

GEOGRAPHY 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 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

GEOGRAPHY 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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2025

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


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Geography Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

ForumIAS Geography 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 Geography 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 Geography basics or past answer-writing?

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

ForumIAS Geography Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)
20 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 consists of 7 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.

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

S.no	DAY DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
PAPER – I			
1	14 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (933201)	Sectional Test 1 – Climatology, Oceanography, Biogeography and Environmental Geography.
2	21 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (933202)	Sectional Test 2 – Perspectives in Human Geography, Economic Geography and Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography
3	28 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (933203)	Sectional Test 3 – Geomorphology, Population and Settlement Geography and Regional Planning.
4	05 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	Full Length Test 01 (Paper 01)
PAPER – II			
5	12 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	Sectional Test 1 – Physical Setting, Resources and Agriculture
6	19 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (933206)	Sectional Test 2 – Industries, Transport, Communication and Trade and Cultural Setting
7	26 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 7 (933207)	Sectional Test 3 – Settlements, Regional Development and Planning, Political Aspects and Contemporary Issues.
8	02 November, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (933208)	Full Length Test 02 (Paper 02)
9	After Prelims	Full Length Test 03 (933209)	Full Length Test 03 (Paper 01)
10		Full Length Test 04 (933210)	Full Length Test 04 (Paper 02)

*** 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

S. NO	DAY AND DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
PAPER – I			
1	07 September, 2025 Sunday	981301	Climatology – Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the earth; Atmospheric circulation; Atmospheric stability and instability. Planetary and local winds.
2	11 September, 2025 Thursday	981302	Climatology – Monsoons and jet streams; Air masses and fronts; Temperate and tropical cyclones Climatology – Types and distribution of precipitation; Weather and Climate;
3	15 September, 2025 Monday	981303	Climatology – Koppen's Thornthwaite's and Trewartha's classification of world climate; Hydrological cycle; Global climatic change, and role and response of man in climatic changes Applied climatology and Urban climate.
4	19 September, 2025 Friday	981304	Oceanography – Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and salinity of the oceans; Heat and salt budgets, Ocean deposits;

5	21 September, 2025 Sunday	981305	Oceanography – Waves, currents, and tides; Marine resources; biotic, mineral, and energy resources; Coral reefs coral bleaching; Sea-level changes; Law of the sea and marine pollution.
6	22 September, 2025 Monday	981306	Biogeography – Genesis of soils; Classification and distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation, and conservation; Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; Problems of deforestation and conservation measures; Social forestry, agro-forestry; Wildlife; Major gene pool centers.
7	25 September, 2025 Thursday	981307	Environmental Geography – Principle of ecology; Human ecological adaptations; Influence of man on ecology and environment; Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation;
8	27 September, 2025 Saturday	981308	Environmental Geography – Environmental degradation, management, and conservation; Biodiversity and sustainable development; Environmental policy; Environmental hazards and remedial measures; Environmental education and legislation.
	01 October, 2025 Wednesday	Sectional Test-1 (933201)	Climatology, Oceanography, Biogeography and Environmental Geography.
09	05 October, 2025 Sunday	981309	Perspectives in Human Geography – Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative revolution and locational analysis;
10	07 October, 2025 Tuesday	981310	Perspectives in Human Geography – Radical, 4luminium4l, human, and welfare approaches; Languages, religions, and secularization; Cultural regions of the world; Human development index.
11	09 October, 2025 Thursday	981311	Economic Geography – World economic development: measurement and problems; World resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; the limits to growth; World agriculture: a typology of agricultural regions;
12	10 October, 2025 Friday	981312	Economic Geography – Agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and nutrition problems; Food security; famine: causes, effects, and remedies; World industries: location patterns and problems; Patterns of world trade.
13	15 October, 2025 Wednesday	981313	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography – System analysis in Human geography; Malthusian, Marxian and demographic transition models; Central Place theories of Christaller and Losch; Perroux and Boudeville;
14	17 October, 2025 Friday	981314	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography – Von Thunen's model of agricultural location; Weber's model of industrial location; Rostow's model of stages of growth. Heartland and Rimland theories; Laws of international boundaries and frontiers.
	24 October, 2025 Friday	SECTIONAL TEST 2(933202)	Sectional Test 2 – Perspectives in Human Geography, Economic Geography and Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography
15	28 October, 2025 Tuesday	981315	Geomorphology – Factors controlling landform development; endogenetic and exogenetic forces; Origin and evolution of the earth's crusts; Fundamentals of geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior
16	29 October, 2025 Wednesday	981316	Geomorphology – Geosynclines; Continental drift; Isostasy; Plate tectonics; Recent views on mountain building; Volcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis

17	30 October, 2025 Thursday	981317	Geomorphology - Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Landscape development; Denudation chronology; Channel morphology;
18	03 November, 2025 Monday	981318	Geomorphology - Erosion surfaces; Slope development; Applied Geomorphology; Geomorphology, economic geology, and environment.
19	05 November, 2025 Wednesday	981319	Population Geography - Growth and distribution of world population; Demographic attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; Concepts of the over-under-and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social well-being and quality of life; Population as social capital.
20	09 November, 2025 Friday	981320	Settlement Geography - Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology; Concept of primate city and rank-size rule; Functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural-urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and remedies of urbanization; Sustainable development of cities.
21	11 November, 2025 Tuesday	981321	Regional Planning - Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalization; Growth centers and growth poles; Regional imbalances; Regional development strategies; Environmental issues in regional planning; Planning for sustainable development.
	13 November, 2025 Thursday	Sectional Test- 3 (933203)	Geomorphology, Population and Settlement Geography and Regional Planning.
	15 November, 2025 Saturday	Full Length Test -4 (933204)	Full Length Test 01 (Paper 01)
Paper II			
22	17 November, 2025 Monday	981322	Physical Setting - Space relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and relief; Drainage system and watersheds; Physiographic regions; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns; Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; Floods and droughts; Climatic regions; Natural vegetation, Soil types and their distributions.
23	19 November, 2025 Wednesday	981323	Resources - Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources, Forest and wildlife resources and their conservation; Energy crisis.
24	23 November, 2025 Sunday	981324	Agriculture - Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; Institutional factors; land holdings, land tenure, and land reforms; Cropping pattern, agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability;
25	27 November, 2025 Thursday	981325	Agriculture - Agro and social-forestry; Green revolution and its socio-economic and ecological implications; Significance of dry farming; Livestock resources and white revolution; Aquaculture; Sericulture, Agriculture, and poultry; Agricultural regionalization; Agro-climatic zones; Agro-ecological regions.
	28 November, 2025 Friday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	Physical Setting, Resources and Agriculture
26	01 December, 2025 Monday	981326	Industry - Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, Aluminium, fertilizer, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage, and agro-based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public

			sector undertakings; Industrial regionalization; New industrial policy; Multinationals and liberalization; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including ecotourism.
27	05 December, 2025 Friday	981327	Transport, Communication, and Trade – Road, railway, waterway, airway, and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy; Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space program.
28	09 December, 2025 Tuesday	981328	Cultural Setting – Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; Major tribes, tribal areas, and their problems; Cultural regions; Growth, distribution, and density of population; Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (inter-regional, intraregional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.
	11 December, 2025 Thursday	Sectional Test- 6 (933206)	Industries, Transport, Communication and Trade and Cultural Setting
29	14 December, 2025 Sunday	981329	Settlements – Types, patterns, and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; Urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; Town planning; Problems of urbanization and remedies.
30	17 December, 2025 Wednesday	981330	Regional Development and Planning – Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programs; Panchayati Raj and decentralized planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought-prone, hill tribal area development; Multi-level planning; Regional planning and development of island territories.
31	19 December, 2025 Friday	981331	Political Aspects – Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State reorganization; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter-state issues; International boundary of India and related issues; Cross-border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.
32	23 December, 2025 Tuesday	981332	Contemporary Issues – Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues related to environmental pollution;
33	28 December, 2025 Sunday	981333	Contemporary Issues – Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; Population explosion and food security,
34	29 December, 2025 Monday	981334	Contemporary Issues – Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification, and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest;
35	02 January, 2026 Friday	981335	Contemporary Issues – Regional disparities in economic development; Concept of sustainable growth and development; Environmental awareness; Linkage of rivers; Globalisation and Indian economy.
	06 January, 2026 Tuesday	Sectional test- 7 (933207)	Settlements, Regional Development and Planning, Political Aspects and Contemporary Issues.

	08 January, 2026 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (933208)	Full Length Test 02 (Paper 02)
	After Prelims	Full Length Test 03 (933209)	(Paper 01)
		Full Length Test 04 (933210)	(Paper 02)