

PUB AD OPTIONAL by ForumIAS for MAINS 2026

OPTIONAL ANSWER WRITING FOCUS GROUP (O- AWFG)

- ◆ Total: **32 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 **22** Dec.
2025

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STARTS **28** Dec.
2025

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

Public Administration Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2026

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

32 Answer Writing Tests

Starts - 22nd December, 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 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 - 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 OAWFG and ATS can be clubbed together to get the most optimal and to the point preparation for your UPSC Mains Optional 2026.**

Course	Fees (for both Online & Offline)
Pub Ad ATS	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Pub Ad OAWFG	Rs. 12,980/- (inclusive of all taxes)
Pub Ad 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 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**.

ForumIAS Pub Ad Augmented Test Series (ATS)

6 Sectional Tests (3 each on Paper 1 and 2) + 4 Full Length Tests

Starts - 28th December, 2025 (calendar in Annexure I)

About Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of Sociology 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.

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:** 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
PAPER 1		
1.	28 December, 2025 Sunday (935201)	SECTIONAL TEST 1
2.	04 January, 2026 Sunday (935202)	SECTIONAL TEST 2
3.	11 January, 2026 Sunday (935203)	SECTIONAL TEST 3
4.	18 January, 2026 Sunday (935204)	FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)
PAPER 2		
5.	25 January, 2026 Sunday (935205)	SECTIONAL TEST 4
6.	01 February, 2026 Sunday (935206)	SECTIONAL TEST 5
7.	08 February, 2026 Sunday (935207)	SECTIONAL TEST 6
8.	15 February, 2026 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)

ANNEXURE – II (O-AWFG CALENDAR)

ATS tests are denoted in coloured columns for students' opting for ATS + OAWFG

S.NO	DAY DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
PAPER - I			
1	22 December, 2025 Monday	DAWT (985401)	Civilisation and Public Administration - The Administrative Management Approach, The Bureaucratic theory of Max Weber
2	24 December, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (985402)	Administrative Thought - Elton Mayo
3	26 December, 2025 Friday	DAWT (985403)	Administrative Thought and Administrative Behaviour : Chester Bernard, Herbert Simon
4	28 December, 2025 Sunday	DAWT (985404)	New Public Administration , Leadership, Motivation and Morale
5	30 December, 2025 Tuesday	DAWT (985405)	Public Choice approach : The impact on the Discipline
6	31 December, 2025 Wednesday	DAWT (985406)	The Concept of Comparative Public Administration
	02 January, 2026 Friday	SECTIONAL TEST 1 (935201)	Topics from TEST 1 - 6
7	04 January, 2026 Sunday	DAWT (985407)	Method and Level of CPA, Riggsian models and their critique.
8	06 January, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (985408)	The Concept and Significance of Administrative Law
9	08 January, 2026 Thursday	DAWT (985409)	Changing profile of development and Anti-development thesis
10	10 January, 2026 Saturday	DAWT (985410)	Strong state versus the market debate ; Impact of liberalization on administration in developing countries.
11	12 January, 2026 Monday	DAWT (985411)	Models of policy-making and their critique, Planning, implementation, monitoring, State theories and public policy formulation.
12	14 January, 2026 Wednesday	DAWT (985412)	Personnel Administration :: Recruitment, training, career advancement, position classification, discipline
	16 January, 2026 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 2 (935202)	Topics from TEST 7 - 12
13	18 January, 2026 Sunday	DAWT (985413)	Employer-employee relations, grievance redressal mechanism, Administrative ethics.
14	20 January, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (985414)	Monetary and fiscal policies , Budgets types and forms
15	22 January, 2026 Thursday	DAWT (985415)	Accounts and Audit, Techniques of Administrative Improvement
16	24 January, 2026 Saturday	DAWT (985416)	Post-Weberian Developments - The rise of Postmodern Concepts

17	27 January, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (985417)	Organizations - Systems, Structure and forms of Organization
	29 January, 2026 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 3(935203)	Topics from TEST 13 - 17
	31 January, 2026 Saturday	FLT 1 (935204)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
PAPER - II			
18	02 February, 2026 Monday	DAWT (985418)	Kautilya Arthashastra and Mughal administration, Legacy of British rule in politics and administration Indianization of Public services
19	04 February, 2026 Wednesday	DAWT (985419)	Constitutionalism and Political culture, Bureaucracy democracy and development,
20	06 February, 2026 Friday	DAWT (985420)	Public sector in modern India
21	08 February, 2026 Sunday	DAWT (985421)	Union Government and Administration
22	10 February, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (985422)	Machinery of planning for economic development and social justice
	12 February, 2026 Thursday	SECTIONAL TEST 4 (935205)	Topics from TEST 18 - TEST 22
23	14 February, 2026 Saturday	DAWT (985423)	State Government and Administration
24	16 February, 2026 Monday	DAWT (985424)	Changing role of the Collector, District administration and democratic decentralization
25	18 February, 2026 Wednesday	DAWT (985425)	Civil Services: Constitutional position; Structure, recruitment
26	20 February, 2026 Friday	DAWT (985426)	Training, capacity building, Good governance initiatives.
27	22 February, 2026 Sunday	DAWT (985427)	Administrative Reforms since Independence: Major concerns; Important Committees and Commissions.
	24 February, 2026 Tuesday	SECTIONAL TEST 5 (935206)	Topics from TEST 23 - 27
28	26 February, 2026 Thursday	DAWT (985428)	Rural Development and Urban Local Government : The Concept and Approach
29	28 February, 2026 Saturday	DAWT (985429)	Rural Development and Urban Local Government : The Application
30	01 March, 2026 Sunday	DAWT (985430)	Criminalisation of politics and administration; Police-public relations
31	03 March, 2026 Tuesday	DAWT (985431)	Reforms in Police, National Police Commission; Investigative agencies
32	05 March, 2026 Thursday	DAWT (985432)	Significant Issues in Indian Administration - Polity, Constitution and Governance, Environment and Technology

	07 March, 2026 Saturday	SECTIONAL TEST 6 (935207)	Topics from TEST 28 - 32
	09 March, 2026 Monday	FLT 2 (935208)	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2
	Post Prelims	FLT 3	Full Syllabus Test Paper 1
	Post Prelims	FLT 4	Full Syllabus Test Paper 2