

Optional 2024

**Optional Answer
Writing Focus
Group**

GEOGRAPHY

Batch - 1

Starts

**JULY, 05, 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. Ayushi Pradhan (IAS Rank 36, 2023)
3. K N Chandana Jahnavi (IAS Rank 50, 2023)
4. Shashwat Agrawal (IAS Rank 121, 2023)
 5. Aditi (IAS Rank 247, 2023)
 6. Aradhana Chauhan (IAS Rank 251, 2023)
 7. Ananya Rana (IAS Rank 280, 2023)
 8. Devesh Chaturved (IAS Rank 305, 2023)

5 Times Rank I in Indian Forest Service

IFoS Rank I – 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. This is applicable for admissions taken post prelims 2024 or courses with their starting date post prelims only.

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

#	Date and Day	Test Type	Syllabus
1	5 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Geomorphology - Factors controlling landform development; endogenetic and exogenetic forces; Origin and evolution of the earth's crusts; Fundamentals of geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior
2	8 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Geomorphology - Geosynclines; Continental drift; Isostasy; Plate tectonics; Recent views on mountain building; Volcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis
3	9 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Geomorphology - Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Landscape development; Denudation chronology; Channel morphology; Erosion surfaces; Slope development; Applied Geomorphology; Geomorphology, economic geology, and environment.
4	11 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Climatology - Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the earth; Atmospheric circulation; Atmospheric stability and instability. Planetary and local winds; Monsoons and jet streams; Air masses and fronts; Temperate and tropical cyclones
5	12 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Climatology - Types and distribution of precipitation; Weather and Climate; Koppen's Thornthwaite's and Trewartha's classification of world climate; Hydrological cycle; Global climatic change, and role and response of man in climatic changes Applied climatology and Urban climate.
6	15 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Oceanography - Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and salinity of the oceans; Heat and salt budgets, Ocean deposits; Waves, currents, and tides; Marine resources; biotic, mineral, and energy resources; Coral reefs coral bleaching; Sea-level changes; Law of the sea and marine pollution.
7	16 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Biogeography - Genesis of soils; Classification and distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation, and conservation; Factors influencing world



			distribution of plants and animals; Problems of deforestation and conservation measures; Social forestry, agro-forestry; Wildlife; Major gene pool centers.
8	18 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Environmental Geography - Principle of ecology; Human ecological adaptations; Influence of man on ecology and environment; Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation; Environmental degradation, management, and conservation; Biodiversity and sustainable development; Environmental policy; Environmental hazards and remedial measures; Environmental education and legislation.
9	21 st July 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test #1 – Test # 1 – 8
10	22 nd July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Perspectives in Human Geography - Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative revolution and locational analysis;
11	23 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Perspectives in Human Geography - Radical, behavioral, human, and welfare approaches; Languages, religions, and secularisation; Cultural regions of the world; Human development index.
12	25 th July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Economic Geography - World economic development: measurement and problems; World resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; the limits to growth; World agriculture: a typology of agricultural regions; Agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and nutrition problems; Food security; famine: causes, effects, and remedies; World industries: location patterns and problems; Patterns of world trade.
13	26 th July 2024 Friday	DAWT	Population Geography - Growth and distribution of world population; Demographic attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; Concepts of the over-under-and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social well-being and quality of life; Population as social capital.
14	29 th July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Settlement Geography - Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in



			rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology; Concept of primate city and rank-size rule; Functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural-urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and remedies of urbanization; Sustainable development of cities.
15	30 th July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Regional Planning - Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalization; Growth centers and growth poles; Regional imbalances; Regional development strategies; Environmental issues in regional planning; Planning for sustainable development.
16	01 st August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography - System analysis in Human geography; Malthusian, Marxian and demographic transition models; Central Place theories of Christaller and Losch; Perroux and Boudeville;
17	02 nd August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography - Von Thunen's model of agricultural location; Weber's model of industrial location; Ostov's model of stages of growth. Heartland and Rimland theories; Laws of international boundaries and frontiers.
18	04 th August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test #2 - Test # 10 - 17
19	05 th August 2024 Monday	DAWT	Physical Setting - Space relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and relief; Drainage system and watersheds; Physiographic regions; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns; Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; Floods and droughts; Climatic regions; Natural vegetation, Soil types and their distributions.
20	06 th August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Resources - Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources, Forest and wildlife resources and their conservation; Energy crisis.
21	8 th August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Agriculture - Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; Institutional factors; land holdings, land tenure, and land reforms; Cropping pattern, agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability;



22	9 th August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Agriculture - Agro and social-forestry; Green revolution and its socio-economic and ecological implications; Significance of dry farming; Livestock resources and white revolution; Aquaculture; Sericulture, Agriculture, and poultry; Agricultural regionalization; Agro-climatic zones; Agro-ecological regions.
23	12 th August 2024 Monday	DAWT	Industry - Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, aluminum, fertilizer, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage, and agro-based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalization; New industrial policy; Multinationals and liberalization; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including ecotourism.
24	13 th August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Transport, Communication, and Trade - Road, railway, waterway, airway, and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy; Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space program.
25	14 th August 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Cultural Setting - Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; Major tribes, tribal areas, and their problems; Cultural regions; Growth, distribution, and density of population; Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (inter-regional, intraregional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.
26	16 th August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Settlements - Types, patterns, and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; Urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; Town planning; Problems of urbanization and remedies.
27	18 th August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test #3 - Test 19 - 24



28	19 th August 2024 Monday	DAWT	Regional Development and Planning - Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programs; Panchayati Raj and decentralized planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought-prone, hill tribal area development; Multi-level planning; Regional planning and development of island territories.
29	20 th August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Political Aspects - Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State reorganization; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter-state issues; International boundary of India and related issues; Cross-border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.
30	22 nd August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Contemporary Issues - Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues related to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; Population explosion and food security;
31	23 rd August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Contemporary Issues - Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification, and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest; Regional disparities in economic development; Concept of sustainable growth and development; Environmental awareness; Linkage of rivers; Globalisation and Indian economy.
32	25 th August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 4 - Test # 25 - 31
33	01 st September 2024 Sunday	FLT	Geography Paper I
34	08 th September 2024 Monday	FLT	Geography Paper II