ETHICS

ANSWER WRITING PROGRAM

Under the guidance of **Ayush Sinha** & Team

Starts June 19, 2025

Cohort 1: 50 Students Only

The number of students has been kept limited to enable better interaction and mentorship during the prelims to Mains period.

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Strategy & Philosophy behind the Program

The key to cracking Civil Services with a Top Rank goes through GS Paper IV. And the way to score well in the GS IV has two key pillars - Have great content and Practice answer writing well. The Ethics Answer Writing Program consists of a total of 8 Tests so that candidates can hone the ability to think on their feet and practice answer writing skills. The program consists of 6 half-length tests - with live & online video discussions so that the handholding necessary for answer writing is done in a focused manner. In these LIVE sessions, candidates will be provided not only the content for the answer, but the focus will be on how to think and solve the questions and the value addition that can be done. The discussion videos will be available on the student dashboard till the end of Mains 2025 examination.

Subsequently, the candidates are expected to write 2 Full Length Tests with Detailed Solutions and evaluation so that they have adequate practice for their mains before attempting the actual paper. These tests along with MGP tests on GS IV will complete the much-needed practice that is crucial to getting a good rank and service. 1:1 discussion with mentors will help further make improvements that have helped hundreds of students benefit from GS IV courses by ForumIAS.

Deliverables of the Program

1. 6 Half Length Tests with LIVE Answer Writing discussions along with evaluation
2. 2 Full Length Tests with Detailed Solutions & Evaluation
3. Mentorship with dedicated Cohort Mentor for answer writing

Pre-requisite for the course

While answer writing will be taught from scratch in the course, candidates are expected to have basic reading of GS IV. This can be done by attending Ethics+ classes (available in online / offline mode) or finishing off the theoretical base through the Ethics Red Book.

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"I thoroughly enjoyed the Ethics+ classes taken by Ayush Sir and am grateful for the overall guidance I received from ForumIAS, that helped me secure Rank 57." -**Lavanya** (IAS Rank **57**, CSE 2024

"I hugely benefited from the guidance at ForumIAS. I was enrolled in Ethics+ classes, and I also thank ForumIAS for 133 marks in Ethics paper." - **Shikhar Mogha**, (**133** marks, Rank **171**, CSE 2024)

"I am thankful to Ayush Sir for the ethics classes I took at ForumIAS in 2024. The classes helped me grasp concepts from basic to advanced and aided in my preparation" - **Kashish Kalra**, (Rank **111**, CSE 2024)

"I attribute my increase in Ethics score by 20+ marks and improving my rank and service to IAS from IPS to the Ethics+ classes I took at ForumIAS for CSE 2024. - **Siddharth**, (IAS Rank **143**, CSE 2024)

"I loved the teaching methodology of Ayush Sir with examples and case studies and totally enjoyed his Ethics classes." - **Zinnia Aurora**, (Rank **153**, CSE 2024)

" I joined the Ethics+ classes after I got barely 90 marks in my Ethics Mains Examination. I was able to improve my score by 30+ marks thanks to Ayush Sir. My complete conceptual understanding of GS4 is based on Sir's teachings." - **Benzo Jose** (IAS Rank **59**, CSE 2023)

"I am thankful to the handholding and mentorship provided by Ayush Sir and Sakshi Ma'am, especially in case studies that helped me secure Rank 38 in CSE 2024." - **Abhishek Sharma, (Rank 38**, ForumIAS Residential Coaching Student)

"My name is **Natasha Goyal**; I was able to clear prelims in **fifth attempt** and wrote my first mains and appeared for Interview and made it to the final list. This would not be possible without the guidance by Ayush Sir and the Ethics+ classes. My selection in 5th attempt would not have been possible without 133 marks in GS IV which I largely credit to ethics classes by ForumIAS" – **Natasha Goyal, (Rank 175, CSE 2023)**

"Grateful to Sir for the wholistic coverage and answer writing strategies in Ethics+ classes. Helped me immensely in securing Rank 4 in CSE". **– Smriti Mishra, (IAS Rank 4, CSE 2022)**

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Test #	Date	Syllabus	TEST SCHEDULE	Comments
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Test 1-6 will be to (a) cover the syllabus & PYQs and (b) develop answer writing ability from scratch. The focus will be on learning how to decipher a question and handle both direct and indirect questions. Questions will be a mix of PYQ / keyword-based questions and applied questions. LIVE discussions with cohort-based learning will ensure that the right handholding is done to the students. Special emphasis will be given on PYQs - which remain the key to preparation of GS - IV.

Each Test may have at least 1 question on applied ethics to cover contemporary issues in Ethics.
Each Test may have up to 1-2 quote-based questions from Moral Thinkers and Philosophers.

Test #	Date	Syllabus | TEST SCHEDULE	Comments
1	19 June 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline Test	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; Role of Family Society and Educational Institutions in Inculcating Values. Lessons from the Lives and Teachings of Great Leaders, Reformers and Administrators Topic 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. (2 Quote based questions)	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
2	26 June 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline	Topic 2: Attitude: Content, Structure, Function; its Influence and Relation with Thought and Behavior; Moral and Political Attitudes; Social Influence and Persuasion. Topic 4: Emotional Intelligence-Concepts, and their Utilities and Application in Administration and Governance Topic 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. (2 Quote based questions)	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
3	3 July 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline	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 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. (2 Quote based questions)	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
4	10 July 2025 9:30 AM Online &	Topic 6.1: Public/Civil Service Values and Ethics in Public Administration: Status and Problems; Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas in Government and Private Institutions; Laws, Rules,	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies

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		Offline	Regulations and Conscience as Sources of Ethical Guidance; Accountability and Ethical Governance; Strengthening of Ethical and Moral Values in Governance. Topic 5: Contributions of Moral Thinkers and Philosophers from India and World. (2 Quote based questions)	No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
5	17 July 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline		Topic 6.2: Ethical Issues in International Relations and Funding; Corporate Governance. (Separate test on International Ethics given increasing importance in UPSC and in contemporary affairs)	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
6	24 July 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline		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.	Test Duration: 90 Minutes Total Marks: 130 Marks Part A - 9 Questions Part B - 2 Case Studies No Solutions will be given. Live Zoom Test Discussion by Faculty
7	29 July 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline		Full Syllabus Test (Part A + Part B)	Test Duration: 3 hours Total Marks: 250 Marks Pattern: As per Mains Detailed Solutions will be given No Test Discussion
8	31 July 2025 9:30 AM Online & Offline		Full Syllabus Test (Part A + Part B)	Test Duration: 3 hours Total Marks: 250 Marks Pattern: As per Mains Detailed Solutions will be given No Test Discussion

The test paper will be released at 9:30 AM every Thursday and students must submit the test paper at the offline center or in online mode on the same day. Test discussions will be held on following Friday at 11AM following the Test. Students will be sent emails or Zoom links will be provided in the portal for LIVE Answer Writing Discussions. No offline classes will be held.

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Program Fees

For existing / old Ethics+ and/ MGP Students	Rs. 7000 (including GST)
For New Students	Rs. 11000 (including GST)

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- o By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- o By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in ICICI account.

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- 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.
- The Course is valid till **September 2025**.

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