

Essay Guidance Program Mains 2023

Mentor Supported, Test Series Based Program for Civil Services Examination.

ForumIAS Students who have excelled in Essay Paper

Orientation

08 June 2023

Start Date

17 June 2023

Cohort - 1

Essay Score - 145

IAS Rank

4

CSE 2022

Smriti Mishra

Essay Score - 142

IAS Rank

10

CSE 2022

Rahul Srivastava

Essay Score - 132

IAS Rank

1

CSE 2021

Shruti Sharma

Essay Score - 140

IAS Rank

25

CSE 2021

Shruti Rajlakshmi

Essay Score - 139

IAS Rank

330

CSE 2021

Sakshi Kumari

Essay Score - 145

IAS Rank

5

CSE 2020

Mamta Yadav

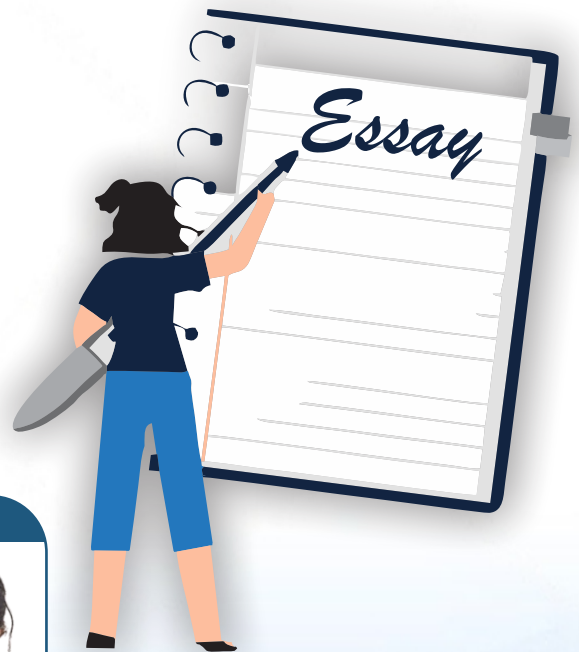
Essay Score - 175

IAS Rank

39

CSE 2017

Apurva Pandey



Online & Offline

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is Essay paper in CSE Mains exam?

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

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

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

Program Objectives

The Essay Guidance Program Mains 2023 Cohort 1 is designed in a manner that it ensures

- Helping students **understand the demand and dynamics** of the essay paper and develop the skills to write objective **thematic based, abstract and philosophical essays**.
- Help students understand the pattern of the paper and devise an effective strategy to deal with the essays.
- Recognising and avoiding common mistakes that students make in essay writing.
- Help students understand various **Essay Themes** and build relevant content for any essay being asked from these things.

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

What is the benefit of an essay program?

The Aspirants face challenges of managing GS and optional and usually do not find time and inclination to give due attention to essay preparation. They try and apply their GS content and knowledge to write a decent essay with few quotes included in a random fashion. Despite Essay being an easy scoring paper, it had been neglected by students for long. But the recent few years have highlighted the importance of Essay marks in getting an interview call and a good rank in the final merit list.

Essay has emerged as the game changer in CSE Mains exam with **average marks in the range of 125-135, sometimes going as high as 175** (2017) and in recent years touching 145+. This makes quite a lot of difference to the total marks as compared to the average GS marks of 90-110 marks, thus emphasising its weightage in the final selection of the student. However, essay paper, when completely neglected often leads to low scores of 90-105 in some cases.

For the students aiming for 2023 Mains examination, this is the right test series to prepare for Essay. With adequate practice based on **Half- Length tests and Full length tests, post-test discussions and synopsis material** working as value-added content, enrichment, students will gain understanding of the art of essay writing.

How the synopsis material & test discussion help students?

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

What does the program consists of?

Essay Guidance Program Mains 2023 Cohort 1 helps student learn the approach to Essay writing, gain knowledge and content on various themes to assess and improve their writing skills.

- **Orientation session:** The orientation will be conducted in both offline and online medium wherein the trends in UPSC CSE essay exam, analysis of PYQs and approach towards the Essay Guidance Program will be discussed.
- **Half-Length Tests (HLT):** The students will write **4 Half-Length Tests**, wherein each test will have choice of 4 topics, out of which one has to be written in 1.5 hour. This shall give adequate practice in exam like orientation before student attempts the Full-length tests with full vigor.
- **Full Length Tests (FLT):** Students will write **4 Full Length Tests** on UPSC CSE Essay paper pattern, after the Half- Length Tests. The time frame given between each test is of an adequate nature so that students learn from their mistakes committed in the earlier test and improve in the subsequent test.
- **Classes:** There will be **5 classes with 4 philosophical thematic based lectures** and one session on Essay writing.
- **Discussion:** The discussion for Half-length tests and Full-Length Tests will be provided in online mode to help students understand the demand of the essay topics.
- **Evaluation:** The test copies for Half-length tests and Full-length tests will be evaluated comprehensively with proper comments and feedback by a dedicated team of evaluators. The evaluation is done on the basis of set parameters with importance given to structure of the essay, flow of ideas and multi-dimensional analysis.
- **Synopsis of the Test Topics:** Students will also be provided with essay synopsis after the HLT and FLT tests, which would help them understand the crux of the essay topic and also build content.

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

Fee Concession:

- Old/Existing Students of Comprehensive Guidance Program (Foundation Program) can avail fee concession of 30% on Essay Guidance Program 2023.
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Note: All the above concessions can be availed by sending an email on admissions@forumias.academy.

FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Total Fees (Including GST @18%)
Essay Guidance Program 2023	₹ 10,000/-

HOW TO ENROLL?

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Test Plan for the Essay Guidance Program 2023

Test No.	Date	Time	Test Type and schedule
	08 June 2023	5 PM	Introductory cum Orientation session- trends and PYQs analysis (offline and online)
1.	17 June 2023	10 AM	Half- Length Test I
2.	27 June 2023	10 AM	Half – length test 2
3.	07 July 2023	10 AM	Half – length test 3
4.	17 July 2023	10 AM	Half – length test 4
5.	27 July 2023	10 AM	Full length Test I
6.	03 August 2023	10 AM	Full length Test 2
7.	10 August 2023	10 AM	Full length Test 3
8.	17 August 2023	10 AM	Full length Test 4

Note

Only the essay tests that are attempted at least one week before Mains 2023 are eligible for evaluation.

Topper's Testimonials

I was a part of MGP at Forum IAS. Apart from this I also took Current Affairs classes for mains by Dipin Dasodhan 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 Forum IAS especially Dipin Sir and Ayush Sir for their valuable inputs.



IAS Rank
02
CSE 2022

Garima Lohia

GARIMA LOHIA
AIR 2

To Forum IAS,

MGP Program helped me in simulating mine & the feedback was helpful too.

Thank you for so much efficiency & in paper checking and the elaborate feedback.



IAS Rank
01
CSE 2022

Ishita Kishore

Ishita Kishore
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



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Uma Harathi

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