

AKRITI IAS

For aspirants who wish to think,
not merely prepare.

MAINS ANSWER WRITING & MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME 2026-27

7 NOVEMBER 2026 | SECOND INTAKE

The second intake of the AKriti Mains programme
launched on 7 October 2026.

440 questions. Two syllabus cycles.
Continuous evaluation. Personal mentorship.

Commences 7 November 2026
Core writing programme concludes 6 August 2027.

Think → Write → Get evaluated → Understand → Improve → Repeat

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Learn and Grow with our Daily Answer Writing Program.

A thought for the journey

“Our doubts are traitors.”

William Shakespeare, Measure for Measure

Begin with an honest attempt. Let practice and feedback shape the next one.

YOUR ROUTE THROUGH THE PROGRAMME

One answer at a time.

BUILD → REVISIT → REFINE

BUILD | 9 November-9 April

220 questions. Complete GS I-IV, one paper at a time.

REVISIT | 24 May-6 August

220 questions. Cover the syllabus again with deeper analysis.

REFINE | 7-19 August

Revise the accumulated bank and strengthen timed performance.

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01 | The Programme at a Glance

Element	November batch
Target	UPSC CSE Mains 2027
Commencement	7 November 2026: orientation and resource access; regular writing begins Monday, 9 November.
Core writing period	9 November 2026 to 6 August 2027, with a dedicated Prelims preparation break.
Questions	440 selected questions: 110 per GS paper across two cycles.
Syllabus sequence	GS I → GS II → GS III → GS IV, repeated after Prelims.
Practice	Before Prelims: 2 questions per working day. After Prelims: 4 per working day.
Programme intake	Second intake of the programme launched on 7 October 2026.
Mentorship	Individual session every fortnight with Prateek Bhatt.
Batch size	Maximum 75 aspirants.

02 | Is This Programme for You?

For aspirants beginning Mains practice, those who write without consistent improvement, and experienced writers seeking stronger structure, analysis and judgment. The programme requires regular effort, openness to feedback and a willingness to revise.

03 | Why Sustained Practice?

Answer writing is a performance skill. Repeated practice helps you interpret a demand, organise knowledge and produce a relevant answer within the word limit. Evaluation becomes useful when its lessons shape your next attempt.

04 | What Makes AKriti Different?

Syllabus-mapped questions, advance reading lists, meaningful evaluation, recorded teaching and personal guidance. The November selection reduces repetitive practice while retaining every syllabus area in both cycles.

05 | The AKriti Answer-Writing Method

Stage	Purpose
Think	Understand the directive, dimensions and scope.
Write	Build a structured, focused answer within the word limit.
Get evaluated	Identify what worked and what needs correction.
Understand	Recognise gaps in relevance, content, reasoning or presentation.
Improve	Apply specific corrections rather than merely collecting feedback.
Repeat	Revisit the skill through fresh demands and stronger reasoning.

06 | Weekly Structure

- Iteration I: Monday-Friday, two questions daily - ten each complete week.
- Iteration II: Monday-Friday, four questions daily - twenty each complete week. The higher load applies to the post-Prelims revision cycle.
- Saturday: viewing of recorded masterclasses, aligned with the week's questions and syllabus topics.
- Sunday: revision, backlog, reading or rest.
- Every fortnight: one individual mentorship session.
- Advance topics, syllabus keywords and source links will be issued with each weekly reading list.

07 | Flexible Submission & Evaluation

- Up to two answers submitted in a day: evaluation within 24 hours.
- Three to ten answers submitted together: evaluation within 72 hours.
- Larger backlogs: systematic evaluation in batches.
- Questions remain available during the programme.
- During the four-question phase, a daily submission of four answers falls under the 72-hour policy.

Understand. Write better.

08 | Recorded Masterclasses

Learn the reasoning behind a strong answer. Recorded masterclasses accompany the programme, with a weekly viewing plan aligned with the assigned questions and syllabus topics. After Prelims, the plan may include more than one recording to support the increased question load.

- Demand and directive; concepts and scope.
- Dimensions, arguments, examples and evidence.
- Introductions, organisation and conclusions.
- Common mistakes and the difference between adequate and stronger answers.

09 | Personal Mentorship with Prateek Bhatt

Each aspirant receives a one-to-one session every fortnight. Discussions may cover answer-writing progress, recurring weaknesses, GS difficulties, study planning, revision and overall preparation. Each session should lead to clear goals for the next fortnight.

10 | Interview Guidance Track

For eligible aspirants, guidance continues beyond Mains: DAF analysis, form-related discussions, personality-test preparation, individual preparation discussions, preferred-date allotments and mock interview scheduling. Meetings are conducted through Zoom.

11 | Essay Programme

Essay is a separate component of the programme. The five-evaluated-essay package is ₹2,499. Eligible early-bird registrations receive five evaluated essays without an additional fee. Essays are not counted within the 440 GS questions.

A thought for the journey

“Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.”

Francis Bacon, Of Studies

Read with purpose. Discuss your gaps. Write to make your thinking precise.

Learning emphasis

Build understanding in the first cycle; deepen analysis and application in the second. Within each GS paper, progress from foundational to analytical and difficult questions.

Complete. Revisit. Deepen.

12 | Two-Cycle Academic Roadmap

Period	Paper / activity	Questions
7 November 2026	Orientation and access	-
9 November-16 December 2026	Iteration I: GS I	55
16 December 2026-22 January 2027	Iteration I: GS II	55
25 January-3 March 2027	Iteration I: GS III	55
3 March-9 April 2027	Iteration I: GS IV	55
10 April-23 May 2027	Prelims preparation break	-
24 May-10 June 2027	Iteration II: GS I	55
10-30 June 2027	Iteration II: GS II	55
30 June-20 July 2027	Iteration II: GS III	55
20 July-6 August 2027	Iteration II: GS IV	55
7-19 August 2027	Final revision using the completed bank	No new scheduled questions

Transition dates can overlap because the final question of one paper and the opening question of the next may fall on the same day. Each paper receives exactly 55 questions per cycle.

Within each paper

The working allocation is 20 foundational, 20 analytical and 15 difficult questions per cycle. In Iteration II, foundational work means targeted revision; analytical and difficult questions demand greater depth and application. Question selection will cover every syllabus area in each cycle.

HLTs and FLTs

At the midpoint of each paper block, attempt a Half-Length Test; at its conclusion, attempt a Full-Length Test. Across two cycles, this creates eight HLT and eight FLT opportunities. These timed selections reuse the question bank and do not increase the 440 distinct-question count.

The calendar is a working delivery plan. Any holiday or examination-date adjustment will be communicated while maintaining the question total and completion before Mains.

13 | How the Programme Will Be Conducted

Component	Delivery
Questions and weekly plans	Telegram and WhatsApp
Evaluation	Digitally evaluated copies with feedback
Recorded classes	Google Drive
Individual mentorship	Google Meet
Interview guidance	Zoom

14 | What You Receive

- 440 carefully selected, syllabus-mapped GS questions.
- Two syllabus cycles, with balanced GS I-IV coverage.
- Weekly topic lists, syllabus mapping and focused reading links.
- Continuous evaluation and flexible submission.
- Recorded masterclasses aligned with the weekly writing plan.
- Fortnightly individual mentorship with Prateek Bhatt.
- HLT and FLT opportunities using the accumulated bank.
- Interview guidance for eligible aspirants.

15 | Who Should / Should Not Join

Join if you can write consistently, value honest evaluation and intend to improve through repeated correction. This programme is unsuitable for occasional practice, a material-only approach or expectations of instant improvement without sustained effort.

16 | Programme Details

Commencement: 7 November 2026.

Core writing completion: 6 August 2027.

Coverage: GS I-IV, two cycles; Essay separately.

Questions: 220 before the Prelims break and 220 after Prelims.

Batch: limited to 75 aspirants.

The syllabus coverage register will govern question selection; no syllabus area will be omitted merely to reduce the count.

17 | Fees & Flexible Payment Plans

Plan	Fee / payment schedule
Early bird	₹25,499 for registrations completed by 31 October 2026. Includes five evaluated essays.
Regular programme fee	₹29,999.
Essay add-on	₹2,499 for five evaluated essays.
Early bird: three instalments	$₹8,500 + ₹8,500 + ₹8,499 = ₹25,499$.
Early bird: six instalments	Five instalments of ₹4,250 and a final ₹4,249 = ₹25,499.
Regular: three instalments	$₹10,000 + ₹10,000 + ₹9,999 = ₹29,999$.
Regular: six instalments	Five instalments of ₹5,000 and a final ₹4,999 = ₹29,999.

Instalment due dates will be shared at enrolment. All amounts above total the corresponding programme fee.

18 | Early-Bird Advantage

Register by 31 October 2026 to receive the early-bird fee and five evaluated essays included. The academic programme and batch-size limit remain the same across fee plans.

19 | How to Enrol

Contact us on WhatsApp to discuss suitability, the writing load, evaluation, lecture access, mentorship and payment options.

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A thought for the journey

“Brevity is the soul of wit.”

William Shakespeare, Hamlet

Make every sentence serve the question. Relevance and clarity matter within every word limit.

**You do not need to write a perfect answer on Day 1.
You need to begin. Then keep writing.**