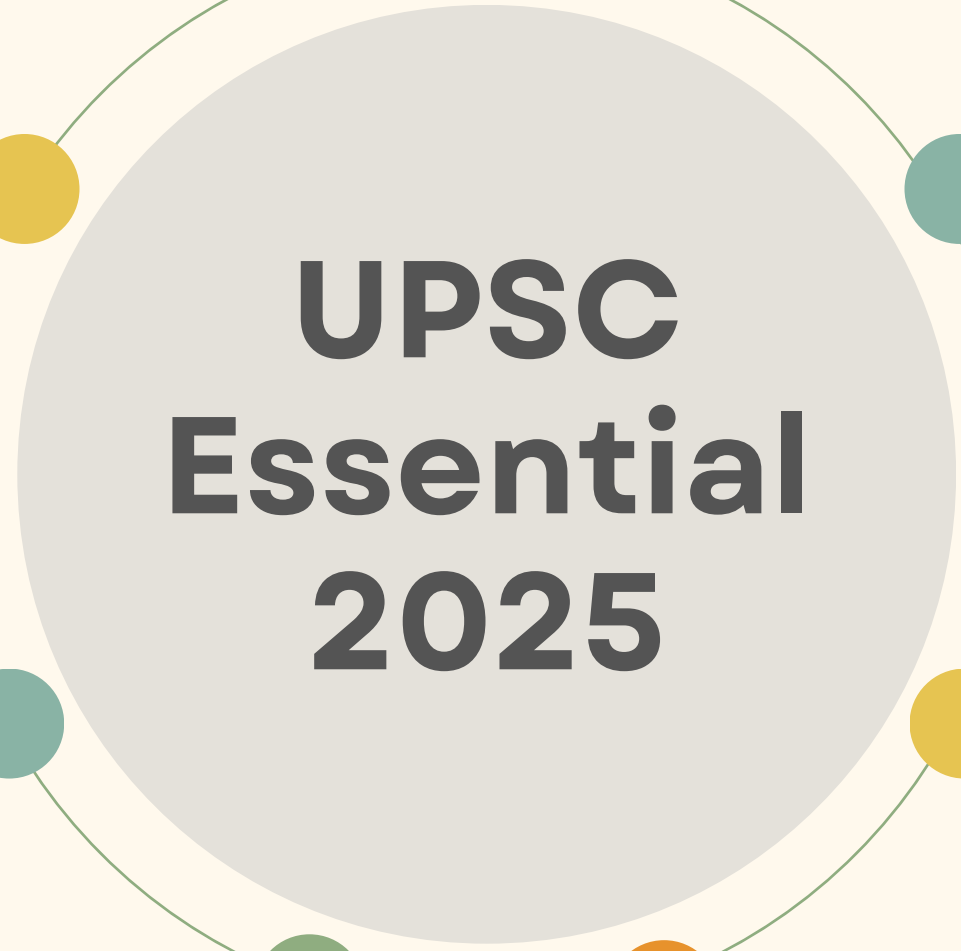
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