



FOR MAINS 2026

# Essay Guidance Programme

EGP 2026

Turn your *uncertainty* into your *advantage*.

6

Thematic Classes

6

Workshop Sessions

6

Essay Half-Length  
Tests

2

Essay Full-Length  
Tests

PROGRAMME COMMENCES

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## Why Essay has become decisive.

ACROSS MAINS

**45–50** marks of variation

between back-to-back attempts on the same Essay paper — and scores ranging from a high of 140+ to as low as 37.

Once considered a paper with high scoring potential and modest effort, the Essay paper has quietly become one of the most challenging — and decisive — components of the Civil Services Mains. UPSC has shifted the rules of engagement. Content alone no longer separates aspirants; structure, perspective, and above all mindset do.

There is no holy-grail strategy for Essay — multiple valid approaches exist for any given topic. What separates a 75 from a 130 is not what you know, but how you organise it, how you defend it, and how clearly you express the human behind the answer. That comes only with deliberate, evaluated practice.

**01**

### Decode the demand

Understand the complexity and core ask of any topic before you touch the pen.

**02**

### Build reusable content

Examples, anecdotes, quotes, frameworks — a knowledge base you can deploy across topics.

**03**

### Practice. Evaluate. Repeat.

Write under pressure, receive feedback, and convert weak essays into top-band ones.

WHAT EGP STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED

**30–60 marks** improvement over previous Mains scores

Top-band Essay scores of 145+ and 175 from past toppers — including aspirants who came in scoring in the 70s and 80s.

## Seven elements. One outcome.

EGP 2026 is engineered as a single integrated system — not a collection of classes. Every component feeds the next, and every test loops back into mentorship and revision.

01

### Essay Orientation Sessions

Two workshop-format sessions before the first test, covering the art and science of essay writing — introduction, body, conclusion, and the structural nuances that separate good from forgettable.

02

### 6 Interactive Workshops

Brainstorming, decoding the demand, structuring arguments, handling philosophical topics, and PYQ analysis — practical sessions designed to make you faster and sharper under exam conditions.

03

### 6 Thematic Content Classes

Covering both GS and philosophical themes — gender and vulnerable sections, knowledge and wisdom, governance, social justice, IR, environment and technology. Adequate content, not excess.

04

### Answer Skeletons & Resources

Every test ships with a handout-style skeleton — usable content, examples, anecdotal references, and quotes — so you build a reusable knowledge bank as you practice.

05

### 1:1 Mentorship Support

A dedicated mentor for individual sessions — offline or online — focused on actionable feedback. Mentorship bridges the gap between what you wrote and what the examiner expected.

06

### Essay Tests — 6 HLT + 2 FLT

Six 1.5-hour sectional tests (one essay each) and two 3-hour full-length tests — each followed by a recorded discussion to compare approaches and arguments.

07

### Multi-dimensional Test Copy Evaluation

Unlike GS, Essay isn't evaluated on a checklist. Experienced evaluators review each copy for perspective and depth, returning detailed evaluation within 5 days.

## Toppers who have written through this programme.

EGP students have consistently delivered top-band Essay scores — and have moved from low-70s to 130+ in a single attempt. Below are recent finishers from across batches.

<p>AIR</p> <p><b>08</b></p> <p><b>Pakshal Secretry</b> CSE 2025</p>	<p>AIR</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Rahul Srivastava</b> CSE 2022</p>	<p>AIR</p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Kunal Rastogi</b> CSE 2023</p>	<p>AIR</p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Saumya Mishra</b> CSE 2024</p>
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### CSE 2025 · THIS YEAR'S COHORT

<p><b>AIR 132</b></p> <p><b>Rishabh Yadav</b> Essay 131</p>	<p><b>AIR 153</b></p> <p><b>Madhvendra P. Singh</b></p>	<p><b>AIR 183</b></p> <p><b>Daisy</b></p>	<p><b>AIR 278</b></p> <p><b>Vanaj Vidyan</b> Essay 107</p>	<p><b>AIR 506</b></p> <p><b>Rohit</b></p>
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### IN THEIR WORDS

**AIR 132 Rishabh Yadav** · CSE 2025

*“An essay score of 131 — the classroom sessions were vital, and the brainstorming on ‘why’, ‘why not’, and beyond changed how I approach a topic. The 1:1 mentor sessions with Anika Ma’am were decisive in securing high marks.”*

**AIR 278 Vanaj Vidyan** · CSE 2025

*“107 in the Essay — a huge jump from 77 in my last Mains — attributable in no small measure to the guidance from Anika Ma’am. She didn’t just provide content; she completely changed my perspective.”*

## Every session, from orientation to the final FLT.

#	Date	Time	Session / Topic	Code
1	Sat 6 Jun 2026	11 AM – 1 PM	Online · Orientation	—
2	Sun 7 Jun 2026	11AM – 1 PM	Offline · Orientation	—
3	Wed 10 Jun 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: Gender Issues & Vulnerable Sections · Humanity · Compassion	—
4	Thu 11 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
5	Sun 14 Jun 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 1</b>	<b>921111</b>
6	Sun 14 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · How to start writing an Essay	—
7	Wed 17 Jun 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: Intelligence · Knowledge · Wisdom · Perception	—
8	Thu 18 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
9	Sun 21 Jun 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 2</b>	<b>921112</b>
10	Sun 21 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · Approaching the topic, brainstorming, dimensions	—
11	Wed 24 Jun 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: Government & Governance · Leadership · Freedom & Responsibility	—
12	Thu 25 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
13	Sun 28 Jun 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 3</b>	<b>921113</b>
14	Sun 28 Jun 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · Body — dimensions, arguments, conclusions	—
15	Wed 1 Jul 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: Social Justice · Poverty · Health · Education · Values	—
16	Thu 2 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
17	Sun 5 Jul 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 4</b>	<b>921114</b>
18	Sun 5 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · Body — continued	—
19	Wed 8 Jul 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: International Relations · Life & Happiness · Creativity & Art	—
20	Thu 9 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
21	Sun 12 Jul 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 5</b>	<b>921115</b>
22	Sun 12 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · Philosophical topics	—
23	Wed 15 Jul 2026	10 AM – 1 PM	Theme: Climate · Environment · Civilization · AI & Social Media	—
24	Thu 16 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Online · Same theme	—
25	Sun 19 Jul 2026	9 AM – 10:30 AM	<b>HLT 6</b>	<b>921116</b>
26	Sun 19 Jul 2026	11 AM – 2 PM	Workshop · Philosophical topics · PYQ Analysis	—
27	Sun 26 Jul 2026	9 AM – 12 PM	<b>FLT 1</b>	<b>921321</b>
28	Sun 2 Aug 2026	9 AM – 12 PM	<b>FLT 2</b>	<b>921322</b>

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