Current Affairs Classes For Mains

2021

Issue based Current Affairs Program for Civil Services Examination

Batch 2

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Toppers Testimonial

Hi friends!

I joined ForumIAS Current Affairs class for my Mains preparation for CSE 2019. The crisp and concise content and structuring helped me a lot right before the exam. I would like to take this opportunity to thank ForumIAS and Dipin Sir in particular for helping me achieve my goal.

Best Wishes!

(Sanjita Mohapatra)
(SANJITA MOHAPATRA)
Rank: 10 (UPSC CSE-19)

Hello friends.

I have been a part of forum IAS current affairs classes via online mode. I found Dipin Sir's notes very unique, qualitative and crisp. They helped me add value to my Mains preparation and in better structuring of answers. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire team of forum IAS for playing an invaluable role in my UPSC journey.

Pari Bishnoi.
Rank 30 (CSE 2019)

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"I joined Current Affairs Classes by ForumIAS, which helped me immensely in my preparation and helped me succeed in the Civil Services Examination."

- Pratham Kaushik, IAS Rank 5, CSE 2017

"I am grateful to ForumIAS for their valuable Current Affairs program which has benefited me immensely in GS Paper 2 & 3 and in Essay also."

- Varun Reddy, IAS Rank 7, CSE 2018

"The Current Affairs at ForumIAS really helped me with it especially organization and presentation of notes which was mirrored in my own answers in the Exam."

- Saloni Khemka, IAS Rank 27, CSE 2018

"I am grateful to ForumIAS for setting my priorities right in GS 2 & GS 3 which saved precious time during preparation. Answer writing practice in class added value to my writing technique."

- M Naveen, IAS Rank 75, CSE 2018

About Program

ForumIAS will be commencing Current Affairs (GS 2 & 3) + Answer Writing for Mains 2021 – covering all major issues important for the Civil Services Mains 2021.

If there is just one classroom program you would like to take for your Civil Services preparation – it is this.

The MGP + Current Affairs Combination has been the winning combination for almost all our successful students – be it first timers, or those seeking rank and service improvement.

Goal of the program

The Program will focus on three things:

- **Completeness:** Ensure complete coverage of Current Affairs from PIB, Hindu, Indian Express, Times of India, and magazines such as EPW, Frontline. No issues will be left out.

- **Content Differentiation:** Ensure that value addition beyond common sources is done so that there is content differentiation in answers written by our students vis-à-vis other candidates.

- **Consolidation:** Ensure that there is complete consolidation of content on various topics that are important for Prelims and Mains examination. Thus, preparation is not scattered.

Why Current Affairs Classes by ForumIAS?

It is often believed that Current Affairs Classes are for those students who are weak and cannot even read the newspaper. Moreover, Current Affairs Classes are a mere repetition of the daily newspaper and add no value beyond what can be achieved by reading the newspaper.

At ForumIAS, we *know* this. Since, our courses are chosen by candidates for rank improvement as well as those in higher attempts with both Mains and Interview experience – apart from first timers. Due to this, we at ForumIAS ensure that **(1) We add value to the knowledge base**

of candidates who choose us (2) We provide content differentiation in the class, since **the key to secure high marks in the Mains examination is content differentiation** – so that our students answers are both more qualitative and substantially superior to what is written by the average candidate. Classroom Students of ForumIAS Current Affairs Class have secured **Rank 5 & 10** in CSE 2017 and **Rank 7 -** Varun, **Rank 13 -** Varnit Negi, **Rank 27 -** Saloni Khemka, **Rank 35 -** Minal Karanwal apart from popular ForumIAS Members like IWRA and Yo_Yo_Choti_Singh, who have given us favourable feedback after the class - so you can bank on us.

What you get?

Handouts along with important editorials and articles will be given for the candidates to consolidate their preparation. The material will be sufficient to cover Current Affairs completely, and any additional sources or newspaper reading will NOT be required. Apart from that candidates may be required to write answers in the classroom for practice

Course Schedule:

Regular classes will be held 2 days in a week starting from **22nd October**, at 5 PM. Each class will be of 2 to 2.5 hours duration. Due to COVID update, there will be classes held earlier which will be important for Mains point of view and these classes will be provided along with regular Current Affairs classes. The lecture videos will be available in your student portal till Mains 2021 examination.

Note: The Current Affairs Program of ForumIAS is NOT a Newspaper class. It does not follow monthly newspaper updates but focuses on issue-based preparation. The Objective is to have 1-2- page crisp notes on every Mains topic so that it is easy to revise before the exam.

Design of the program (Handouts | Lectures | Answer Writing)

- Handouts of the topics to be covered will be provided in the soft copy and will be uploaded before the class. Refer to Annexure I for Sample Handout
- In every class important issues will be covered comprehensively. Thus, the classes will have coverage for Mains with respect to topic discussed in the class.
- Answer Writing Component: Students will be required to solve some subjective questions as assignments.

Fees and Concessions

The program fee is Rs. 20,999 (inclusive of all taxes). The Program is available at a 10% concession for all MGP Students, subject to first 100 seats. Old Students of ForumIAS Current Affairs are provided (40% concession) – subject to 100 seats. Write to admissions@forumias.academy for availing concessions. No other concession will be granted on any other ground

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 (Net Banking / Debit Card / Credit Card / UPI)
- By Visiting the Offline Center* (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in ICICI

Note : All Payments must be made to the given account:

A/C Name : FLAVIANT NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED
Bank : HDFC BANK
CURRENT A/C Number : 50200035515671
IFSC : HDFC0001317
Branch : PADAM SINGH ROAD, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to admissions@forumias.academy within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated.

For any query you can call us at +91 – 9821711605, 9311740900 or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy

Terms & Condition

- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person.
- 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. The company may initiate legal proceedings against candidates found sharing and selling such content.
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Annexure – 1

Sample Handout

Economic Slowdown

1) Context

The GDP growth rate has fallen to six year low of 5% in the first quarter of FY 2020

2) Terms

1) Economic slowdown

It means the pace of the GDP growth has decreased.

2) Cyclical slow down

A period of slow economic activity that occurs at regular intervals

3) Structural slowdown

It is a more deep-rooted phenomenon that occurs due to inherent disruption or shift from an existing way things were happening

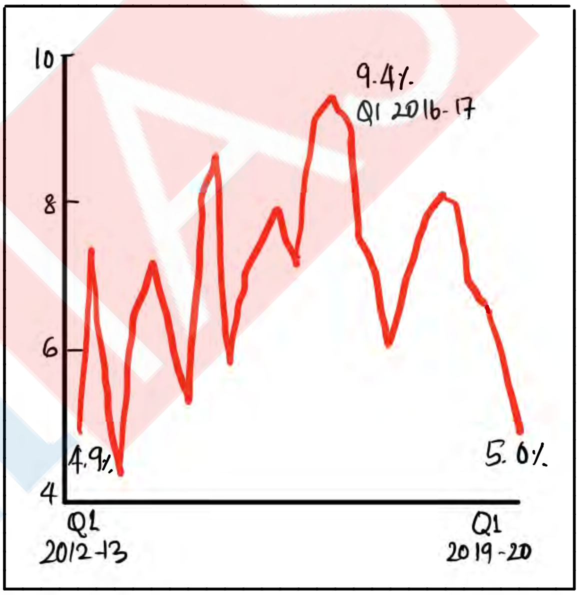

Diagram 1: Graph showing GDP growth rate

3) Manifestation

1) Fall in investment
2) Rising unemployment
3) shrinking agriculture and allied sectors
4) Stalled housing projects in many cities
5) slowdown in automobile sector
6) slowdown affected manufacturing and service sector
7) decline in wage growth

4) Issues

1) Decline in
   1) Household consumption expenditure.
   2) savings and investment rate
   3) net-exports

2) GST related

1) High GST rates is believed to be one reason for the moderation of private consumption and decline in the growth of sectors like manufacturing, hotel, automobiles etc

2) Issues related to the structural transformation due to GST. For eg compliance issues and criminal penalties

3) Low employment generation

1) Spending come down as employment generation has been limited and incomes are not rising

4) Informal economy related

1) demonetisation affected the informal sector
2) regulatory burden has constrained this sector

5) Pvt investment declined
1) Twin balance sheet problem
2) High cost of credit
3) NBFC crisis

6) Policy related
1) Policy paralysis in the past
2) Faulty policies
3) lack of monetary policy transmission

5) Consequences

1) Vicious cycle

Fall in consumption → Fall in output → Fall in growth rate → Fall in investment → Fall in employment → Fall in income → Fall in consumption

2) Reduced tax revenue

Economic slowdown → Fall in tax collection → Fall in govt spending → Economic slowdown

3) Lowers infrastructure development

Decline in investment ⟶ Decline in infrastructure development

4) Affects technological development

Low investment in R&D ⟶ stagnation in technological advancement

5) Affects govt spending on social sector
6) Increased govt borrowing and crowding-out of pvt investment
7) Demand for tax cuts and fiscal stimulus
8) Widening inequality
9) Social conflicts

6) Challenges

1) Uncertain global environment
2) de-globalisation and trade war
3) policy uncertainties
4) Limited impact of the monetary policy

7) Steps taken

1) Reduction in corporate tax
2) set up cabinet committees to attract investment and create jobs
3) FDI norms relaxed for coal mining, contract manufacturing
4) Reforms in Banking sector
5) Reforms in GST
6) Initiatives in Agriculture Sector
7) Labour market reforms
8) Export Sector- schemes to boost exports
9) Steps to boost logistics sector
10) Boost to MSME Sector