TWO PROGRAMMES · OFFLINE & ONLINE · BATCH 1

CSAT FOUNDATION & MENTORSHIP 2027

Concepts you can rebuild in the exam hall, and techniques that get you there faster. 120 hours of structured classes, 4,000+ practice questions, 15 tests and a daily revision loop, so you clear the 66-mark bar with room to spare, in under 90 seconds a question.

NEW BATCH BEGINS

16 Nov 2026

Monday · 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

CLASS DAYS

Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun

SESSION
2.5 hrs · 4 days a week

MEDIUM
English

MODE
Offline (Karol Bagh, Delhi) & Live Online

Classes run **Nov 2026 – Jan 2027** | Support till **Prelims 2027**

120 hrs	4000+	15 tests	600
48 sessions × 2.5 hrs, the full CSAT syllabus	Practice questions: worksheets, PYQs & tests	10 sectional + 5 full-length, fully explained	High-yield questions in the CSAT 600 live revision

FACULTY

Rishi Bhargava and Team

The same faculty teaches the classroom and the online batch.

START HERE · WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

THREE KINDS OF ASPIRANTS FAIL CSAT. FOR THREE DIFFERENT REASONS.

The programme is built around all three, but the reason you are at risk decides where your first month should go.

PROFILE A · HUMANITIES BACKGROUND

Humanities background: the concept never landed

SYMPTOMS WE SEE EVERY YEAR

- A formula is memorised, then the question hides a different variable and nothing works.
- Percentages, ratios and P&C feel like separate subjects rather than one idea.
- Reasoning puzzles are skipped on sight. That is 90+ PYQs left on the table.
- Speed collapses because every step is done from scratch, in long division.

What this programme does about it

BUILT INTO THE PLAN

- **Level 1 first.** Calculation drills, tables and number sense before any concept, so arithmetic never blocks a topic.
- **Foundation strip** on every worksheet: all steps shown, the same question solved three ways.
- **Reasoning taught as patterns.** Puzzles, syllogisms, series each get a fixed first move.
- **Weekly test analysis** tells you which topic to reopen, so revision is targeted, not everything.

PROFILE B · ENGLISH IS THE HURDLE

English is the hurdle: precision, not vocabulary

SYMPTOMS WE SEE EVERY YEAR

- You understand the passage, then pick the option that matches your opinion, not the author's.
- One swapped word (price for cost, few for a few) turns a right answer wrong.
- Long passages eat 4–5 minutes; you run out of time for the maths you know.
- Decision-making questions feel subjective, so you guess.

What this programme does about it

BUILT INTO THE PLAN

- **Comprehension vs inference** drilled in five RC sessions: every answer must point to a line in the passage.
- **Word-pair list** of UPSC's favourite swaps, grown week by week and re-tested in every sectional.
- **One timed passage a day** from February, with a target of under 3 minutes per passage.
- **Same fee, same class online**, so you can join from anywhere and re-watch the RC sessions.

PROFILE C · TECHNICAL, CONFIDENT, LATE

Technical background: confident, late, and surprised

SYMPTOMS WE SEE EVERY YEAR

- CSAT 'was easy' in 2019 mocks. The 2024 paper had 36 maths questions and harder RC.
- You know the four-minute method for a 90-second question.
- You attempt 60, get 40 right, and lose 16 marks to negatives.
- Preparation starts in April, when the paper's pattern has already moved.

What this programme does about it

BUILT INTO THE PLAN

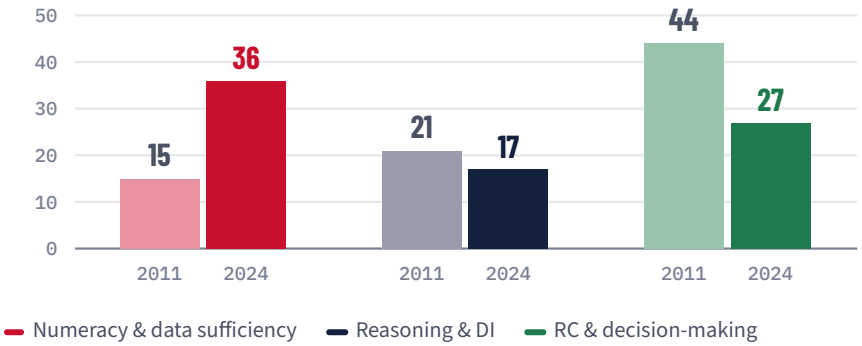
- **Three ways to solve** every PYQ: full method, quicker method, elimination. The Sprint strip caps you at 60 seconds.
- **Question selection drills** in every full-length test: which 45 to attempt, which 35 to leave.
- **Mentorship option** at ₹10,000: skip the lectures, keep the tests, weekly 1-on-1 review and daily April practice.
- **Start in November, finish by January**, so CSAT is done before GS revision peaks.

THE PAPER YOU "ONLY NEED TO QUALIFY"

CSAT IS QUALIFYING. IT STILL ENDS ATTEMPTS.

Miss 33% in Paper II and your GS Paper I is never evaluated. The paper has also shifted: UPSC now asks far more maths and far less comprehension than it did when most CSAT advice was written.

QUESTIONS PER SECTION, 2011 VS 2024



15 → 36
Maths questions, 2011 vs 2024. Numeracy is now the largest block in the paper.

44 → 27
Comprehension questions over the same years. RC alone can no longer carry you.

Faculty's topic-wise classification of UPSC CSAT papers 2011–2024 (80 questions each year).

HOW THE 66-MARK BAR WORKS

80	+2.5
QUESTIONS	PER RIGHT
−0.83	**66.67**
PER WRONG	TO QUALIFY

ASPIRANT	TRIED	RIGHT	WRONG	SCORE	RESULT
A	26	26	0	65.0	Out
B	27	27	0	67.5	Clear
C	40	34	6	80.0	Clear
D	40	31	9	70.0	Clear
E	45	30	15	62.5	Out

FOUR PROBLEMS · FOUR FIXES

WHERE MARKS ACTUALLY LEAK, AND HOW WE PLUG EACH LEAK.

Reading comprehension

The symptom. You understand the passage, then answer from your own opinion instead of the author's. Or the option swaps one word ("price" for "cost", "few" for "a few", "growth" for "growth rate") and you don't notice.

HOW WE FIX IT

Five dedicated RC sessions on **comprehension vs inference**: every answer must point to a line in the passage. A running word-pair list of UPSC's favourite swaps, drilled in daily worksheets and re-tested in every sectional.

Quantitative aptitude

The symptom. Humanities students learn a formula, then freeze when the question asks for a different missing variable. Technical students know the method but take four minutes on a 90-second question.

HOW WE FIX IT

Every topic taught in three levels: the maths underneath it, the concept, then UPSC-level practice. **Three ways to solve** each PYQ: full method, quicker method, elimination. You learn why a method works, so any variable can be the unknown.

Logical reasoning

The symptom. Puzzles, syllogisms and series look random. You don't know where to start, so you either skip them or sink ten minutes into one.

HOW WE FIX IT

Pattern first, approach second. 93 puzzle PYQs and 45 DI PYQs since 2011 sorted into a handful of recurring structures, each with a fixed first move. Cube-cutting, dice, calendars and clocks get their own sessions.

Speed: 80 questions, 120 minutes

The symptom. 90 seconds per question on average. Most aspirants spend it on the wrong 30 questions and leave the easy 30 unread.

HOW WE FIX IT

Timed worksheets from week one. Question-selection drills in every full-length test: which 45 to attempt, which 35 to leave. From April, **one hour of live timed practice every day** until a week before Prelims.

Try one · The word-play trap (answer shown)

RC · 60 SECONDS

> *"The cost of producing a litre of milk in the district rose by 12% last year, yet the price paid to farmers moved by barely 3%. Cooperatives absorbed part of the difference; the rest was passed on to consumers."*

Which of the following is correct?

A. The price of milk rose by 12% last year.

B. Farmers earned 12% more per litre than the previous year.

C. Farmers' realisation per litre rose by less than the rise in production cost.

D. Consumers paid the entire increase in cost.

C is correct. A confuses *cost* (to produce) with *price* (paid to farmers). B assigns the 12% to the wrong number. D ignores "cooperatives absorbed part". Every wrong option here is a one-word swap. This is what the daily word-pair drill trains you to catch.

Try one · Two ways to solve

A does a job in 12 days, B in 18 days. Working together, in how many days will they finish?

A. 6.5 days

B. 7.2 days

C. 8 days

D. 15 days

B. Full method: 1/12 + 1/18 = 5/36, so 36/5 = 7.2 days. Quicker method: take total work as LCM 36 units; A does 3/day, B does 2/day, together 5/day, 36 ÷ 5 = 7.2. Same answer, half the time, and it works whichever variable UPSC hides.

CURRICULUM · 48 SESSIONS · 2.5 HOURS EACH

EVERY TOPIC UPSC ASKS, IN THE ORDER THAT BUILDS ON ITSELF.

Each topic is taught in three levels: first the maths underneath it, then the concept, then UPSC-level practice.

LEVEL 1

Foundation

Basic maths, calculation drills and speed-building, so no concept later is blocked by arithmetic.

LEVEL 2

Concept

360° topic-wise coverage of RC, reasoning and quant aptitude, taught for understanding rather than formula recall.

LEVEL 3

Advanced practice

UPSC-trend questions with techniques to solve MCQs faster and more accurately, including elimination.

ARITHMETIC & NUMBER SYSTEM · SESSIONS 1–15 · ~38 HOURS

- 1–3 Number system: classification, factors, factorials, divisibility, unit digits, remainders, digit counting
- 4 Calculation tricks & simplification
- 5 HCF–LCM
- 6 Chain rule, work, pipes & cisterns
- 7–8 Percentages & advanced problems
- 9 Ratio & proportion
- 10 Mixtures, alligation, partnership
- 11 Averages
- 12 Profit & loss
- 13 Simple & compound interest
- 14–15 Time-speed-distance, trains, boats, races

84 + 71

WHY IT MATTERS

Equations & arithmetic reasoning (84) and number system (71) are the two biggest PYQ blocks since 2011, often in tricky, unfamiliar formats.

LOGICAL & ANALYTICAL REASONING · SESSIONS 16–26 · ~28 HOURS

- 16–17 Set theory & Venn diagrams
- 18 Syllogisms
- 19 Coding–decoding
- 20 Clocks & calendars
- 21 Ranking & order
- 22 Directions & distances
- 23 Blood relations
- 24 Number & repeated series
- 25 Puzzles
- 26 Cube cutting & dice

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WHY IT MATTERS

Puzzle questions since 2011, the single most-asked reasoning type. Syllogism (36) and series (18) follow. Each has a fixed first move you will learn.

GEOMETRY, COMBINATORICS & ALGEBRA · SESSIONS 27–38 · ~30 HOURS

- 27–28 Basic geometry
- 29–30 Mensuration, heights & distances
- 31 Sequences & series
- 32–33 Permutations & combinations
- 34–35 Probability
- 36 Puzzles (advanced)
- 37 Equations & arithmetical reasoning
- 38 Problems on ages

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WHY IT MATTERS

P&C and probability PYQs, the block most humanities students skip entirely. Taught from counting up, not from formulas down.

DATA INTERPRETATION & SUFFICIENCY · SESSIONS 39–43 · ~12 HOURS

- 39 Data tables
- 40 Pie charts
- 41 Bar & line graphs
- 42–43 Data sufficiency

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WHY IT MATTERS

Data sufficiency PYQs, and rising. The skill is judging whether the data is enough without solving it all, a pure time-saver.

READING COMPREHENSION · SESSIONS 44–48 · ~12 HOURS

- 44 Reading for the author's claim, not yours
- 45 Comprehension vs inference vs assumption
- 46 Word-play and option engineering (price/cost, all/most, cause/correlation)
- 47 Decision-making & interpersonal questions
- 48 Speed reading for long passages, with extra RC in every test

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WHY IT MATTERS

RC questions in 2024, down from 44. Still a third of the paper, and the section where accuracy, not speed, decides your score.

FOUR PHASES · NOVEMBER 2026 TO PRELIMS 2027

FROM FIRST SESSION TO EXAM-HALL READY.

The programme doesn't end when the classes do. After the syllabus is covered, three more phases of PYQs, tests and live practice take you up to Prelims.

Phase 1 NOV 2026 – JAN 2027 — LEARN

Concept building · 48 sessions

- ✓ 3-level sessions across numeracy, reasoning, DI and RC
- ✓ Daily topic-wise practice worksheets
- ✓ Special focus on number system, quant reasoning and data sufficiency
- ✓ Recorded-class support if you miss a session

Phase 2 FEB – MAR 2027 — APPLY

CSAT PYQs + Sigma test series

- ✓ Topic-wise PYQ workbooks with faculty video discussions
- ✓ 10 sectional tests: quant, reasoning, RC and DI
- ✓ Decode UPSC's traps and why questions are framed as they are
- ✓ Step-by-step solutions with alternative methods
- ✓ Three ways to solve: full method, shortcut, elimination
- ✓ Year-wise trend analysis to spot recurring themes

Phase 3 MAR – APR 2027 — REVISE

CSAT 600 (live) + 5 full-length tests

- ✓ 600 advanced questions curated to UPSC's evolving pattern
- ✓ High-yield and most-repeated question types first
- ✓ 4-day intensive sessions: the full syllabus, taught, practised and tested
- ✓ 5 full-length tests on the latest UPSC pattern
- ✓ Timed live sessions under real Prelims pressure
- ✓ Take tests offline (exam-hall simulation) or online

Phase 4 APR – MAY 2027 — PERFORM

Daily live practice · 1 hour

- ✓ One hour of live CSAT practice with the faculty every day
- ✓ Final revision of concepts through application
- ✓ Runs from April until one week before Prelims
- ✓ Time management and accuracy drills

100+

THE TARGET SCORE, NOT JUST 66

- Build real exam temperament
- Train time management & accuracy
- Remove the fear of CSAT
- Find weak areas from test analysis
- Move from basic to UPSC-level difficulty
- Cover every section, not just favourites

Phase months are indicative and depend on batch pace and the UPSC Prelims 2027 date.

THE FORUMIAS LEARNING LOOP

TAUGHT ONCE. PRACTISED SIX TIMES.

Most CSAT prep fails on retention, not coverage. A concept you met in November has to still be there in May. Every topic in this programme passes through six touchpoints before the exam.

1 · IN CLASS

Structured handout

Each session's concept sheet: the maths underneath, worked examples, the fixed first move.

SAME DAY

2 · SAME DAY

Topic worksheet

Timed set on the day's topic so you apply the concept before you sleep on it.

DAILY

3 · WEEKLY

Learning-outcome test

Short test on the week's topics with a cumulative slice of earlier weeks.

EVERY SATURDAY

4 · PHASE 2

PYQ workbook

Every UPSC question on that topic since 2011, with video discussion and trend notes.

FEB – MAR

5 · PHASE 3

CSAT 600 + tests

The topic returns inside mixed, timed, full-length papers under Prelims pressure.

MAR – APR

6 · PHASE 4

Daily live hour

One hour a day of mixed practice with the faculty until a week before the exam.

APR – MAY

What you get to keep

Everything is printed or downloadable, so revision in May does not depend on your November notes.

- Session handouts and printed notes
- Daily worksheets with solutions
- Topic-wise PYQ workbooks + solutions to every PYQ (PDF)
- Free CSAT formula & unit-conversion booklet
- Recorded-class access for missed sessions

Built for both backgrounds

The same class serves two speeds. Every worksheet has a Foundation strip and a Sprint strip.

- **Foundation strip:** the concept with all steps shown, for those rebuilding school maths
- **Sprint strip:** the same questions with a 60-second cap and the quicker method, for those who already know the long way
- Weekly test analysis tells you which strip to spend more time on

OFFLINE OR ONLINE · SAME COURSE, SAME FEE

SIT IN THE CLASSROOM, OR JOIN FROM ANYWHERE.

Both modes follow the same 48-session plan and the same four phases, taught by the same faculty. The only difference is where you sit.

MODE 01

Offline Classroom

Face-to-face, in Delhi

WHERE
ForumIAS Classroom Centre, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi

SCHEDULE
Mon · Wed · Thu · Sat, from 2 November 2026, 5:00 – 7:30 PM

TESTS
Exam-hall simulation under real, timed conditions

DOUBTS
Solved in class, face-to-face with the faculty

BEST FOR
Delhi-based aspirants who study best with classroom discipline and peers

MODE 02

Online Live

Same classroom, on your screen

WHERE
Live interactive classes, anywhere in India

SCHEDULE
Same Mon · Wed · Thu · Sat timetable as the offline batch

TESTS
Online tests you can take on your own schedule

DOUBTS
Raised live during class; recordings for every session

BEST FOR
Aspirants outside Delhi and working professionals

INCLUDED IN BOTH MODES

- ✓ 120 hours · 48 sessions
- ✓ Recorded-class support
- ✓ Printed notes & handouts
- ✓ All PYQ solutions (PDF)
- ✓ Daily practice worksheets
- ✓ Free CSAT formula booklet
- ✓ 10 sectional + 5 full-length tests
- ✓ CSAT 600 live revision
- ✓ Daily 1-hr live practice (Apr–May)

TWO PROGRAMMES · PICK BY WHERE YOU ARE

BUILDING FROM SCRATCH, OR BASICS DONE AND SCORE STUCK?

PROGRAMME 01

CSAT Foundation

For aspirants building CSAT from the ground up: classes, practice, tests and revision, November to Prelims.

NEW STUDENT
~~₹18,000~~

₹15,000

You save ₹3,000 · First 100 students

EXISTING FORUMIAS STUDENT

₹10,000

- ✓ 48 concept sessions · 120 hrs, offline or online
- ✓ Daily worksheets + weekly learning-outcome tests
- ✓ PYQ workbooks with video discussions
- ✓ 10 sectional + 5 full-length tests (CSAT Sigma)
- ✓ CSAT 600 live revision + daily 1-hr live practice
- ✓ Printed notes, PYQ solutions, formula booklet

Same fee offline and online. Batch begins 16 November 2026.

PROGRAMME 02 · STANDALONE · NO LECTURES

CSAT Mentorship

For aspirants who already know the concepts but aren't scoring. A mentor reads your tests, works your weak topics with you every week, and keeps you on track till Prelims.

PROGRAMME FEE

₹10,000

One fee for new and existing students · Offline or online mentoring

- ✓ Weekly 1-on-1 mentoring session (Thu–Sun slots), built around your latest test mistakes
- ✓ Test-by-test performance review with next week's practice set for you
- ✓ Topic-wise PYQ workbooks + video discussions
- ✓ CSAT Sigma: 10 sectional + 5 full-length tests
- ✓ CSAT 600 live revision + daily 1-hr live practice
- ✓ Free CSAT formula booklet

Foundation lectures not included.

WHAT'S INCLUDED	CSAT FOUNDATION	CSAT MENTORSHIP
48 concept sessions · 120 hrs	✓	—
Weekly 1-on-1 mentor sessions	—	✓
Personal test-by-test review	—	✓
PYQ workbooks + video discussions	✓	✓
10 sectional + 5 full-length tests	✓	✓
CSAT 600 + daily live practice	✓	✓
Best for	Building CSAT from scratch	Basics done, score stuck
Fee	**₹15,000 new · ₹10,000 existing**	**₹10,000**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU CALL US.

I'm from a humanities background and haven't touched maths since Class 10. Will I cope?

Yes, and the first three weeks are designed for exactly this. Level 1 sessions rebuild calculation speed, tables and number sense before any concept is introduced. Every worksheet carries a **Foundation strip** with all steps shown. Most students from this background who attend the daily worksheets clear 80+ in the first full-length test in March.

My English is weak. Is RC a lost cause?

No. RC in CSAT is not a vocabulary test; it is a precision test. The five RC sessions teach you to answer only from the passage, and the daily word-pair drill covers the swaps UPSC uses (price/cost, few/a few, growth/growth rate, cause/correlation). You will also read one timed passage a day from February onwards.

I'm an engineer. CSAT was easy in my mock tests. Why should I join in November?

Because the paper you practised on is not the paper UPSC now sets. Maths questions have gone from 15 to 36 and difficulty has climbed every year since 2021. Technical students fail on two things: time (four-minute methods on 90-second questions) and question selection. If your basics are solid, the **Mentorship Programme** at ₹10,000 gives you the test series, weekly 1-on-1 review and the April daily practice without the lectures.

Foundation or Mentorship: how do I choose?

If you have never scored 80+ in a full-length CSAT test under timed conditions, choose Foundation. If you consistently score 80+ but are stuck below 100, or you fail unpredictably, choose Mentorship. Not sure? Call us. We'll ask about your CSAT scores so far and recommend one.

What are the exact timings and days?

Classes run **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**, starting 16 November 2026. That is 4 sessions a week, 48 sessions over about 12 weeks, finishing in late January 2027. Phases 2 to 4 (PYQs, tests, CSAT 600 and daily live practice) run from February to May 2027.

Is the online batch the same as the offline one?

Same faculty, same sessions, same timetable, same material and the same fee. Online students attend live, ask doubts during class and get a recording of every session. Tests can be taken online on your own schedule; offline students take them under exam-hall conditions at the centre.

What if I miss a class?

Every session is recorded and available on your ForumIAS portal, for both offline and online students. The worksheet for that day is still due; the weekly test will include it.

How much time do I need outside class?

About 45 minutes a day for the worksheet on class days, and 2 to 3 hours on non-class days for the week's cumulative practice. The programme is built to run alongside GS preparation, not instead of it.

Who counts as an "existing ForumIAS student"?

Anyone currently enrolled in, or who has completed, any ForumIAS Academy programme (SFG, MGP, PTS, GS Foundation, Prelims Sprint, and others). Bring your enrolment details when you register.

Is the fee the same offline and online? Any instalments?

Yes, one fee for either mode. Speak to admissions for the current payment options. Fees include GST as applicable.

Do I get the tests if I join Mentorship only?

Yes. Mentorship includes the full CSAT Sigma series (10 sectional + 5 full-length), the PYQ workbooks, CSAT 600 live revision and the daily April–May practice. What it leaves out is the 48 concept sessions.

Can I upgrade from Mentorship to Foundation later?

Upgrades are possible while the concept sessions are still running (till late January) by paying the fee difference. After that the Foundation sessions are available only as recordings.

CALL OR WHATSAPP TO ENROL

READY TO FLIP YOUR CSAT STORY?

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Not sure which programme to pick? Call us. We'll ask about your CSAT scores so far and recommend Foundation or Mentorship.

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