

# ForumIAS

## 2019

### COMPLETE GUIDANCE

### PROGRAM (CGP)\*

### PRELIMS CUM MAINS

**STARTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 23**  
**SUNDAY**  
**4:00 PM**

*“Build rich and fresh content, cover entire syllabus and consolidate preparation”*

\* Limited Seats | Available in Offline Mode only

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# CGP – GOAL

The goal of the ForumIAS 2019 CGP Program is to aid students in building rich and fresh content, covering the entire syllabus and consolidating one's preparation for the Civil Services Prelims and Mains Examination.

This, we plan to achieve, by regular test taking, answer writing and notes making in a focused classroom environment, aided by a mentor based monitoring for the entire life cycle of the examination.

# WHY CGP?

## # 1 Fragmented Preparation

You have studied a lot of things, but none of which is consolidated. This is known as the problem of fragmented studies.

*Self-study works best when you have*

- a good peer group ( not friends! ), or
- a human or non-human mentor, and
- rock solid faith in the mentor and your plan, and
- Ability to stick to a plan for long.

## #2 The frog in the well syndrome

There are two problems with being a frog in the well. First, you are a frog. And second, you have no idea of the level of competition outside the well.

## #3 Gaping Holes in Knowledge Base

You find it difficult to see beyond what is written in syllabus.

*For e.g.*

- You know citizen charter but unaware of Sevottam Model
- You know that you have to read Tribal Integration but are unaware of Tribal Panchsheel
- You find difficult to find content or understand - Seven Sins by Gandhi, Gujral Doctrine, Ambedkar-Gandhi Controversy, or Tagore Gandhi Controversy

## #4 Breaking the vicious cycle

To break this vicious cycle, you need to know when to prepare for Mains, and when to prepare for Prelims.

You also need to ensure that you peak at the right time. For example, answer writing for Mains should not peak before the Mains exam. Similarly, the habit of solving MCQs also should not peak this year itself.

## #5 Building the Knowledge Base

You must peak at the right time. We plan to help break this vicious cycle through our ForumIAS Offline 2019 Total program.

Since Prajit<sup>[1]</sup> was practising Mains Marathon in 2016 and secured a rank 87, you must not repeat what he did.

You need to build your knowledge base first.

And much like building Rome, It does not happen in a day. It takes time, but if you work hard enough, with some consistency, you will get there.

1. Prajit Nair, IAS Rank 87, <http://blog.forumias.com/ias-rank-87-prajit-nair-kerela-3rd-attempt-detailed-strategy-with-notes-handouts/>

*We have two things to tell you.*

First, there is a locus to the UPSC Syllabus. By which we mean there is a minimum outer boundary to the syllabus.

Second, the UPSC syllabus is not infinite. It is merely porous.

*There is a difference.*

And you must prepare for it according to the syllabus.

You need not know everything, but you do need to have a solid knowledge base.

We'll help you build that too.

## #6 But isn't UPSC syllabus infinite? How am I supposed to know everything?

## #7 Why it becomes difficult to break the vicious cycle as your number of attempts increase?

Candidates with high number of attempts( 2+), usually face the below problems

- They no longer have the same level of energy, motivation, or peer group to study.
- They have studied something of everything, but full of nothing, so reading the same books/ taking same classes irritates them.
- They do not make new notes at all, and are stuck with notes which are 2-3 years old when you first started preparation.
- They have reached a knowledge plateau - with each passing day, they learn nothing new.

# CGP – FEATURES

- **Content Building Classes** – Disciplined and guided study - *Time table of study from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 2019 (to be released at the time of declaration of entrance test result.)* Bridge gaping holes in your content, build rich and fresh content and help consolidate your fragmented preparation. Analysis & Interlinking of Traditional & Contemporary knowledge (comprehensive and Qualitative). Capacity building through conceptual clarity.
- **Mains Guidance Program and 92 Content Building Tests** – Augment your answer writing skills. Bring orientation to your content and finesse to your structure. Regular Qualitative Test series commensurate with syllabus of Examination for effective internalization of study and revision
- **Prelims Test Series** – Learn problem solving and different techniques to maximize your score in prelims. Regular Qualitative Test series commensurate with syllabus of Examination for effective internalization of study and revision
- **Current Affair Classes** – Special Classes before Prelims and Mains to cover all relevant issues for Prelims and Main making sure no current news items from different news sources (papers and magazines) are beyond your knowledge.
- **Study Materials** – Scientifically designed study material and class synchronized study material
  - **Basic Study Material** – To be provided 7 days before the class for you to do the basic reading on the topic.
  - **Value Addition Handwritten Handouts (VAHH)** – Supplementary to the class help you create your own concise notes on every topic.
  - **Monthly Current Affairs Notes** – Keep you update with news from different news sources (newspapers, magazine and internet)
  - **CBP Books** – A wholesome, comprehensive and easily consumable books on different subjects of UPSC preparation.
- **In House Mentor Support** – Round the hour mentor availability at the centre to assist you with any academic issues and doubts.

# COMPONENTS

The ForumIAS 2019 Offline Comprehensive program augments the MGP and the Prelims Test Series adding dedicated classes to it and includes the following

**A. MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM ( MGP )** - The goal of this program is to ensure improvement in structure of answers to optimise your Mains score based on your existing knowledge. Improvements backed by guidance from Mentors over a period of time and with each test, has helped candidates improve score and get a rank as well as upgrade their service to Indian Administrative Service and Indian Foreign Service.

MGP Students have topped the exam before. MGP Students include **Anudeep Duraisetty (AIR 1, 2017)**, **Anubhav Singh (AIR 8, 2017)**, **Abhishek Surana (AIR 10, 2017)**, **Mitali Sethi (AIR 56, 2016)**, **Prajit Nair (AIR 87, 2016)**, **Sushil Yadav (AIR 92, 2016)** and many more

**B. CURRENT AFFAIRS CLASSES ( CA )** - The goal of these classes will be to cover the entire spectrum of Current Affairs from various sources and make sure that you are not leaving behind any topic relevant for the examination. The classes will help

- Identify relevant topics for exam point of view.
- prevent any accumulation of Current Affairs backlog before Prelims
- Answer writing sessions will be included in the class itself to improve your ability to reproduce what you know

These classes will be held continuously for 18 days in month of March and May for prelims and from June to September end for Mains 2019.

Current Affair Classes helped **Pratham Kaushik (AIR 5, 2017)** secure highest marks in GS (501 Marks).

**C. PRELIMS TEST SERIES (PTS)** - The Prelims Test Series 2019 will have 23 GS Tests and 8 CSAT Tests. Apart from this there will be 18 Mini Tests ( ONLINE ONLY ) for your practice on small bits of the syllabus. Past students who were a part of this Test Series includes Ashima Mittal (Rank 12, 2017), Saumya Pandey ( Online Student, Rank 4 ) , Himanshu Jain ( Offline Student, AIR 44 ) and Abhishek Chaurasiya ( Offline Student, IAS Rank 72 and IFoS Rank 5 )

**D. CONTENT BUILDING PROGRAM - Classes + TESTS** - This is the missing link in Civils Preparation.

The Content Building Program ( Classes + Test ) will have aid the candidate in building core concepts and make comprehensive notes on all topics of the syllabus covering both the static parts of all 4 GS Papers.

The goal of CBP is to ensure that candidates do not have content inadequacy in their preparation. It will ensure complete coverage of the syllabus through 92 Tests aided by Discussion Classes.

# SCHEDULE

## How will a week look under CGP?

1. You will on an average spend 26 Hours in a week at the guidance centre initially.
  - On weekdays Monday - Thursday you will have 1 Hour CBP Test followed by 3 - 3.5 hours of Class and Discussion.
  - On Saturday you will have MGP Tests followed by discussion of test.
2. After December, your Sundays will be engaged in Prelims Test Series and discussion of the test.
3. From December, for three days in a week you will have to be available at the centre to write SFG tests. These are 50 questions / 1 hour test of prelims that ensures complete topic coverage and assessment for Prelims. These will be followed with discussion of these tests.
4. Your CBP classes will end by the last week of February.
5. In the month of March, you will have 16 classes to cover all the Current Affair issues related to Prelims. We will have additional 2 classes in May to cover current affairs for April Month.
6. April to 19<sup>th</sup> May will be Simulator Tests on weekly basis. We will have Prelims break after 19<sup>th</sup> May.
7. We will resume with MGP and Current Affairs for Mains from 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.



# STUDY DISTRIBUTION - SYLLABUS

GS PAPER 1		GS PAPER 2	
Art & Culture	8 Hours	India Constitution & Associated Issues	36 Hours
Modern History	8 Hours	Developmental Industry	6 Hours
Post-Independence	12 Hours	Governance (includes GS 4 - Probity in Governance)	12 Hours
World History	18 Hours	International Relations	30 Hours
Indian Society and Social Issues + (Social Justice - Paper 2)	28 Hours		
Geography	24 Hours		
GS PAPER 3		GS PAPER 4	
Economics and Related Issues	36 Hours	Ethics (Theory)	24 Hours
Science & Technology	12 Hours	Ethics (Case Studies)	6 Hours
Environment and Disaster Management	12 Hours		
Security and Related Issues	12 Hours		
<b>CA for Prelims</b>	<b>54 Hours</b>	<b>CA for Mains</b>	<b>68 Hours</b>

\* The mentioned study hours for each topic can vary depending on the need and understanding of the class. There can be a variance of approx. 4 - 8 hours on certain mentioned topics

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# CGP – WHO SHOULD JOIN?

*And who shouldn't*

As the CBP classes will completely focus on value addition, the students who can benefit from the program are:

- A. The **Self Study people**, who had no structure or plan in their preparation and only study what was asked in Test Series/ Answer Writing Initiatives.
- B. The ones who **had attended coaching like half a decade ago**, and have **antiquated notes** that are bulky and not worth revising.
- C. The ones who joined a **bad coaching** and did not attend classes
- D. The ones who joined a **good coaching**, but **did not make notes** or lacked the maturity to take classes with all sincerity.
- E. Those candidates who have **not been able to clear Prelims and/or Mains before despite multiple attempts**.
- F. Candidates who have **done fragmented preparation** and require consolidation of syllabus.
- G. **FRESHERS** who have done preliminary preparation such as reading NCERTs, The Hindu and Optional subject.

*\* Please don't join if you have not even finished the basic even once. You will not be able to derive the benefit out of the class.*

# ADMISSION PROCESS &

## important dates

<b>Registration for Admission Test: Starts</b>	September 7   12 AM
<b>Admission Test</b>	September 18   11 AM and 2 PM September 19   11 AM
<b>Declaration of Result</b>	September 21   12 Noon
<b>Orientation Session on Preparation for CSE 2019</b>	September 23   4PM

1. A screening of students prior to admission will be done through admission test. The student can register for admission test on <http://academy.forumias.com> by paying a minimal fees of Rs. 500. A minimal fees is being charged to weed out non serious candidate from registering for the test.
2. The entrance test will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September on the above mentioned time slots.
3. This is done to ensure a set of students in batch who are motivated and competitive.
4. The result will be declared on 21<sup>st</sup> September at 12 Noon.
5. The selected candidates will have to take admission by 24<sup>th</sup> September by paying the requisite fees. Failing to do so will result in their seat being given to waitlisted candidate.
6. The details and process of admission will be sent to successful candidates at the time of declaration of results.

# FEES

	Components	Fee ( GST applicable additionally )
A	Content Building Classes (Classes + Tests) ~ (92 Classes & 92 Tests Approx.)	40000 + 18 % GST
B	Mains Guidance Program ~ (31 Tests)	22500 + 18% GST
C	Essay Guidance Program ~ (8 Tests)	10000 + 18 % GST
D	Current Affair Classes (Prelims) ~ 18 Classes	8000 + 18 % GST
E	Current Affair Classes (Mains) ~ 20 Classes	13000 + 18 % GST
F	Prelims Test Series ~ 31 Tests (GS + CSAT)	8000 + 18 % GST
	TOTAL (A+B+C+D+E+F)	1,01,500 + 18% GST
	<b>Fees for Complete Guidance Program</b>	83,899 + 18% GST <b>= Rs. 99,000/-</b>

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