

PSIR OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2026

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O- AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **35** Answer Writing 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:**
 - Newcomers or repeaters who need to cement **PSIR 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 AUGUST
2025****COHORT - 5**

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:**
 - 2026 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**17 AUGUST
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 – 11th August, 2025 (calendar in Annexure II)

ForumIAS PSIR Augmented Test Series (ATS)

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

Starts – 17th August, 2025 (calendar in Annexure I)

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.

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.

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 PSIR 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 optional Mains 2026. ATS schedule adjusted for O-AWFG students have been mentioned in Annexure II.*

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
- 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 & 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
PAPER - I			
1	17 August, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934211)	TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 5
2	24 August, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934212)	TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 10
3	07 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)	TOPICS FROM TEST 11 - 14
4	14 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	TOPICS FROM TEST 15 - 19
PAPER - II			
5	21 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	AFTER PRELIMS	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
PAPER - I			
1	11 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981501)	Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke.
2	13 August, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981502	Western Political Thought: John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.
3	16 August, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 981503	Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism.
4	18 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981504	Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

5	20 August, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981505	Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist. Pluralist, post-colonial, and Feminist.
	22 August, 2025 Friday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934211)	TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 5
6	25 August, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981506	Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawls theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.
7	27 August, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981507	Equality: Social, political, and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action. Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
8	29 August, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981508	Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory, and deliberative.
9	01 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981509	Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.
10	03 September, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981510	Indian Political Thought: Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.
	06 September, 2025 Saturday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934212)	TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 10
11	08 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981511	Indian Nationalism: 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	10 September, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981512	Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles, Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine.
13	12 September, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981513	Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and Supreme Court. Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature, and High Courts.
14	15 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981514	Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements.
	17 September, 2025 Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)	TOPICS FROM TEST 11 - 14

15	19 September, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981515	Statutory Institutions/Commissions: 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	22 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981516	Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.
17	24 September, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981517	Planning and Economic development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms.
18	26 September, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981518	Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. Party System: 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	29 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981519	Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.
	01 October, 2025 Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	TOPICS FROM TEST 15 - 19
PAPER - II			
20	03 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981520	Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.
21	06 October, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981521	State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies. Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups, and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies.
22	08 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981522	Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist, and Systems theory.
23	10 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981523	Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; World capitalist economy and globalisation.
	13 October, 2025 Monday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	TOPICS FROM TEST 20 - 23

24	15 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981524	Changing International Political Order: 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	17 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981525	Evolution of the International Economic System: 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	20 October, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981526	United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies—aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, SAARC, NAFTA.
27	23 October, 2025 Thursday	DAWT 981527	Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.
	25 October, 2025 Saturday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (934206)	TOPICS FROM TEST 24 - 27
28	27 October, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981528	Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change.
29	29 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981529	India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; Current role.
30	31 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981530	India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation: 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	03 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981531	India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
	06 November, 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 7 (934207)	TOPICS FROM TEST 28 - 31
32	08 November, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 981532	India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China, and Russia.
33	10 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT 981533	India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
34	12 November, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 981534	India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.
35	14 November, 2025 Friday	DAWT 981535	Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: 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.

	17 November, 2025 Monday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (934208)	TOPICS FROM TEST 32 - 35
	AFTER PRELIMS	SECTIONAL- FLT	AFTER PRELIMS FROM JUNE-15 TO AUG-30 PAPER-1 PART A - Political Theory and Indian Politics
		SECTIONAL- FLT	PAPER-1 PART B - Indian Government and Politics
		SECTIONAL- FLT	PAPER-2 PART A - Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics
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