

PUB AD 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

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 **06** **OCT.**
2025

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STARTS **12** **OCT.**
2025


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

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Public Administration (Pub Ad) Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

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

32 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – 06th Oct, 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 7-10 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 – 12th Oct, 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
- 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 and DATE	TOPICS
PAPER 1		
1	12 October, 2025 Sunday (935201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1
2	19 October, 2025 Sunday (935202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2
3	26 October, 2025 Sunday (935203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3
4	02 November, 2025 Sunday (935204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
PAPER 2		
5	09 November, 2025 Sunday (935205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4
6	16 November, 2025 Sunday (935206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5
7	23 November, 2025 Sunday (935207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6
8	30 November, 2025 Sunday (935208)	FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)
9	Post Prelims	FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)
10	Post Prelims	FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)

* For topics details please refer to OAWFG calendar in Annexure II

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			
2	06 October, 2025 Monday	DAWT 1 (985401)	Civilisation and Public Administration - The Administrative Management Approach, The Bureaucratic theory of Max Weber
4	10 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 2 985402	Administrative Thought - Elton Mayo
6	13 October, 2025 Monday	DAWT 3 985403	Administrative Thought and Administrative Behaviour: Chester Bernard, Herbert Simon
8	17 October, 2025 Friday	DAWT 985404	New Public Administration , Leadership, Motivation and Morale
9	18 October, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985405	Public Choice approach: The impact on the Discipline
11	21 October, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT 985406	The Concept of Comparative Public Administration
12	22 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 985407	Method and Level of CPA, Riggsian models and their critique.
14	25 October, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985408	The Concept and Significance of Administrative Law
	27 October, 2025 Monday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (935201)	Sectional Test 1
15	29 October, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 985409	Changing profile of development and Anti-development thesis
17	1 November, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985410	Strong state versus the market debate; Impact of liberalization on administration in developing countries.
19	4 November, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT 985411	Models of policy-making and their critique, Planning, implementation, monitoring, State theories and public policy formulation.
PAPER II			
21	10 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT 985412	Personnel Administration:: Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline
22	12 November, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 985413	Employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism, Administrative ethics.
24	16 November, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985414	Monetary and fiscal policies , Budgets types and forms

25	17 November, 2025 Monday	DAWT 985415	Accounts and Audit, Techniques of Administrative Improvement
27	21 November, 2025 Friday	DAWT 985416	Post-Weberian Developments - The rise of Postmodern Concepts
28	22 November, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985417	Organizations - Systems, Structure and forms of Organization
	26 November, 2025 Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 2(935202)	Sectional test 2
	27 November, 2025 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 3 (935203)	Sectional test 3
	28 November, 2025 Friday	FLT 1 (935204)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
30	29 November, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985418	Kautilya Arthashastra and Mughal administration, Legacy of British rule in politics and administration Indianization of Public services
32	1 December, 2025 Monday	DAWT 985419	Constitutionalism and Political culture, Bureaucracy democracy and development,
33	3 December, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 985420	Public sector in modern India
35	5 December, 2025 Friday	DAWT 985421	Union Government and Administration
36	7 December, 2025 Sunday	DAWT 985422	Machinery of planning for economic development and social justice
38	11 December, 2025 Thursday	DAWT 985423	State Government and Administration
39	13 December, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985424	Changing role of the Collector , District administration and democratic decentralization
41	17 December, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT 985425	Civil Services: Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment
42	19 December, 2025 Friday	DAWT 985426	Training, capacity building, Good governance initiatives.
	21 December, 2025 Sunday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (935205)	Sectional Test 4
43	23 December, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT 985427	Administrative Reforms since Independence: Major concerns; Important Committees and Commissions.
45	27 December, 2025 Saturday	DAWT 985428	Rural Development and Urban Local Government: The Concept and Approach
46	29 December, 2025 Monday	DAWT 985429	Rural Development and Urban Local Government: The Application

48	2 January, 2026 Friday	DAWT 985430	Criminalisation of politics and administration; Police-public relations
49	4 January, 2026 Saturday	DAWT 985431	Reforms in Police, National Police Commission; Investigative agencies
51	8 January, 2026 Thursday	DAWT 985432	Significant Issues in Indian Administration - Polity, Constitution and Governance, Environment and Technology
	14 January, 2026 Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (935206)	Sectional Test 5
	15 January, 2026 Wednesday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (935207)	Sectional Test 6
	16 January, 2026 Friday	FLT 2 (935208)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2
	AFTER PRELIMS	PAPER 1	FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)
		PAPER 2	FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)