

# MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM

# MGP 2026

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Under the guidance of Ayush Sinha, Founder, ForumIAS

**Pioneer of One to One Mentorship**

## Starts: 04 January 2026

## Cohort - 34

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I, Banna Venkatesh enrolled in Forum IAS MGP – 2023, 2024 test series for mains and got benefitted from the same. The test series pattern with good model answers and timely feedback helped me improve my mains answer writing, contributed to my success in both civil services 2023 (rank – 467, IPS) and CSE 2024 (rank 15). I thank ForumIAS for their support in my preparation.

**Banna Venkatesh**  
IAS Rank 15, CSE 2024

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My heartfelt gratitude goes to the Forum IAS team for helping me in achieving this feat of AIR-16 in CSE 2024. I was a part of the MGP test series, Current Affairs classes as well as the Interview Guidance Program by Ayush sir. The test series is very well drafted with relevant keywords/ value additions in the model answers. Thank you once again to the whole team.

**Madhav Agarwal**  
IAS Rank 16, CSE 2024

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I enrolled in the ForumIAS Mains Guidance Programme for CSE-2022 and CSE-2024. The well-designed tests, timely evaluation, and crisp model answers helped me improve my answer writing. Regular mentorship calls also helped clarify doubts. ForumIAS played a key role in helping me secure AIR 352 in 2023 (IDAS) and AIR 17 in 2024 (UPSC). I thank Ayush sir and his team for such quality input to my preparation and wish them best of luck for the journey ahead.

**Sanskriti Trivedy**  
IAS Rank 17, CSE 2024

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**How did we build an academy which has sent 2 out of every 3 students selected in Civil Services Examination since 2016 – including Rank 1(5 times), 2,3,4(3 times), 5(3 times), 6(3 times), 7(3 times), 8(3 times), 9(2 times), 10 (2 times) with near zero Quora reviews, a dull social media presence, and a disinterested marketing plan?**

***It's simple***

**We focused on our students. And cut the *noise*.**

And they gave us Top ranks!

At ForumIAS, our USP lies in being thought leaders in Civil services Preparation. We are young & dynamic and identify what works and what does not. We attract the best and the most sincere aspirants and turn them into officers without diluting our course quality to attract the masses.

#### **Toppers chose ForumIAS**

ForumIAS Mains Guidance Program has been the choice of the sincere aspirant – right from first attempters [1] - to students with who are seeking continuous improvement [2] - to those seeking a rank and career improvement [3]. With more than 60 students selected in CSE 2024 in Top 100, being students of Mains Guidance program 2024, we have built an impeccable program that enables you to succeed like no other.

This year MGP is ever better, covering almost all relevant concepts of UPSC Previous Year Questions (framed differently), handholding you from the very beginning till the end of the program.

The new MGP program is tailored in a way such that right from absolute beginners with zero answer writing experience and skills to the students who have secured ranks, but are looking for a score improvement can benefit from it.

Every year since we started **MGP**.

- [1] Donuru Ananya Reddy ( IAS Rank 3 ), Komal Punia (IAS Rank 6), Aayushi Bansal ( IAS Rank 7),  
Pratyush Pandey ( IAS Rank 21 ), Saurabh Sharma ( IAS Rank 23 ), Chandrajyoti ( IAS Rank 25 )
- [2] Aditya Srivastava ( IAS Rank 1 ), Ishita Kishore ( IAS Rank 1 ), Shruti Sharma ( IAS Rank 1 ), Ruhani ( IAS Rank 5 ),  
Varun Reddy ( IAS Rank 7 )
- [3] Anudeep Durishetty ( IAS Rank 1 ), Waseem ( IAS Rank 7 )

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I enrolled myself in the Forum Mains Guidance Program+ for GS and Essay Test series. The answer writing practice and written feedback from ForumIAS helped me improve my answers and get a high score in my General Studies papers.

- Shruti Sharma, IAS Rank – I, CSE 2021

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# High Quality Questions & Answers that make you think and open your mind. Period.

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Mains Guidance Program (MGP) helped me in simulating Mains and the feedback was helpful too. Thank you for so much efficiency in paper checking and the elaborate feedback. Mentorship session by Ayush Sir was very helpful.

Ishita Kishore  
IAS Rank - 1, CSE 2022

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MGP has been extremely helpful in replicating the standard of questions asked by UPSC to a large extent. The model answers provided by the team were crucial to value addition.

I would like to express my gratitude to the entire Forum IAS team and Ayush sir for motivating and guiding me.

Riya Saini  
IAS Rank - 22, CSE 2024

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Mains Guidance Program is no *ordinary* test series. They are also not a bunch of questions pooled together and dumped on the students.

One of the *key* differences between the Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission vis-à-vis other State Services Examinations and University Examinations is that the Civil Services Mains Examination is a *thinking paper*.

This means that you cannot simply mug up notes and vomit them in the paper.

Questions often require deeper understanding, conceptual awareness and a thinking and open mind that can *quickly* collate *opinions* and facts to answer questions asked on the go.

With the increasing difficulty level of the Civil Services Examination, MGP makes you *think* - opens your minds to new ideas and dimensions – and prepares you for the real exam like no other.

Which is why the largest number of selected students\* and interview appeared candidates choose the Mains Guidance Program over and over again.

\*for rank improvement and mentorship guidance

## Our Notable Topper (UPSC CSE 2024)

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This is E. Sai Shivani, secured **AIR 11 in UPSC CSE 2024**. During my preparation, I was associated with FORUM IAS. Especially during **Mains 2024**, I had enrolled in mains test series (8 FLT's). The timely evaluation of the copies, model answers helped me assess my level of preparedness. The kind of questions that were asked in the tests gave me certain inputs, which helped me in updating my notes. I take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the team FORUMIAS.

E. Sai Shivani  
IAS Rank - 11, CSE 2024

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**Start as a  
beginner.**

**End up like a pro  
with the year-  
long MGP.**

**Compete with  
India's best.**

**In fact, become  
India's best.**

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Ayush sir always used to say one thing — “Fear kills more dreams than failure ever will.” This line has stayed with me throughout my UPSC journey and has provided me the courage to embrace failures, learn from them and improve everyday.

The Forum IAS courses — Ethics, Current Affairs, MGP, AWFG have been instrumental in getting Rank 57. Special thanks to Ayush Sir for always motivating me to achieve something big! Thank you to the entire forum community for their guidance.

Lavanya Gaur  
IAS Rank - 57, CSE 2024

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Do you know that IAS Toppers of both CSE 2021 and CSE 2022 Shruti and Ishita were first part of MGP Year Long program?

And IAS Rank 4 Smriti Mishra was a diligent student of Mains Guidance Program 2021 and 2022?

A lot of students think that they must join MGP after the prelims.

Some students are also misguided into thinking that they must complete the syllabus first then write answers.

Given the nature of humanities, the syllabus completion day never comes, while the exam does.

We don't blame them. A lot of noise on the Internet and for attention—in an age of attention economy—separates the serious and sincere, well-aware student from the masses.

MGP is a self-paced, flexible, self-study plan with answer writing for the sake of accountability at regular intervals, with mentorship support that has worked for thousands of students since we launched the program in 2016.

The Year Long MGP makes sure that you take the slow, but small steps to writing answers, before being thrown into the competition.

There is no substitute for answer writing.

## **Our Notable Topper** (UPSC CSE 2024)

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**From shepherd to Civil Servant:** Kolhapur's Birdev Siddhappa cracks UPSC with AIR 551.

ForumIAS celebrate the historic success of Birdev Siddhappas, who has secured AIR 551 in UPSC CSE 2024. Birdev has successfully cleared the exam in his 3rd attempt. A student of ForumIAS MGP 2023 and MGP 2024.

Birdev Siddhappa  
IAS Rank - 551, CSE 2024

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# Now cover all relevant questions from Previous Year Questions ( PYQs ) in MGP 2026 with brilliantly written solutions.

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I joined MGP in my CSE 2022 attempt and got benefitted from the detailed evaluation and timely query resolution of ForumIAS. Thanks to ForumIAS.

Aditya Srivastava  
IAS Rank - 1, CSE 2023

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Thank you for crafting a wonderful Test Series (MGP) that not only has a high question hit rate but also an extensive solution and topper Section to add value.  
Thanks for helping clear Mains.

Muditra Bansal  
IAS Rank - 44, CSE 2024

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With MGP 2026, rest assured that you will not only cover all well-curated, important / non-outdated\* concepts from Previous Year Questions – you will also find solutions to some of those questions.

Over the course of almost 12 to 18 months, we will make sure your minds are seeded with previous years questions, so that you not only move in the right direction – you also develop the much-needed confidence in solving previous year questions.

And you will also not waste time solving PYQs that are no longer relevant (due to change in dynamic issues, and some issues becoming dead) – nor waste time researching their solutions.

But that's not all, with MGP 2026, you will be exposed to the most cutting edge and relevant dynamic questions, that make you think, that open your minds, and train you to face the actual Civil Services Mains paper.

\*A large number of PYQs lose relevance over a period of time given the dynamic nature of current happenings and emergence of new factors. Due to lack of experience, a lot of students waste time solving questions that have lost relevance.

## Our Notable Topper (UPSC CSE 2024)

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Abhishek Sharma  
IAS Rank - 38, CSE 2024

Thank you FRC for transforming the life of my loving son Abhishek Sharma who secured UPSC AIR 38 in the year 2024. Actually Forum is the place which guided him right from day one to the final result.

I express my sincere gratitude and thanks on behalf of my entire family.

Thank you Forum.

A.K. SHARMA  
(Father of Abhishek Sharma)

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# Impeccable Mentors that our students vouch for.

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I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support provided by the team during my preparation. I was part of the Mains Guidance Programme (MGP) which provides GS and Essay test series. Quality of test series with timely feedback helped me identify my weaknesses and improve my answer writing.

Shivani Mohan  
IAS Rank - 71, CSE 2024

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I'm Vaibhav Kumar, I have secured AIR 90 in UPSC Civil Services Exam 2024. I had also secured AIR 151 in CSE 2023. In 2023, I was part of MGP 2023. In 2024, I joined the Essay Guidance Program 2024. The essay guidance program was helpful as I was constantly guided by the able mentors at ForumIAS. I'm really thankful to team ForumIAS in my journey!

Vaibhav Kumar  
IAS Rank - 90, CSE 2024

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The best mentor you can get is an elder sibling who is in service.

The second-best mentors are at ForumIAS.

At the **core** of Mains Guidance Program is Mentorship. At ForumIAS, you have access to the best team of mentors who have the relevant experience of guiding the Crème de la crème of Civil Services aspirants.

They have the experience of handholding students who are complete beginners – who are beginning their Civil Services preparation with very little experience to students who have come after 3-4 failed attempts.

Our mentorship has enabled them to realise their true potential by securing their name in the final list.

ForumIAS boasts of the best tribe of mentors who have mentored – and continue to mentor – hundreds – if not thousands of selected candidates.

In fact, if you have heard of the term mentorship in Civil Services preparation – remember it all began with the MGP Mentorship program.

## Our Notable Topper (UPSC CSE 2024)

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Zinnia Aurora has secured AIR-156 in the UPSC IAS Civil Services Examination 2024. She was a student of the ForumIAS Residential Coaching (FRC) 2024 Program.

Her dedication and disciplined routine at the FRC played a key role in her success.

The ForumIAS community congratulates her and wishes her the very best for her service journey.

Zinnia Aurora  
IAS Rank - 156, CSE 2024

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## Deliverable of Mains Guidance Program:

<b>Mentorship</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>Online mentorship can be accessed by visiting <a href="https://mentorship.forumias.com/">https://mentorship.forumias.com/</a>.</p> <p>Offline mentorship is available at the institute.</p>
<b>Concept Classes Library &amp; Current Affairs Online Classes</b>	<p>With <b>MGP Prime and Prime+</b> you will get access to a video library of more than 300+ videos on static topics with rich content.</p> <p>The concept classes will be of 5 – 30 minutes duration with below objective</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide <b>conceptual clarity on terms and keyword</b> of syllabus. For example: separation of powers or Sevottam model or doctrine of severability etc.</li> <li>To provide <b>value addition on topics that lack comprehensive sources</b>. For example: Role of SHG in development or FCRA and NGO funding etc.</li> <li>To <b>help Filer content</b>. For example: What should I focus on French Revolution? Or What should I read under comparative constitution?</li> </ol> <p>#Concept Classes Library is not a replacement for GS Foundation Program.</p> <p><b>Yearlong program of Current Affairs Online classes 2026</b> will be provided to all MGP Prime &amp; Prime+ enrolled students.</p>
<b>GS Full Length Tests</b>	<p>The GS Test Question paper is curated with idea of taking a <b>student from basics to advanced</b>.</p> <p>Full length tests will <b>replicate the pattern and difficulty level of UPSC</b>.</p>
<b>GS Test Solution</b>	<p>The solution to GS Tests is curated with a philosophy to <b>provide adequate content</b> for answering the question in hand.</p> <p><b>Added content</b> is provided under Knowledge Base/Extra Information separate from the answer, as and when required.</p>
<b>GS Test Discussion</b>	<p>The video discussion of MGP tests ensures that student is exposed to <b>different ways of answer writing</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Discussion will be held in online mode only.</b></p>
<b>Good Copies</b>	<p><b>Peer to Peer Learning</b> 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</b>	<p>The parameters of evaluation at ForumIAS continuously evolves to adapt to the <b>changing demand of the examination</b>, in consultation with our students who have cracked the exam year after year. Evaluation of submitted copies will be provided with objective inputs aimed at helping you improve your answer writing.</p> <p>Students have the opportunity to <b>provide feedback on their evaluated copies in case unsatisfied and seek objective explanation</b> on why a copy is checked in a particular manner.</p>
<b>Essay Guidance Program</b>	<p>MGP+ and MGP Prime+ students will be provided the Essay Guidance Program, which contains 9 Sectional Tests (HLT) (1 Essay and 1.5 Hours), 4 Full Length Tests (FLT), Test Discussions, 9 Thematic classes, &amp; 2 Mentor's Townhall which will assist the student in</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>better understanding of the complexities and core demand of the topic,</li> <li>build reusable content including value added content and expand your available knowledge base, and</li> <li>practice and evaluate your essay writing skills.</li> </ol>



## 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 ICICI account.

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, 9311740404 or write to us at **admissions@forumias.academy**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Students enrolled in any course of ForumIAS must get a physical ID card for availing services in the offline mode. A nominal fee of Rs. 30 will be payable for the same.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Course is valid till **September 2026**.



## FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Total Fees
<b>MGP 2026 Cohort - 34</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level 1: 12 Full Length Test</li> <li>Level 2 : Simulators (8 GS Full Length Tests)</li> <li>Level 3 : Open Simulators (5 Gs Full Length Tests)</li> </ul>	₹ 18,880/-
<b>MGP+ 2026 Cohort - 34</b> Includes MGP 2026 & Essay Guidance Program 2026 (EGP)*	₹ 29,420/-
<b>MGP Prime 2026 Cohort - 34</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MGP 2026</li> <li>Online Yearlong Pre-Cum Mains Current Affairs Classes.</li> <li>300+ Concept Classes.</li> </ul>	₹ 35,900/-
<b>MGP Prime+ 2026 Cohort - 34</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MGP 2026</li> <li>Online Yearlong Pre-Cum Mains Current Affairs Classes.</li> <li>300+ Concept Classes.</li> <li>Essay Guidance Program 2026</li> </ul>	₹ 45,340/-
<b>*Students will get on going EGP access</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 Sectional Tests (HLT) (1 Essay and 1.5 Hours)</li> <li>4 Full Length Tests (FLT's)</li> <li>Test Discussions</li> <li>9 Thematic classes</li> <li>2 Mentor's Townhall</li> </ul> <p>EGP 2026 started in November 2025 all enrolled students will be provided the program schedule before the commencement.</p>	

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Students who have taken admission in courses meant for Mains 2025 but are unsuccessful at Prelims 2025, can now migrate their course to any other course meant for Prelims/Mains 2026 by paying the balance fees if any applicable. They can also choose to continue in the course they have taken admission into. **There will be no provision of refund of fees. This is applicable only for courses purchased between Prelims Examination 2025 and declaration of its result.**

# Detailed Test Calendar for MGP 2026

#	Date   Day	Test Code	GS Paper
<b>Level I : (12 Full Length Tests)</b>			
1.	04 January 2026   Sunday	911404	<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.	09 January 2026 Friday	912401	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
3.	14 January 2026 Wednesday	913402	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
4.	19 January 2026 Monday	914403	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
5.	24 January 2026 Saturday	911431	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
6.	29 January 2026 Thursday	912432	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
7.	03 February 2026 Tuesday	913433	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
8.	08 February 2026 Sunday	914434	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
9.	13 February 2026 Friday	911405	<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.	18 February 2026 Wednesday	911406	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
11.	23 February 2026 Monday	913407	<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.	28 February 2026 Saturday	914408	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies

## LEVEL 2: SIMULATORS (8 GS FULL LENGTH TESTS)

13.	3 - 7 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 13   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	
14.	3 - 7 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 14   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	
15.	3 - 7 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 15   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	
16.	3 - 7 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 16   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	
17.	8 - 12 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 17   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	
18.	8 - 12 weeks after prelims	<b>MGP Full Length Test # 18   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks</b>	

19.	8 - 12 weeks after prelims	MGP Full Length Test # 19   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks	
20.	8 - 12 weeks after prelims	MGP Full Length Test # 20   20 Questions 3 Hours   250 Marks	

LEVEL3: OPEN SIMULATORS (5 GS FULL LENGTH TESTS)				
21.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	Essay Open Test	Essay	Not to be evaluated
22.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 1 – Open Test	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
23.		GS Paper 2 – Open Test	GS Paper 2 / FLT	
24.	2 Weeks before Mains examination	GS Paper 3 – Open Test	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
25.		GS Paper 4 – Open Test	GS Paper 4 / FLT	