

PSIR OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for FRC 2026

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O- AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **25** Answer Writing 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:**
 - 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

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 **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 |

PSIR Optional by ForumIAS for FRC Batch

ForumIAS PSIR 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 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.

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.

ForumIAS PSIR Augmented Test Series (ATS)

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

Starts – **28th September, 2025** (calendar in Annexure I)

About 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.

**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.*



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.

Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 2,500/- for optional foundation students and FRC 6 and 7 Batch**. 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

- 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 DATE	TEST TYPE	SYLLABUS
PAPER - I			
1	28 September, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934211)	TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 4
2	05 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934212)	TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 8
3	12 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)	TOPICS FROM TEST 9 - 11
4	19 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	TOPICS FROM TEST 12 - 13
PAPER - II			
5	26 October, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	TOPICS FROM TEST 14 - 16
6	02 November, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (934206)	TOPICS FROM TEST 17 - 19
7	16 November, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 7 (934207)	TOPICS FROM TEST 20 - 22
8	23 November, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (934208)	TOPICS FROM TEST 23 - 25
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		SECTIONAL-FLT	PAPER-2 PART A - Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics
12		SECTIONAL-FLT	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	TOPICS
PAPER - I			
1	19 Sep Friday	DAWT 1 (981601)	Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke.
2	24 Sep Wednesday	DAWT 2 981602	Western Political Thought: John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Hannah Arendt.
3	26 Sep Friday	DAWT 3 981603	Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism.
4	01 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 4 981604	Political Theory: meaning and approaches. Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist. Pluralist, post-colonial, and Feminist.
5	08 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 5 981605	Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques. Equality: Social, political, and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative action.

			Rights: Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
6	10 Oct Friday	DAWT 6 981606	Concept of power: hegemony, ideology, and legitimacy. Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory, and deliberative.
7	15 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 7 981607	Indian Political Thought: Dharam shastra, Arthashastra, and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan.
8	17 Oct Friday	DAWT 8 981608	Indian Political Thought: Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy.
	19 Oct Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (934211)	TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 4
9	22 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 9 981609	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. 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.
10	24 Oct Friday	DAWT 10 981610	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.
11	29 Oct Wednesday	DAWT 11 981611	Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroot movements. 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.
12	5 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 12 981612	Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes. 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.
13	7 Nov Friday	DAWT 13 981613	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. Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.
	9 Nov Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (934212)	TOPICS FROM TEST 6 - 8

	12 Nov Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (934203)	TOPICS FROM TEST 9 - 11
	13 Nov Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (934204)	TOPICS FROM TEST 12 - 13
14	14 Nov Friday	DAWT 14 981614	<p>Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; Limitations of the comparative method.</p> <p>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.</p>
15	19 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 15 981615	<p>Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies. Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist, and Systems theory.</p>
16	21 Nov Friday	DAWT 16 981616	<p>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.</p>
17	26 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 17 981617	<p>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.</p>
18	28 Nov Wednesday	DAWT 18 981618	<p>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.</p>
19	3 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 19 981619	<p>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. Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.</p>
	4 Dec Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (934205)	TOPICS FROM TEST 14 - 16
20	7 Dec Sunday	DAWT 20 981620	<p>Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change. India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; Current role.</p>
21	10 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 21 981621	<p>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.</p>
22	12 Dec Friday	DAWT 22 981622	<p>India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.</p>
23	17 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 23 981623	<p>India and the Global Centres of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China, and Russia.</p>
24	19 Dec Friday	DAWT 24 981624	<p>India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.</p>

			India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy.
25	24 Dec Wednesday	DAWT 25 981625	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.
	25 Dec Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (934207)	TOPICS FROM TEST 17 - 19
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	26 Dec Friday	SECTIONAL TEST 8 (934208)	TOPICS FROM TEST 23 - 25
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