

# PSIR OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2026

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

- ◆ Total: **35 Tests**
- ◆ 2-3 Tests Every Week
- ◆ Each Test Consist of 7-10 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

## PSIR AUGMENTED TEST SERIES (ATS)

- ◆ Total: **16 Tests**
- ◆ 12 *Sectional Test* (**6 each in Paper I and II**)
- ◆ 4 Full Length Tests
- ◆ Test Discussion With Model Answers
- ◆ Copy Evaluation
- ◆ 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 **24** JULY  
2025

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STARTS **27** JULY  
2025

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

## PSIR Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

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

35 Answer Writing Tests

**Starts – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2025** (calendar in Annexure II)

### About PSIR 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 7-10 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 mains 2026.  
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.

**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.

*\*The ForumIAS O-AWFG and ATS can be clubbed together to get the most optimal and to the point preparation for your optional Mains 2026. ATS schedule adjusted for O-AWFG students have been mentioned in Annexure II.*

### ForumIAS PSIR Augmented Test Series (ATS)

12 Sectional Test (6 each on Paper I and II) + 4 Full Length Test

**Starts – 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025** (calendar in Annexure I)

### About PSIR Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of PSIR through 12 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.

Course	Fees (for both Online & Offline)
PSIR ATS	Rs. 15,340/- (inclusive of all taxes)
PSIR OAWFG	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
PSIR ATS + OAWFG	Rs. 24,780/- (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 & 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 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   DATE	TEST TYPE	SYLLABUS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	27 July, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934201)	TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 5
2	10 August, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934202)	TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 10
3	24 August, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)	TOPICS FROM TEST 11 - 14
4	07 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	TOPICS FROM TEST 15 - 19
<b>PAPER - II</b>			
5	14 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	TOPICS FROM TEST 20 - 23
6	28 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (934206)	TOPICS FROM TEST 24 - 27
7	05 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 7 (934207)	TOPICS FROM TEST 28 - 31
8	12 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (934208)	TOPICS FROM TEST 32 - 35
9	<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	SECTIONAL-FLT	PAPER-1 PART A - Political Theory and Indian Politics
10		SECTIONAL-FLT	PAPER-1 PART B - Indian Government and Politics
11 12		SECTIONAL-FLT SECTIONAL-FLT	PAPER-2 PART A - Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics PAPER-2 PART B - India and the World
13		FLT-1	PAPER-1 Political Science and International Relations
14		FLT-1	PAPER-2 Political Science and International Relations
15		FLT-2	PAPER-1 Political Science and International Relations
16		FLT-2	PAPER-2 Political Science and International Relations

### Annexure – II (OAWFG Calendar)

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

S.no	DAY   DATE	TEST TYPE	SYLLABUS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	24 July, 2025   Thursday	DAWT (981401)	<b>Western Political Thought:</b> Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke.
2	26 July, 2025   Saturday	DAWT 981402	<b>Western Political Thought:</b> John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.
3	29 July, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT 981403	<b>Political Ideologies:</b> Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism.

4	31 July, 2025   Thursday	DAWT 981404	<b>Political Theory:</b> meaning and approaches.
5	02 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT 981405	<b>Theories of state:</b> Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist. Pluralist, post-colonial, and Feminist.
	<b>05 August, 2025   Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934201)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 5</b>
6	07 August, 2025   Thursday	DAWT 981406	<b>Justice:</b> Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
7	09 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT 981407	<b>Equality:</b> Social, political, and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. <b>Rights:</b> Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
8	12 August, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT 981408	<b>Concept of power:</b> hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy. <b>Democracy:</b> Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory, and deliberative.
9	14 August, 2025   Thursday	DAWT 981409	<b>Indian Political Thought:</b> Dharamshastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.
10	19 August, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT 981410	<b>Indian Political Thought:</b> Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.
	<b>21 August, 2025   Thursday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934202)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 10</b>
11	23 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT 981411	<b>Indian Nationalism:</b> Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist, and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit. Making of the Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives.
12	26 August, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT 981412	<b>Salient Features of the Indian Constitution:</b> The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles, Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.
13	28 August, 2025   Thursday	DAWT 981413	<b>Principal Organs of the Union Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court. <b>Principal Organs of the State Government:</b> Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.
14	30 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT 981414	<b>Grassroots Democracy:</b> Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
	<b>02 September, 2025   Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 11 - 14</b>

15	04 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981415	<b>Statutory Institutions/Commissions:</b> Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women, National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission.
16	06 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981416	<b>Federalism:</b> Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
17	09 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981417	<b>Planning and Economic development:</b> Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.
18	11 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981418	<b>Caste, Religion and Ethnicity</b> in Indian Politics. <b>Party System:</b> National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; changing socio-economic profile of Legislators.
19	13 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981419	<b>Social Movement:</b> Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.
	<b>16 September, 2025  Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 15 - 19</b>
<b>PAPER - II</b>			
20	18 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981420	<b>Comparative Politics:</b> Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.
21	20 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981421	<b>State in Comparative Perspective:</b> Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies. <b>Politics of Representation and Participation:</b> Political parties, pressure groups, and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
22	23 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981422	<b>Globalisation:</b> Responses from developed and developing societies. <b>Approaches to the Study of International Relations:</b> Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist, and Systems theory.
23	25 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981423	<b>Key Concepts in International Relations:</b> National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.
	<b>27 September, 2025  Saturday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 20 - 23</b>



24	30 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981424	<b>Changing International Political Order:</b> Rise of super powers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race, and cold war; Nuclear threat; Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements; Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world.
25	04 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981425	<b>Evolution of the International Economic System:</b> From Brettonwoods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; Globalisation of the world economy.
26	07 October, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981426	<b>United Nations:</b> Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. <b>Regionalisation of World Politics:</b> EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.
27	09 October, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981427	<b>Contemporary Global Concerns:</b> Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.
	<b>11 October, 2025  Saturday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6 (934206)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 24 - 27</b>
28	14 October, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981428	<b>Indian Foreign Policy:</b> Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.
29	16 October, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981429	<b>India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement</b> Different phases; Current role.
30	20 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981430	<b>India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation:</b> SAARC- past performance and future prospects; South Asia as a Free Trade Area; India's "Look East" policy; Impediments to regional cooperation: River water disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.
31	18 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981431	<b>India and the Global South:</b> Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
	<b>23 October, 2025  Thursday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 7 (934207)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 28 - 31</b>
32	25 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981432	<b>India and the Global Centres of Power:</b> USA, EU, Japan, China, and Russia.
33	30 October, 2025  Thursday	DAWT 981433	<b>India and the UN System:</b> Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
34	01 November, 2025  Saturday	DAWT 981434	<b>India and the Nuclear Question:</b> Changing perceptions and policy.
35	04 November, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT 981435	<b>Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy:</b> India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq, and West Asia; growing relations with US and Israel; Vision of a new world order.

	<b>06 November, 2025  Thursday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 8 (934208)</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 32 - 35</b>
	<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	SECTIONAL- FLT	AFTER PRELIMS FROM JUNE-15 TO AUG-30 PAPER-1 PART A - Political Theory and Indian Politics
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