

# Mains Guidance Program

# 2021

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Program for Civil Services Examination

## Cohort 13

8 Full-Length Tests + 4 Essay Tests (MGP+) + 5 Open Tests (GS + Essay)

**STARTS | 10<sup>th</sup> November, '21 | Online & Offline**

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## Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy

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### Top Rankers from ForumIAS Academy in CSE 2020

1. Mamta Yadav (Rank 5)
2. Apala Mishra (Rank 9)
3. Mithun Premraj (Rank 12)
4. Karishma Nair (Rank 14)
5. Radhika Gupta (Rank 18)
6. Krishan Kumar Singh (Rank 24)
7. Divya Mishra (Rank 28)
8. Divyanshu Choudhary (Rank 30)
9. Jagat Sai (Rank 32)
10. Aparna Ramesh (Rank 35)

### 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 ( Maharashtra )
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 )

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## 3 Times Rank I in Indian Forest Service

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**IFoS Rank I – 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.

## Toppers Testimonial | CSE 2020



I was a part of ForumIAS MGP (Mains Guidance program). The detailed evaluation with remarks helped me immensely in improving my performance over the previous attempt. MGP comprises of sectional test for each portion of GS papers. This insured that I didn't leave any part of the syllabus. I am grateful to the entire ForumIAS team for their help and timely evaluation and uploading of answer sheets.

**- Mamta Yadav, IAS Rank 5, CSE 2020**



ForumIAS has been my friend philosopher and guide during my tedious UPSC journey. I joined the Mains Guidance Program (MGP) and Current Affairs (Online) classes. The presence of mentors like Ayush sir and Dipin sir acts as a bonus. I am truly grateful to entire ForumIAS team for being the building block of my preparation.

**- Apala Mishra, IAS Rank 9, CSE 2020**



I had enrolled in Mains Guidance Program (MGP) 2020 for GS and Essay. The expansive coverage for questions, prompt correction of papers, topper answer copies, and valuable feedback on answers received from ForumIAS has helped me in my answer writing. I am grateful to ForumIAS for the same.

**- Karishma Nair, IAS Rank 14, CSE 2020**



I have joined ForumIAS test series for Mains 2020. It has been very helpful in my Mains preparation. The quality of questions and model answers is amazing. Timely and quality evolution is added advantage to it. I thanks to entire ForumIAS team for all the help and support in my UPSC journey.

**- Radhika Gupta, IAS Rank 18, CSE 2020**



I want to thank ForumIAS for providing all the support & guidance. During CSE preparation MGP+ test series helped me in improving my answers. Completing paper on time and also enriching my content. Also, one or more sessions with Ayush sir helped me immensely during my actual CSE interview. Once again I thank everyone at ForumIAS and recommend MGP test series for answer writing for UPSC CSE preparation.

**- Jayant Singh Rathore , IAS Rank 59, CSE 2020**



Hello, I am Saloni Verma, AIR 70 UPSC CSE 2020. I was a student of ForumIAS MGP program. The evaluation, mentorship sessions, and overall professionalism especially during the Covid-19 period were very helpful. I am grateful to the team ForumIAS mentors, teachers, and staff for their massive contribution to my success.

**- Saloni Verma, IAS Rank 70, CSE 2020**

## Why Join MGP?

### • TEST PLAN

The Test Plan is designed to achieve 3 times revision of the full syllabus for candidates appearing for Mains 2021.

| Iteration     | Tests                      | Key benefit / goal  |
|---------------|----------------------------|---|
| Iteration 1&2 | 8 Full Syllabus Tests      | In the First iteration, candidates are expected to do a study the complete the syllabus – in next 8 weeks and write full syllabus tests – paper wise.   |
| Iteration 3   | 5 Full Syllabus Open Tests | Write 4 Full Length Tests + Essay as per UPSC timings and schedule – ten 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 source 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 hours** 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 track your progress and 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. Students 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.**
2. **Implementing and incorporating 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 keeps himself continuously updated.

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 2021 Cohort 13 – Fee: **Rs. 10,000** + Applicable Taxes (18% GST)
- MGP+ 2021 Cohort 13 – Fee: **Rs. 14,000** + Applicable Taxes (18% GST)

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

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Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to [admissions@forumias.academy](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@forumias.academy)

## 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.



## Test Calendar

| #                                       | Test Date / Test Code                | Syllabus Topic                  | Sources  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1                                       | 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021/<br>41073 | GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test | World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography                      |
| 2                                       | 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021/<br>41074 | GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test | Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations                                  |
| 3                                       | 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021/<br>41075 | GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test | Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues |
| 4                                       | 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021/<br>41076 | GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test | Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies   |
| 5                                       | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021/<br>41077 | GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test | World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography                      |
| 6                                       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021/<br>41078  | GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test | Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations                                  |
| 7                                       | 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021/<br>41079 | GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test | Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues |
| 8                                       | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021/<br>41080 | GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test | Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies   |
| <b>MAINS OPEN TESTS (NON-EVALUATED)</b> |                                      |                                 |  |
| 13*                                     | 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021           | Essay Open Test                 | Will not be Evaluated  |
| 14*                                     | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2021           | GS Paper 1 – Open Test          | Will not be Evaluated  |
| 15*                                     | 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2021           | GS Paper 2 – Open Test          | Will not be Evaluated  |
| 16*                                     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2021           | GS Paper 3 – Open Test          | Will not be Evaluated  |
| 17*                                     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2021           | GS Paper 4 – Open Test          | Will not be Evaluated  |

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

| # | Date / Day                 | Test          | Test Code |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1 | 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021 | Essay Test #1 | 42043     |
| 2 | 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2021 | Essay Test #2 | 42044     |
| 3 | 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2021  | Essay Test #3 | 42045     |
| 4 | 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021  | Essay Test #4 | 42046     |