

ANTHROPOLOGY OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for FRC 2026

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O- AWFG)

- ◆ Total: 25 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

STARTS

19 SEPT.
2025

COHORT - 1

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

28 SEPT.
2025

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

Anthropology Optional by ForumIAS for FRC Batch 2026

ForumIAS Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)

25 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – 19th 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 7-14 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 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 – 28th 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 FRC Batch 6 and 7 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	28 September, 2025 (931201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1, 1.2,1.3, 2-8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
2	05 October, 2025 Sunday (931202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6, 1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
3	12 October, 2025 Sunday (931203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) – Biological Anthropology
4	19 October, 2025 Sunday (931204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
PAPER 2		
5	26 October, 2025 Sunday (931205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
6	02 November, 2025 Sunday (931206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
7	09 November, 2025 Sunday (931207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7 - 9)
8	16 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	19 Sep Friday	DAWT 1 (982101)	UNIT 1.1,1.2,1.3 – Meaning, Scope & Development of Anthropology, Relationship with other disciplines, Main branches of Anthropology
2	24 Sep Wednesday	DAWT 2 (982102)	UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 1 (Evolutionism, diffusionism, Historical Particularism,) UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 2 (Functionalism, Structural- Functionalism, Structuralism, Culture & Personality) UNIT 6 – Anthropological Theories Session 3 (Cultural Materialism, Symbolic & Interpretive, Cognitive, Post - Modernism)
3	26 Sep Friday	DAWT 3	UNIT 2.1,2.2, 2.3 - Culture, Soc3iety, Marriage

		(982103)	UNIT 2.4 – 3: Family, Kinship, Economic Organization
4	01 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 4 (982104)	UNIT 4 & 5 - Political Organization, Religion
5	03 Oct Friday	DAWT 5 (982105)	UNIT 7 & 8 – Language, Research Methods in Anthropology
6	8 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 6 (982106)	UNIT 1.6 – Fossils (Phylogenetic Status, Characteristics & Geo. Distribution of Australopithecus, Homo erectus, Neanderthal Man, Rhodesian man, Homo Sapiens)
7	10 Oct Friday	DAWT 7 (982107)	UNIT 1.8 A – Archaeological Anthropology – Principles of pre-historic archaeology (Paleolithic & Mesolithic Cultures, Dating Methods) UNIT 1.8 B –Neolithic Cultures Chalcolithic, Copper, Bronze, Iron Age Cultures
	12 Oct Sunday	(931201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (UNIT 1.1, 1.2,1.3, 2-8) – Socio-Cultural Anthropology
	14 Oct Sunday	(931202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (UNIT 1.6, 1.8) – Archaeological Anthropology
8	15 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 8 (982108)	UNIT 1.4 - 1.7 – Human Evolution (Theories & Factors), Cell: DNA Replication, Protein Synthesis, Gene, Mutation, Cell Division UNIT 1.5 - Primates & their Characteristics
9	17 Oct Friday	DAWT 9 (982109)	UNIT 9.1 – 9.2 – Human Genetics Session 1 (Methods to Study Genetic Principles, Polymorphism) UNIT 9.3 - 9.4 - Human Genetics Session 2 (Hardy Weinberg, Factors that bring down Frequency, Chromosomal, Aberrations)
10	22 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 10 (982110)	UNIT 9.5 & 9.6 – Race & Racism (Genetic Markers) UNIT 9.7 – Ecological Anthropology
11	24 Oct Friday	DAWT 11 (982111)	UNIT 9.8 – Epidemiological Anthropology UNIT 10, 11 – Human Growth & Development, Menarche & Menopause, DTT
12	29 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 12 (982112)	UNIT 12 – Applications of Anthropology
	31 October, 2025 Friday	(931203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (UNIT 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 9-12) – Biological Anthropology
	2 Nov Sunday	(931204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
13	5 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 13 (982113)	UNIT 1.1, 1.3 – Contribution of tribal cultures to Indian Civilization, Ethno-archaeology in India
14	7 Nov Friday	DAWT 14 (982114)	UNIT 2 & (3.1 – 3.2) – Demographic Profile, Traditional features of Indian Social System, Caste System in India
15	12 Nov Sunday	DAWT 15 (982115)	UNIT 3.3 & 3.4 – NMS Complex, Impact of Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism on Indian Society
16	14 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 16 (982116)	UNIT 4 – Emergence of Anthropology, Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 1 UNIT 4 – Scholars in Indian Anthropology – Session 2

17	19 Nov Friday	DAWT 17 (982117)	UNIT 5.1, 5.2 – Indian Village, Linguistic & Religious Minorities
18	21 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 18 (982118)	UNIT 5.3 – Sanskritization, Modernization, little & great traditions UNIT 5.3 - Panchayati Raj & Social Change, Media & Social Change
	23 Nov Friday	Sectional test 3 (931205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (UNIT 1-3)
19	26 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 19 (982119)	UNIT 6.1 – Tribal Situation in India UNIT 6.2 – Tribal Problems & UNIT 6.3 – Impact of developmental projects on tribes
20	28 Nov Friday	DAWT 20 (982120)	UNIT 7.1, 7.2 – Exploitation & Deprivation of SCs, STs, OBCs, Constitutional Safeguards, Social Change and contemporary tribal societies
21	3 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 21 (982121)	UNIT 7.3, 8.1 – Ethnicity, Impact of other religions on tribal societies
22	5 Dec Friday	DAWT 22 (982122)	UNIT 8.2 - Tribe & Nation State
23	10 Dec Friday	DAWT 23 (982123)	UNIT 9.1 - Administration of tribal areas – policy & programmes
24	12 Dec Friday	DAWT 24 (982124)	UNIT 9.2 – Role of Anthropology in tribal and rural development
25	17 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 25 (982125)	UNIT 9.3 - Contributions of Anthropology in understanding communalism, regionalism, ethnic & political movements
	19 Dec Friday	(931206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (UNIT 4 – 6)
	20 Dec Saturday	(931207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7 - 9)
	21 Dec Sunday	(931208)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2- (PAPER 2)
	AFTER PRELIMS	(PAPER 1)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1
		(PAPER 2)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2