

# ANTHROPOLOGY OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2026

## ANTHROPOLOGY AUGMENTED TEST SERIES (ATS)

- ◆ Total: **10 Tests**
- ◆ 6 Sectional Test (**3 each in Paper I and II**)
- ◆ 4 Full Length Tests
- ◆ Test Discussion With Model Answers
- ◆ Evaluation: All Questions
- ◆ Crisp & Concise Handouts for Value Addition
- ◆ One to One Mentorship
- ◆ **An Ideal Student for Course:**
  - At least Finished Syllabus Reading Once
  - Failed to Attain a total Score of 280 Marks or above across Paper I & II

STARTS **05 JUNE**  
2025

## OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O- AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **36 Tests**
- ◆ 2-3 Tests Every Week
- ◆ Each Test Consist of 5 Questions
- ◆ Evaluation: All Questions
- ◆ Test Discussion With Model Answers
- ◆ One to One Mentorship
- ◆ **An Ideal Student for Course:**
  - Wants to Strengthen Basics
  - Need Discipline to Follow a Structured Plan
  - Willing to Discuss Topics on Micro level with a Mentor

STARTS **16 MAY**  
2025

| STUDENT WHO WANTS TO PREPARE HOLISTICALLY BRICK BY BRICK CAN ENROLL IN BOTH ATS AND OAWFG |

## Anthropology Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

### ForumIAS Anthropology Augmented Test Series (ATS)

6 Sectional Tests (3 each on Paper 1 and 2) + 4 Full Length Tests

**Starts – 05<sup>th</sup> June 2025** (calendar in Annexure I)

### About Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of Anthropology through 6 Sectional tests (**full length**) + 4 Full Syllabus (**full length**) tests. The tests will be followed by evaluation, solution document and test discussions.

#### The ATS seeks to ensure:

- The students are writing in the pattern and difficulty which simulates the examination papers.
- will have a thorough evaluation and feedback on answers written by them.
- will be provided detailed solutions and test discussion which will add value to their answers.

**Mentorship:** You will be made available a 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. Discuss your paper with the mentor to get insights on requisite presentation and content improvement. Tailor-made strategic grooming of each candidate.

*\*The ForumIAS O-AWFG and ATS can be clubbed together to get the most optimal and to the point preparation for your UPSC Mains Optional 2026.*

### ForumIAS Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)

36 Answer Writing Tests

**Starts – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025** (calendar in Annexure II)

### 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 **2 – 3 answer writing tests in a week**. Each test consist of 5 questions. Comprehensive Evaluation for Every Question.

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

- a regular committed time for preparation of Optional for UPSC Mains 2026.
- to provide for incremental study plan on a day to day basis.
- to cover important and relevant PYQs as there has been trend from UPSC to repeat questions in optional.
- to solve the hurdle of answer writing practice for optional.

Course	Fees (for both Online & Offline)
Anthropology ATS	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Anthropology OAWFG	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Anthropology ATS + OAWFG	Rs. 22,420/- (inclusive of all taxes)

### Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 3,500/- for optional foundation students and GS foundation students**. The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 2,000/- for ForumIAS MGP and Current Affairs students**. The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 1,000/- 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.

- By visiting the website: <https://academy.forumias.com> and making payment through Net Banking / Debit / Credit Card / UPI etc.
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in HDFC bank Accounts. For this Option, please email us at [admissions@forumias.academy](mailto:admissions@forumias.academy)
- 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).

### Terms & Condition

- Students enrolled in any course of ForumIAS must get a physical ID card for availing services in the offline mode. A nominal fee of Rs. 30 will be payable for the same.
- Your test copies will be evaluated within 10 working days of copy submission.
- Copies must be submitted within three weeks of the test release for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the timetable and write tests on designated days. The commitment of 10 working days evaluation is valid only for copies submitted in this time period.
- 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 2026**.
- 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.

### Annexure – I (ATS Calendar)

#	DAY and DATE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER 1</b>		
1	05 June 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1, 1.2,1.3, 2-8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
2	19 June 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6, 1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
3	03 July 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) – Biological Anthropology
4	10 July 2025 Thursday	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
<b>PAPER 2</b>		
5	24 July 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
6	07 August 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
7	21 August 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7 – 9)
8	28 August 2025 Thursday	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)
9		FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
10		FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)

**\* For unit details please refer to O-AWFG calendar in Annexure II**

### Annexure – II (OAWFG Calendar)

**ATS tests are denoted in coloured columns for students' opting for ATS + OAWFG**

#	DAY and DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER 1</b>			
1	16 May, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 1.1,1.2,1.3 – Meaning, Scope & Development of Anthropology, Relationship with other disciplines, Main branches of Anthropology
2	19 May, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 1 (Evolutionism, diffusionism, Historical Particularism, )
3	21 May, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 2 (Functionalism, Structural- Functionalism, Structuralism, Culture & Personality)
4	23 May, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 3 (Cultural Materielism, Symbolic & Interpretive, Cognitive, Post - Modernism)
5	26 May, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 2.1,2.2, 2.3 – Culture, Society, Marriage

6	28 May, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 2.4 – 3: Family, Kinship, Economic Organization
7	30 May, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 4 & 5 – Political Organization, Religion
8	02 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 7 & 8 – Language, Research Methods in Anthropology
	<b>04 June 2025 Wednesday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1 to 1.3, 2 to 5, 7 &amp; 8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology</b>
9	06 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 1.6 – Fossils (Phylogenetic Status, Characteristics & Geo. Distribution of Australopithecus, Homo erectus, Neanderthal Man, Rhodesian man, Homo Sapiens)
10	09 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 1.8 A – Archaeological Anthropology – Principles of pre-historic archaeology (Paleolithic & Mesolithic Cultures, Dating Methods)
11	11 June, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 1.8 B – Neolithic Cultures Chalcolithic, Copper, Bronze, Iron Age Cultures
	<b>13 June, 2025 Friday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6-1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology</b>
12	16 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 1.4 – 1.7 – Human Evolution (Theories & Factors), Cell: DNA Replication, Protein Synthesis, Gene, Mutation, Cell Division
13	18 June, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 1.5 – Primates & their Characteristics
14	20 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 9.1 – 9.2 – Human Genetics Session 1 (Methods to Study Genetic Principles, Polymorphism)
15	23 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 9.3 – 9.4 – Human Genetics Session 2 (Hardy Weinberg, Factors that bring down Frequency, Chromosomal, Abberations)
16	25 June, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 9.5 & 9.6 – Race & Racism (Genetic Markers)
17	27 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 9.7 – Ecological Anthropology
18	30 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 9.8 – Epidemiological Anthropology
19	02 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 10, 11 – Human Growth & Development, Menarche & Menopause, DTT
20	04 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 12 – Applications of Anthropology
	<b>07 July 2025 Monday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNITS 9 – 12, UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7) – Biological Anthropology</b>
<b>PAPER 2</b>			
21	09 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 1.1, 1.3 – Contribution of tribal cultures to Indian Civilization, Ethno-archaeology in India
22	11 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 2 & (3.1 – 3.2) – Demographic Profile, Traditional features of Indian Social System, Caste System in India
23	14 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 3.3 & 3.4 – NMS Complex, Impact of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism on Indian Society
24	16 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 4 – Emergence of Anthropology, Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 1

25	18 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 4 – Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 2
	<b>21 July, 2025 Monday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)</b>
26	23 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 5.1, 5.2 – Indian Village, Linguistic & Religious Minorities
27	25 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 5.3 – Sanskritization, Modernization, little & great traditions
28	28 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 5.3 – Panchayati Raj & Social Change, Media & Social Change
29	30 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 6.1 – Tribal Situation in India
30	01 August, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 6.2 – Tribal Problems & UNIT 6.3 – Impact of developmental projects on tribes
31	04 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 7.1, 7.2 – Exploitation & Deprivation of SCs, STs, OBCs, Constitutional Safeguards, Social Change and contemporary tribal societies
	<b>06 August, 2025 Wednesday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)</b>
32	08 August, 2025 Friday	DAWT	UNIT 7.3, 8.1 – Ethnicity, Impact of other religions on tribal societies
33	11 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 8.2 – Tribe & Nation State
34	13 August, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	UNIT 9.1 – Administration of tribal areas – policy & programmes
35	16 August, 2025 Saturday	DAWT	UNIT 9.2 – Role of Anthropology in tribal and rural development
36	18 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT	UNIT 9.3 – Contributions of Anthropology in understanding communalism, regionalism, ethnic & political movements
37	<b>20 August, 2025 Wednesday</b>		<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7-9)</b>
38	<b>22 August, 2025 Friday</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
39	<b>25 August, 2025 Monday</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>
	<b>Post Prelims</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
	<b>Post Prelims</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>