

# **Optional 2024**

Optional Answer Writing Focus Group PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Batch - 1

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# Available in Offline and Online

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#### Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy, CSE 2021 & 2022

- I. Ishita Kishore (IAS Rank 1, 2022)
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- Anudeep Duraishetty (IAS Rank 1, 2017)
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- 8. Jivani Kartik Nagjibhai (IAS Rank 8, 2020)9. Apala Mishra (IAS Rank 9, 2020)
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## ForumIAS Academy Students with Optionals

- I. 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

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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: <u>https://academy.forumias.com</u> 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 <u>admissions@forumias.academy</u>
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For any query you can call us at +91 - 93117 40900 | + 91 - 93117 40400 or write to us at <u>admissions@forumias.academy</u>.

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) – Public Administration

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

#	Date and Day	Test Type	Syllabus
1	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	DAWT	Civilisation and Public Administration, The
	Friday		Progressive Era in USA
2	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	DAWT	The Administrative Management Approach, The
	Monday		Bureaucratic theory of Max Weber
3	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	DAWT	Administrative Thought : Elton Mayo, Chester
	Tuesday		Bernard, Herbert Simon
4	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	DAWT	Administrative Behaviour : Leadership, Motivation
	Thursday		and Morale
5	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Friday	DAWT	AdministrativeThoughtand,NewPublicAdministrationandPublicChoiceapproach : Theimpact on the Discipline
6	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	DAWT	Post-Weberian Developments - The rise of
	Monday		Postmodern Concepts, <b>Organizations</b> - Systems,
			Structure and forms of Organization,
7	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tueday	DAWT	The Concept of Comparative PublicAdministration, Method and Level of CPA, Ecologyand administration and Riggsian models and theircritique, Ferrel Heady
8	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Meaning, Scope, and Significance of <b>Administrative Law</b>
9	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 1 – Test # 1 – 8
10	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Changing profile of development and Anti- development thesis, Strong state versus the market debate; Impact of liberalization on administration in developing countries.
11	23 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Models of policy-making</b> and their critique, Processes of conceptualisation,
12	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Personnel Administration</b> :: Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline, <b>Personnel Administration</b> :: Pay and service conditions; employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism.
13	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Personnel Administration</b> :: Code of conduct and Administrative ethics.
14	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	Planning, implementation, monitoring, <b>State</b> <b>theories and public policy formulation.</b>
15	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	Monetary and fiscal policies, Budgets types and forms, Budgetary process
16	01 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	Financial accountability; Accounts and Audit
17	02 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024 Friday	DAWT	Techniques of Administrative Improvement
18	04 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 2 Test #10 – 18
19	05 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Kautilya Arthashastra</b> and Mughal administration, <b>Legacy of British rule</b> in politics and administration Indianization of Public services



20	06 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Constitutionalism and Political culture,
	Tuesday		<b>Bureaucracy and democracy,</b> Bureaucracy and development
21	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Public sector in modern India; Forms of Public
	Thursday		Sector Undertakings and Issues,
22	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Union Government and Administration,
	Friday		Machinery of planning, Decentralized planning
			for economic development and social justice.
23	12 <sup>th</sup> August	DAWT	State Government and Administration, Changing
	2024 Monday		role of the Collector, District administration and
			democratic decentralization.
24	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Political rights; Grievance redressal mechanism;
	Tuesday		Civil service neutrality; Civil service activism,
25	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Budget as a political instrument; Parliamentary
	Wednesday		control of public expenditure,
26	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Administrative Reforms since Independence,
	Friday		Reforms in financial management and human
			resource development; Problems of
			implementation.
27	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 3 – From test #19 – 25
28	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Criminalisation of politics and administration;
	Monday		Police-public relations, Reforms in Police
29	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	DAWT	The Concept of Rural Development, Urban Local
	Tuesday		Government,
30	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024	DAWT	British legacy; National Police Commission;
	Thursday		Investigative agencies
31	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024	DAWT	Significant Issues in Indian Administration - Polity,
	Friday		Constitution and Governance, Environment and
			Technology,
32	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	Sectional Test 4 – From Test #26 – 31
33	01 <sup>st</sup> September 2024   Sunday	FLT	Public Administration Paper I
34	08 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   Sunday	FLT	Public Administration Paper II