



Personal mentorship 2026-27

Daily writing, consistent feedback and weekly personal contact, mentored by Akhil. A 16-week GS I-IV and Essay phase, then Prelims mentorship until 23 May 2027.

At a glance

What you do	What you get back
3 answers a day, Monday to Friday (GS IV weeks: 2 answers + 1 case study)	One of each day's three evaluated in full ; the other two with a model answer and the marking rubric
12 sectional tests (5 questions, 60 minutes) on Saturdays	Every answer evaluated, with the week's pattern discussed in your 1:1
4 full-length papers (20 questions, 3 hours) at the end of each paper block	All 20 answers evaluated, plus a written performance report
8 essays + 8 outlines on alternate Sundays	Marked on interpretation, argument, structure, examples and flow
1 rewrite a week	Checked against the original feedback

Across Phase 1: **320 answers written, 200 evaluated in full**, plus a weekly 25-minute 1:1, a midweek check, a recorded 75-minute clinic, messages answered within one working day (Mon-Sat) and a monthly written report.



Two phases

Phase 1 • GS I-IV + Essay • 16 weeks

12 Oct 2026 – 31 Jan 2027. Four blocks of four weeks: three writing weeks, then a consolidation week with the full-length paper.

Phase 2 • Prelims + CSAT

1 Feb – 23 May 2027. Daily MCQs with an error log, a weekly mock and review, 2 GS answers a week, 3 CSAT clinics.

How a week works

Day	Your work	Mentorship
Monday	Study the day's micro-topic; write 3 answers	Weekly plan and question set
Tuesday	Study; write 3 answers	One of Monday's three evaluated in full
Wednesday	Study; write 3 answers	Midweek check; spot-check of your self-marked answers
Thursday	Study; write 3 answers	Your 25-minute 1:1, in a fixed weekly slot
Friday	Study; write 3 answers	The week's evaluations returned
Saturday	Sectional test: 5 questions in 60 minutes	Whole test evaluated; 75-minute group clinic
Sunday	Essay or outline (alternating); rewrite one evaluated answer	Rewrite checked against the original feedback

Why only some answers are evaluated in full

Writing daily builds speed and structure; reading 15 answers a week per student is what no single mentor can do honestly. So depth is guaranteed where it counts: **one answer a day, every test answer and every full-length paper** are evaluated personally. The rest come with a model answer and the same rubric Akhil marks with, so you assess your own work; he spot-checks that twice a week and picks up the patterns in your 1:1.

The 16 weeks

Block	Weeks	Focus	Consolidation week
GS II	1-4	Constitution and rights, institutions, governance and social justice, international relations	Week 4: full-length GS II
GS III	5-8	Economy, agriculture and infrastructure, environment and technology, security and disaster management	Week 8: full-length GS III
GS I	9-12	History and culture, society and social change, geography	Week 12: full-length GS I
GS IV	13-16	Ethics: theory and thinkers, attitude and values, probity, applied and timed	Week 16: full-length GS IV

**GS IV module • weeks 13-16**

Two answers and one case study every day, so the framework becomes automatic rather than improvised in the exam hall.

Week	Theory focus	Daily case theme	Saturday test
13	Ethics terms, determinants, consequences; Indian and Western thinkers, applied	Conflict of interest; honesty under pressure	3 questions + 1 case
14	Attitude, aptitude, emotional intelligence, foundational values	Empathy in service delivery	3 questions + 1 case
15	Probity: RTI, codes of conduct vs codes of ethics, corruption	Transparency, whistleblowing, procurement	3 questions + 1 case
16	Quote-based questions, crisis dilemmas, revision	Disaster and crisis decisions	Full-length: 13 questions incl. 6 cases, 3 hours

How every case study is marked

#	Criterion	What earns the marks
1	The real dilemma	The conflict of values underneath the story, not a retelling of it
2	Stakeholders	Everyone affected, including those easy to forget
3	Options	Honest advantages and costs for each; no straw men
4	Decision	One clear course of action, justified on principle and feasibility
5	Safeguards	What could go wrong in implementation, and how you would prevent it



Essay and Prelims

Essay: one skill a fortnight

Interpreting the topic → building an argument → developing dimensions → using examples → flow and transitions → abstract topics → nuance → timed independent writing. Each outline becomes a full essay the following week.

Prelims: decisions, not just scores

Every mistake is classified before the strategy changes: knowledge gap, recall gap, misreading, reasoning or attempt error, or timing. Weekly mock, weekly review, and an attempt strategy built from your own accuracy.

What is included

Daily question sets; 200 answers evaluated in full; 12 sectional tests and 4 full-length papers written for the programme, with reports; 16 rewrite checks; 8 essays and 8 outlines; a weekly 25-minute 1:1 and a 75-minute recorded clinic; a midweek check; direct messages answered within one working day (Mon-Sat); a monthly written progress report; a closed cohort group of 12.

What is not included

Full foundation teaching, optional-subject mentoring, a commercial Prelims test series, a notes library, comprehensive CSAT concept teaching, on-demand calls, and mentoring after Prelims 2027.

Fees

Option	Fee	How to pay
Founding offer: complete mentorship (first 5 enrolments)	₹11,500	₹6,000 at enrolment + ₹5,500 by 7 Dec 2026
Complete mentorship (both phases)	₹13,000	₹6,500 at enrolment + ₹6,500 by 7 Dec 2026
GS Mains + Essay (Phase 1 only)	₹9,500	At enrolment
Prelims mentorship (Phase 2 only)	₹4,500	Before 1 Feb 2027

Refunds: 100% before 12 October 2026; 50% of the Phase 1 amount paid during weeks 1-2, plus any Phase 2 amount paid; any Phase 2 amount paid refunded in full if you cancel before 1 February 2027. Full terms: prismupsc.com/terms

Your mentor: Akhil — 4 CSE Mains and 3 IFoS Mains appearances; Essay 125 (2020) and 111 (2024); consistently 100+ in Prelims. Credentials are self-reported and are not claims of selection or student outcomes.

How to enrol

1. Apply at prismupsc.com/mentorship (free, two minutes). 2. If shortlisted, send one GS answer for a **free evaluation** in the programme format. 3. Join the free online orientation. 4. Receive the calendar, your 1:1 slot, the written terms and payment instructions. 5. Enrol by 10 October 2026 and attend onboarding in week 1.

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