Mains Guidance Program

2020

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Program for Civil Services Examination

Batch G (Alt)

STARTS | 25th October, '20

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Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy

Top Rankers from ForumIAS Academy in CSE 2017 and 2018

1. Anudeep D (IAS Rank 1)
2. Sachin Gupta (IAS Rank 3)
3. Pratham Kaushik (IAS Rank 5)
4. Varun Reddy (IAS Rank 7)
5. Anubhav Singh (IAS Rank 8)
6. Abhishek Surana (IAS Rank 10)
7. Siddharth Jain (IAS Rank 11)
8. Varnit Negi (IAS Rank 13)

Top Rankers from ForumIAS Academy in CSE 2019

1. Pratibha Verma (IAS Rank 3)
2. Jeydev C S (IAS Rank 5)
3. Sanjita Mohapatra (IAS Rank 10)
4. Gunjan Singh (IAS Rank 16)
5. Shrestha Anupam (IAS Rank 19)
6. Pratyush Pandey (IAS Rank 21)
7. Nidhi Bansal (IAS Rank 23)
8. Shubham Aggarwal (IAS Rank 25)
9. Himanshu Gupta (IAS Rank 27)
10. Chandrajyoti Singh (IAS Rank 28)

Successful Women Candidates from ForumIAS Academy

1. Mittali Sethi, IAS (Mahartastra)
2. Pushplata, IAS (Haryana)
3. Ankita Mishra, IAS (Uttar Pradesh)
4. Kajal Jawla, IAS (Haryana)
5. Aparajita Sinsinwar (Haryana)
6. Dhatri Reddy IPS (Andhra P)
7. Juhi Jalota, IFS (Punjab)
8. Shwetha M, IFS (Karnataka)
9. Ilma Afroj, IPS (Uttar Pradesh)
10. Jyoti Yadav, IPS (Haryana)
11. Mary Renjana Verghese, IAS (Kerala)
12. Shafqat Amna, IPS (Bihar)

ForumIAS Academy Students are from every region

1. Sumit Rai, IAS (Bihar)
2. Vijay Saraswat, IPS (Haryana)
3. Varun Reddy, IAS (Andhra)
4. Ganesh U, IFoS, (Tamil Nadu)
5. Digvijay Bodke, IAS (Maharastra)
6. Namrata Jain, IAS (Chhattisgarh)
7. Minal Karanwal IAS (Uttarakhand)
8. Abhishek Surana, IAS (Rajasthan)
9. Bhawna H S, IFS (Karnataka)
10. Prajit Nair, IAS (Kerala)
11. Mohnish Digra, IRS (J & K)
12. Jai Shivani, IAS (MP)

3 Times Rank 1 in Indian Forest Service

IFoS Rank 1 – Vaibhav Srivastava (2017), **M Naveen Reddy** (2018) , **Rishi Kumar** (2019) | All are MGP Students

*This is a small list of students who enrolled in ForumIAS Academy premium, paid courses. They may or may not be members of the FREE ForumIAS Community Platform or followers of free blog initiatives. The list is not arranged in a hierarchy of service, rank, state, seniority or on any other parameter. The list is created to showcase the diversity of ForumIAS Students, and not the numbers – which is a little too big to accommodate in a single page.

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I wrote 8 FLTs of ForumIAS MGP 201. The questions were good, the evaluation and the marking pattern were also very good. I found the model answers very useful and apart from the FLTs, I also referred to the model answers of sectional tests on some selective areas like Geography, History and Ethics.

- Neha Bhonsle, IAS Rank 15, CSE 2019

This was my first attempt and I would like to thank ForumIAS team who played a major role in my success. I had enrolled for MGP+ test series and I sincerely recommend it to all aspirants. The professionalism, speed and quality of the feedback I received helped me immensely and improved the quality of my answers.

- Pratyush Pandey, IAS Rank 21, CSE 2019

I am very thankful to the mentors at ForumIAS for sitting with me for hours to help me improve my answer writing strategies. We discussed at length strategies which has been followed by various aspirants and it has been of immense help in achieving the success which I have got today.

- Varun Reddy, IAS Rank 7, CSE 2018

I had enrolled in Mains Guidance Programme + of ForumIAS Academy for my GS and Essay test series. The feedback from ForumIAS mentors was very useful in making me realize my mistakes in answer writing so that I could rectify them. I also found post exam discussion incredibly helpful. Because of such feedback. I could greatly improve my writing speed, presentation and answer content.

I am grateful to the entire ForumIAS Academy.

- Anudeep Durishetty, IAS Rank 1, CSE 2017

I had joined this test series and it turned out to be a gem. What I really liked about the evaluation was an objective assessment and a human contact. I know both these are contradictory. Evaluation is a human endeavour. There are strong biases common in every evaluator. An access to the evaluator gives an idea about these biases. An evaluator looks for certain things when he gives marks. Things like coherence, lucidity, presentation etc. catch the evaluator's eye. I experimented a lot with my papers in the course of these 8 tests. During the sessions in which I used to interact with my mentors, they were able to point out broad areas of improvement and possible shortcomings.

- Prajit Nair, IAS Rank 87, CSE 2016

Why Join MGP?

- ## TEST PLAN

The Test Plan is designed to achieve 2 times revision of the full syllabus for candidates appearing for Mains 2020.

Iteration	Tests	Key benefit / goal
Iteration 1	8 Full Syllabus Tests	In the First iteration, candidates are expected to do a complete revision of the syllabus – in next 5 weeks and write full syllabus tests – paper wise.
Iteration 2	4 Full Syllabus Open Tests	Write 4 Full Length Tests + Essay as per UPSC timings and schedule – fifteen days before the examination – so that you rehearse performing well in our classrooms – before you write the actual exam in UPSC Examination Hall. These copies will not be evaluated and are only for the purpose of simulating the exam experience.

- ## MGP SOLUTIONS

MGP solutions are created keeping in mind, the following aspects:

1. That the solution provided is a **good reference point** to write a good answer that can score well in mains examination.
2. The **relevance/reason** for asking the question is provided in the solution.
3. Before the solution of every question, **the demand of the question i.e. introduction, body and conclusion** are briefly explained in 1 line each.
4. The solutions of tests can act as a **good reference to revise relevant themes** for each syllabus keyword.

- # MGP TEST DISCUSSIONS

MGP test discussions have been conducted keeping in mind the following aspects:

1. All test discussions will be **conducted by a subject expert or respective subject faculty** of ForumIAS.
2. Discussions will **cover all aspects of the question in detail**, discussing the possibilities in answering the same.
3. Test discussions are **regularly conducted** so that students appearing for tests can make the best use of the same.
4. Test discussion video will be **uploaded after 24 hrs** of the test completion time.

Note: All the discussions will be available in Online mode only. Any decision on Offline discussion will be taken post institutes are allowed to function.

- # MGP PAPER EVALUATION

MGP paper evaluation are known for the following unique aspects:

1. The evaluation is based on **codified objective criteria,** yet an element of **subjectivity is maintained** to match UPSC evaluation standards as far as possible.
2. All MGP papers are **evaluated on uniform standards** to ensure that you are able to assess your relative performance tests after tests.
3. Evaluators are **carefully selected based on a predefined eligibility criteria and trained extensively** to assess your papers in a professional manner.
4. Evaluators are trained to **provide constructive suggestions** on content, structuring, presentation and question interpretation.
5. Evaluation is **done in a timely basis** to help students implement the suggestions and corrections to maximise scores.

- # MENTORSHIP SUPPORT

Personalised Mentorship support is a unique aspect of MGP which includes the following:

1. Experienced Mentors provide **timely input on how to improve** answer writing
2. Suggestions will be provided **on all aspects of answer writing** including content, structure, presentation, question interpretation etc.
3. Inputs will be both **personalised and practical** in nature for maximum improvement in the course of tests.
4. Mentorship access is available in both **online and offline** mode. Student have to **raise a ticket** for Mentor Meet/Mentor Calls, expect a call within **48-72 working hours** after raising ticket.

How to make the most of MGP?

The success of the program depends on:

1. **Writing tests in a timely manner** and as much as possible to achieve maximum improvement.
2. **Implementing and improvising inputs** provided by the Mentor either telephonically or in person is known to have achieved visible impact on marks.
3. **Implementing suggestions provided through evaluation and mentorship in the subsequent tests.** As Albert Einstein said: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."
4. **Avoiding submitting 3-4 tests at one go,** as it defeats the purpose of a test series in achieving incremental improvement. Proactively solicit mentor feedback after every 2-3 tests.
5. **Do not submit 10 papers one month before the exam.** It becomes impossible to recommend changes 2-3 weeks before the exam as students do not have the time to implement feedbacks.

Mentorship
Online, Seamless, Hassle-Free

Mentorship – Available Online Seamlessly

What is common to the majority of our students who have secured Ranks in Top 100 including Rank 1?

(1) They have written at least 80% of the Tests on time.
(2) They may have never visited the Offline Centre, but kept in touch through Email/ WhatsApp / Phone and Support Tickets

In MGP, our exclusive focus will be on providing seamless, hassle free, mentorship to you – without having to wait in a queue at the Offline Centre. Once you have written a Test and your copy has been evaluated, you can reach out to us for a mentorship session on your copy.

Who is a good Mentor for me?

A good mentor is one who understands the demand of the examination. Thus, a candidate who has recently appeared for the exam or cleared the Prelims three time in a row maybe a good mentor for Prelims. Someone who has cleared Mains two times – (one time can be fluke, two times cannot) can give you some good insights on Mains examination.

Similarly, a good mentor is one who is closely associated with the exam, has relevant experience, and continuously updates himself can be a good mentor.

But most importantly, the mentor has to be such that he is interested in your success and has your best interest in mind.

Which is why, the best mentor you have is an elder sibling or your parent –This is because they have your best interest in mind – and your success is their success.

ForumIAS Mentors consists of

- People who have a deep understanding of the examination
- People who have relevant Mains & Interview experience
- People who have been selected with good ranks

Every year, ForumIAS requires some of its students who have topped the examination to provide online and offline mentorship to the next year's students. This ensures that you get the best mentorship possible. This is also in synchronisation with our vision of being a platform that spreads knowledge.

ForumIAS does not recruit students as mentors, even though it requires that mentors be continuous learners.

Online Mentorship @ForumIAS

With MGP, whether you are in New Delhi or elsewhere, you will have the same guidance available online, that is available to those at our Offline Centres.

Mentorship is available to students by raising a ticket or email. You get support via tickets / email / telephone call or an online meeting.

Through these years, we have been evolving and revising our strategies every year to ensure two objectives

- That the guidance makes it easy for our students to learn how to write answers.

- That the guidance we provide helps score better marks in the upcoming Mains Examination

Fee & Enrollment

MGP is available in two variants:

➢ MGP 2020 Batch G (Alt) – Fee: Rs. 16,000 (Inclusive of taxes)
➢ MGP+ 2020 Batch G (Alt) – Fee: Rs. 19,000 (Inclusive of taxes)

MGP+ is a variant of the MGP that also includes 4 Essay Tests. The MGP+ is the more popular variant of the Mains Guidance Program.

Fee Payment & Enrollment

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

➢ By visiting the website: https://academy.forumias.com and making payment through Net Banking / Debit / Credit Card / UPI etc.

➢ By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in HDFC bank Accounts. For this Option, please email us at admissions@forumias.academy

➢ By Visiting the Offline Guidance Center* and making payment through Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD

For any query you can call us at +91 – 9821711605 or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy

*Offline Center in New Delhi is not operational for the duration of government lockdown instructions to fight Covid-19.

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Terms and Conditions

- Your test copies will be evaluated within 12 working days of copy submission.

- Candidates must try to submit within three weeks of the Test Release for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the time-table and write tests on designated days. The commitment of 12 working days evaluation is valid only for copies submitted in this time period.

- This program is non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no difference between the online and offline mode – candidates can come and write the test at Test Centre or remotely and send us scanned copies.

- Each program of ForumIAS is linked to ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidates are found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate without any refund to the candidate.

- ForumIAS shall have full rights to close admissions as per its capacity. ForumIAS shall be free to amend its schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.

- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person. By subscribing to the course, you agree to the terms and conditions mentioned above.

- Force Majeure : Flaviant Network Pvt Ltd ("FNPL") will deliver this program on best effort and good faith basis. By subscribing to the program, you understand that in the case of a force majeure event, such as natural disaster, calamity, outbreak of a pandemic, accident, bodily harm, sickness to any persons directly involved in delivery of the program FNPL reserves right to modify, change or discontinue the program and shall not be liable for any financial obligations arising out of it. All disputes will be subject to jurisdiction of Delhi High Court.

Covid-19 Clause: The Program is being planned for and will be provided on a best effort basis to ensure that students preparation is not disrupted. In the event of unforeseen turn of events there could be changes to the program deliverables without prior notice. The plan details are completely flexible and program validity will be till the actual date of the Mains Examination 2020 (08th Jan 2021). All tests can be postponed, but not preponed.

Test Calendar

#	Test Date / Test Code	Syllabus Topic	Sources
1	25th Oct. 2020 | 31033	GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test	World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
2	1st Nov 2020 | 31034	GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test	Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
3	8th Nov 2020 | 31035	GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test	Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
4	15th Nov. 2020 | 31036	GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test	Ethics- Theoretical Framework, Moral Thinkers, Administrative Ethics, Administrative Reforms and Case studies
5	22nd Nov. 2020 | 31085	GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test	World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
6	29th Nov. 2020 | 31086	GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test	Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
7	2th Dec. 2020 | 31087	GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test	Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
8	6th Dec 2020 | 31088	GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test	Ethics- Theoretical Framework, Moral Thinkers, Administrative Ethics, Administrative Reforms and Case studies
13*	25th Dec 2020	Essay Open Test	Will not be Evaluated
14*	26th Dec 2020	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	Will not be Evaluated
15*	26th Dec 2020	GS Paper 2 – Open Test	Will not be Evaluated
16*	27th Dec 2020	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	Will not be Evaluated
17*	27th Dec 2020	GS Paper 4 – Open Test	Will not be Evaluated
18	08th Jan 2021	Civil Services Mains 2020	

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Essay Test Plan & Calendar (Only for MGP + Students)

#	Date / Day	Test	Test Code
1	30th Oct. 2020 | Friday	Essay Test #1	32005
2	6th Nov. 2020 | Friday	Essay Test #2	32006
3	18th Nov. 2020 | Friday	Essay Test #3	32007
4	27th Nov. 2020 | Friday	Essay Test #4	32008