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# Mains Guidance Program 2023

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Self Study Program  
for Civil Services Examination

Cohort - 2

Start Date: 15 May 2022

<b>MGP</b>	43 Tests : 22 Half Length Tests + 16 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests
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**Mamta Yadav**  
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.



**IAS RANK - 09**

**Apala Mishra**  
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.



**IAS RANK - 14**

**Karishma Nair**  
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.



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**Radhika Gupta**  
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.



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# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## How can ForumIAS MGP aid in my preparation?

- 1 The program has been designed to ensure:
  - a) Timely completion of syllabus.
  - b) Early completion of syllabus.
 Having guided students since 2012, we are aware that early preparation for Mains is the key to clearing the Civil Services Examination.
- 2 A lot of students end up doing unguided self-study, with no clear deadlines and objectives in mind. Thus, they end up not covering the syllabus even after doing self-study for a year. MGP helps provide a **discipline and time bound routine, anchored to the syllabus.**
- 3 It helps students with **regular evaluation of their preparation through writing timely tests and provides necessary reorientation** as and when required.
- 4 One of the major pain points in the real examination is to **recollect what you have read and present it in a precise and time-bound manner.** Writing regular tests at MGP helps you learn the skill from DAY 1. You learn to apply what you have read.
- 5 When doing self-study, there are many topics which **do not have comprehensive resources.** Also, there are topics which require **value addition in terms of current affairs.** MGP through its test, solutions and discussions also aids as a source of value addition and revision.
- 6 The **concept classes (available with MGP++)** aim to help students **achieve conceptual clarity** as well as **value addition on topics lacking comprehensive resources.**
- 7 A hassle free and constant support from Mentors ensures you are **on an optimal and guided path** throughout your preparation.
- 8 Timely evaluation helps you **understand your mistakes and implement those feedback** before you attempt the next paper.

9 At ForumIAS, we believe in continuous change and adaptation on the basis of the dynamic pattern of UPSC and are quick to implement the same to reflect in our all deliverables. With ForumIAS, you will always be ahead of the curve.

	MGP	MGP+	MGP++
	Here, we provide you a detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan for CSE.	Along with the detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan as offered in MGP, we also offer <b>essay test series</b> which is a crucial marks fetching paper.	Along with the detailed and disciplined test series based comprehensive preparation plan as offered in MGP, we also offer <b>100+ Concept Classes (CC) on micro topics</b> of the syllabus
Mentorship	YES	YES	YES
Concept Classes	NA	NA	YES
Easy Test Question Paper	NA	YES	NA
Good copies Question Paper	NA	YES	NA

## What are the deliverables under ForumIAS MGP, MGP+ & MGP++?

<b>Mentorship</b>	Mentorship is readily available in both ONLINE as well as OFFLINE mode at ForumIAS. Once you write a paper, you can always reach out to a mentor to discuss your paper seeking suggestions on improving your answer writing. The ONLINE mentorship will have a solution provided to students within 12 – 14 hours. Offline Mentorship can be available by visiting the office center.
<b>Concept Classes Library</b>	With MGP++ you will get access to a video library of 300+ videos on static topics with rich content. <b>The concept classes will be of 5 – 30 minutes</b> duration with the objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To Provide <b>conceptual clarity on terms and keyword</b> of syllabus. For example: separation of powers or Sevottam model or doctrine of severability etc.</li> <li>b) To Provide <b>value addition on topics that lack comprehensive sources.</b> For example: Role of SHG in development or FCRA and NGO funding etc.</li> <li>c) <b>To help Filer content.</b> For example: What should I focus on French Revolution? Or What should I read under comparative constitution?</li> </ol> <b>Note:</b> Concept Classes Library is not a replacement for Comprehensive Guidance Programme (CGP).
<b>GS Test</b>	The GS Test Question paper is curated with idea of taking a student from basics to advanced. With that purpose, <b>Question Paper</b> the tests have been divided as Half Length Tests and Full-Length Tests. Also, you will be able to grow from writing tests starting 1.5 hours to 3 hours eventually if you follow the plan.  <b>Note:</b> <b>Half-length tests (HLT)</b> will be sectional tests and will have questions from basic to moderate level. <b>Full length tests (FLT)</b> will replicate the pattern and difficulty level of UPSC.

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<b>GS Test Solution</b>	The solution to GSTests is curated with a philosophy to provide adequate content for answering the question in hand. Added content is provided under Knowledge Base/Extra Information separate from the answer, as and when required.
<b>GS Test Video Discussions</b>	The video discussion of MGP tests ensures that the student is exposed to different ways of answer writing, which generally includes different means of presentation, addition of diagrams and flowcharts. The discussion also seeks to add more value to the content which is readily available with the student or the one he has received through solutions. <b>Note:</b> Discussion will be held in online mode only.
<b>Essay Test Question Paper*</b>	Essay Test replicates the pattern of UPSC. Before prelims, tests have 2 sections with 2 choices. Keeping in mind two things (a) increased focus of UPSC on philosophical essay (b) unpredictability of the commission, both sections will have thematic as well as philosophical topics. This gives students the choice to attempt more philosophical essays.
<b>Good Copies Question Paper*</b>	Peer-to-Peer Learning is at the heart of ForumIAS philosophy. The Academy shall be providing good copies of the tests of GS and Essay so that you can learn from your peers.
<b>Evaluation (GS and Essay)</b>	The parameters of evaluation at ForumIAS continuously evolves to adapt to the changing demand of the examination, in consultation with our students who have cracked the exam year after year. Evaluation of submitted copies will be provided with objective inputs aimed at helping you improve your answer writing.

## ForumIAS MGP- Our Track Record

Over the years, ForumIAS MGP has emerged as the most preferred guidance programme for Mains for the toppers. Our experience in the field and determination to provide mock tests as close to UPSC mains paper as possible have helped us attain very high hit rate in UPSC Mains 2021. Below is an indicative (but not exhaustive) list of 20 questions that were common in UPSC CSE Mains 2021 and our MGP test series. Apart from these, many more questions and themes covered in the MGP test series featured in the UPSC CSE Mains 2021 paper. Our students had already written and practised many questions that were asked by the commission.

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S.No.	Actual Question Asked in UPSC CSE Mains 2021	Questions Asked in Mains Guidance Programme (MGP)
1.	Evaluate the nature of the Bhakti literature and its contribution to Indian culture. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper I, Q1.)	The contributions of Bhakti movement towards the development of a body of devotional literature in vernacular languages is as significant as its liberal social-religious teachings that had a moderating influence on medieval history. Discuss.
2.	What are the environmental implications of the reclamation of Water bodies into urban land use? Explain with examples. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper I, Q6.)	Discuss the causes of destruction of wetlands and explain their importance in providing environmental, social and economic services.
3.	Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper, Q10.)	Gig is an integral part of innovation driven economy, yet it can create its own divide. Analyze.
4.	To what extent did the role of the Moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper I, Q11.)	The economic critique of Imperialism by the early nationalists laid a strong foundation to the nationalist movement. Discuss the contributions of Moderates in Indian Nationalist struggle.
5.	"There arose a serious challenge to the Democratic State System between the two World Wars." Evaluate the statement. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper I, Q13.)	Failure of global capitalism and economic misery of the Great depression drove a retreat from democratic government in Europe and created a stage for the second world war. Discuss.

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6.	To what extent, in your view, the Parliament is able to ensure accountability of the executive in India? (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 2, Q4.)	How far do you agree with the view that the parliamentary control over government and administration in India is more theoretical than practical? Cite some recent examples to validate your answer.
7.	Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 2, Q8.)	The participation of women in the labour force is not only desirable, but also essential because it increases the level of food availability, nutrition and creates essential demands. In the light of this statement, explain the role played by SHG in poverty alleviation and women employment.
8.	Though the Human Rights Commissions have contributed immensely to the protection of human rights in India, they have failed to assert themselves against the mighty and powerful. Analyzing their structural and practical limitations, suggest remedial measures. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 2, Q12.)	The National Human Rights Commission has been criticised as a 'toothless tiger'. Examine.
9.	Do Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees keep the administrations on its toes and inspire reverence for parliamentary control? Evaluate the working of such committees with suitable examples. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 2, Q15.)	How does Departmental Standing Committees enhance the functioning of Parliament? Suggest measures to make them more effective.
10.	Can Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations present an alternative model of public service delivery to benefit the common citizen? Discuss the challenges of this alternative model. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 2, Q 18)	The rise of NGOs reflects the failure of Indian state and markets to usher in equitable development and economic redistribution. Examine.
11.	Do you agree that Indian economy has recently experienced V – shaped recovery? Give reasons in support of their answer. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q11.)	While a V shaped recovery is desirable post-pandemic, prospects of a K shaped recovery has become more likely after the second wave. Discuss the reasons and future macroeconomic implications of a K shaped recovery.
12.	Describe the various causes and the effects of landslides. Mention components of the important components of National Landslide Risk Management strategy. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q18.)	Examine the reasons for the rising trend in the incidences and widespread occurrences of landslides in hilly terrains of the country. Highlighting National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Guidelines on Landslide Hazard Management, suggest ways to mitigate impact of landslides.
13.	“Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth.” Discuss in the light of India’s experience. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q 12.)	The National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) seeks not only to create world class infrastructure but also promote inclusive development. Elaborate.
14.	Explain the purpose of the Green Grid Initiative launched at World Leaders Summit of the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November, 2021. When was this idea first floated in the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q6.)	One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) gives an actionable agenda to International Solar Alliance (ISA) for attaining its goal of making solar energy available 24X7 at affordable cost for all. Elucidate, Also, discuss associated challenges and significance of OSOWOG to decarbonize the energy sector and promote green energy.
15.	Discuss how emerging technologies and globalization contribute to money laundering. Elaborate measures to tackle the problem of money laundering both at national and international levels. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q9.)	Money laundering is problem of global dimensions that undermines the integrity of financial institutions, undercuts social aspirations and threatens national security. Elaborate. Also, comment on adequacy of national and global mechanism to tackle this problem.

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16.	What are the research and developmental achievements in applied biotechnology? How will these achievements help to uplift the poorer sections of the society? (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 3, Q. 15)	Analyse the role of application of biotechnology in the inclusive economic development of country.
17.	“We can never obtain peace in the outer world until and unless we obtain peace within ourselves.”-Dalai Lama. What does this statement mean to you? (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 4, Q3b.)	“We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves”. - Dalai Lama. What does this statement mean to you?
18.	Attitude is an important component that goes as input in the development of human being. How to build a suitable attitude needed for a public servant? (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 4, Q4a.)	Highlighting the three components of attitude, explain what should be the attitude of a civil servant while dealing with the issues related to integrity and probity in public life.
19.	Should impartial and being non-partisan be considered as indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 4, Q5b.)	Impartiality, non-partisanship and neutrality are not mutually exclusive in life of a civil servant. Comment.
20.	An independent and empowered social audit mechanism is an absolute must in every sphere of public service, including judiciary, to ensure performance, accountability and ethical conduct. Elaborate. (UPSC CSE Mains 2021, GS paper 4, Q6a.)	Social audit is an innovative tool to ensure transparency, accountability and public participation in implementation of welfare schemes. Yet, the institution and mechanism of social audit seems to be in a nascent stage. Critically examine.

## ONLINE OR OFFLINE?

- MGP is available in both online and offline mode. For list of offline centers visit <https://blog.forumias.com/offline>.
- About 80% of our successful students (including former IAS Rank 1), have been online students, preparing from home, they may have never visited the Offline Centre in New Delhi.
- An efficient communication system via tickets / email / phone and WhatsApp is available to discuss their copies and suggesting areas of improvement. ForumIAS caters to more than 100+ mentor calls everyday in online mode for its MGP students.
- In fact, ForumIAS does not maintain a record whether an MGP student is online or offline. Students can visit the Centre(s) and write tests, submit copies for evaluation and seek mentor guidance.
- They can also do the exact same things online – by downloading the QCA Booklet, printing it, attempting tests on it, using CamScanner to convert it into PDF, uploading it, getting it evaluated, and reach out to a mentor online by email, phone call, skype call, or other messaging apps.
- Mentorship is completely available online, and the same mentors who provide offline mentorship also provide online mentorship. You can meet them at a designated time and date at the Offline Centre in New Delhi.

## HOW TO ENROL?

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

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- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
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## FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Fees (* GST@18% Applicable Extra)	Total Fees
MGP 2023 Cohort - 2	₹ 22,500/-	₹ 26,550/-
MGP+ 2023 Cohort - 2	₹ 28,500/-	₹ 33,630/-
MGP++ 2023 Cohort - 2	₹ 37,500/-	₹ 44,250/-

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Your test copies will be evaluated within 12 working days of copy submission.
- Copies must be submitted within three weeks of the Test Release for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the timetable 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 a ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidate is found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate without any refund to the candidate.
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# Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2023

#	Date   Test Code	Test Name	Topic Syllabus	Source
<i>(Essay Tests are only for MGP+ Students.)</i>				
00.	Sunday, April 17, 2022  Sunday, April 24, 2022		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Online Orientation for the Program</li> <li>◦ Online Orientation of Answer Writing.</li> </ul>	
1.	Sunday, May 15, 2022   61001	<b>MGP Half Length Test #1 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 1, 2, 3</b> Topic 1: Indian Constitution—historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure. Topic 2: Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein. Topic 3: Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu 2nd ARC Reports [6th Report – Local Governance, 13th Report – Organisation structure of Government of India] Punchi Commission Report ForumIAS Academy – Handouts / Booklet Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
2.	Sunday, May 22, 2022   61002	<b>MGP Half Length Test #2 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 4, 5, 6</b> Topic 4: Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries. Topic 5: Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these. Topic 6: Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Subhash Kashyap - Our Constitution, Our Parliament Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu 2nd ARC Reports ForumIAS Academy – Handouts / Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
3.	Sunday, May 29, 2022   61003	<b>MGP Half Length Test #3 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 7, 8, 9</b> Topic 7: Salient features of the Representation of People's Act. Topic 8: Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Topic 9: Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT: Indian Constitution at Work 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence Indian Polity by M Laxmikant Introduction to Constitution of India – DD Basu 2nd ARC Reports ForumIAS Academy handouts/ Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
4.	Sunday, June 05, 2022   61004	<b>MGP Half Length Test #4 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / Topic 11, 15, 16</b> Topic 11: Development processes and the development industry—the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders. Topic 15: Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizen's charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures. Topic 16: Role of civil services in a democracy	<b>Sources:</b> 2nd ARC Report [10th Report – Refurbishing of Personnel Administration, 11th Report – promoting e- governance, 12th Report – Citizen Centric Administration,] ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets Three Year Action Agenda – 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express

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5.	<b>Sunday, June 12, 2022   61005</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #5 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 /Topic 10, 12, 13, 14</b> Topic 10: Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation Topic 12: Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections Topic 13: Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources Topic 14: Issues relating to poverty and hunger	<b>Sources:</b> India Year Book for Government Schemes Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express Annual Reports of Ministries such as Women and Child Development / HRD Ministry/ Health Ministry etc. ForumIAS Academy Handouts / Booklets
6.	<b>Sunday, June 19, 2022   61006</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #6 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 /Topic 17, 18, 19, 20</b> Topic 17: India and its neighbourhood- relations. Topic 18: Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests Topic 19: Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora Topic 20: Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate	<b>Source:</b> Book - Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri Class 12 NCERT – Political Science: Contemporary World Politics Websites such as – Ministry of External Affairs, IDSA, ORF, Gateway House ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
7.	<b>Sunday, June 26, 2022   62001</b>	<b>Essay Test #1 (Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	<b>Essay Test #1 / FLT</b>	
8.	<b>Sunday, July 03, 2022   61007</b>	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 1 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 2 / FLT</b>	
9.	<b>Sunday, July 10, 2022   61008</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #7 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 1, 2, 3</b> Topic 1: Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization, of resources, growth, development and employment. Topic 2: Inclusive growth and issues arising from it. Topic 3: Government Budgeting	<b>Source:</b> 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics Economic Survey of India Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila 2nd ARC Report (Strengthening Financial Management Systems) Three Year Action Agenda – 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express

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10.	Sunday, July 17, 2022   61009	<b>MGP Half Length Test #8 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 4,5,6</b> Topic 4: Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, – different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers. Topic 5: Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing. Topic 6: Food processing and related industries in India- scope' and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.	<b>Sources:</b> Economic Survey Budget NITI Aayog reports on Agriculture Three Year Action Agenda, -2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog Yojana and Kurukshetra Selective reading of Book – Indian Economy Since Independence by Uma Kapila Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express ForumIAS Academy Handouts/ Booklet
11.	Sunday, July 24, 2022   61010	<b>MGP Half Length Test #9 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 7,8,9,10</b> Topic 7: Land reforms in India Topic 8: Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth Topic 9: Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc. Topic 10: Investment models	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT: Economics: Indian Economic Development 12th NCERT: Macroeconomics Economic Survey of India Three Year Action Agenda, -2017-18 to 2019-20 - NITI Aayog Selective reading of Indian Economy Since Independence - Uma Kapila Yojana India Since Independence by Bipin Chandra [for Land reforms] ForumIAS Academy - Handouts / Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
12.	Sunday, July 31, 2022   61011	<b>MGP Half Length Test #10 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 11,12,13</b> Topic 11: Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life Topic 12: Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology. Topic 13: Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, Nanotechnology, biotechnology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.	<b>Sources:</b> The Science Reporter magazine Newspapers – The Hindu (S&T section) / The Indian Express ForumIAS Academy – Handouts / Booklets
13.	Sunday, August 07, 2022   61012	<b>MGP Half Length Test #11 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)</b>	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 14,15</b> Topic 14: Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment Topic 15: Disaster and disaster management	<b>Sources:</b> NCERT: Class 12 Biology (Chapter 10: Ecology) 2nd ARC Report [3rd Report – Crisis management] IGNOU – MPA – 018 Disaster management ForumIAS Academy - Handouts / Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express Yojana CBSE – XI book – Natural Hazards and Disaster Management

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14.	<b>Sunday, August 14, 2022   61013</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #12</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 3 /Topic 16,17,18,19,20</b> Topic 16: Linkages between development and spread of extremism Topic 17: Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security Topic 18: Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention Topic 19: Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with terrorism Topic 20: Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate	<b>Sources:</b> 2nd ARC (7th Report Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution) 2nd ARC (8th Report Combating Terrorism - Protecting by Righteousness) IDSA reports The Oxford's Handbook of India's National Security NCERT Class 12 – Contemporary World ForumIAS Academy – Handouts/ Booklets Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express
15.	<b>Sunday, August 21, 2022   62002</b>	<b>Essay Test #2 (Only for MGP+ Students)</b>	<b>Essay Test #2/ FLT</b>	
16.	<b>Sunday, August 28, 2022   61014</b>	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 2</b> (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 3 / FLT</b>	
17.	<b>Sunday, September 04, 2022   61015</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #13</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 1/Topic 4</b> Topic 4: World History: History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonization, decolonization, political philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the society.	<b>Sources:</b> NCERT Arjun Dev Norman Lowe John Green Crash Course World History ForumIAS Academy - Handouts / Booklet
18.	<b>Sunday, September 11, 2022   61016</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #14</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 1/Topic 5</b> Topic 5: Indian Society: Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India. Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies. Effects of globalization on Indian society. Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.	<b>Sources:</b> NCERT - 12th – Indian Society NCERT - 12th – Social Change and Development in India IGNOU – ESO - 12 Society in India IGNOU – ESO - 16: Social Problems in India Newspapers – The Hindu/ The Indian Express ForumIAS Academy - Handouts / Booklet
19.	<b>Sunday, September 18, 2022   61017</b>	<b>MGP Half Length Test #15</b> (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS paper 1/Topic 1 and 3</b> Topic 1: Art & Culture: Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times. Topic 3: Post-Independence: Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.	<b>Sources:</b> 11th History book of Tamil Nadu board Text Book on Fine Arts Class XI NCERT CCRT Website or compilation Indian Culture and Heritage - NIOS: www.nios.ac.in 12th NCERT – Politics in India after Independence Selective reading of India since independence by Bipin Chandra or India After Gandhi by Ramchandra Guha ForumIAS Academy - Handouts / Booklet

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20.	Sunday, September 25, 2022   61018	MGP Half Length Test #16 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper I</b> Topic 2: Modern History: Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present- significant events, personalities, issues. The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.	<b>Sources:</b> Bipin Chandra—Old NCERT “A Brief History of Modern India” –Spectrum Pub. ForumIASAcademy - Handouts / Booklet
21.	Saturday, October 01, 2022   61019	MGP Half Length Test #17 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper I</b> Topic 6: Physical Geography: Salient features of world's physical geography. Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena: Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT:Physical Geography Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong Atlas:Orient Blackswan ForumIASAcademy - Handouts / Booklet
22.	Sunday, October 09, 2022   61020	MGP Half Length Test #18 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper I</b> Topic 6: Physical Geography: Salient features of world's physical geography. Topic 7: Human and Economic Geography: Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector industries in various parts of the world (including India). Topic 8: Geophysical Phenomena: Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclone etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.	<b>Sources:</b> 11th NCERT:Physical Geography Certificate Physical and Human Geography by Goh Cheng Leong 12th NCERT:Human geography. Internet for industries and resource distribution. Atlas:Orient Blackswan ForumIASAcademy - Handouts / Booklet
23.	Sunday, October 16, 2022   62003	Essay Test #3 (Only for MGP+ Students)	EssayTest #3 / FLT	
24.	Sunday, October 23, 2022   61021	MGP Full Length Test # 3 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper I / FLT	
25.	Sunday, October 30, 2022   61022	MGP Half Length Test #19 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 4/Topic 1,5,8</b> Topic 1: Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions, Dimensions of ethics, Ethics in private and public relationships, Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators, Role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values. Topic 5: Contribution of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers:Western & Indian. Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.	<b>Sources:</b> Introduction to Ethics by ForumIAS Selective Study from G.Subbarao Ethics Redbook by ForumIAS Newspaper and internet. 2ndARC Reports – Ethics in Governance

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26.	Sunday, November 06, 2022   61023	MGP Half Length Test #20 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 4/Topic 2,4,8</b> Topic 2: Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion. Topic 4: Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance. Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.	<b>Sources:</b> Introduction to Ethics by ForumIAS Selective Study from G.Subbarao Ethics Redbook by ForumIAS Newspaper and internet. 2ndARC Reports – Ethics in Governance
27.	Sunday, November 13, 2022   61024	MGP Half Length Test #21 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 4/Topic 3,6,8</b> Topic 3: Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker sections Topic 6: Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance. Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.	<b>Sources:</b> 2ndARC Reports (Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance) Introduction to Ethics by ForumIAS Selective Study from G.Subbarao Ethics Redbook by ForumIAS Newspaper and internet. 2ndARC Reports – Ethics in Governance
28.	Sunday, November 20, 2022   61025	MGP Half Length Test #22 (10 Questions / 1.5 Hour / 125 Marks)	<b>GS Paper 4/Topic 6,7,8</b> Topic 6: Ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance. Topic 7: Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption. Topic 8: Case Studies on above issues.	<b>Sources:</b> 2ndARC Reports (Citizen Centric Administration, Refurbishing Personnel Administration, RTI: Master Key to Good Governance) Introduction to Ethics by ForumIAS Selective Study from G.Subbarao Ethics Redbook by ForumIAS Newspaper and internet. 2ndARC Reports – Ethics in Governance
29.	Sunday, November 27, 2022   62004	Essay Test #4 (Only for MGP+ Students)	Essay Test #4 / FLT	
30.	Sunday, December 04, 2022   61026	MGP Full Length Test # 4 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper 4 / FLT Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude.	
31.	Sunday, December 11, 2022   62005	Essay Test #5 (Only for MGP+ Students)	Essay Test #5 / FLT	
32.	Sunday December 18, 2022   61027	MGP Full Length Test # 5 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper 1 / FLT	

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33.	Saturday December 24, 2022   61028	MGP Full Length Test # 6 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
34.	Sunday, January 01, 2023   62006	Essay Test #6 (Only for MGP+ Students)	EssayTest #6 / FLT	
35.	Sunday January 08, 2023   61029	MGP Full Length Test # 7 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper 3 / FLT	
36.	Sunday January 15, 2023   61030	MGP Full Length Test # 8 (20 Questions / 3.0 Hour / 250 Marks)	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

### PRELIMS 2023 BREAK

There are few things to keep in mind at this stage. Once MGP Tests as per schedule are over, it is expected that you (a) realign your preparation for Prelims (b) finish off any tests that you have missed (c) cover and revise optional subjects. You will need to have some self-discipline to finish off remaining Tests. We will be available to rightly orient you at this stage. You can submit all the Tests conducted till date till Prelims. There is complete flexibility.

A detailed Plan for the MGP 2023 Mains Simulator Tests will be released within 1 week of Prelims.

37.	3 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #1	GS Paper 1 / FLT	
38.	4 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #2	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
39.	4 weeks after Prelims	Essay Test #7 (Only for MGP+ Students)	EssayTest #7 / FLT	
40.	5 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #3	GS Paper 3 / FLT	
41.	6 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #4	GS Paper 4 / FLT	
42.	6 weeks after Prelims	Essay Test #8 (Only for MGP+ Students)	EssayTest #8 / FLT	

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43.	7 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #5	GS Paper 1 / FLT	
44.		MGP 2023 Simulator Test #6	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
45.	8 weeks after Prelims	MGP 2023 Simulator Test #7	GS Paper 3 / FLT	
46.		MGP 2023 Simulator Test #8	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

### All India Mains Open Simulator Tests

47.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	Essay Open Test	Essay	Not to be evaluated
48.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
49.		GS Paper 2 – Open Test	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
50.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
51.		GS Paper 4 – Open Test	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

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