

ESSAY GUIDANCE PROGRAM

FOR MAINS 2026

EGP 2026 – Your Key to UPSC Essay Success

MASTER THE ESSAY PAPER

TURN **UNCERTAINTY** INTO YOUR **ADVANTAGE**

*9 Essay Thematic Classes + 6 Workshop Sessions +
9 Essay Half Length Tests + 4 Essay Full Length Tests
(2 Self Assessment + 2 Evaluated FLT)*

STARTS ON:

**1st August
2025**

Why Essay Paper in CSE is a challenge?

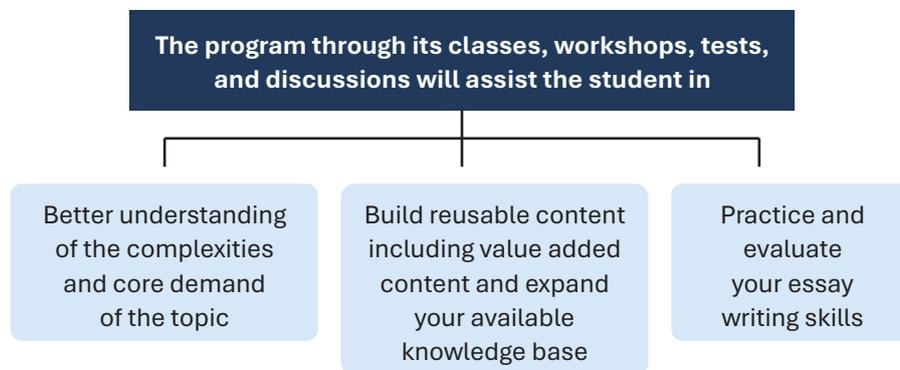
Essay paper has become the **determinant factor for getting selection as well as top ranks** in CSE with high variation of upto 45-50 marks for an individual student in consecutive Mains. At the same time, there were students securing high score of 140+ to as low as 37 in UPSC CSE for several years.

It has always been considered to be a paper with good scoring potential with much lesser effort needed as compared to GS. However, UPSC has changed this narrative. Essay paper is emerging as one of the most challenging papers for students, requiring their consistent effort and attention now.

There is no holy grail strategy for essay and hence there could be numerable ways of approaching a single essay topic. Apart from knowing the content and being able to present in a coherent structure, **essay paper is all about MINDSET. This makes practice writing an essay very important.**

How will EGP 2026 help me in Essay Paper?

We believe that the program through its classes, workshops, tests and discussions will assist the student in **a) better understanding of the complexities and core demand of the topic, b) build reusable content including value added content and expand your available knowledge base, and c) practice and evaluate your essay writing skills**



With our guidance, the UPSC CSE toppers have been able to fetch high scores (175 and in recent years 145+) and overall improving from their low scores in previous mains by 30 - 60 marks.

However, this program will help you as much as you practice. The classes will be a stepping stone towards success, ultimately depending on your essay-writing practice.

Our students who have notably improved their essay score by 20-30 marks in CSE 2024.

AIR
18
CSE 2024



Saumya Mishra

AIR
38
CSE 2024



Abhishek Sharma

AIR
88
CSE 2024



Utkarsh Pathak

AIR
152
CSE 2024



Ramandeep

AIR
236
CSE 2024



Rajat Sharma

Other successful students from Essay Guidance Program

- Zinnia Aurora (Rank - 156)
- Saurabh Rajendru (Rank - 199)
- Arnav Anand Gupta (Rank - 213)
- Kanishk Aggarwal (Rank - 279)
- Aditya Mathur (Rank - 328)
- Riya Ranjan (Rank - 666)

What are the features of the program?

Workshops:	Multiple interactive workshops will be conducted to equip you with various strategies and techniques for essay writing. These workshops will assist you in brainstorming, understanding essay requirements, and organizing your content effectively.
Thematic Classes:	The content classes will cover both GS and philosophical themes to give the student adequate content to write a good essay. The objective is to train students to use the available content in their essays and not burden with excessive content.
Mentorship Support:	A team of dedicated mentors will provide individual mentorship based on the essay test, both in offline and online mode. As every student has a different understanding and approach on a topic, a mentor can guide the student to highlight shortcomings and bridge the gap of their understanding and the expectation. The focus of mentorship is to provide actionable feedback.
Essay Tests:	The Test Series will have 9 Sectional Tests (HLT) (1 Essay and 1.5 Hours) and 4 Full-Length Tests (FLT) of which two will be for self-assessment. With every test, there will be interactive discussion allowing you to understand different arguments and how to reach them.
Essay Orientation Session:	Two sessions based on workshop format will be conducted before the start of the test series with objective to teach the students the art and science of writing essays. The aim is to help students understand the structuring of the essay with respect to introduction, body and conclusion and other nuances. This will ensure that you can finetune the overall approach to structuring and writing essay before you attempt the very first test.
Test Copy Evaluation:	The essay evaluation unlike GS evaluation is not done on set parameters. Instead, the focus is on multi-dimensional analysis and trying to appreciate different viewpoints on the topic. An experienced team of evaluators will provide comprehensive, objective and timely evaluation of Sectional test and Full-length test copy within 5 days from the date of submission.
Material and Resources:	The handouts (answer skeleton) on essay topics will be provided with every test and will consist of adequate content in usable format with value addition points like examples, anecdotal references and quotes.

How EGP 2026 Transforms Your Essay Writing

From Guesswork to Precision: A 4-Step Formula

Crack the Code of Essay Topics

1. Workshop Classes

- Tap into your strengths & resolve your weaknesses.
- Convert coherent thoughts into high scoring arguments.

2. Theme Classes

- Essay Strategy with focus on thinking, thereby reducing dependence on notes.
- Small group discussion with faculty led **Brainstorming sessions** to strengthen Essay Foundation.

3. Mentorship: In Online & Offline format with experienced mentors to resolve doubts on one-on-one basis. Personalized mentorship to refine your **unique style** (literary, analytical, or philosophical).

4. Multi-Dimensional Evaluation: Get **detailed feedback** on logic, originality, structure, and language.

Why Choose EGP 2026?

1. Tailored for YOU, Not the Crowd
2. Mentorship that bridges gaps – 1:1 feedback to fix weaknesses and amplify strengths.
3. Live Interactive Learning – Discussions to decode examiner psychology.

Fees: The Essay Guidance Program 2026 is available in three variants:

Course		Offline Only	Online Only
EGP 2026– Complete Package	(inclusive of all taxes)	₹ 14,160/-	₹ 11,800/-
EGP 2026– Classes Only	(inclusive of all taxes)	₹9,440/-	₹ 7,080/-
EGP 2026– Tests Only	(inclusive of all taxes)	₹ 8,260/-	

Classes for offline and online batch will be conducted separately.

Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of Rs. 3,500/- for *Eklavya, GS foundation and Advanced students*. The program is available at a concession of Rs. 2,500/- for *Optional Foundation, MGP and Current Affairs students*. The program is available at a concession of Rs. 1,000/- for *ForumIAS students from courses other than mentioned above*.

Fee concession can be availed by writing to admissions@forumias.academy.

**No concession will be granted on any other ground other than mentioned above.*

HOW TO ENROLL?

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

Visit website:

<https://academy.forumias.com>



- Net Banking • Debit Card • Credit Card • UPI
- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in HDFC Bank Accounts. For this Option, please email us at admissions@forumias.academy

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to admissions@forumias.academy within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated. While sharing screenshot do share your ForumIAS roll no. along with course paid for.

For any query you can call us at +91 – **9311740400**, **9311740900** or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person.
- The course will be valid till Mains 2026 / **September 2026**.
- 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. The company may initiate legal proceedings against candidates found sharing and selling such content.
- 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.
- **Force Majeure:** Flavian Network Pvt Ltd ("FNPL") will deliver this program on best effort and good faith basis. By subscribing to the program, you understand that in the case of a force majeure event, such as natural disaster, calamity, outbreak of a pandemic, accident, bodily harm, sickness to any persons directly involved in delivery of the program FNPL reserves right to modify, change or discontinue the program and shall not be liable for any financial obligations arising out of it. All disputes will be subject to jurisdiction of Delhi High Court.

Study and Test Plan for EGP 2026

S.No.	Date Day	Time	Syllabus / Topics	Code
1	01 August 2025 Friday	05PM - 07PM	Offline Orientation	
2	02 August 2025 Saturday	05PM-07PM	Online Orientation	
3	14 August 2025 Thursday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Gender Issues and Issues of Vulnerable Sections	
4	16 August 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop: Session on how to write an Essay	
5	17 August 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Gender Issues and Issues of Vulnerable Sections	
6	17 August 2025 Sunday		HLT 1	921101
7	20 August 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Intelligence, Knowledge and Wisdom Thinking and Human Behavior	
8	23 August 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop – Approaching the topic, methods of brainstorming, dimensions and arguments	
9	24 August 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Intelligence, Knowledge and Wisdom Thinking and Human Behavior	
10	24 August 2025 Sunday		HLT 2	921102
11	27 August 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Government and Governance Leadership and Power	
12	30 August 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop: Body (dimensions and arguments), how to conclude	
13	31 August 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Government and Governance Leadership and Power	
14	31 August 2025 Sunday		HLT 3	921103
15	3 September 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Freedom and responsibility rationality, and reality	
16	6 September 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop: Body (dimensions and arguments), how to conclude - contd.	
17	7 September 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Freedom and responsibility rationality, and reality	
18	7 September 2025 Sunday		HLT 4	921104
19	10 September 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Social justice: inclusive growth, poverty, health, and education	
20	13 September 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop: Understanding Different Types of Philosophical Topics	
21	14 September 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Social justice: inclusive growth, poverty, health, and education	
22	14 September 2025 Sunday		HLT 5	921105
23	17 September 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Human life, Humanity, and compassion Perception and awareness	
24	20 September 2025 Saturday	11AM - 01PM	Workshop: Understanding philosophical topics Analyzing PYQ Papers	
25	21 September 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Human life, Humanity, and compassion Perception and awareness	
26	21 September 2025 Sunday		HLT 6	921106
27	24 September 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: International Relations and changing global order	
28	28 September 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: International Relations and changing global order	
29	28 September 2025 Sunday		HLT 7	921107
30	01 October 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Values and Morality Life and Happiness Time and opportunity Creativity, art and imagination	
31	05 October 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Values and Morality Life and Happiness Time and opportunity Creativity, art and imagination	
32	05 October 2025 Sunday		HLT 8	921108

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S.No.	Date Day		Syllabus / Topics	Code
33	08 October 2025 Wednesday	11AM - 01PM	Offline Theme: Climate Change and Environment and Civilization Technological advancements with focus on AI and Social Media	
34	12 October 2025 Sunday	12PM - 02PM	Online Theme: Climate Change and Environment and Civilization Technological advancements with focus on AI and Social Media	
35	12 October 2025 Sunday		HLT 9	921109
36	15 October 2025 Wednesday		FLT 1 - Self assessment	921310
37	29 October 2025 Wednesday		Full Length Test 2	921311
38	05 November 2025 Wednesday		FLT 3 - Self assessment	921312
39	19 November 2025 Wednesday		Full Length Test 4	921313