

# PUB AD OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for FRC 2026

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

- ◆ Total: **18 Tests**
- ◆ 2-3 Tests Every Week
- ◆ Each Test Consist of 7-14 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

## 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 **19** SEPT.  
2025

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STARTS **28** SEPT.  
2025

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

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

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

18 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – **19<sup>th</sup> 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 to contain 7-14 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 – **28<sup>th</sup> September, 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. 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](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:** Flavian 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	28 September, 2025   Sunday (935201)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1</b>
2	05 October, 2025   Sunday (935202)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2</b>
3	12 October, 2025   Sunday (935203)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3</b>
4	19 October, 2025   Sunday (935204)	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
<b>PAPER 2</b>		
5	26 October, 2025   Sunday (935205)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4</b>
6	02 November, 2025   Sunday (935206)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5</b>
7	09 November, 2025   Sunday (935207)	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6</b>
8	16 November, 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 (O-AWFG Calendar)

S.no	DAY   DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	19 Sep   Friday	DAWT 1 (985501)	<b>Civilisation and Public Administration</b> -The Administrative Management Approach, The Bureaucratic theory of Max Weber <b>Administrative Thought - Elton Mayo</b>
2	24 Sep   Wednesday	DAWT 3 985502	<b>Administrative Thought and Administrative Behaviour:</b> Chester Bernard, Herbert Simon
3	26 Sep   Friday	DAWT 985503	<b>New Public Administration</b> , Leadership, Motivation and Morale <b>Public Choice approach:</b> The impact on the Discipline
4	03 Oct   Wednesday	DAWT 985504	<b>The Concept of Comparative Public Administration</b> <b>Method and Level of CPA, Riggsian models and their critique.</b>
5	08 Oct   Friday	DAWT 985505	The Concept and Significance of <b>Administrative Law</b> <b>Changing profile of development and Anti-development thesis</b>
	9 Oct   Thursday	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1 (935211)</b>	<b>Sectional Test 1</b>
6	15 Oct   Wednesday	DAWT 985506	<b>Strong state versus the market debate;</b> Impact of liberalization on administration in developing countries.

7	17 Oct   Friday	DAWT 985507	<p><b>Models of policy-making</b> and their critique, Planning, implementation, monitoring, State theories and public policy formulation.</p> <p><b>Personnel Administration:</b> Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline Employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism, Administrative ethics.</p>
8	22 Oct   Wednesday	DAWT 985508	<p><b>Monetary and fiscal policies</b>, Budgets types and forms <b>Accounts and Audit, Techniques of Administrative Improvement</b></p>
9	24 Oct   Friday	DAWT 985509	<p><b>Post-Weberian Developments</b> - The rise of Postmodern Concepts Organizations - Systems, Structure and forms of Organization</p>
	26 Oct   Sunday	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2(935512)</b>	<b>Sectional test 2</b>
	29 Oct   Wednesday	<b>FLT 1 (935213)</b>	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
10	31 Oct   Friday	DAWT 985510	<p><b>Kautilya Arthashastra</b> and Mughal administration, <b>Legacy of British rule</b> in politics and administration Indianization of Public services</p>
11	5 Nov   Wednesday	DAWT 985511	<p><b>Constitutionalism</b> and Political culture, <b>Bureaucracy democracy</b> and development,</p> <p><b>Public sector in modern India</b></p>
12	7 Nov   Friday	DAWT 985512	<p><b>Union Government</b> and Administration</p> <p><b>Machinery of planning</b> for economic development and social justice</p>
13	12 Nov   Wednesday	DAWT 985513	<p><b>State Government</b> and Administration</p> <p><b>Changing role of the Collector, District administration and democratic decentralization</b></p>
14	14 Nov   Friday	DAWT 985514	<p><b>Civil Services:</b> Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment</p> <p>Training, capacity building, Good governance initiatives.</p>
	16 Nov   Sunday	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3(935214)</b>	<b>Sectional Test 3</b>
15	19 Nov   Wednesday	DAWT 985515	<p><b>Administrative Reforms since Independence:</b> Major concerns; Important Committees and Commissions.</p>
16	21 Nov   Friday	DAWT 985516	<p><b>Rural Development and Urban Local Government: The Concept and Approach</b> <b>Rural Development and Urban Local Government: The Application</b></p>
17	23 Nov   Sunday	DAWT 985517	<p><b>Criminalisation of politics</b> and administration; Police-public relations</p> <p><b>Reforms in Police, National Police Commission; Investigative agencies</b></p>
18	28 Nov   Friday	DAWT 985518	<p><b>Significant Issues in Indian Administration – Polity, Constitution and Governance, Environment and Technology</b> <b>Current events in Public Administration</b></p>

	3 Dec   Wednesday	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4 (935215)</b>	<b>Sectional Test 4</b>
	5 Dec   Friday	<b>FLT 2 (935216)</b>	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2
	<b>AFTER PRELIMS</b>	<b>PAPER 1</b>	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)</b>
		<b>PAPER 2</b>	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)</b>