

ANTHROPOLOGY OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2025

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O-AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **20 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 **Anthropology 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

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
- ◆ 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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Anthropology Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2025

ForumIAS 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 consists of 8-10 questions. A Comprehensive Evaluation will be provided 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 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.

ForumIAS Anthropology Augmented Test Series (ATS)

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

Starts – 15 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.

What the faculty recommends –

For starters

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

Already confident with Anthropology basics or past answer-writing?

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

**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 2025.*

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

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- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in HDFC bank Accounts. For this Option, please email us at admissions@forumias.academy
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For any query you can call us at +91 – 93117 40900 | + 91 – 93117 40400 or write to us at admissions@forumias.academy.

Terms & Conditions

- 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 and DATE	TOPICS
PAPER 1		
1	15 June 2025 Sunday (831211)	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1, 1.2,1.3, 2-8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
2	22 June 2025 Sunday (831212)	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6, 1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
3	29 June 2025 Sunday (831213)	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) – Biological Anthropology
4	06 July 2025 Sunday (831214)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
PAPER 2		
5	13 July 2025 Sunday (831215)	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
6	20 July 2025 Sunday (831216)	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
7	27 July 2025 Sunday (831217)	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7 – 9)
8	03 August 2025 Sunday (831218)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)
9	09 August 2025 Sunday (831219)	FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)
10	09 August 2025 Sunday (831220)	FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)

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

Annexure – II (O-AWFG Calendar)

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

#	DAY and DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
PAPER 1			
1	11 June, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (881141)	Unit 1.1,1.2,1.3 – Meaning, Scope & Development of Anthropology Unit 6: Anthropological Theories
2	13 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881142)	Unit 2.1,2.2,2.3,2.4: Culture, Society, Marriage, Family
3	16 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881143)	Unit 2.5, 3, 4 – Kinship, Economic Organization, Political Organization & Social Control
4	18 June, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (881144)	Unit 5, 7, 8: Religion, Language, Research Methods in Anthropology

5	20 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881145)	UNIT 1.6 – Fossils (Phylogenetic Status, Characteristics & Geo. distribution of Australopithecus, Homo erectus, Neanderthal Man, Rhodesian man, Homo Sapiens)
	22 June, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST -1 (831211)	UNIT – (1.1, 1.2, 1.3 2-8), Socio-cul Anthropology
6	23 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881146)	UNIT 1.8 – Archaeological Anthropology – Principles of pre-historic archaeology; Dating methods in Archaeology; Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze & Iron Age Cultures
7	25 June, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881147)	UNIT 1.4 & 1.7 – Human Evolution (Theories & Factors), Cell: DNA Replication, Protein Synthesis, Gene, Mutation, Cell Division, UNIT 1.5 – Primates & their Characteristics
	26 June, 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST -2 (831212)	UNIT – (1.6, 1.8), Archaeological Anthropology
8	27 June, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881148)	UNIT 9.1 – 9.4 – Human Genetics (Genetic Principles in man-family study, DNA Tech; Mendelian Genetics; (Genetic Polymorphism, Hardy Weinberg law, Factors that bring down Frequency, Chromosomal Aberrations, Consanguineous & non-consanguineous mating, genetic load)
9	30 June, 2025	DAWT (881149)	Unit 9.5 – 9.8: Race & Racism, Genetic Markers, Ecological Anthropology, Epidemiological Anthropology
	01 July, 2025 Tuesday	SECTIONAL TEST -3 (831213)	UNIT – (1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) Biological Anthropology
10	03 July 2025 Thrusday	DAWT (881150)	UNIT 10, 11 – Human Growth & Development, Menarche & Menopause, Demographic theories, fertility patterns
11	04 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881151)	UNIT 12 – Applications of Anthropology
	06 July, 2025 Sunday	FULL LENGTH TEST (831214)	PAPER - 1
12	07 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881152)	Unit 1.3: Ethno-archaeology in India, UNIT 2– Demographic Profile of India, UNIT 3.1. The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system–Varnashram, Purushartha, Karma, Rina and Rebirth.
13	09 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881153)	UNIT 3.2 – Structure and characteristics Varna and caste, Theories of origin of caste system, Dominant caste, Caste mobility, Future of caste system, Jajmani system. Tribe-case continuum. UNIT 3.3: NMS Complex; UNIT 3.4: Impact of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism on Indian Society
	10 July, 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST -4 (831215)	UNIT – (1-3, PAPER-2)
14	11 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881154)	UNIT 4 – Contributions of the 18th, 19th and early 20th Century scholar-administrators. Contributions of Indian anthropologists to tribal and caste studies.

15	14 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881155)	UNIT 5.1, 5.2 – Indian Village, Linguistic & Religious Minorities; UNIT 5.3 – Sanskritization, Modernization, little & great traditions, panchayati raj & social change, media & social change
	15 July, 2025 Tuesday	SECTIONAL TEST -5 (831216)	UNIT – (4-6 PAPER – 2)
16	16 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (881156)	UNIT 6.1 – Tribal Situation in India; UNIT 6.2 – Tribal Problems & UNIT 6.3 – Impact of developmental projects on tribes
17	18 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881157)	UNIT 7.1 – Exploitation & Deprivation of SCs, STs, OBCs, Constitutional Safeguards, UNIT 7.2: Impact of modern democratic institutions, development programmes and welfare measures on tribals and weaker sections. Social Change, and Contemporary tribal societies; UNIT 7.3: Ethnic conflicts and political developments; Unrest among tribal communities; Regionalism and demand for autonomy; Pseudo-tribalism. Social change among the tribes during colonial and post-Independent India.
18	21 July, 2025 Monday	DAWT (881158)	UNIT 8.1 Impact of Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and other religions on tribal societies; UNIT 8.2 – Tribe & Nation State
	22 July, 2025 Tuesday	SECTIONAL TEST – 6 (831217)	UNIT – 7-9, PAPER – 2
19	23 July, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (881159)	UNIT 9.1 – Administration of tribal areas – policy & programmes; tribal policies, plans, programmes of tribal development and their implementation. The concept of PTGs (Primitive Tribal Groups), their distribution, special programmes for their development. Role of N.G.O.s in tribal development.
20	25 July, 2025 Friday	DAWT (881160)	UNIT: 9.2 Role of anthropology in tribal and rural development; UNIT 9.3 Contributions of anthropology to the understanding of regionalism, communalism and ethnic and political movements.
	27 July, 2025 Sunday	(831218)	FULL LENGTH TEST – 2 PAPER 2
	03 August, 2025 Sunday	(831219)	FULL LENGTH TEST – 3 PAPER 1
	09 August, 2025 Saturday	(831220)	FULL LENGTH TEST – 4 PAPER 2