



ESSAY EDGE COURSE 2025 BY FAREES SIR

(Best in class Personalised Essay Guidance)



Course duration: 7 months (October 2024 – April 2025)

Mode: Offline & Online

Tests: 8 full length and 11 mini tests (students will write 27 essays in total)

Sessions: 7 Classroom Sessions + 11 group discussions

Farees Sir evaluated a **staggering 405 tests—equating to 810 essays—**through the Essay Edge 2024 program. In **just 2.5 months** (July to September), he provided personalized one-on-one feedback for each essay, showcasing an unparalleled commitment to fostering excellence in writing!!!

With just **89 days** between prelims 2025 on 25th May and mains 2025 which starts on August 22nd, the essay becomes 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. With less time, it becomes important to start early for your Essay preparation.

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.

Features:

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:

- a. **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.**
- b. **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 your essay writing skills. We will cover making essays more impactful, persuasive, unique and craft two distinct essays for section-A and section-B.

3. 8 full length tests with one-on-one feedback and 11 mini tests:

- a. 4 full length tests to follow the Skill enhancement sessions.
- b. 4 full length tests to follow the Expertise enhancement sessions.
- c. **All full-length tests evaluated by Farees sir with one-on-one feedback.** All evaluation as per current UPSC trends.

- d. Mini tests will be followed by group discussion over google meet and short feedback by Farees sir.
 - e. Online students' evaluation will be done via google meet/zoom.
 - f. Full length test dates are flexible. However, it is highly advised to write the tests on the scheduled date. Refer to the detailed time table below.
 - g. Mini tests will have to attempted on the scheduled day.
 - h. Mini tests are scheduled until April to ensure students maintain their essay-writing skills without becoming rusty, all while considering their Prelims preparation and avoiding excessive burden.
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.
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.
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.

Tentative time table:

ESSAY EDGE 2025 - TENTATIVE TIME TABLE	
14-10-2024	Mini test-1/Baseline test (1 topic, no choice)
15-10-2024	Skill enhancement session-1
16-10-2024	Skill enhancement session-2
17-10-2024	Skill enhancement session-3
18-10-2024	Skill enhancement session-4
21-10-2024	Test - 1 (2 essays - one from each section. No choice of topic)
30-10-2024	Mini Test-2 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
07-11-2024	Test-2 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
18-11-2024	Mini Test-3 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
25-11-2024	Test-3 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
09-12-2024	Mini Test- 4 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
22-12-2024	Test-4 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
23-12-2024	Expertise enhancement session-1
24-12-2024	Expertise enhancement session-2
25-12-2024	Expertise enhancement session-3
05-01-2025	Mini test- 5 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
12-01-2025	Test-5 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
26-01-2025	Mini test-6 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
02-02-2025	Test-6 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
16-02-2025	Mini test-7 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
23-02-2025	Test- 7 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
09-03-2025	Mini test-8 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
16-03-2025	Test- 7 (2 essays- one from each section. 4 topics in each section)
31-03-2025	Mini test-9 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
13-04-2025	Mini test- 10 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet
27-04-2025	Mini test- 11 (1 topic, no choice) + Discussion on google meet

Note:

1. Full length tests are flexible.
2. Mini tests have to be written on on the same day.
3. All full length tests are evaluated by Farees sir with one on one feedback.
4. Mini tests are followed by disucssion and a short feedback by Sir.
5. Both philosophical and technical/subject wise topics will be asked.

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.

Mr. Farees Rahman is highly esteemed among students for his distinctive teaching approaches, which are delivered with great passion, dedication, and a touch of humour. 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.

Some of the individuals he has personally assisted in building their essay competence including the following:

2023 civil service examination toppers:

- AIR 89 – Sakshi Jamuar
- AIR 207 Diya
- AIR 379 Yashaswini
- AIR 383 Neeti Agarwal
- AIR 436 Hitesh Sharma
- AIR 584 Prakhya
- AIR 635 Suma H K
- AIR 777 Lekhan M
- AIR 787 Thejaswini N
- AIR 973 Thanuj Kumar K

2022 and Prior toppers:

- Dhamini M Das, IAS
- Kannedhara Manoj Kumar, IPS
- Kailash T, AIR 465
- Sarfaraz Alam, IPS
- Suhas R, IIS
- Yogapriyanga S.N, IRS
- Jabeen Fathima J, IRS

Pricing:

1. Essay Edge 2025 (October 2024 to March 2025) – ₹ **9,999 + GST**
2. Sirius Mentorship Programme – ₹ **8,999 + GST**
3. Essay Edge 2025 + Sirius Mentorship Programme – ₹ **14,999 + GST.**
4. Early bird discount of 10% till 13th October.
5. 15% off those who attempted the launch pad test held on 20th September.

Testimonials of my mentees:



“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)



Kannedhara Manoj Kumar , IPS
AIR 157, 2021 Essay Score : 122

"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.



Kailash T
AIR 460 , 2022 Essay score: 118

"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.**



Neeti Agrawal
AIR 383,2023 Essay Score : 128

“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.



Sakshi Jamuar
AIR 89, 2023 Essay Score : 122

“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.



Diya Dasgupta
AIR 207, 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 & 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, specifically for philosophical topics. Sir helped me to break down the seemingly profound abstractness 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, Essay score of 128, CSE 2023.