



# ESSAY EDGE COURSE 2024

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The essay is a crucial component of the UPSC Civil Service Main Examination. It holds significant weightage and can greatly enhance your overall mains score, in conjunction with your optional subject. Several individuals have achieved commendable ranks solely by obtaining a high score in the essay paper, along with decent scores in other subjects.

As you are all aware, the nature and scoring of the Essay paper have changed since the 2021 mains examination. The topics now are primarily philosophical in nature, making essay writing more challenging, and consequently, overall scores have dipped. In previous years, with sufficient efforts, scores of 140 and above, even reaching 150+, could be attained. However, in the past two years, surpassing the 120+ mark has become a formidable task. So, the uniquely designed **Essay Edge course by Farees Rahman** is here to change that.

## Features of Essay Edge :

1. **Baseline test:** which will followed by a group discussion (also streamed live on YouTube) designed to assess the current proficiency of the candidate in essay writing. Based on the discussion of the baseline essay, personalized suggestions and feedback will be provided to improve the candidate's essay skills. These suggestions will be discussed in one-on-one sessions, allowing for focused guidance and targeted improvement in the areas identified through the baseline essay.
2. **Classes:**
  - **Skill enhancement sessions - with effective exercises in-class:** These sessions will focus on teaching basic skills in-class through exercises, allowing students to master them. All the basic skills such writing various types of introductions, thesis, different types of writing body and impactful conclusions will be covered. **These classes will be streamed on YouTube and are free for all. Enrolled student can attend these sessions offline as well.**

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- **Expertise enhancement sessions:** With sufficient grip on the basics, advanced techniques will be taught at the halfway point during the course to add value to Essay Edgecourse 2024 your essay writing skills. We will cover making essays more impactful, persuasive, unique and craft two distinct essays for section-A and section-B.
  - **For students appearing in 2025, additional sessions will be held till December 2024.** Refer to the detailed time table below.
  - **Limited seats based on First come, first serve basis.**

### 3. Total of 6 tests:

- 3 tests to follow the Skill enhancement sessions.
- 3 tests to follow the Expertise enhancement sessions.
- **All tests evaluated by Farees sir with one-on-one feedback.** All evaluation as per current UPSC trends.
- Online students evaluation will be done via google meet/zoom.
- **Test dates are flexible.** However, It is highly advised to write the tests on the scheduled date. Different schedule will be there writing students writing 2024 mains and an extended schedule for student appearing in 2025. Refer to the detailed time table below

4. **Unique value-added materials:** will be provided to the students during the course, aiming to enrich their essay writing content. These materials are specifically designed to provide additional knowledge and resources that can enhance the quality and depth of their essays. This will be provided during the course and last years value added material will be provided right upon enrolment.

5. **S.W.O.T analysis template** - This template will be generated midway through the course, taking into account your performance in the tests. It will assist students in identifying their strengths and enhancing them further, as well as recognizing their weaknesses and working on transforming them into strengths.

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6. **A uniquely designed Coursebook** will be issued as a **PDF copy**, which will serve as a comprehensive one stop resource for the students. It will include designated spaces for taking notes, topic analysis brainstorming, and writing essays. Additionally, it will feature sections for evaluation and the S.W.O.T analysis template. This arrangement allows all essays to be compiled in one place, facilitating integrated feedback and tracking of individual growth throughout the course.

7. The course is available in **both online and offline modes**, catering to the preferences of students. **Offline mode will be in Bengaluru**. Online students will receive a PDF version of the coursebook and the value-added materials. They will also have the opportunity to receive one-on-one feedback through platforms such as Zoom or Google Meet, ensuring personalized guidance and support.

8. The course will cover **both technical and philosophical essay topics** (with more emphasis on the latter), providing guidance and strategies for effectively approaching and writing essays on these diverse subjects. Students will receive comprehensive instruction on how to tackle technical topics with clarity and precision, as well as how to delve into philosophical themes with depth and critical analysis. The course aims to equip students with the necessary skills and strategies to excel in both types of essay topics.

9. The course is specifically designed to **maximize benefits while minimizing time investment**, recognizing the need for candidates preparing for the mains examination to allocate their time and efforts across multiple areas such as the optional subject and GS papers. The course structure and content are tailored to provide focused and efficient guidance, ensuring that students can effectively balance their preparation while still obtaining substantial benefits in essay writing.

10. The course offers **affordable prices** while providing features that are not available elsewhere. The aim is to make quality essay writing guidance accessible to a wide range of students, ensuring that they receive exceptional value for their investment. The combination of affordability and unique features sets this course apart from others in the market.

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11. Students will **have continued access to guidance and feedback from Farees Sir even after the completion of the Essay Edge Course**. Post-course support is offered to ensure ongoing assistance and support to students in their essay writing journey. They are encouraged to avail this support and can rely on Farees Sir for guidance even beyond the course duration.

12. Special guidance is also available for students who are preparing for the **Indian Forest Service Main Examination (IFoS Mains)** and require assistance with their English essays specific to the demands of that exam.

13. It is strongly advised to make full use of the one-on-one feedback provided as it is an essential and valuable aspect of the course. The personalized feedback sessions offer an opportunity to receive detailed guidance, identify areas for improvement, and address any concerns or questions regarding your essay writing. By actively engaging in the one-on-one feedback, you can maximize your learning and progress in the course.



## About Farees sir :

Mr. Farees Rahman is a renowned educator for Essay as well as Ancient and Medieval Indian history across the country for his unique methods, tireless passion and student friendly approach. With over **7+** years of teaching experience, he was associated formerly with InsightsIAS as a faculty cum mentor for the past 5 years till 2024.



*Farees sir with his mentee **Dhamini M Das**  
AIR **345**. Essay Score **130***



Farees sir with students in Bengaluru

Mr. Farees Rahman is highly esteemed among students for his distinctive teaching approaches, which are delivered with great passion, dedication, and a touch of humor. As a mentor, he is renowned for his unwavering commitment to his mentees, ensuring their continuous improvement throughout their journey.

Regarding essay writing, Mr. Farees Rahman firmly believes that it is a unique skill distinct from other General Studies (GS) subjects. He emphasizes that, like any other skill, essay writing can be mastered through sufficient practice and the right guidance. With the proper combination of practice, knowledge, and guidance, he encourages students to develop and enhance their essay writing abilities.



Farees sir with students in Delhi

## Guided mentees:

Mr. Farees Rahman has guided numerous aspirants over the years, using his simple yet effective approach to help them score well in the Essay paper and clear the exam. Some of the individuals he has personally assisted in building their essay competence including the following:

### 2023 civil service examination toppers:

1. **AIR 89 Sakshi Jamuar**
2. **AIR 207 Diya Dasgupta**
3. **AIR 379 Yashaswini R**
4. **AIR 383 Neeti Agarwal**
5. **AIR 436 Hitesh Sharma**
6. **AIR 584 Prakhya**
7. **AIR 635 Suma H K**
8. **AIR 777 Lekhan M**
9. **AIR 787 Thejaswini N**
10. **AIR 973 Thanuj Kumar K**



Farees sir with his mentee **IPS Kannedhara Manoj Kumar** AIR 157. Essay Score 122

### 2022 & prior toppers :

1. **Dhamini M Das, IAS**
2. **Kannedhara Manoj Kumar, IPS**
3. **Kailash T, AIR 465**
4. **Sarfaraz Alam, IPS**
5. **Suhas R, IIS**
6. **Yogapriyanga S.N, IRS**
7. **Jabeen Fathima J, IRS**



Farees sir with his mentee **Diya Dasgupta** AIR 207. Essay Score 128

## Performance of Essay Edge Students in 2023 mains:

57 students of Essay Edge had appeared in 2023 mains.

Note: Following survey is based on a sample size of **800+ marksheets** of cleared as well as not cleared students, primarily posted in the telegram channel - **CSE23 Mark Statement** (<https://t.me/cse22marks>).

**For reference**, UPSC AIR 1 Aditya Srivastava has scored 117 and AIR 2 Animesh Pradhan scored 145. My **Essay Edge Student Sai Praneeth scored 138** but unfortunately fell short of rank list.

### 101 - median Essay score in 2023 mains

Less than 101	Below average
101-110	Above Average
110-120	Good
120-130	Very Good
130-140	Excellent
140+	Legendary

Essay Edge Rankers in 2023 CSE	10 students
130+ scores	1 (score of 138)
120-130 scores	9
101-119	24

As evident from the above, Essay Edge students have performed exceedingly well in their Essay paper. Come join the journey and get an edge over your competitors.

## Fee details:

- As Farees sir is launching the course independently for the first time, an affordable fee of **6999 + 18% GST, i.e, 8258.82 INR**, for the entire course for classes, tests and value added material etc. These features at this price are nowhere else available in the market.
- **Payment can be made via UPI - 9535575596@ybl**
- **Send a screenshot of the payment on telegram @fareesrahman after filling the google form.**
- **Limited seats based on First come, first serve basis.**

### Tentative schedule for students appearing in 2024 mains:

6th July 2024	baseline test and analysis. Session live streamed on YouTube. <b>Enrolled students can attend even offline.</b>
8th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - I</b>
9th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - II</b>
10th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - III</b>
11th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - IV</b>
12th July 2024	<b>Test-1</b>
24 July 2024	<b>Test-2</b>
4th August 2024	<b>Test-3</b>
12th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-I</b>
13th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-II</b>
14th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-III</b>
16th August 2024	<b>Test-4</b>
26th August 2024	<b>Test-5</b>
6th September 2024	<b>Test-6</b>

*Note: Final schedule will be announced next week.*

*Test dates are flexible.*



**Tentative schedule for students appearing in 2025 mains:**

6th July 2024	<b>Baseline test and analysis.</b> Session live streamed on YouTube. <b>Enrolled students can attend even offline.</b>
8th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - I</b>
9th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - II</b>
10th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - III</b>
11th July 2024	<b>Skill enhancement session - IV</b>
24 July 2024	<b>Group Exercise session over google meet.</b>
12th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-I</b>
13th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-II</b>
14th August 2024	<b>Expertise enhancement session-III</b>
28th August 2024	<b>Group Exercise session over google meet.</b>
10th September 2024	<b>Test-1</b>
25th September 2024	<b>Test-2</b>
26th September 2024	<b>Review session over google meet</b>
11th October 2024	<b>Test-3</b>
25th October 2024	<b>Test-4</b>
25th October 2024	<b>Review session over google meet</b>
8th November 2024	<b>Test-5</b>
22nd November 2024	<b>Test-6</b>
23rd November 2024	<b>Summation session over google meet</b>

*Note: Final schedule will be announced next week.*

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## Toppers Testimonials:

*"I can't express how grateful I am to Farees sir for guiding me over the past 2.5 years in refining my essay writing skills starting from September 2020 every single week sir has evaluated 60+ essays of mine. Since I was online student Sir would go an extra mile and evaluate my essays on zoom calls while sharing his screens. I still remember how pathetic I was in substantiating my arguments with examples, but Farees sir wouldn't just write a feedback and stop there instead he would push me to think of examples then and there and would wait on the call until I did. He literally taught me how to think. Farees sir instead of handing me a fish he taught me how to fish. During the preparations for last mains, sir picked out as abstract topics as possible to match UPSC essay topics. All of sir's efforts has today translated into my essay marks of 130."*

**Dhamini M Das, IAS , AIR – 345** Essay score: **130** (one of the highest in 2022 mains)

*"I first wrote an essay some 4 years back and calling it bad is an understatement. It is Farees sir who corrected me then and read the next 100-odd essays it took for me to get to the other side. Writing an essay is the only thing in UPSC that needs someone who constantly evaluates and guides you in the process. In this regard, Farees sir was and is my Dronacharya and my Pir(guide). Especially concerning the philosophical essays, it is Sir who made me realise that writing an essay philosophically is different from dumping philosophies in an essay. The unique insights sir brings not only help us in writing an essay to the demand but also to get a cutting edge which is becoming the need of the hour these days. Thus, it is with my utmost faith in Farees sir's abilities with which I have been acquainted for years I can testify to the utility and necessity of this course."*

**Kannedhara Manoj Kumar, IPS, AIR 157,** Essay score: **122** in 2021.

*"The guidance from Farees sir helped me in identifying the mistakes and areas of improvement in my essay. Furthermore, inputs given by Farees sir helped me in writing the sentences and paragraphs in simple and crisp manner, which gave my answer an organic flow and easy to read. This was reflected in the marks in essay paper, which was 119. I would like to Thank Farees sir for regular guidance and support"*

**Kailash T, AIR 460** Essay score: **118** in 2022

*"Hello everyone, I would like to present my sincere gratitude to Farees Sir and Insights team for their dedicated efforts, detailed evaluation of my essay copies and rich Value added material. From scoring 117 marks in essay( below average marks for that year) in UPSC CSE 2020 to 128 marks in 2023 attempt, the contribution of Farees sir is immense and selfless. Also, the essay topics in the Essay edge course were similar to the topics being asked in UPSC exam. Once again, thankyou so much for making the Essay exam more structured, enjoyable and relevant to the needs of the examination."*

**Neeti Agrawal , AIR 383,** Essay Score of **128** UPSC CSE 2023.

“My name is Sakshi Jamuar and I've secured AIR 89 in UPSC CSE-23. This was my first UPSC Mains and I scored 122 in Essay paper, which is amongst the top percentile this year. All thanks to Mr. Farees Rahman for his constant guidance! Insights Essay Edge program comprises a series of lectures and mock tests, with live evaluations. It also includes a Compilation which entails numerous anecdotes, quotes, poems, examples, dictums, idioms- which were crucial for value addition. My first Essay test was a disaster, to be honest. Farees sir rightfully pointed out the areas I needed to work on, with his immaculate suggestions and encouragement. I took the feedback and wrote the upcoming essay mock tests keeping the above in mind. It kept getting better and better and I gradually developed the confidence to ace this paper. And luckily, one of the best Essays that I had written on was asked in UPSC paper”

**Sakshi Jamuar, AIR 89, Essay Score of 122 in 2023**

My name is Diya Dasgupta. In this year's (UPSC CSE 2023) UPSC exam, I've secured an All India Rank of 207. This was my second Mains and second Interview. Farees Sir's Essay Edge course was instrumental in enabling me to score a total of 810 in Mains. This year, I scored 128 in Essay and it wouldn't have been possible without Sir's meticulous feedback

and excellent Value Addition Material, especially for Philosophical Topics. Sir helped me to break down the seemingly profound abstractions in Philosophical essays, into concrete 5-6 steps, which acted as my SOP for every essay that I wrote, including the two I wrote in Mains 2023. Thank You Sir, for all your help and constant support! — DIYA DASGUPTA AIR 207, CSE-2023



Farees sir with his mentee Theiaswini N AIR 787



Farees sir with Lekhan AIR 777. Essay Score 115