

Essay

Guidance Program

2021

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Program for Civil Services Examination

Batch 3

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What is Essay paper in CSE Mains exam?

It is one of the 250 marks paper having weightage similar to other GS papers. Here students are expected to write 2 essays of 125 marks each, in three hours. The expectation of the commission in essay paper from aspirants is (as mentioned in official CSE notification):

Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

This paper gives scope to candidates to present their thoughts in the form of analysis of the issue, presented to them as an essay topic. It is one of the few papers where student can score high with minimum but concerted efforts.

What is the benefit of comprehensive Essay Guidance programme for 2021?

Till recently, students facing challenges of managing GS and optional were not inclined to give due attention to essay preparation. They usually applied their GS content and knowledge to write a decent essay with few quotes thrown here and there. Despite it being an easy scoring paper, it had been neglected by students for long. But the recent few years have highlighted the importance of Essay marks in getting an interview call and a good rank in the final merit list.

Essay has emerged as the **game changer** in CSE mains exam with average marks in the range of 110-145+, sometimes going as high as 175. This makes quite a lot of difference to the total marks as compared to the average GS marks of 90-110 marks (barring few exceptional years where GS IV had scores of 140+), thus emphasising its weightage in the final selection of the student. However, essay paper, when completely neglected often leads to low scores of 60-90 in some cases.

When the student is already super- engaged with GS and optional subjects, we do not expect him/her to spend hours and hours on essay. For new students, few hours of learning and writing practice distributed over a course of 2-3 months should be sufficient, so that

- They build **good and adequate content** around some conventional and unconventional themes, based on previous years topics.
- They learn the **approach to essays** and understand the structure of a good essay.
- They learn the **multi-dimensional analysis** and **application of Current Affairs** to the essay topic.
- They **practice essay writing** and get valuable feedback on them, long before attempting the actual essays in the CSE Main examination.

Program Objectives

The essay program is designed in a manner that it ensures following:

- ✓ Help student understand the **demand and dynamics** of the essay paper.
- ✓ Develop the skills to write both objective and philosophical essays.
- ✓ Help student understand the structure and devise an **effective strategy** to deal with the essays.
- ✓ **Recognising** and **avoiding common mistakes** that students make in essay writing.

The focus of the programme is to help students understand the art of essay writing and ultimately write essays in **coherent fashion** with effective and exact expression which is rewarded by the commission. Candidates will also be trained to write on unconventional, abstract and philosophical topics perceived as daunting topics. With requisite practice, good content provided as synopsis and comprehensive mentor guidance, the candidates are armed to handle any essay with ease and confidence.

What does the program consist of?

Essay Guidance Program 2021 is a comprehensive program where students learn the approach to Essay writing, gain knowledge and content on various themes and appear on tests to assess and improve their writing skills.

Tests: Students will write eight tests over the duration of the entire course, based on the themes learnt in the previous class.

Discussion videos: The discussion of the topics will be taken to give insight in to Essay Writing.

Evaluation: The test copies will be evaluated comprehensively with proper comments and feedback by a dedicated team of evaluators. The evaluation is done on the basis of set parameters with importance given to structure of the essay, flow of ideas and multi- dimensional analysis.

Synopsis of the Test Topics: Students will also be provided with essay synopsis after the test, which would help them understand the crux of the essay test topic.

Mentor support: As part of the programme, students will be provided with mentorship. The objective of this is to interact with students and discuss the particular issues they are facing in writing an essay. They can also discuss their performance in the tests and understand the areas where they can improve.

Mentorship – Available Online Seamlessly

In Essay Guidance Program, our exclusive focus will be on providing seamless, hassle free, mentorship to you – in both online and offline mode. 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, through the academy portal by raising a ticket.

The essay mentorship is available online with the same mentors who provide offline mentorship at the New Delhi Offline Guidance Center.

Fees and Concessions

Essay Guidance Program – Fee: **Rs. 10000** (Inclusive of all taxes)

*The program is available to old/existing CGP/ MGP/ CA/ Essay program students at a 30% concession. Candidates must email admission@forumias.academy to avail the concession. No other concession will be granted on any other ground. No refunds in retrospect will be provided.

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:

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| 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 admissions@forumias.academy within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated.

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Clarification

1. The Essay Guidance Program shall commence from October 22nd with an Orientation Session.
2. Every Essay Test will have compulsory Philosophical Essay Topics, keeping in mind the trend of Essay Topics asked in the Civil Services Examination.
3. The Objective of the Essay Guidance Program is to NOT completely change the writing style the candidate, but to optimize or mold it as per the requirements of the UPSC, based on the scoring pattern. Some students will be required to make subtle changes or no changes while some candidates may be required to make more changes. The goal is to augment the essay writing skills of the candidate.
4. It is expected from the students that they absorb some of these ideas and reproduce some part of it in their subsequent essay Tests.
5. Essay Copies will be evaluated within a maximum period of 10-12 days after which candidates can discuss their paper with a Mentor by raising a Mentor call request on the Academy Platform. Also, good essay copies will be provided for reference.

Test Plan

Every Test will have two sections – Section A & Section B. Section A will have two philosophical essays and Section B will have two objective, thematic essay questions. Candidates will be required to attempt one questions from each part. Candidates must be prepared for handling all kinds of essay questions, and develop the necessary knack for it through these tests.

| Tests | Essay themes | Test Release Date |
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| | Orientation Session- How to approach Essays? & How to write Philosophical Essays? | October 23 rd 2021 |
| Test 1 | Gender issues- Gender Justice, Feminism and Women empowerment | October 24 th 2021 |
| Test 2 | Social Media vs Traditional Media & Fake News, Big Tech. | October 31 st 2021 |
| Test 3 | Democracy & Federalism | November 7 th 2021 |
| Test 4 | Agriculture, Skill Development, Unemployment | November 14 th 2021 |
| Test 5 | Human Capital: Health & Education, Poverty and Social Justice | November 21 st 2021 |
| Test 6 | Globalisation, Climate Change, Environment vs Development Debate | November 28 th 2021 |
| Test 7 | Science and technology- AI, Nanotechnology, Cybersecurity | December 5 th 2021 |
| Test 8 | Miscellaneous Topics | December 12 th 2021 |