

SOCIOLOGY OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2025

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O-AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **20** Answer Writing Tests
- ◆ 2-3 Tests Every Week
- ◆ Each Test Consist of 8-10 Questions
- ◆ Evaluation: All Questions
- ◆ Test Discussion With Model Answers
- ◆ One to One Mentorship
- ◆ **An Ideal Student for Course:**
 - Newcomers or repeaters who need to cement **Sociology basics**—one concept, one answer at a time
 - Aspirants aiming to **seamlessly graduate to full-length mocks (ATS)** with confidence
 - Anyone seeking a **disciplined, weekly writing rhythm**—2-3 mini-tests lock the routine in

STARTS

11 JUNE
2025

SOCIOLOGY AUGMENTED TEST SERIES (ATS)

- ◆ Total: **10** Tests
- ◆ 4 Sectional Test (**2 each in Paper I and II**)
- ◆ 6 Full Length Tests
- ◆ Test Discussion With Model Answers
- ◆ Evaluation: All Questions
- ◆ One to One Mentorship
- ◆ **An Ideal Student for Course:**
 - 2025 Mains writers ready to **face UPSC-level, full-length papers under the clock**
 - Students who have **completed (or are paralleling) O-AWFG / any foundation work**
 - Score-hunters targeting **300 +: fine-tuning speed, structure & value-addition**
*in real time

STARTS

15 JUNE
2025

COHORT - 1

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


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Sociology Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2025

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

20 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – 11th June 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 8-10 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 2025.
- To provide for incremental study plan on a day - 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.

ForumIAS Sociology Augmented Test Series (ATS)

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

Starts – 15th June 2025 (calendar in Annexure I)

About Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of Sociology through 4 Sectional tests (**full length**) + 6 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 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.

What the faculty recommends –

For starters

- Write small, learn fast (O-AWFG) → then go full-scale (ATS)

Already confident with Sociology basics or past answer-writing?

You may **enrol directly in ATS** and jump straight into UPSC-level full-length mocks.

**The ForumIAS OAWFG and ATS can be clubbed together to get the most optimal and to the point preparation for your UPSC Mains Optional 2025.*

| Course | Fees (for both Online & Offline) |
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| Sociology ATS | Rs. 12,000/- (inclusive of all taxes) |
| Sociology OAWFG | Rs. 12,000/- (inclusive of all taxes) |
| Sociology ATS + OAWFG | Rs. 20,000/- (inclusive of all taxes) |

Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 3500/- 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
- 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.

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, 2025**.
- 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.
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Annexure – I (ATS Calendar)

| # | DAY DATE | TEST TYPE | SYLLABUS |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| PAPER 1 | | | |
| 1 | 15 June 2025 Sunday | SECTIONAL TEST 1 (832211) | COMPLETE PAPER -1 SECTION - A |
| 2 | 22 June 2025 Sunday | SECTIONAL TEST 2 (832212) | COMPLETE PAPER -1 SECTION -B |
| 3 | 29 June 2025 Sunday | SECTIONAL TEST 3 (832213) | COMPLETE PAPER -2 SECTION - A |
| 4 | 06 July 2025 Sunday | SECTIONAL TEST 4 (832214) | COMPLETE PAPER -2 SECTION - B |
| 5 | 13 July 2025 Sunday | FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (832215) | PAPER -1 SECTION -A & B |
| 6 | 20 July 2025 Sunday | FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (832216) | PAPER -2 SECTION -A & B |
| 7 | 27 July 2025 Sunday | FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (832217) | PAPER -1 SECTION -A & B |
| 8 | 03 August 2025 Sunday | FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (832218) | PAPER -2 SECTION -A & B |
| 9 | 09 August 2025 Saturday | FULL LENGTH TEST 5 (832219) | PAPER-1 |
| 10 | 09 August 2025 Saturday | FULL LENGTH TEST 6 (832220) | PAPER -2 |

Annexure – II (O-AWFG Calendar)

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

| S. No. | DATE DAY | TEST TYPE Code | TOPICS |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---|
| PAPER - I | | | |
| 1 | 11 June, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881241) | Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe, emergence of Sociology, Sociology and common sense. Science, scientific method, and critique. |
| 2 | 13 June, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881242) | Positivism and its critique. Major theoretical strands of research methodology. Non-positivist methodologies. Fact, value, and objectivity. |
| 3 | 16 June, 2025 Monday | DAWT (881243) | Research Methods: Qualitative and quantitative methods, Techniques of data collection, Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity. |
| 4 | 18 June, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881244) | Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle. Sociological Thinkers: Emile Durkheim - Division of labor, social fact, suicide, religion and society. Sociological Thinkers: Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism. |

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| 5 | 20 June, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881245) | Sociological Thinkers: Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables. Sociological Thinkers: Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups. Mead - Self and identity. |
| | 22 June, 2025 Sunday | ATS SECTIONAL TEST 1 (832211) | SECTION TEST 1 |
| 6 | 23 June, 2025 Monday | DAWT (881246) | Stratification and Mobility: Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, deprivation. Social mobility - open and closed systems, types, sources, causes. Stratification and Mobility: Theories of social stratification (structural functionalism, Marxism, Weberian theory). Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race. |
| 7 | 25 June, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881247) | Work and Economic Life: Social organization of work - slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society, Formal and informal organization of work. Labour and society. Politics and Society: Theories of power, Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, political parties. Politics and Society: Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution. |
| 8 | 27 June, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881248) | Religion and Society: Sociological theories of religion, animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults, secularization, fundamentalism, religion and science, secularisation, religious revivalism, fundamentalism. |
| 9 | 30 June, 2025 Monday | DAWT (881249) | Systems of Kinship: Family, household, marriage, types and forms of family, patriarchy, sexual division of labor. Lineage and descent, Contemporary trends. |
| 10 | 02 July, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881250) | Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change, Development and dependency, Agents of social change, education and social change. Science, technology, and social change. |
| | 03 July 2025 Thursday | ATS SECTIONAL TEST 2 (832212) | SECTION TEST 2 |
| PAPER - II | | | |
| 11 | 04 July 2025 Friday | DAWT (881251) | Perspectives on Indian Society: Indology (G.S. Ghure), Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas), Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai). Perspectives on Indian Society: Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai), D.P. Mukherji, R.K. Mukherji, Subaltern perspective |
| 12 | 07 July 2025 Monday | DAWT (881252) | Impact of Colonial Rule: Social background of Indian nationalism, modernization of Indian tradition, Protests, movements during the colonial period, social reforms. Rural and Agrarian Social Structure: Indian village and village studies, agrarian social structure, land tenure system, land reforms. Caste System: Perspectives on the caste system (Ghurye, Srinivas, Dumont, Beteille), Features of caste, untouchability. |
| 13 | 09 July, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881253) | Tribal Communities: Definitional problems, geographical spread, colonial policies, integration, and autonomy. |
| 14 | 11 July, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881254) | Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure, Industrial class structure, Middle classes. |

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| | | | Kinship in India: Lineage and descent, types of kinship systems, family, and marriage, Household dimensions of the family, Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour. Religion in India: Religious communities, problems of religious minorities. |
| 15 | 14 July, 2025 Monday | DAWT (881255) | Visions of Social Change: Development planning and mixed economy, Constitution, law, education and social change. Rural and Agrarian Transformation: Rural development programs, Green revolution, Changing modes of production, Migration, and rural labor issues. Industrialization and Urbanization: Evolution of industry, Growth of urban settlements in India, working class, informal sector, child labor, slums. |
| | 15 July, 2025 Tuesday | ATS SECTIONAL TEST 3 (832213) | SECTION TEST 3 |
| 16 | 16 July, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881256) | Politics and Society: Nation, democracy, citizenship, political parties, pressure groups, elites, regionalism, secularization. Social Movements: Peasants, women's movement, Backward classes, Dalit movements, environmental movements, identity movements. |
| 17 | 18 July, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881257) | Population Dynamics: Size, growth, composition, birth, death, migration, sex ratio, infant mortality, reproductive health, Population Policy and family planning |
| 18 | 21 July, 2025 Monday | DAWT (881258) | Population Dynamics: Size, growth, composition, birth, death, migration, sex ratio, infant mortality, reproductive health, Population Policy and family planning |
| 19 | 23 July, 2025 Wednesday | DAWT (881259) | Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of development, displacement, environmental problems, sustainability, Violence against women |
| 20 | 25 July, 2025 Friday | DAWT (881260) | Challenges of Social Transformation: Poverty, deprivation, inequality, violence against women. Challenges of Social Transformation: Caste conflicts, ethnic conflicts, Illiteracy and disparities in education |
| | 27, July, 2025 Sunday | ATS SECTIONAL TEST 4 (832214) | SECTION TEST 4 |
| | 29, July, 2025 Tuesday | ATS FLT-1 (832215) | FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 1 |
| | 31, July, 2025 Thursday | ATS FLT-2 (832216) | FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 2 |
| | 2 August, 2025 Saturday | ATS FLT-3 (832217) | FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 1 |
| | 04 August, 2025 Monday | ATS FLT-4 (832218) | FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 2 |
| | 09 August 2025 Saturday | FULL LENGTH TEST 5 (832219) | PAPER-1 |
| | 09 August 2025 Saturday | FULL LENGTH TEST 6 (832220) | PAPER -2 |