

# MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM 2023

\*Tests will commence from 22 June 2023

Online & Offline

**MGP**

13 Tests : 8 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests

**MGP+**

17 Tests : 8 Full Length Tests + 4 Essay Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests

## Successful Students of ForumIAS MGP Program

5 in Top 5, 8 in top 10, 39 in Top 100 Ranks in CSE 2022  
are ForumIAS Academy MGP Students



**IAS RANK -01**

**Ishita Kishore**

**CSE 2022**

To ForumIAS,  
**Mains Guidance Program (MGP)** helped me in simulating mains & the feedback was helpful too.  
Thank you so much for efficiency in paper checking and the elaborate feedback.



**IAS RANK -02**

**Garima Lohia**

**CSE 2022**

I was a part of **Mains Guidance Program (MGP)** at ForumIAS. Apart from this I also look Current Affairs classes for mains by Dipin Damodran Sir. The top notch quality of the content and the versatile perspectives I got from Sir's classes really boosted my score in GS. One on one interaction with Ayush Sir during my interview preparation helped me.  
I am really grateful to ForumIAS especially Dipin Sir and Ayush Sir for their valuable inputs.



**IAS RANK -01**

**Shruti Sharma**

**CSE 2021**

I enrolled myself in the Forum **Mains Guidance Program+** for GS and Essay Test series. The answer writing practice and written feedback from Forum along with "Best answers" and topper's copies provided helped me improve my answers and get a high score in my General Studies papers. Ayush sir's regular articles were also fun and encouraging reads. I thank the ForumIAS team for their guidance during my two-year association with them.



**IAS RANK -01**

**Anudeep Durishetty**

**CSE 2017**

I had enrolled in **Mains Guidance Program+** of ForumIAS academy for my GS and Essay Test Series. The feedback from ForumIAS mentor – Ayush Sir was very useful in making me realize my mistake in answer writing so that I could rectify them. I also found Ayush Sir's post-exam discussion incredibly helpful. Because of such feedback, I could greatly improve my writing speed, presentation and answer content.  
I am grateful to Ayush Sir and the entire ForumIAS academy.

Start Date

**18** June  
2023

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**UPSC**

**MAINS**



In CSE 2022, 8 Rankholder in Top 10 including Rank 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 are from various programs of ForumIAS. 64+ students have secured ranks under 100. With more than 650+ selections in the final list this year, we have delivered consistent results since we started our journey in 2012.  
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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.** Then, there are topics which require **value addition in terms of current affairs.** MGP through its test, solutions and discussions also serves as a source of value addition and revision.

6. A hassle free and constant support from Mentors ensures you are **on an optimal and guided path** throughout your preparation.
7. Timely evaluation helps you **understand your mistakes and implement those feedback** before you attempt the next paper.
8. At ForumIAS, we believe in continuous change and adaptation on the basis of the dynamic pattern of UPSC and are quick to implement them and reflect in our all deliverables. With ForumIAS you will always be ahead of the curve.

	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.
Mentorship	YES	YES
Eassy Tests	NA	YES
Good copies	YES	YES

## What are the deliverables under ForumIAS 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. Online mentorship can be accessed by visiting <a href="https://mentorship.forumias.com/">https://mentorship.forumias.com/</a> . Offline mentorship is available at New Delhi, Patna, and Hyderabad centers.
<b>GS Test Question Paper</b>	The GS Test Question paper is curated with idea of taking a student from basics to advanced. With that purpose, the tests have been divided as Half Length Tests and Full-Length Tests. Also, you will be able to grow from writing tests starting from 1.5 hours to 3 hours eventually if you follow the plan.  Half-length tests will be sectional tests and will have question of basic to moderate level. Full length tests will replicate the pattern and difficulty level of UPSC.
<b>GS Test Solution</b>	The solution to GS Tests 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>	<p>The video discussion of MGP tests ensures that student is exposed to different ways of answer writing which generally includes different means of presentation, addition of diagrams and flowcharts.</p> <p>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. Discussion will be held in online mode only.</p>
<b>Essay Test Question Paper*</b>	<p>Essay Test replicates the pattern of UPSC.</p> <p>Before prelims, tests have 2 sections with 2 choices.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*All the essay tests before prelims will have 4 topics divided into 2 sections. Students will be required to write two essays, selecting one topic from each section.</p> <p>All the essay tests after prelims will have 8 topics divided into 2 sections. Students will be required to write two essays, selecting one topic from each section.</p>
<b>Good Copies Question Paper</b>	<p>Peer to Peer Learning is at the heart of ForumIAS's philosophy. The Academy shall be providing good copies of the tests – GS and Essay so that you can learn from your peers.</p>
<b>Evaluation (GS and Essay)</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Evaluation of submitted copies will be provided with detailed feedback aimed at helping you improve your answer writing.</p>

## 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 both UPSC Mains 2022 & 2021. Below is an indicative (but not exhaustive) list of 22 questions that were common in UPSC CSE Mains 2022 & 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 2022 & 2021 paper. Our students had already written and practised many questions that were asked by the commission.

No wonder, 39 students from MGP have secured ranks under 100 in CSE 2022, including Rank **1,2, 3,4, 5,7, 9,10,12,17,** and **20.**

S.No.	Actual Question Asked in UPSC CSE Mains 2021	Questions Asked in Mains Guidance Programme (MGP)
1.	Examine the role of 'Gig Economy' in the process of empowerment of women in India.	Gig is an integral part of innovation driven economy, yet it can create its own divide. Analyze.
2.	To what extent did the role of the Moderates prepare a base for the wider freedom movement? Comment.	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.
3.	Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples	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.
4.	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.	The National Human Rights Commission has been criticised as a 'toothless tiger'. Examine.
5.	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.	How does Departmental Standing Committees enhance the functioning of Parliament? Suggest measures to make them more effective.
6.	Describe the various causes and the effects of landslides. Mention components of the important components of National Landslide Risk Management strategy.	Examine the reasons for the rising trend in the incidences and widespread occurrences of landslips in hilly terrains of the country. Highlighting National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Guidelines on Landslide Hazard Management, suggest ways to mitigate impact of landslips.
7.	What are the research and developmental achievements in applied biotechnology? How will these achievements help to uplift the poorer sections of the society?	Analyse the role of application of biotechnology in the inclusive economic development of country.
8.	"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?	"We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves". - Dalai Lama. What does this statement mean to you?
9.	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?	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.
10.	Should impartial and being non-partisan be considered as indispensable qualities to make a successful civil servant? Discuss with illustrations.	Impartiality, non-partisanship and neutrality are not mutually exclusive in life of a civil servant. Comment.

S.No.	Actual Question Asked in UPSC CSE Mains 2022	Questions Asked in Mains Guidance Programme (MGP)
1.	What are the forces that influence ocean currents? Describe their role in fishing industry of the world. (15 marks Answer in 250 words)	Describe the various factors responsible for formation of ocean currents and discuss their impact on different human activities. (15 marks, 250 words)
2.	How will you explain the medieval Indian temple sculptures represent the social life of those days? (10marks Answer in 150 words)	Temples of ancient India were not just places of worship but centres of socio-economic life of people. Discuss.
3.	Discuss the role of the National Commission for Backward Classes in the wake of its transformation from a statutory body to a constitutional body. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks	While providing constitutional recognition to the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is a step forward for the welfare of Socially and Economically Backward Classes, it might not be sufficient to improve the effectiveness of Commission's working and outcomes. Elucidate.
4.	The Gati-Shakti Yojana needs meticulous coordination between the government and the private sector to achieve the goal of connectivity. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10 Marks	Highlighting the existing bottlenecks in infrastructure development in the country, examine the role of PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity to overcome these challenges.
5.	How will I2U2 (India, Israel, UAE and USA) grouping transform India's position in global politics?	Compare the aims and objectives of I2U2 and Quad. What importance does I2U2 hold for India?
6.	Explain the mechanism and occurrence of cloudburst in the context of the Indian subcontinent. Discuss two recent examples.	What do you understand by cloud burst? Examine the reasons for high vulnerability of the mountainous regions to cloud bursts and discuss ways to mitigate its ill-effects.
7.	Discuss the types of organised crimes. Describe the linkages between terrorists and organised crime that exist at the national and transnational levels.	Examine the linkages between terrorism and organized crime. Present a case for breaking the illicit bond between the two.
8.	What are the main bottlenecks in upstream and downstream process of marketing of agricultural products in India ?	Explain the various problems in agricultural marketing system in the country. How far do you think that the reforms brought by new farm laws in agricultural marketing will solve these issues?
9.	Explain the causes and effects of coastal erosion in India. What are the available coastal management techniques for combating the hazard?	Frequent Sea incursions and accelerated coastal erosion pose a grave threat to our environment. Analyzing their impacts, propose some corrective measures..
10.	What are the different elements of cyber security? Keeping in view the challenges in cyber security, examine the extent to which India has successfully developed a comprehensive National Cyber Security Strategy.	Highlighting different kinds of cyberthreats faced by India, evaluate the current status of cyber security framework in the country



11.	The Rules and Regulations provided to all the civil servants are same, yet there is difference in the performance. Positive minded officers are able to interpret the Rules and Regulations in favour of the case and achieve success, whereas negative minded officers are unable to achieve goals by interpreting the same Rules and Regulations against the case. Discuss with illustrations.	Good governance does not depend on laws, but upon the personal qualities of those who administer the law. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your view.
12.	Russia and Ukraine war has been going on for the last seven months. Different countries have taken independent stands and actions keeping in view their own national interests. We are all aware that war has its own impact on the different aspects of society, including human tragedy. What are those ethical issues that are crucial to be considered while launching the war and its continuation so far? Illustrate with justification the ethical issues involved in the given state of affair.	"To delight in war is a merit in the soldier, a dangerous quality in the captain, and a positive crime in the statesman." – George Santayana. Can war be ethically justified? Discuss the moral principles related to war.

## ONLINE OR OFFLINE?

- MGP is available in both online and offline mode. For list of offline centers visit <https://blog.forumias.com/centers>
- 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 students for discussing their copies and getting suggestion on 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.

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## FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Total Fees (Inclusive of GST)
MGP 2023 Cohort - 14	₹ 12,000/-
MGP+ 2023 Cohort - 14	₹ 16,000/-

Fee Concession (For Old Students)		
Course	MGP	MGP+
MGP and Current Affairs	₹ 9,000/-	₹ 13,000/-
CGP / GSAP / Eklavya	₹ 6,000/-	₹ 8,000/-
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### 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 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.
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## Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2023

#	Date   Day	Test Code	GS Paper
00.	18 June 2023   Sunday	<b>Online Orientation for the Program</b>	
	20 June 2023   Tuesday	<b>Online Orientation of Answer Writing.</b>	
1.	22 June 2023   Thursday	611301	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
2.	26 June 2023   Monday	620301	<b>Essay Test #1 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
3.	02 July 2023   Sunday	612301	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
4.	03 July 2023   Monday	620302	<b>Essay Test #2 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
5.	12 July 2023   Wednesday	613301	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
6.	15 July 2023   Saturday	620303	<b>Essay Test #3 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
7.	22 July 2023   Saturday	614301	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
8.	27 July 2023   Thursday	620304	<b>Essay Test #4 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
9.	31 July 2023   Monday	611302	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
10.	07 Aug. 2023   Monday	612302	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
11.	14 Aug. 2023   Monday	613302	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
12.	21 Aug. 2023   Monday	614302	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies



## All India Mains Open Simulator Tests

13.	Friday, 1 September 2023	Essay Open Test	Essay	Not to be evaluated
14.	Saturday, 2 September 2023	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
15.		GS Paper 2 – Open Test	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
16.	Sunday, 3 September 2023	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
17.		GS Paper 4 – Open Test	GS Paper 4 / FLT	

### NOTE:

Students who were unsuccessful in qualifying the Prelims 2023 and have enrolled in the 2023 course are eligible to migrate to the 2024 courses by paying the difference in fees. They will only be charged for the services utilized, and a deduction of 900 rupees will be applied for each test attempted. Please note that migration to the 2024 course is permitted, but refunds are not applicable.

# Topper's Testimonials

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AIR - 1

My name is Umaharathi. I've secured AIR 3 in UPSC CSE 2022. I was enrolled in the MGP program for General Studies and Anthropology. The analytical nature of questions helped me prepare well for the actual exam. The ranking system helped me track my progress constantly. I'm grateful for the



IAS Rank  
**03**  
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