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A Pre-cum-Mains Foundation Program by ForumIAS

Comprehensive Guidance Program

CGP Foundation (Pre-cum-Mains)

2022

Cohort 5

A single, unified and **mentor-guided** 360-degree preparation roadmap for Civil Services Examination.

STARTS | 21st October, '21 | ONLINE & OFFLINE

* Limited Seats

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"I am Minal Karanwal, AIR 35. This journey of 3 years has been arduous and yet it has culminated so beautifully. And ForumIAS has an extremely important part to play in it. Constant support by ForumIAS mentors, the most pivotal CA Classes and the entire management at Forum has been crucial in scripting this victory."

Minal Karanwal (AIR **35**, CSE **2018**)

"After leaving my job in a leading financial institution in 2018, I was looking for a wholesome guidance program that not only provides basic knowledge base but also works on better answer writing in a syncretic way so that we are exam ready on the very first year of embarking on the UPSC prep journey. After doing a thorough research on the available courses, I zeroed down 'Comprehensive Guidance Program' of ForumIAS and found the course very useful. ForumIAS has now become synonymous with 'answer writing' which is the key for selection in UPSC CSE now a days. ForumIAS team was very supportive and left no stones unturned to make us exam ready in the very first go.
Thank you ForumIAS Team.

Pragyagni (Rank **825**, CSE **2019**)

"I am Abhinav Shah. I have secured All India Rank 222 in Civil Services Examination 2018. I joined ForumIAS in 2017 and since then ForumIAS has helped me immensely through my journey. There was constant support of ForumIAS Mentors in motivating me throughout the journey. Mentorship has immensely helped me improve my answers and finally CA classes were very helpful.
Thank You!"

Abhinav Shah (Rank **222**, CSE **2018**)

"Being enrolled in the CGP (Foundation) BATCH ensured that my preparation was continuously monitored and I received support through expert guidance throughout the duration of the year. The content was a great value addition to my preparation and inputs from ForumIAS mentors ensured I avoided mistakes and stayed on track, despite being a working professional. I thank ForumIAS for helping me clear this exam. Thankyou for all the little tips and tricks and wisdom, which made a big impression of how I view this exam."

KVL Akshay (Rank **363**, CSE **2018**)

300+ Aspirants selected in CSE 2019 were students of ForumIAS Academy.
Our students have secured ranks 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, in CSE 2017, 2018 and 2019.
Read what our toppers have to say and learn from their strategies at https://go.forumias.com/toppers

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The CGP is a *prelims-cum-mains mentor-led Guidance Program which provides a single and unified 360-degree preparation roadmap* for UPSC Civil Services Examination. The program commences well ahead of the exam to give students ample time for preparation.

Why choose ForumIAS CGP Foundation?

We will give you three reasons:

Reason #1
The truth is Conventional Foundation Programs focus on classroom sessions, without a model for external assessment or even self-assessment on a timely basis. By the time the student is evaluated, there is a lapse of one year from the time he studied it. So, in conventional foundation programs, you will end up only making notes for one year and writing tests in the second year. But at ForumIAS, you will have weekly and monthly assessments backed by mentor feedback which will be keep you oriented on the right path.

Reason #2
Anyone who has cleared the examination will tell you that right guidance is key to cracking the Civils. At ForumIAS, we have some of the best people, who will be a part of your preparation journey for the complete year. You get in-person, telephonic and email support throughout the year.

Reason #3
Here, you do all the four – classroom sessions, answer writing sessions, solving MCQs from Day 1 and understanding Current Issues. Also, you will be provided multiple rounds of revision at the optimal stage of your preparation.

FORUMIAS CGP (FOUNDATION) – FEATURES

1) INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION:
- *Small Batch Size*: At ForumIAS, we believe that every aspirant has different quality and strategy and every aspirant being given proper attention and intervention has the capability to crack the exam. In line with this, the batches at ForumIAS are of limited strength.
- *Guidance Support by Mentors* – Mentor's support is available at every step of the preparation journey to individual student to discuss preparation strategy, MGP test copies, clearing doubts and to keep you motivated. We do have group sessions as well as one to one session to help student remain true to their goals. Mentorship is available through every medium, i.e., telephonic, mail and MS Team Meetings.

2) COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATION IN DEDICATED TIMELINE
At ForumIAS, our philosophy is to help students grow through phases and do the right thing at the right time. We also pride ourselves in completing the syllabus at designated time so that aspirants have ample amount of time left to invest in revision and evaluation of the attained knowledge.

Comprehensiveness is provided by covering each aspect of examination through
- *GS Classes* – The classes take care of complete preparation for Prelims and Mains. The classes are conducted in offline and online mode. They are followed up with doubt sessions. These classes are supplemented with crisp handouts making revision an easier task.

- **Current Affair Classes** – The current affairs classes will go hand in hand with the static syllabus so that you are able to cover the entire dynamic issues of GS Paper 2 and Paper 3, with crisp notes, one-pager handouts for a chaos free preparation. They help you add value to notes you have created in your GS Classes as well as help you create a differentiated content. The classes are held in 3 phases with focus on Current affairs for both Prelims and Mains.
- **Essay Classes** - The thematic content building classes for essay will ensure you have a reusable content at the same time maintaining your originality while writing the essays. You learn different templates to writing essay while adopting the techniques that suits you the most. There is also a constant focus on helping you understand and attempt philosophical essays compulsorily.
- **Supplements** – Aspirants can access relevant and up-to-date study material as opposed to a plethora of study material available in the market which in turn confuses the student. Add-ons like monthly current affairs magazine, Daily Newspaper brief and weekly newspaper analysis help cover the dynamic aspect of the syllabus.

3) REVISION, REVISION AND REVISION –

Toppers will tell you not to do too many things but to do few things multiple times. At ForumIAS we provide you with multiple rounds of revision and ensure reorientation basis feedback on these tests.

- **Weekly Benchmark Tests (BTs)** - The weekly benchmark test (comprises both objective and subjective tests) will ensure regular assessment and give feedback for improvement with each passing week. A dynamic exam such as this requires regular assessment and hence, we provide with objective + subjective assessment each week with answer writing sessions. At the end of every month, there will be a BT which will help you in monthly revision. These tests are important as you are not expected to learn the trick and trade of solving MCQs or Answer Writing on day one, but it is a gradual process, and these tests will help you incrementally learn the same. The quality of question, solution and evaluation of subjective questions are inline of our MGP program.
- **All India Simulator Tests Series (AITS)** – The AIS Test Series starts approximately 10 weeks prior to Prelims examination to give students a feel of the exam and to make sure that you have undergone different quality/difficulty and pattern for the Prelims paper by simulating the past 5 - 6 years of UPSC papers. You will be able to gauge your preparation alongside a huge number of aspirants. You will be provided with All Indian Ranking for all the tests.
- **Select Focus Group (SFG)** – The SFG begins post your completion of GS Classes. They are 50 Questions / 1 hour test written every day (except Sunday) in disciplined manner at a designated time. With multiple tests for each subject, it ensures you have completed a detailed revision of all the recommended textbooks for Prelims.
- **Answer Writing Focus Group (AWFG)** – Generally held post prelims, this is SFG for Mains. It ensures detailed revision. The tests are followed up with detailed discussion which will help you understand how to approach a question as well as create niche content for the questions and topics asked in tests. Discipline is again an important part of this program.
- **Mains Guidance Program** – They generally begin post prelims. This is a Mentor Supported, test series-based preparation program where you will get exam ready by attempting multiple sectional and full-length tests. Mentor feedback will seek to add value to your answer writing and help to develop niche for yourself.
- **Essay Tests** – Essay tests will be conducted throughout the program. It ensures that the essay part is not neglected, and you are not making strategies or collating content for essay writing in the last moment before writing the mains examination.

4) REGULAR SPECIAL GUIDANCE SESSIONS BY MENTORS

Strategy sessions and Motivational sessions by mentors as well as retired bureaucrats give an insight into the preparation strategy of the Toppers and the work profiles of civil servants helps to motivate the aspiring minds.

VARIOUS STAGES OF THE PROGRAM

The program is divided into 4 stages covering the lifecycle of Civil Services preparation.

PHASE #1:

This is the first phase of the program. In this Phase, the focus is on developing the right concepts, newspaper reading habits, learning how to "scourge" or filter what is important and what is not, making notes of static topics, and covering the basics. This is done by the following methods.

- \# Classroom Sessions
- \# Providing Newspaper Handouts for covering dynamic Current Affairs
- \# Providing Static Handouts for Studying
- \# Benchmark Tests for Timely Self and Group Assessment.

Outcomes expected: The Outcomes from this is that students get to know what and how to study static syllabus and cover newspaper. They are expected to have covered all important topics relevant for Prelims through Online / Offline Classroom Sessions. A significant part of the Mains Syllabus is also expected to be covered. There is wide reading in this stage for developing the right knowledge base.

At this stage, candidates are exposed to group competition to develop the competitive spirit needed for later phases of the program and finally the actual Civil Services Examination.

PHASE #2:

In Phase 2 of the Program, students are introduced to Mains Oriented classes covering important Current Issues across Paper 1, 2 and 3. Selected topics that are important for the Mains examination is covered through weekly Current Affairs Classes. These classes are supposed to be taken after the basics are done, as there is significant expectation of basic static concepts coverage before we commence with this.

Outcomes Expected: At the end of this phase, it is expected that candidates must be able to consolidate their Preparation. They are expected to have learned that 'issue-based preparation' is what is needed for the Mains examination. They should also be able to consolidate their subjective preparation and gear up for a revision of prelim specific topics and issues, a substantial part of which is already done in Phase 1.

PHASE #3:

In Phase 3 of the Program, the students are geared for the Prelims Examination exclusively. In this phase students are supposed to revise whatever they have done in Phase 1 and gear up for the actual competition. Candidates will be required to attempt Tests in a highly competitive and disciplined environment at 7am in the morning. In addition, candidates will be expected to cover Level 1 of expected Current Affairs issues from Mains perspective. Level –2 of Current Affairs for Mains Perspective (will be covered in Phase 4).

Outcomes Expected: In this stage, it is expected that candidates do a robust revision of Prelims topics from class notes and standard sources. They are also expected to develop problem solving skills through rigorous test writing among a group of thousands of students. Candidates at this stage are expected to consolidate their prelims preparation.

PHASE #4:

In this phase of the Program, candidates commence with special focus on three things exclusively – Answer Writing in Time Bound Tests, Coverage of Issues Important for upcoming Mains and Essay. Depending on the Cohort the candidate is admitted to, additional classes focused on Mains may also be held at this time. Before the final Mains examination, candidates are required to simulate the Mains examination over a period of 4 days, before writing the actual Mains examination.

Outcomes Expected: At this stage, candidates are expected to work exclusively on revising what they have read in the past year, answer writing though simulator tests, work on refining their content and answers with mentor support.

CLASS STRUCTURE

\# Classes will be held in both **Online (LIVE) & Offline mode** and will be a duration of **3 hours**, one class per day.

\# There will be certain modules that will be available in **ONLINE MODE only.**

\# The classes will be held from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM every day except on **Sunday**.

\# There are only 100 seats in offline mode and will be admitted on first come first serve basis. Students will be allowed to attend offline classes on production of signed permission from their parents to attend offline classes.

\# Students admitted in offline mode can transfer later to online mode, but student admitted in online mode cannot be later shifted to offline mode.

\# For online students, live classes will be held from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Recorded lectures will be available in their portal, 12 hours post completion of live classes. Recorded lectures will also be available to offline students.

\# All students will be provided with tentative schedule before the classes commence.

\# Classes will be complemented by crisp and concise handouts.

\# Sundays will be earmarked for Benchmark Tests at a fixed time in disciplined manner.

HOW TO ENROL?

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:

Company Name	: **FLAVIANT NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED**
Account Number	: **401705000174.**
IFSC Code	: **ICIC0001129.**
Bank Name	: **ICICI Bank Limited.**
Account type	: **Current Account.**
Branch Name	: **16/6, WEA, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005.**

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to

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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

FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
Comprehensive Guidance Program 2022 – GS Classes Only (does not include Mains & Simulator (Prelims) Test Series, Essay, AWFG, SFG and Current Affairs)	₹ 70,000/-	**₹ 82,600/-**
Comprehensive Guidance Program 2022 – GS Only	₹ 1,05,932/-	**₹ 1,25,000/-**
Comprehensive Guidance Program 2022 – GS + CSAT	₹ 1,16,102/-	**₹ 1,37,000/-**
Comprehensive Guidance Program 2022 – GS + Optional* Optional Available – Anthropology, Sociology	₹ 1,39,831/-	**₹ 1,65,000/-**
Comprehensive Guidance Program 2022 – GS + CSAT + Optional* Optional Available – Anthropology, Sociology	₹ 1,48,305/-	**₹ 1,75,000/-**

*Women Candidates can avail a concession of 20% for enrolling in this course.

Terms and Conditions:

\#   The course is non-transferable in nature.

\#   Any request for fee refund will be entertained only for 15 days from the commencement date of the program.