ForumIAS

Essay Module for *CSE – 2020*

Starts February 01ˢᵗ 2020| Online & Offline

Essay is the key to an Interview call and getting into the list. In fact, it is the key to getting a Top Rank. The all new Essay Program by ForumIAS is a guided program that follows a three pronged strategy - **a)** requires candidates to build content, by reading selected articles and journals (and not notes) **b)** Attempt Essays on both Objective and Philosophical Topics and **c)** Discuss your paper telephonically, online or offline after attempting it, and see a marked improvement in ability to write the essay.

Despite its importance, the Essay paper is the most neglected paper. While we do not recommend that you spend as much time on Essay, as much as you do on say, GS Paper 1 (where the average score is around 90-100 - about 66% of the average score in Essay Paper), we do recommend that you spend time

- ✓ Strategizing for it, even if not studying dedicatedly for it
- ✓ Writing at least 4 – 5 essays before attempting the Essay Paper in the Examination
- ✓ Actively build your content around the themes of the Essay asked in past years. Also build content in terms of idioms, phrases, opening lines, examples and concepts on expected topics.

Putting in a little extra effort can become an important factor in securing a good rank.

"Writing is an art which best reflects what we think. Effective writing allows *the reader to thoroughly understand everything you are saying. This explains the significance of the essay paper in the UPSC and other competitive examinations."*

Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on.

Program Objective: The essay programme aims to help students understand the dynamics of the essay paper, how to effectively strategize on it, and use the acquired knowledge to good use in writing a beautiful essay.

What does the program consist of ?

- **5 Essay Tests**
- **5 Content Building Classes (CBC):** to build the knowledge base of the candidates along identified and expected themes/ topics of Essay. The material will be merely descriptive and not prescriptive, and will help candidates build their own content and informed views on issues.
- **Evaluation:** Copies will be evaluated comprehensively with proper comments and guidance by a dedicated team of evaluators.
- **Mentor support:** Candidates will be provided with a thorough feedback on the essay post-evaluation to guide them in the right direction.

Why Content Building Classes?

- We feel that with increase in competition, Essay paper does require a dedicated preparation. We have invariably seen that our own students (Ranks 1, 8, 10, 11, 39, etc) made notes and worked dedicatedly on the content of the Essay and were able to secure high marks. You can read their blogs and see the efforts they put – beyond the regular reading of GS that every other candidate does.

- CBCs aims to add to the depth and dimension on themes that are recurrent in both the Essay paper as well as the GS Papers, so that essay written by our students are superior to other candidates.

How it works?

We recommend that you write the Test on the designated day, even if you have other Tests such as MGP – GS on that day – so that you develop the habit of writing two tests in a single day – as you will be required to do in the actual examination.

Content Building Classes (CBC) will be available only in **Online mode.** Themes and topics will be discussed in the CBC.

Papers will be evaluated by the ForumIAS Team within 10-15 days.

Other Important Details:

Commencement Date	**February 01** *(10 AM)*
Study Material	In Print format in Offline Mode or PDF format in online mode
Course Fee	**Rs. 6,500** (Inclusive of all Taxes)
Enrolment	By visiting Offline Centre or http://academy.forumias.com

** 30% concession for students appeared for Mains 2019.

NOTE : There is no difference between the Online and Offline Mode, and candidates who join can either write the tests at Test Centre or do the same on their student portal at http://academy.forumias.com

TEST CALENDAR:

#	Test/Classroom Session	Release Date/Time
1	Essay Test 1	Saturday| February 01 | 10 AM
2	Content Building Class 1	Available Online Only
3	Essay Test 2	Saturday | February 08 | 10 AM
4	Content Building Class 2	Available Online Only
5	Essay Test 3	Saturday | February 15 | 10 AM
6	Content Building Class 3	Available Online Only
7	Essay Test 4	Saturday | February 22 | 10 AM
8	Content Building Class 4	Available Online Only
9	Essay Test 5	Saturday | February 29 | 10 AM
10	Content Building Class 5	Available Online Only

Do not wait for the right time to write the test as most students do or find an excuse to delay attempting (preparing the anecdotes/data/content). You need to hold the pen now and start writing. As it is said:

"You don't start out writing good stuff. You start out writing crap and thinking it's good stuff, and then gradually you get better at it."