

ANTHROPOLOGY 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

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

STARTS **07** **SEPT.**
2025

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STARTS **14** **SEPT.**
2025

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

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Anthropology Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

ForumIAS Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)

36 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – 07th September, 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 7 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 2026.
- 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.

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.

"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."

ForumIAS Anthropology Augmented Test Series (ATS)

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

Starts – 14th September, 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.

Course	Fees (for both Online & Offline)
Anthropology ATS	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Anthropology OAWFG	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Anthropology ATS + OAWFG	Rs. 22,420/- (inclusive of all taxes)

Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 2,500/- for optional foundation students and GS foundation students**. The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 1,500/- 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 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 Paper Code	TOPICS
PAPER 1		
1	14 September, 2025 Sunday (931201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2-8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
2	21 September, 2025 (931202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6, 1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
3	28 September, 2025 (931203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) – Biological Anthropology
4	05 October, 2025 Sunday (931204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
PAPER 2		
5	12 October, 2025 Sunday (931205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
6	19 October, 2025 Sunday (931206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
7	26 October, 2025 Sunday (931207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7 – 9)
8	02 November, 2025 Sunday (931208)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)
9	AFTER PRELIMS	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
10	AFTER PRELIMS	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)

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

Annexure – II (OAWFG Calendar)

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

S.no	DAY and DATE	TEST TYPE Code	TOPICS
PAPER 1			
1	07 September, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981101)	UNIT 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 – Meaning, Scope & Development of Anthropology, Relationship with other disciplines, Main branches of Anthropology
2	11 September, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981102)	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 1 (Evolutionism, diffusionism, Historical Particularism,)
3	15 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981103)	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 2 (Functionalism, Structural- Functionalism, Structuralism, Culture & Personality)

4	19 September, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981104)	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 3 (Cultural Materialism, Symbolic & Interpretive, Cognitive, Post – Modernism)
5	21 September, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981105)	UNIT 2.1,2.2, 2.3 – Culture, Society, Marriage
6	22 September, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981106)	UNIT 2.4 – 3: Family, Kinship, Economic Organization
7	25 September, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981107)	UNIT 4 & 5 – Political Organization, Religion
8	27 September, 2025 Saturday	DAWT (981108)	UNIT 7 & 8 – Language, Research Methods in Anthropology
	01 October, 2025 Wednesday	(931201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1 to 1.3, 2 to 5, 7 & 8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
9	05 October, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981109)	UNIT 1.6 – Fossils (Phylogenetic Status, Characteristics & Geo. Distribution of Australopithecus, Homo erectus, Neanderthal Man, Rhodesian man, Homo Sapiens)
10	09 October, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981110)	UNIT 1.8 A – Archaeological Anthropology – Principles of pre-historic archaeology (Paleolithic & Mesolithic Cultures, Dating Methods)
11	10 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981111)	UNIT 1.8 B – Neolithic Cultures Chalcolithic, Copper, Bronze, Iron Age Cultures
	15 October, 2025 Wednesday	(931202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6-1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
12	17 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981112)	UNIT 1.4 – 1.7 – Human Evolution (Theories & Factors), Cell: DNA Replication, Protein Synthesis, Gene, Mutation, Cell Division
13	24 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981113)	UNIT 1.5 – Primates & their Characteristics
14	28 October, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT (981114)	UNIT 9.1 – 9.2 – Human Genetics Session 1 (Methods to Study Genetic Principles, Polymorphism)
15	29 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (981115)	UNIT 9.3 – 9.4 – Human Genetics Session 2 (Hardy Weinberg, Factors that bring down Frequency, Chromosomal, Abberations)
16	30 October, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981116)	UNIT 9.5 & 9.6 – Race & Racism (Genetic Markers)
17	03 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981117)	UNIT 9.7 – Ecological Anthropology
18	05 November, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (981118)	UNIT 9.8 – Epidemiological Anthropology
19	09 November, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981119)	UNIT 10, 11 – Human Growth & Development, Menarche & Menopause, DTT
20	11 November, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT (981120)	UNIT 12 – Applications of Anthropology
	13 November, 2025 Thursday	(931203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNITS 9 – 12, UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7) – Biological Anthropology
PAPER 2			
21	17 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981121)	UNIT 1.1, 1.3 – Contribution of tribal cultures to Indian Civilization, Ethno-archaeology in India

22	19 November, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (981122)	UNIT 2 & (3.1 – 3.2) – Demographic Profile, Traditional features of Indian Social System, Caste System in India
23	23 November, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981123)	UNIT 3.3 & 3.4 – NMS Complex, Impact of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism on Indian Society
24	27 November, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981124)	UNIT 4 – Emergence of Anthropology, Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 1
25	28 November, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981125)	UNIT 4 – Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 2
	01 December, 2025 Monday	(931205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
26	05 December, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981126)	UNIT 5.1, 5.2 – Indian Village, Linguistic & Religious Minorities
27	09 December, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT (981127)	UNIT 5.3 – Sanskritization, Modernization, little & great traditions
28	11 December, 2025 Thursday	DAWT (981128)	UNIT 5.3 – Panchayati Raj & Social Change, Media & Social Change
29	14 December, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981129)	UNIT 6.1 – Tribal Situation in India
30	17 December, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (981130)	UNIT 6.2 – Tribal Problems & UNIT 6.3 – Impact of developmental projects on tribes
31	19 December, 2025 Friday	DAWT (981131)	UNIT 7.1, 7.2 – Exploitation & Deprivation of SCs, STs, OBCs, Constitutional Safeguards, Social Change and contemporary tribal societies
	23 December, 2025 Tuesday	(931206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
32	28 December, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (981132)	UNIT 7.3, 8.1 – Ethnicity, Impact of other religions on tribal societies
33	29 December, 2025 Monday	DAWT (981133)	UNIT 8.2 – Tribe & Nation State
34	02 January, 2026 Friday	DAWT (981134)	UNIT 9.1 – Administration of tribal areas – policy & programmes
35	06 January, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (981135)	UNIT 9.2 – Role of Anthropology in tribal and rural development
36	08 January, 2026 Thursday	DAWT (981136)	UNIT 9.3 – Contributions of Anthropology in understanding communalism, regionalism, ethnic & political movements
37	12 January, 2026 Monday	(931207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7-9)
38	14 January, 2026 Wednesday	(931204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
39	16 January, 2026 Friday	(931208)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)
	Post Prelims		FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
	Post Prelims		FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)