

ForumIAS

Mains Guidance Program (MGP)

2018

ONLINE + OFFLINE

MGP Batch E: 12 Full Length GS Tests (INR 18,880/-)

MGP+ Batch E : 12 Full Length GS Tests + 4 Essay Tests + 4 Essay Classroom Sessions (INR 24,880/-)

Batch E is recommended for candidates who have already written Mains before, and have covered the syllabus. It has 12 Full Syllabus Tests.

Batch D is recommended for candidates writing their First Mains.

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The difference between MGP and MGP+ is that MGP+ also has Essay Tests and Discussions.

Commences June 23

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A Note to all candidates planning to join MGP – Important Note

Dear Friends,

A lot of you would be joining MGP this year because it has been recommended by IAS Rank 1, 8, 10 and 11 and IFoS Rank 1, 6, 9, 18 of this year – all MGP Students or any your friends in service or in preparation. We would like you to keep a few things in mind, before you join us.

We did our first MGP in 2016, which was done without any public advertisement or an announcement. We only provided guidance for GS Paper 1, 2, 3, 4 back then, and not for the essay paper. 74 out of 86 candidates who took MGP 2016 cleared the Mains that year – some of them being Prajit Nair, AIR 87, Sushil Kumar, AIR 92 and Mittali, Rank 56. Despite outstanding selection ratio in the Interview, in the final result we had lesser number of candidates in top 100 (there were lot of people outside 100 rank) - primarily because we did not do an **essay module** that year – *despite* repeated requests from our students.

In 2017, we added Essay Guidance and Tests, and the results significantly improved for our students – and us.

However, it is important to note that with the release of topper copies, and the answer writing strategy in public domain - we will have to re-invent and innovate things at a fast pace. Apart from the structure that we focused on last time, we would also like to focus on content very strongly this year. The marks in Mains are dependent on three Papers :

(1) Essay (2) Ethics, and (3) Current Affairs Preparedness across GS Paper 2 and 3.

It is important that candidates must work on their content – and content differentiation - or at least presentation differentiation - if you want to score outstanding marks in the Main Examination. We did Current Affairs Classes for Mains last year – with these twin goals:

- (a) Ensuring theme based - wide coverage, so that candidates are able to write on any topic that is asked
- (b) Differential Content from many sources, so that you get better marks compared to your competitors.

It worked, as **Pratham AIR 5** – our classroom student scored the highest marks in Mains this year – with 974 Marks – **501 marks in General Studies**. If you ask him (videos are on YouTube), he will admit that stuck to classroom content, made things concise, and attended every single class.

We shall be targeting the content aspect in a holistic manner this year with three modules, so that those of you who are fresher's or otherwise, can be confident of writing good quality answers in the examination hall. This will also ensure that our students will continue to occupy top ranks in the days to come – and ForumIAS Academy will continue to occupy leadership position in terms of innovation and attracting the best aspirants.

- (a) **Essay Module:** This Module will provide differential content for your Essay, coupled with few Essay Tests that will be evaluated separately.
- (b) **Ethics Module:** This Module is for candidates who are looking for building a good theoretical base for Ethics Paper of General Studies. Will include Case Studies as well.
- (c) **Current Affairs for Mains:** This module we believe is a *sine qua non*, for content building and differentiation in the Mains Examination. Classes are taken by Dipin Sir, and both Rank 5 - Pratham and Abhishek Surana - Rank 10 this year have benefitted from the Program.

We recommend that you should take up one or more of these modules as per your requirement. Also, this year, we have very little time - and if you see the syllabus, we have tried to squeeze the entire Mains syllabus - in 14 weeks across 14 Tests, but we know that large parts of the syllabus require more time to complete than a week – which is currently allocated.

Hence, unlike last year, where we used to ask candidates to take a week's break after Prelims and get back to studies, this year our advisory is to get back to Mains preparation with as minimum break as possible. Hence, we are commencing the Program on June 10th itself.

We will try to come up with small modules and study material on World History and Post- Independence History as well, so that we can help reduce your preparation time. However, we cannot promise anything as of now.

We would also like to know your views on this, and if there is anything we can do to help you prepare better, or reduce preparation time for you please drop us a mail at ravi@forumias.com.

Wishing you Success,

Always,

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How to make best use of MGP?

- If you take up this program, we recommend you to write the test **as per schedule**. We have provided flexibility in writing of Tests, but simply put, we have seen top results only when candidates have been disciplined in writing tests.
- Always, always, always join in groups if you can, and see your relative performance weekly within the group. The success of so many candidates under 50 rank is also because they had a good peer group which kept them on toes. They also used to take mentorship/paper discussion sessions in groups.
- There is no difference between the online and offline mode . If you ever come to Delhi, you can write the test at our Offline Center in Delhi. Some of our top Students like Aparajita – Rank 40 wrote the tests online – from Benaras.

About Mains Guidance Program: MGP is India's pioneering and most trusted Mentor Guided, Test Series Based Preparation Plan for Civil Services Mains Examination. It consists of Test Papers having questions printed on a Question-cum-Answer Booklet (QCA), that have to be attempted in the booklet and submitted at the offline center, or via email in a scanned PDF format. The copy is evaluated and Marks allocated. A mentor call can be requested to discuss one's performance and weak areas, with specific suggestions to improve, ensuring that Mains Appearing Candidates are able to score better in the Civil Services Mains Examination.

Testimonials:

"I had nearly given up on getting into the IAS after four attempts. I did not know what to do get into the Top Ranks. I decided to join ForumIAS MGP on the recommendation of Prajit Nair, IAS Rank 87 of 2017 Batch. I followed exactly what was told to me. The Post-test Discussions helped me a lot in framing my answer writing strategy. Thanks to MGP, I ended up with Rank 1."

- Anudeep Durishetty, AIR 1, CSE 2017

"I had joined ForumIAS MGP this year and it was my first Mains. I was regularly in touch with my mentors throughout the preparation process, and it helped me a lot in terms of my content, structure, and presentation. I will be thankful to entire ForumIAS team for life for the support they gave me throughout my preparation. I secured Rank 39.

- Apurva Pandey, AIR 39, CSE 2017

"I has scored well in Physics Optional last year, but in GS my score last year was below 390 – when the average score of Mains writing candidates was 390, and average scores of selected candidates was 430. Then I decided to work on my GS score, and joined ForumIAS. I hugely benefitted from it, which is the primary reason that I was able to break into Rank 100 this year.

- Abhishek Surana, AIR 10, CSE 2017

ForumIAS MGP students have secured AIR 1, 8, 10, 11 in CSE 2017. More than 200+ candidates from ForumIAS – from the MGP and Classroom Programs have made it to the Final List – excluding the Prelims Test Series and Interview Guidance Program.

Mains Guidance Program - Program Objective:

ForumIAS will be conducting a Mains Guidance Program for 2018. The Primary Focus of the Program will be

- Covering the entire syllabus via the Test Series in a disciplined manner before the Mains Examination.

- Providing vital inputs and feedback to improve answer quality and possible scores before it too late to make changes in one's writing style. Beginning early helps in both improving the answers as well as absorbing the inputs given and implementing them.
- Aiding Preparation by providing notes / articles on important topics related to Current Affairs.
- Providing Detailed Solutions to cover all dimensions of questions asked.

Mains Guidance Program - Program Design

We have broken the syllabus into small doable parts that can be covered in a week. After a week, candidates can appear for a Test on the topics. This will

- help in checking their preparation on the topics mentioned
- get feedback and marks on the paper they have written
- cover the syllabus in a disciplined manner, which is otherwise difficult
- become aware of issues and questions on the topics being prepared.

This is especially useful for those who have just begun, as they are often not aware of important issues from examination point of view, and end up studying things a little randomly and endlessly. It is not correct to state that Civil Services Examination Syllabus has no boundaries. It is just that the boundaries are porous, and there has to be a locus and focus approach while dealing with the syllabus.

Timely tests help you understand what to focus on while studying, and make studying exam oriented, and organized.

How it works?

- You must enroll by paying the course fee by visiting <http://academy.forumias.com> or the Offline Test Center
- Once enrolled, you will be added to the Course. This course is available both Online and Offline, and there is no difference in the two modes. You can anytime write the test and attend classes at the Center or do the same online. Your Course will be available on <http://academy.forumias.com>
- On the designated Test Date, you will receive the QCA Booklet – Question-cum-Answer Booklet in your dashboard. You need to download it, take a print out and attempt the question in it. Questions on QCA Booklet will only be accepted, not on A4 Size Sheets.
- Once you have completed the paper, you can use a scanner or if you have an Android or iPhone, you can use the app “CamScanner” to click photos of your Answersheet and convert your attempted QCA booklet into PDF
- Please name your Answer Copy as “Name-TestNo-RollNo.pdf” (e.g. Anudeep-TestID-19120009234.pdf) and send it via email to mgp@forumias.academy as attachment. The subject your email should be “Name-TestNo-RollNo.”
- Mentorship will be provided telephonically or via Skype/ other VoIP / Web Technologies. Candidates are expected to have a laptop or mobile device where they can see their answer sheets or other good answer sheets

Test Calendar – Batch E/ E+

Test #	Date / Time / Test Code	Test Name	Subjects
1	June 19 (Tuesday) 8 AM	Essay Classroom Session Only for MGP+ and Essay Module Students.	
2	June 23 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E101	GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test	World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
3	June 26 (Tuesday) 8 AM FRM-IAS-EE101	Essay Classroom session 1 and Essay Test 1 Only for MGP+ and Essay Module Students.	
4	June 30 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E102	GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test	Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
5	July 7 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E103	GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test	Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
6	July 10 (Tuesday) 8 AM FRM-IAS-EE102	Essay Classroom session 2 and Essay Test 2 Only for MGP+ and Essay Module Students.	
7	July 14 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E104	GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test	Ethics- Theoretical Framework, Moral Thinkers, Administrative Ethics, Administrative Reforms and Case studies
8	July 21 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E105	GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test	Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
9	July 24 (Tuesday) 8 AM FRM-IAS-EE103	Essay Classroom session 3 and Essay Test 3 Only for MGP+ and Essay Module Students.	
10	July 28 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E106	GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test	World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
11	Aug 4 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E107	GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test	Ethics- Theoretical Framework, Moral Thinkers, Administrative Ethics, Administrative Reforms and Case studies
12	August 07 (Tuesday) 8 AM FRM-IAS-EE104	Essay Classroom session 4 and Essay Test 4 Only for MGP+ and Essay Module Students.	
13	Aug 11 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-E108	GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test	Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Administrative Reforms and International Relations

14	Aug 18 (Saturday)	STUDY GAP	
15	Aug 25 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-EI09 /EI10	GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test GS Paper 2- Full Syllabus Test	
16	Sept 1 (Saturday)	STUDY GAP	
17	Sept 8 (Saturday) 9 AM – 12PM FRM-IAS-EI11/EI12	GS Paper 3– Full Syllabus Test GS Paper 4 - Full Syllabus Test	
18*	September 15 (Saturday) (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)	Essay Open Test	
19*	September 16 (Sunday) (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)	GS Paper 1 – Open Simulator Test	
20*	September 16 (Sunday) (2:00 PM-5:00 PM)	GS Paper 2 – Open Simulator Test	
21*	September 17 (Monday) (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)	GS Paper 3 – Open Simulator Test	
22*	September 17 (Monday) (2:00 PM-5:00 PM)	GS Paper 4 – Open Simulator Test	
23	September 28	Civil Services Mains 2018	

***Test 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 will be open to all, and will NOT be evaluated. They are for practice purpose 15 days before the exam. Separate Registration with minimal or zero charges will be required for it. This will be announced later.**

How to enroll?

- 1) Visit <http://academy.forumias.com> and signup yourself using your mobile number.
- 2) After registering yourself, follow the given path:
Mains Test Series --->MGP 2018 Batch E ---> View Details ---> Subscribe Now
- 3) For MGP+2018 Batch E, subscribe for Essay Test Series 2018 too.
- 4) Make the Payment and your enrollment has completed.
- 5) On 23rd June you will get your first test in your account.

Fee Structure:

Course	Fees	Payment Process
MGP Batch E	Rs. 18,880/- (Inclusive of All Taxes)	Visit http://academy.forumias.com OR SWIPE CARD AT THE CENTRE
MGP+ Batch E	Rs 24,880/- (Inclusive of all Taxes)	Visit http://academy.forumias.com OR SWIPE CARD AT THE CENTRE

Terms & Conditions:

- Your test copies will be evaluated within twelve to fifteen days of copy submission. There may be a little delay in Ethics Papers, as it takes more time to go through that paper.
- Copies must be submitted within three weeks of the Test Release. We recommend that you stick to the time table and write tests on designated days. The commitment of fifteen 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 Center 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.