

# PUB AD OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2026

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

- ◆ Total: **36 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

STARTS **24** JULY  
2025

## PUB AD 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:**
  - At least Finished Syllabus Reading Once
  - Failed to Attain a total Score of 280 Marks or above across Paper I & II

STARTS **27** JULY  
2025

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

## Public Administration (Pub Ad) Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

**ForumIAS Pub Ad Optional Answer Writing  
Focus Group (O-AWFG)**  
32 Answer Writing Tests

**Starts – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 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 to contain 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 UPSC Mains Optional 2026.*

#### Fees:

**ForumIAS Pub Ad ATS:** The program fee is **Rs. 12,980/-** (inclusive of all taxes) for both online and offline students.

**ForumIAS Pub Ad OAWFG:** The program fee is **Rs. 12,980/-** (inclusive of all taxes) for both online and offline students.

**ForumIAS Pub Ad OAWFG + ATS:** The program fee is **Rs. 22,420/-** (inclusive of all taxes) for both online and offline students.

**ForumIAS Pub Ad Augmented Test Series  
(ATS)**

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

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

### About Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of Pub Ad 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.



### 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

- 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)

S.no	DAY and DATE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER 1</b>		
1	27 July, 2025 Sunday (935201)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1</b>
2	10 August, 2025 Sunday (935202)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2</b>
3	24 August, 2025 Sunday (935203)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3</b>
4	07 September, 2025 Sunday (935204)	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
<b>PAPER 2</b>		
5	14 September, 2025 Sunday (935205)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4</b>
6	28 September, 2025 Sunday (935206)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5</b>
7	05 October, 2025 Sunday (935207)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6</b>
8	12 October, 2025 Sunday (935208)	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>
9	Post Prelims	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)</b>
10	Post Prelims	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)</b>

\* For topics details please refer to OAWFG calendar in Annexure II

### Annexure – II (OAWFG Calendar)

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

S.no	DAY   DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	24 July, 2025   Thursday	DAWT (985301)	<b>Civilisation and Public Administration - The Administrative Management Approach, The Bureaucratic theory of Max Weber</b>
2	26 July, 2025   Saturday	DAWT (985302)	<b>Administrative Thought - Elton Mayo</b>
3	29 July, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT (985303)	<b>Administrative Thought and Administrative Behaviour</b> : Chester Bernard, Herbert Simon
4	31 July, 2025   Thursday	DAWT (985304)	<b>New Public Administration</b> , Leadership, Motivation and Morale
5	02 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT (985305)	Public Choice approach : The impact on the Discipline
6	05 August, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT (985306)	<b>The Concept of Comparative Public Administration</b>
	<b>07 August, 2025   Thursday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1 (935201)</b>	<b>Topics from TEST 1 - 6</b>
7	09 August, 2025   Saturday	DAWT (985307)	Method and Level of CPA, Riggsian models and their critique.
8	12 August, 2025   Tuesday	DAWT (985308)	The Concept and Significance of <b>Administrative Law</b>

9	14 August, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985309)	<b>Changing profile of development</b> and Anti-development thesis
10	19 August, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985310)	<b>Strong state versus the market debate</b> ; Impact of liberalization on administration in developing countries.
11	21 August, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985311)	<b>Models of policy-making</b> and their critique, Planning, implementation, monitoring, State theories and public policy formulation.
12	23 August, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985312)	<b>Personnel Administration</b> :: Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline
	<b>26 August, 2025  Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2 (935202)</b>	<b>Topics from TEST 7 - 12</b>
13	28 August, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985313)	Employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism, Administrative ethics.
14	30 August, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985314)	<b>Monetary and fiscal policies</b> , Budgets types and forms
15	02 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985315)	Accounts and Audit, Techniques of <b>Administrative Improvement</b>
16	04 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985316)	<b>Post-Weberian Developments</b> - The rise of Postmodern Concepts
17	06 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985317)	<b>Organizations</b> - Systems, Structure and forms of Organization
	<b>09 September, 2025  Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3 (935203)</b>	<b>Topics from TEST 13 - 17</b>
<b>PAPER - II</b>			
18	11 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985318)	<b>Kautilya Arthashastra</b> and Mughal administration, <b>Legacy of British rule</b> in politics and administration Indianization of Public services
19	13 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985319)	<b>Constitutionalism</b> and Political culture, <b>Bureaucracy democracy and development</b> ,
20	16 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985320)	<b>Public sector in modern India</b>
21	18 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985321)	<b>Union Government</b> and Administration
22	20 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985322)	<b>Machinery of planning</b> for economic development and social justice
	<b>23 September, 2025  Tuesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4 (935205)</b>	<b>Topics from TEST 18 - TEST 22</b>
23	25 September, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985323)	<b>State Government</b> and Administration
24	27 September, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985324)	<b>Changing role of the Collector</b> , District administration and democratic decentralization
25	30 September, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985325)	<b>Civil Services</b> : Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment
26	04 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985326)	Training, capacity building, Good governance initiatives.
27	07 October, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985327)	<b>Administrative Reforms since Independence</b> : Major concerns; Important Committees and Commissions.
	<b>09 October, 2025  Thursday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5 (935206)</b>	<b>Topics from TEST 23 - 27</b>
28	11 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985328)	<b>Rural Development and Urban Local Government : The Concept and Approach</b>
29	14 October, 2025  Tuesday	DAWT (985329)	<b>Rural Development and Urban Local Government : The Application</b>
30	16 October, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985330)	<b>Criminalisation of politics</b> and administration; Police-public relations

31	18 October, 2025  Saturday	DAWT (985331)	Reforms in Police, National Police Commission; Investigative agencies
32	23 October, 2025  Thursday	DAWT (985332)	Significant <b>Issues</b> in Indian Administration - Polity, Constitution and Governance, Environment and Technology
33	25 October, 2025  Saturday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (935207)	Topics from TEST 28 - 32
34	30 October, 2025  Thursday	FLT 1 (935204)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
35	01 November, 2025  Saturday	FLT 2 (935208)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2
	Post Prelims	FLT 3	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
	Post Prelims	FLT 4	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2