

**Optional 2024**

**Optional Answer**

**Writing Focus**

**Group**

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Batch - 1**

**Starts**

**JULY, 05, 2024,  
Friday**

**Available in Offline and Online**

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### Top Rankers of ForumIAS Academy, CSE 2023

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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)

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

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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)

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### ForumIAS Academy Students Rankers from other years

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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)

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### ForumIAS Academy Students with Sociology Optional

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1. K N Chandana Jahnavi (IAS Rank 50, 2023)
2. Aradhana Chauhan (IAS Rank 251, 2023)
3. Abhinav Siwach (IAS Rank 12, 2022)
4. Anuja Trivedi (IAS Rank 80, 2022)
5. Pragya Jat (IAS Rank 91, 2022)

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### 5 Times Rank 1 in Indian Forest Service

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**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 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: <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](mailto: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](mailto: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) – Sociology**  
**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 Friday	DAWT	<b>Sociology – The Discipline:</b> Emergence, Sociology and its relationship with other Social Sciences, and Sociology and Common Sense.
2	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Sociology as Science:</b> Major theoretical strands of research methodology, Positivism and its critique, and Non-positivist methodologies.
3	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Research Methods and Analysis:</b> Qualitative and Quantitative, and Techniques of Data Collection.
4	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Karl Marx:</b> Alienation and Historical Materialism
5	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Emile Durkheim:</b> Division of Labour, Social Fact, and Suicide.
6	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Max Weber:</b> Ideal Type, Protestant Ethic, Authority, and Bureaucracy.
7	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Talcott Parsons:</b> Social System and Pattern Variables.
8	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Robert K. Merton and G. H. Mead:</b> Latent and Manifest, Theory of Deviance, and I and Me.
9	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2024 Sunday	FLS	<b>Sectional Test 1 – Test # 1 - 8</b>
10	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Stratification and Mobility:</b> Theories of Stratification, Social Mobility.
11	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Works and Economic Life:</b> Formal and Informal Organisation of Work, Work in Post-Industrial Society, and Platform Economy/Gig Work.
12	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Politics and Society:</b> Sociological Theories of Power, Pressure Groups, Citizenship, Democracy, and Civil Society.
13	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Religion and Society:</b> Sociological Theories of Religion, Sects and Cults, Religion and Science, and Secularisation.
14	29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Systems of Kinship:</b> Patriarchy and Sexual Division of Labour, and Contemporary Kinship Trends.
15	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Social Change in Modern Society:</b> Dependency Theory, Education and Social Change, and Science, Technology and Social Change.
16	01 <sup>st</sup> August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Paper II, Part A:</b> Perspectives on the Study of Indian Society, Social Background of Indian Nationalism, and Modernisation of Indian Tradition.
17	02 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Caste System:</b> Perspectives on the Study of Caste System, and Untouchability.
18	04 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	<b>Sectional Test 2 – Test # 10 - 15</b>
19	05 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Rural and Agrarian Social Structure, and Tribal Communities in India:</b> Villages Studies, and Tribal Communities (definitional problems and issues of integration and autonomy).
20	06 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Social Classes in India:</b> Industrial Class Structure, and Middle Classes in India.



21	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Systems of Kinship in India:</b> Types of Kinship Systems, Patriarchy, and Sexual Division of Labour.
22	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Visions of Social Change in India:</b> Development Planning, Constitution, Law and Social Change, and Education and Social Change.
23	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	<b>Sectional Test 4 - Test # 16 - 22</b>
24	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Rural and Agrarian Transformation in India:</b> Rural Development, Poverty Alleviation Schemes, Green Revolution, and Migration.
25	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Industrialisation and Urbanisation in India:</b> Working Class, Informal Sector, Child Labour, and Urban Slums.
26	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	<b>Politics and Society:</b> Political Parties, Pressure Groups, Social and Political Elites, Regionalism, and Secularisation.
27	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Social Movements in Modern India:</b> Farmers' Dalit, Environmental, and Identity Movements.
28	19 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Monday	DAWT	<b>Religion and Society, and Population Dynamics:</b> Problems of Religious Minorities, Ageing, Sex Ratio, and Mortality.
29	20 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Tuesday	DAWT	<b>Challenges of Social Transformation (Session I):</b> Crisis of Development, and Violence against Women.
30	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2024 Thursday	DAWT	<b>Challenges of Social Transformation (Session II):</b> Caste Conflicts, Ethnic Conflicts, Communalism, and Religious Revivalism.
31	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024 Friday	DAWT	<b>Current Affairs Themes:</b> Caste, Ethnicity, Religion, and Development.
32	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 Sunday	FLS	<b>Sectional Test 4 - Test # 24 - 31</b>
33	01 <sup>st</sup> September 2024 Sunday	FLT	<b>Sociology Paper I</b>
34	08 <sup>th</sup> September 2024   Monday	FLT	<b>Sociology Paper II</b>