

# ForumIAS

## 2018

COMPLETE GUIDANCE  
P R O G R A M

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

# GOAL

The goal of the ForumIAS 2018 Offline 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 focussed classroom environment, aided by a mentor based monitoring for the entire life cycle of the examination.

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That is the number of hours you have in a year.  
All we need is five hundred hours\*

\*Including *all* the time you may spend at our classes, prelims and mains test series and answer writing with us.

## Our experience of Mains Guidance Program ( MGP )

We started with almost a *secret* initiative in 2016. The Mains Guidance Program.

And out of the five lakh odd users of ForumIAS, 86 people decided to join us, most of them who knew us personally, as individuals.

In 2016, our goal was clear, we wanted to solve the problem of those who were consistently stuck in a loop of low Mains Score, and were unable to get an Interview call or a good rank. *At least*.

And their GS Marks should be such that they should be within safe limits to make it to the final list.

Since we did not have a physical infrastructure in place, we were unable to provide any further support for the Interview.

(Though we did try to do some one –on-one’s and did an session on Interview Preparation too )

Except 13 candidates, every single candidate from MGP 2016 got an Interview call.

And 43 out of 86, were those who had never gotten an interview call before. They were all deserving candidates, who had messed up / disrupted preparation over the years, and just needed little guidance. Realignment.

Consequently the lowest marks in GS for MGP Candidates was 390 , ( with one exception ) , and the highest known marks was 464\*. The average was around 438, which is a little higher than the average marks of Mains 2016 – which we believe is around 400. Anything less than 400 is poor marks.

### The MGP – What it did, and what it did not.

The MGP helped students do these things

- Improve answer writing structure and content orientation to improve score in General Studies.
- Take care of preparation lacuna / dilemmas by active Mentor Support.

However, we believe, blindly joining MGP or any Test Series does not help. Even with MGP, those students benefitted the most, who wrote Tests on time, and actively worked on the feedback, and had done some basic studies  
Also, we are more keen on solving problems for which no option is available, like improving Rank , or clearing the exam for someone who has never cleared Prelims or Mains before.

Now the big question.

### Why people fail to clear Prelims and Mains despite hard work?

There are several reasons for it.

There are four kinds of students whom we met, and who were unable to perform despite writing Tests.

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.

Self-study has been the best way to prepare for the Civil Services Examination.

We built ForumIAS as a community on the idea that people should collaborate, cooperate and prepare. It worked as every year more than 500+ selected aspirants are ForumIAS Members.

However, with the onslaught of answer writing websites, and our own initiatives, it became a fashion, to just practice questions and answers.

And not *study* as per the syllabus.

This leads to the next set of problem

## # 1 Fragmented Preparation

A large number of candidates we meet today, are hard-working, and very capable.

But very mis-guided, and dis-oriented.

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

They followed online website and ONLY know what is (a) on the website and or / (b) questions asked on website. They have never taken the syllabus, studied it bare bone and prepared every topic, making notes on them.

## #2 The frog in the well syndrome

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.

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

This, we believe is the biggest problem.

For example, a self-study candidate, who has not taken any coaching , knows Citizen Charter, because

- It was term mentioned in the syllabus
- ForumIAS or any other website they asked a question on it
- There was an article on it, or

But they do not know “Sevottam Model” because

- The term was not mentioned in the syllabus
- The website/ test series they followed did not ask a question on it
- They did not know that they *should* know it.

Similarly, while studying Post Independence History, they know Integration of Tribal States, but do not know Tribal Panchsheel because

- It was not mentioned in syllabus
- The website they followed did not cover it
- They did not know that it should be known.

Take concepts like Seven Sins by Gandhi, Gujarat Doctrine, Ambedkar-Gandhi Controversy, or Tagore Gandhi Controversy. These are concepts that UPSC has asked questions on (except the last one, which is expected).

But most candidates are not

- Aware of these topics
- Aware of the fact they *need* to know these things.

The biggest problem with fragmented preparation is that are large gaping holes in your preparation, you are unaware of. Some people try to solve this problem by writing 3-4 Mains over the years, without seeking / getting meaningful guidance, and adding content each year. This is however, not the best way to do it.

With proper guidance and study material, this deficiency in your preparation can be eliminated.

#### #4 The more success eludes you, the more chances of false notions and beliefs you are likely to have.

The No-Notes-No-Study-Plan-No-Peer-Group and did-not-clear-prelims syndrome.

The phenomenon of candidates who have not been able to clear prelims in their second, third, fourth attempt happens because *not clearing Prelims* is a self-perpetuating phenomenon.

You may not clear Prelims 2018, because you did not clear it in 2017.

Here is how it works.



STEP 1: You did not clear prelims. Immediately you lose all friends that cleared Prelims and are writing Mains. Thus a good peer is lost.  
( We know the pain )

STEP 2: You immediately promise yourself that you will not only crack Prelims next year, but also top the exam.

STEP 3: You do not exactly plan what you will do round the year, thus have passion, but no plan.

STEP 4 : You study religiously for Prelims immediately after the Prelims Results and exhaust and peak in the three months of September-Oct-Nov.

STEP 5: You are bored and tired, and by December-January, you start studying Optionals, which goes on till Feb

STEP 6: You realize Prelims is close, and you have only two months. You do your best ( or give up ), but you have already missed the bus.

STEP 7 : You repeat STEP 1, with more promises, and lesser enthusiasm.

## #5 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.

You must peak at the right time.

We plan to help break this vicious cycle through our ForumIAS Offline 2018 Total program.

## #6 Building the Knowledge Base

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.

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

## #7 But I know everything

“I have been preparing for UPSC for past 3 years, and I know *everything*. I have made my own notes, read every book, and have taken so many classes.”

First, None of us can claim to know *everything*.

Second, you have no way of knowing what you do not know, unless you write the exam. Because if you knew what you do not know, you would study that topic and *know it*.

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

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*.

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

The biggest problem that we at ForumIAS Offline, faced was that we had students who had faced some failure in their previous attempts. The problem with failure is that it reinforces wrong notions more deeply in your mind. For example,

1. I only solved 2000 questions this year. I must solve 10,000 MCQs this year.
2. There is no use studying, you must only practice.
3. No one can teach you anything.
4. Luck, and not hard work is how you crack CSE.

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 they first started preparation.
- They have reached a knowledge plateau – with each passing day, they learn nothing new.

## What we plan to do for 2018 to solve this problem ?

There are two components of Civil Services preparation

- A minimum Knowledge Base for preparation
- Problem Solving Skills and,
- Answer Writing Practice

While the MGP provides the near-perfect solution for developing answer writing Skills and the Prelims Test Series helps develop problem solving skills, we plan to expand the scope of our Guidance Program to do a) Developing the Knowledge Base.

3 of our regular Offline Students from Prelims Test Series and 13 out of 86 MGP students did not make it to the next level last year.

We decided to re-work our programs to improve our success ratio.

And here it is.

# COMPONENTS

The ForumIAS 2018 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 Mittali Sethi (AIR 56), Prajit Nair (AIR 87), Abhishek Surana (IAS Rank 250 and IFoS Rank 2)

## 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 lagging behind in coverage of the Newspaper. Thus, regular classes will help the candidates in

- Identify relevant topics for exam point of view

- Help prevent any accumulation of Current Affairs backlog before Prelims
- For first timers, it will help develop a historic background of the current events
- Answer writing sessions will be included in the class itself to improve your ability to reproduce what you know

These classes will be held weekly, helping you cover weekly newspaper, with an analytical approach. Before the Prelims Examination, these classes will be held daily and help you finish off all the relevant facts for Prelims. Similarly after the Prelims, these classes will be held weekly and again, before the Mains Examination, they will be held daily to consolidate your current affairs preparation.

### C. PRELIMS TEST SERIES ( PTS )

The Prelims Test Series 2018 will have 20 GS Tests and 4 CSAT Tests. Apart from this there will be 14 Mini Tests ( ONLINE ONLY ) for your practise on small bits of the syllabus.

Past students who were a part of this Test Series includes Saumya Pandey ( Online Student, Rank 4 ), Himanshu Jain ( Offline Student, AIR 44 ) and Abhishek Chaurasiya ( Offline Student, IAS Rank 72 and IFoS Rank 5 )

Out of the 110 people selected for Indian Forest Service last year, (where the cut off for Prelims is higher than Civil Services Examination), 30+ are known students of ForumIAS. This includes ranks 2, 5 and 15.

We do not spoonfeed and pamper you with high marks, but we make you solve problem closest to UPSC standards. And that's a promise.

#### 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 40 Tests aided by Discussion Classes.

Thus, the CBP compliments the MGP, and is recommended for candidates

- who are writing their first attempt, or
- Those candidates who have not been able to clear Prelims and/or Mains before despite multiple attempts.
- Candidates who have done fragmented preparation and require consolidation of syllabus

# WHAT YOU GET

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| 1. Prelims Test Series – 20 GS Tests + 14 Sectional Mini Tests ( Online Only ) + 4 CSAT Tests. | = 38 TESTS   |
| 2. CONTENT BUILDING PROGRAM (TEST) – 40 TESTS – 7 QUESTION /1 HOUR                             | = 40 TESTS   |
| 3. MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM – 40 GS (20 HALF LENGTH TESTS + 20 FULL TEST) + 5 ESSAYS             | = 45 TESTS   |
| 4. MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM – TEST DISCUSSION CLASSES  | = 45 CLASSES |
| 4. CONTENT BUILDING PROGRAM (CLASSES)  | = 76 CLASSES |
| 5. CURRENT AFFAIRS CLASSES +ANSWER WRITING   | = 55 CLASSES |

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TOTAL = 123 TESTS + 176 CLASSES

NOTE : The Mains Examination is scheduled on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The Program Calendar is designed in a manner to help you cover maximum static syllabus in in the next 3 months and focus exclusively focus on Prelims post December – which we believe is an ideal time to begin Prelims Preparation.



# What problem are we trying to solve?

Problem solving is at the heart of everything we do at ForumIAS.

At ForumIAS Offline Center in New Delhi, we had a huge learning experience.

There were two kinds of candidates, the ones who were very well informed, very methodical in their preparation and had the advantage of a good peer group that kept them well informed.

And the second, who were ill informed, had done half of almost everything – Test Series, Classes at coaching centers, and Answer Writing Practise at popular websites – including ours.

However. they had little *real* guidance, and had done several classes too, none of which reflected in either their knowledge base, or the answers they wrote with us.

We are trying to solve the problem of **lack of quality content**, **fragmented preparation** and **lack of consolidation** in preparation – problems that confronts a large number of aspirants. Problems that are not easy to solve.

This program is designed to help a beginner take the baby steps to Civil Services Preparation, in a wholistic manner.

It is also designed to help people who have been unable to crack Prelims or Mains before, to consolidate their preparation and take a fresh look at their preparation. And make it in 2018.

# THE STUDY PLAN

DAY AND DATE	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY CODE	SUBJECT / SYLLABUS	TOPICS
5 PM, Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Orientation Session on CSE 2018 Preparation			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why people fail to clear Prelims ( and Mains)</li> <li>• How to decide and identify sources for the exam.</li> <li>• How to make notes for the exam</li> <li>• How to prepare current Affairs</li> <li>• How to read the Newspaper</li> <li>• The mistakes not to make in CSE 2018</li> <li>• Q &amp; A from students</li> </ul>
Monday, 25 September 2017	CBP(TEST)	CBP – T01	WORLD HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renaissance</li> <li>• Industrial Revolution</li> <li>• French Revolution</li> <li>• Rise and Fall of Napoleon</li> <li>• Unification of Italy and Germany</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 26 September 2017	CBP(Class)	CBP -C1 & C2	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 27 September 2017	CBP(TEST)	CBP – T02	WORLD HISTORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Revolution</li> <li>• American Civil War</li> <li>• Russian Revolution</li> <li>• World War I</li> <li>• Communism and its spread</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Population Since 1900.</li> </ul>
Thursday, 28 September 2017	CBP(Class)	CBP - C3 & C4	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Sunday, 1 October 2017	MGP	MGP- 2	WORLD HISTORY	
Monday, 2 October 2017	CBP(TEST)	CBP – T03	WORLD HISTORY - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fascism</li> <li>Nazism</li> <li>USA before 2<sup>nd</sup> World War</li> <li>The Great Depression of 1929</li> <li>Inter War Period</li> <li>World War 2</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 3 October 2017	CBP(Class)	CBP – C5 & C6	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 4 October 2017	CA	CA01		
Thursday, 5 October 2017	CBP( Test)	CBP - T04	WORLD HISTORY - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cold War</li> <li>Decolonisation</li> <li>Post-Cold War World</li> <li>United Nations</li> <li>Problems in Middle East</li> <li>Problems in Africa</li> <li>Redrawal of Boundaries</li> </ul>
Friday, 6 October 2017	CBP (Class)	CBP – C7 & C8	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 7 October 2017	MGP	MGP-02	WORLD HISTORY - 5	
Monday, 9 October 2017	CBP ( Test)	CBP - T05	POST INDEPENDENCE -1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colonial Legacy</li> <li>National Movement and Its Legacy</li> <li>Constitution – evolution, main provisions, features</li> <li>Initial Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accession of Princely States</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communal Holocaust</li> <li>○ Rehabilitation of Refugees</li> <li>○ India Pak Relations</li> <li>○ Nehru and Communist</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 10 October 2017	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C9 & C10	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 11 October 2017	CA	CA02		
Thursday, 12 October 2017	CBP( Test)	CBP - T06	POST INDEPENDENCE - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation of India as Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unity in Diversity</li> <li>○ Language Problem</li> <li>○ Integration of Tribals</li> <li>○ Regionalism and Regional Equality</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nehruvian Era – Foreign Policy</li> </ul>
Friday, 13 October 2017	CBP ( Class)		2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 14 October 2017	MGP	MGP-03	POST INDEPENDENCE - 3	
Monday, 16 October 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T07	POST INDEPENDENCE - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shastri Years</li> <li>• Indira Gandhi years</li> <li>• JP Movement and National Emergency</li> <li>• Janta Interregnum</li> <li>• Rajiv Years</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 17 October 2017	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C11 & C12	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 18 October 2017	CA	CA03		
Saturday, 21 October 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T08	POST INDEPENDENCE - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Reform 1991</li> <li>• Land Reforms</li> <li>• Cooperatives</li> <li>• Agriculture and Green Revolution</li> <li>• Caste Untouchability, Anti-Caste Politics</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Indian women &amp; orgs since independence</li> <li>• Communalism</li> </ul>
Saturday, 21 October 2017	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C13 & C14	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Sunday, 22 October 2017	MGP	MGP-04	POST INDEPENDENCE	
Monday, 23 October 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T09	SOCIAL ISSUES -1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Society – Features</li> <li>• Diversity of India</li> <li>• Role of women and women’s organisation</li> <li>• Population and associated issues</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 24 October 2017	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C15 & C16	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 25 October 2017	CA	CA04		
Thursday, 26 October 2017	CBP ( Test)	CBP - T10	SOCIAL ISSUES -2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globalisation</li> <li>• Social Empowerment</li> <li>• Communalism and Secularism</li> <li>• Regionalism</li> </ul>
Friday, 27 October 2017	CBP ( Class)		2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 28 October 2017	MGP	MGP-05	SOCIETY & SOCIAL ISSUES	
Monday, 30 October 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T11	GEOGRAPHY - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of natural resources</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 31 October 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C17 & C18	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 1 November 2017	CA	CA05		

Thursday, 2 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T12	GEOGRAPHY - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Factors responsible for location of industries in various part of the world</li> </ul>
Friday, 3 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C19 & C20	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 4 November 2017	MGP	MGP-06	GEOGRAPHY - 3	
Monday, 6 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T13	ETHICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethics and human interface</li> <li>Human values -role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 7 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C21 & C22	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 8 November 2017	CA	CA06		
Thursday, 9 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T14	ETHICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attitude</li> <li>Emotional intelligence</li> </ul>
Friday, 10 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C23 & C24	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 11 November 2017	MGP	MGP-07	ETHICS	
Monday, 13 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T15	ETHICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aptitude and foundational values of civil service.</li> <li>Public service values and ethics in pub ad</li> </ul>

Tuesday, 14 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C25 & C26	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 15 November 2017	CA	CA07		
Thursday, 16 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T16	ETHICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probity in governance</li> </ul>
Friday, 17 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C27 & C28	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 18 November 2017	MGP	MGP-08	ETHICS	
Monday, 20 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T17	ETHICS - 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moral thinkers and philosophers</li> <li>• Lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 21 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C29 & C30	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 22 November 2017	CA	CA08		
Thursday, 23 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T18	ETHICS	CASE STUDIES
Friday, 24 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C31 & C32	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 25 November 2017	MGP	MGP-09	ETHICS	



Monday, 27 November 2017	CBP	CBP - T19	GS PAPER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster management</li> <li>• Development and spread of extremism</li> <li>• External internal and cyber security</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 28 November 2017	CBP	CBP – C33 & C34	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 29 November 2017	CA	CA09		
Thursday, 30 November 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T20	GS PAPER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive growth</li> <li>• budgeting</li> <li>• land reforms</li> <li>• infrastructure</li> </ul>
Friday, 1 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C35 & C36	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 2 December 2017	MGP	MGP-10	GS PAPER 3	
Monday, 4 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T21	GS PAPER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberalisation</li> <li>• Investment models</li> <li>• Cropping patterns</li> <li>• Irrigation</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 5 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C37 & C38	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 6 December 2017	CA	CA10		

Thursday, 7 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T22	GS PAPER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food processing and related industries</li> <li>• Subsidies</li> <li>• Public distribution system</li> <li>• e-technology in agriculture</li> <li>• transport and marketing of agricultural produce</li> </ul>
Friday, 8 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C39 & C40	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 9 December 2017	MGP	MGP-II	GS PAPER 3	
Monday, 11 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T23	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of civil service in democracy</li> <li>• Important aspects of governance</li> <li>• e-governance</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C41 & C42	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 13 December 2017	CA	CAII		

Thursday, 14 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T24	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Govt intervention for development in various sectors</li> <li>• development processes and development industry</li> <li>• issues relating to development and management of social sector/services health, education, human resources, poverty and hunger</li> </ul>
Friday, 15 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C43 & C44	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 16 December 2017	MGP	MGP-12	GS PAPER 2	

Monday, 18 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T25	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation of people's act</li> <li>• Comparison of indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries</li> <li>• Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanism.</li> <li>• Issues and challenges pertaining to federal structure, devolution of powers and finances upto local levels</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 19 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C45 & C46	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 20 December 2017	CA	CA12		
Thursday, 21 December 2017	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T26	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India and its neighbours</li> <li>• Regional, bilateral and global groupings</li> </ul>
Friday, 22 December 2017	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C47 & C48	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 23 December 2017	MGP	MGP-13	GS PAPER 2	





Monday, 15 January 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T33	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Landforms</li> <li>○ Oceans</li> <li>○ Climate</li> <li>○ Energy Sources</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday, 16 January 2018	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C61 & C62	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 17 January 2018	CA	CA16		
Thursday, 18 January 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T34	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Physical geography</li> </ul>
Friday, 19 January 2018	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C63 & C64	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 20 January 2018	MGP	MGP-17	GA PAPER 1	
Sunday, 21 January 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F04	GEOGRAPHY	
Monday, 22 January 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T35	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian constitution</li> <li>• Function and responsibilities of union and state</li> <li>• State and union legislature</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 23 January 2018	CBP ( Class)	CBP – C65 & C66	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 24 January 2018	CA	CA17		

Thursday, 25 January 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T36	GS PAPER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure organisation functioning of executive and judiciary.</li> <li>• Appointment to various constitutional post</li> <li>• Statutory regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies</li> </ul>
Thursday, 25 January 2018	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C67 & C68	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Saturday, 27 January 2018	MGP	MGP-18	GS PAPER 2	
Sunday, 28 January 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F01	POLITY	
Monday, 29 January 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T37	GS PAPER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian economy issues relating to planning mobilisation of resources growth development and employment</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 30 January 2018	CBP ( Class )	CBP – C69 & C70	2 + 2-hour discussion	
Wednesday, 31 January 2018	CA	CA18		
Thursday, 1 February 2018	CBP ( Test )	CBP - T38	ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecosystem</li> <li>• Pollution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Air</li> <li>○ Water</li> <li>○ Land</li> <li>○ Noise</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





Sunday, 11 February 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F06	ENVIRONMENT + SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	
Wednesday, 14 February 2018	CA	CA20		
Saturday, 17 February 2018	MGP	MGP-21	GS PAPER 4	
Sunday, 18 February 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F07	ECONOMICS AND POLITY	
Wednesday, 21 February 2018	CA	CA21		
Saturday, 24 February 2018	MGP	MGP-22	GS PAPER 2	
Sunday, 25 February 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F08	HISTORY AND ART & CULTURE	
Wednesday, 28 February 2018	CA	CA22		
Saturday, 3 March 2018	MGP	MGP-23	GS PAPER 1	
Sunday, 4 March 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F09	GEOGRPAHY	
Wednesday, 7 March 2018	CA	CA23		
Saturday, 10 March 2018	MGP	MGP-24	GS PAPER 3	
Sunday, 11 March 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F10	SCIENCE & TECH + INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
Wednesday, 14 March 2018	CA	CA24		
Sunday, 18 March 2018	PTS	FIAS-PTS18-F11	ENVIRONMENT	
Wednesday, 21 March	CA	CA25		





Saturday, 23 June 2018	MGP	MGP-30	GS PAPER 2	
Wednesday, 27 June 2018	CA	CA38		
Saturday, 30 June 2018	MGP	MGP-31	ESSAY 1	
Wednesday, 4 July 2018	CA	CA39		
Saturday, 7 July 2018	MGP	MGP-32	GS PAPER 3	
Wednesday, 11 July 2018	CA	CA40		
Saturday, 14 July 2018	MGP	MGP-33	GS PAPER 4	
Wednesday, 18 July 2018	CA	CA41		
Saturday, 21 July 2018	MGP	MGP-34	ESSAY 2	
Wednesday, 25 July 2018	CA	CA42		
Saturday, 28 July 2018	MGP	MGP-35	GS PAPER 2	
Wednesday, 1 August 2018	CA	CA43		
Saturday, 4 August 2018	MGP	MGP-36	GS PAPER 3	
Wednesday, 8 August 2018	CA	CA44		
Saturday, 11 August 2018	MGP	MGP-37	ESSAY 3	
Thursday, 16 August 2018	CA	CA45		
Saturday, 18 August 2018	MGP	MGP-38	GS PAPER 4	
Monday, 20 August 2018	CA	CA46	Mains Revision Classes 1	
Tuesday, 21 August 2018	CA	CA47	Mains Revision Classes 2	

Wednesday, 22 August 2018	CA	CA48	Mains Revision Classes 3	
Thursday, 23 August 2018	CA	CA49	Mains Revision Classes 4	
Friday, 24 August 2018	CA	CA50	Mains Revision Classes 5	
Saturday, 25 August 2018	MGP	MGP-39	GS PAPER 1	
Monday, 27 August 2018	CA	CA51	Mains Revision Classes 6	
Tuesday, 28 August 2018	CA	CA52	Mains Revision Classes 7	
Wednesday, 29 August 2018	CA	CA53	Mains Revision Classes 8	
Thursday, 30 August 2018	CA	CA54	Mains Revision Classes 9	
Friday, 31 August 2018	CA	CA55	Mains Revision Classes 10	
Saturday, 1 September 2018	MGP	MGP-40	ESSAY 4	
Saturday, 15 September 2018	MGP	MGP-41	ESSAY 5	
Sunday, 16 September 2018	MGP	MGP-42 & MGP-43	GS PAPER 1 GS PAPER 2	[WITHOUT EVALUATION]
Monday, 17 September 2018	MGP	MGP-44 & MGP-45	GS PAPER 3 GS PAPER 4	[WITHOUT EVALUATION]

On Monday, 1 October 2018, Write Civil Services Mains Examination 2018. Wish you good luck ☺

\*When both CBP( Test ) and CBP ( Class) are on the same day, the Test will be conducted in the hour immediately before the class.

\*Adequate breaks have been provided for holidays so that candidates do not miss any class. The Schedule is fixed unless demanded by extraordinary circumstances.

\* Sundays has been kept free so that you can take some breaks initially, however as the Prelims approaches, Sundays have been kept for Prelims Test Series

\* The syllabus has been divided in manner that by December most of Mains related syllabus is covered and after December, all Prelims oriented syllabus is covered.

\* Some candidates may want to study only and only for Prelims from now onwards itself, however, we recommend that you prepare a bit for Mains by December, at least the static part, and make notes , and study only for Prelims / Prelims related syllabus post December.

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