

Optional 2024

**Optional Answer
Writing Focus
Group**

PSIR

Batch - 1

Starts
JULY, 01, 2024,
Monday

Available in Offline and Online

Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy, CSE 2023

1. Aditya Srivastava (IAS Rank 1)
2. Donuru Ananya Reddy (IAS Rank 3)
 3. Ruhani (IAS Rank 5)
 4. Shristi Dabas (IAS Rank 6)
 5. Anmol Rathore (IAS Rank 7)
 6. Ashish Kumar (IAS Rank 8)
 7. Kush Motwani (IAS Rank 11)
 8. Medha Anand (IAS Rank 13)
 9. Shaurya Arora (IAS Rank 14)
 10. Kunal Rastogi (IAS Rank 15)

Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy, CSE 2021 & 2022

1. Ishita Kishore (IAS Rank 1, 2022)
2. Shruti Sharma (IAS Rank 1, 2021)
3. Garima Lohia (IAS Rank 2, 2022)
4. Uma Harathi N (IAS Rank 3, 2022)
5. Smriti Mishra (IAS Rank 4, 2022)
6. Dr. Mayur Hazarika (IAS Rank 5, 2022)
7. Utkarsh Dwivedi (IAS Rank 5, 2021)
8. Waseem Ahmad Bhat (IAS Rank 7, 2021)
 9. Ishita Rathi (IAS Rank 8, 2021)
 10. Preetam Kumar (IAS Rank 9, 2021)

ForumIAS Academy Students Rankers from other years

1. Anudeep Duraishetty (IAS Rank 1, 2017)
 2. Sachin Gupta (IAS Rank 3, 2017)
 3. Anubhav (IAS Rank 8, 2017)
 4. Varnit Negi (IAS Rank 14, 2018)
 5. Ankita Choudhary (IAS Rank 14, 2018)
 6. Minal Karanwal (IAS Rank 35, 2018)
 7. Pratibha Verma (IAS Rank 3, 2019)
 8. Jivani Kartik Nagjibhai (IAS Rank 8, 2020)
 9. Apala Mishra (IAS Rank 9, 2020)
 10. Satyam Gandhi (IAS Rank 10, 2020)

ForumIAS Academy Students with Optionals

1. Anshul Bhatt (IAS Rank 22, 2023)
2. Shashwat Agrawal (IAS Rank 121, 2023)
 3. Aditi (IAS Rank 247, 2023)
 4. Ananya Rana (Rank 280, 2023)
5. Devesh Chaturvedi (IAS Rank 305, 2023)

5 Times Rank 1 in Indian Forest Service

IFoS Rank 1 – Vaibhav Srivastava (2017), M Naveen Reddy (2018), Rishi Kumar (2019), Shruti (2021), Kolluru Venkata Srikanth (2022)



About Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)

Optional Answer Writing Focus Group is an **answer writing program for Optional Subjects**. It will comprise of **daily answer writing tests** as well as **full length tests**.

The O-AWFG seeks to precisely solve four problems for the students:

1. a regular committed time for preparation of Optional for mains 2024.
2. to provide for incremental study plan on day – day basis.
3. to cover important and relevant PYQs as there has been trend from UPSC to repeat questions in optional.
4. to solve the hurdle of answer writing for optional.

What is the scheme of the program?

The program will start from 1st July 2024. It will comprise of three (3) components:

1. Daily Answer Writing Tests: Mini Test comprising 3 – 5 questions will be provided. These will be conducted 4 times a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Out of 3 – 5 questions provided **2 will be graded** while other **3 will be for your self-assessment**. There will be **28 tests in** this segment.

You will also be provided discussion and solution for these questions.

These tests will also comprise of PYQ questions.

Each optional Paper is divided into 4 parts. Paper 1 in 2 parts and Paper 2 in 2 parts. Each part will be having around 6 – 7 tests.

2. Full Length Tests: As said above each optional Paper is divided into 4 parts. Paper 1 in 2 parts and Paper 2 in 2 parts. Each part will be having around 6 – 7 tests. Post completion of each part we will be conducting a full-length sectional test. After completion of all the daily tests we will have 1 full length paper each on Paper 1 and Paper 2. So, in total we will be having **4 Full length Sectional paper and 2 Full Length paper**. You will be provided detailed evaluation on the same. You will also receive solution and test discussion on the same.

3. Mentorship: You will be made available dedicated mentor whom you can meet throughout the program to understand feedback as well as help with anything related to your optional. The mentorship is available seamlessly in both online as well as offline mode.

Fees and Concessions:

The program fee is **Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)** for both online and offline students.

The program is available at a concession of **25% for optional foundation students and GS foundation students**. The program is available at a concession of **15% for ForumIAS MGP and Current Affairs students**. The program is available at a **concession of 10%** for ForumIAS students from courses other than mentioned above.



Fee Payment & Enrollment

Students can enroll in the program by paying the fees through the below means.

- A. By visiting the website: <https://academy.forumias.com> and making payment through Net Banking / Debit / Credit Card / UPI etc.
- B. By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in HDFC bank Accounts. For this Option, please email us at admissions@forumias.academy
- C. By Visiting the Offline Guidance Center* and making payment through Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD

For any query you can call us at +91 – 93117 40900 | + 91 – 93117 40400 or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy.

Admissions to the program are subject to acceptance of Terms & Conditions mentioned below.

Please note: Students who have taken admission in courses meant for Mains 2024 but are unsuccessful at Prelims 2024, can now migrate their course to any other course meant for Prelims/Mains 2025 by paying the balance fees if any applicable. They can also choose to continue in the course they have taken admission into. There will be no provision of refund of fees.

Terms & Condition

- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person.
- **The course will be valid till 30 September 2024.**
- Each program of ForumIAS is linked to ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidates are found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate without any refund to the candidate. The company may initiate legal proceedings against candidates found sharing and selling such content.
- ForumIAS shall have full rights to close admissions as per its capacity. ForumIAS shall be free to amend its schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.
- Force Majeure : Flaviant Network Pvt Ltd ("FNPL") will deliver this program on best effort and good faith basis. By subscribing to the program, you understand that in the case of a force majeure event, such as natural disaster, calamity, outbreak of a pandemic, accident, bodily harm, sickness to any persons directly involved in delivery of the program FNPL reserves right to modify, change or discontinue the program and shall not be liable for any financial obligations arising out of it. All disputes will be subject to jurisdiction of Delhi High Court.



Test Calendar – Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG) – Political Science and International Relations (PSIR)

28 Daily Answer Writing Tests (DAWT) + 4 Full Length Sectional (FLS) + 2 Full Length Tests (FLT)

#	Date and Day	Test Type	Syllabus
1	1 st July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Political Theory: meaning and approaches. Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist. Pluralist, post-colonial, and Feminist.
2	2 nd July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
3	4 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Equality: Social, political, and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
4	5 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory, and deliberative.
5	8 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy.
6	9 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism.
7	11 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.
8	12 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.
9	14 th July 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 1 – Test #1 – 8
10	15 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist, and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.
11	16 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles, Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.
12	18 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court. Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.
13	19 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
14	22 nd July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General,



			Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.
15	23 rd July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes. Planning and Economic development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.
16	25 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.
17	26 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.
18	28 th July 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test - Test # 10 - 17
19	29 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method. State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies.
20	30 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups, and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
21	1 st August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist, and Systems theory.
22	2 nd August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.
23	5 th August 2024 Monday	DAWT	Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race, and cold war; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
24	6 th August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Evolution of the International Economic System: From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance);



			Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; need for UN reforms.
25	8 th August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.
26	9 th August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement: Different phases; Current role.
27	11 th August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 3 – Test # 19 – 25
28	12 th August 2024 Monday	DAWT	India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects; South Asia as a Free Trade Area; India's "Look East" policy; Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.
29	13 th August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
30	14 th August 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China, and Russia. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
31	16 th August 2024 Friday	DAWT	India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy. Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia; growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.
32	18 th August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test – Test # 26 – 31
33	25 th August 2024 Sunday	FLT	Political Science and International Relations Paper I
34	26 th August 2024 Monday	FLT	Political Science and International Relations Paper II