

## Geography Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2025

**ForumIAS Anthropology Augmented Test Series (ATS)**  
6 Sectional Test (3 each on Paper 1 and 2) + 4 Full Length Test

Starts – **15th October 2024** (calendar in Annexure I)

### About Augmented Test Series (ATS)

The Test Series Program which covers whole syllabus of Geography 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.

**ForumIAS Optional Answer Writing Focus Group (O-AWFG)**  
36 Answer Writing Tests

Starts – **14th October 2024** (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 3 – 5 questions. Few questions in each test will be graded.

#### The O-AWFG seeks to precisely solve four problems for the students:

- a regular committed time for preparation of Optional for mains 2025.
- to provide for incremental study plan on 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 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 optional form Mains 2025.*

### Fees:

**ForumIAS Geography ATS:** The program fee is **Rs. 12,980/-** (inclusive of all taxes) for both online and offline students.

**ForumIAS Geography OAWFG:** The program fee is **Rs. 12,980/-** (inclusive of all taxes) for both online and offline students.

If a student wants to enroll in **Geography ATS + OAWFG** the program fees will be **Rs. 22,420/-** (inclusive of all taxes)

### Concessions:



The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 3,500/- for optional foundation students and GS foundation students**. The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 2,000/- 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 2025**.
- 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)

#	DAY and DATE	TOPICS
		<b>PAPER 1</b>
1	Tuesday, 15 October 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1</b>
2	Friday, 25 October 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2</b>
3	Tuesday, 5 November 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3</b>
4	Friday, 15 November 2024	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
		<b>PAPER 2</b>
5	Saturday, 30 November 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4</b>
6	Tuesday, 10 December 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5</b>
7	Friday, 20 December 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6</b>
8	Tuesday, 30 December 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>
9	Wednesday, 15 January 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 3 (PAPER 1)</b>
10	Thursday, 16 January 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 4 (PAPER 2)</b>

**\* 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*

#	DAY   DATE	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	Monday, 14 Oct 2024	DAWT	Geomorphology - Factors controlling landform development; endogenetic and exogenetic forces; Origin and evolution of the earth's crusts; Fundamentals of geomagnetism; Physical conditions of the earth's interior
2	Wednesday, 16 Oct 2024	DAWT	Geomorphology - Geosynclines; Continental drift; Isostasy; Plate tectonics; Recent views on mountain building; Volcanicity; Earthquakes and Tsunamis
3	Friday, 18 Oct 2024	DAWT	Geomorphology - Concepts of geomorphic cycles and Landscape development; Denudation chronology; Channel morphology;
4	Monday, 21 Oct 2024	DAWT	Geomorphology - Erosion surfaces; Slope development; Applied Geomorphology; Geomorphology, economic geology, and environment.
5	Wednesday, 23 Oct 2024	DAWT	Climatology - Temperature and pressure belts of the world; Heat budget of the earth; Atmospheric circulation; Atmospheric stability and instability.
6	Friday, 25 Oct 2024	DAWT	Climatology - Planetary and local winds; Monsoons and jet streams; Air masses and fronts; Temperate and tropical cyclones Climatology - Types and distribution of precipitation; Weather and Climate;
7	Monday, 28 Oct 2024	DAWT	Climatology - Koppen's Thornthwaite's and Trewartha's classification of world climate; Hydrological cycle; Global climatic change, and role and response of man in climatic changes Applied climatology and Urban climate.
8	Wednesday, 30 Oct 2024	DAWT	Oceanography - Bottom topography of the Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans; Temperature and salinity of the oceans; Heat and salt budgets, Ocean deposits;
9	Friday, 01 Nov 2024	DAWT	Oceanography - Waves, currents, and tides; Marine resources; biotic, mineral, and energy resources; Coral reefs coral bleaching; Sea-level changes; Law of the sea and marine pollution.
	<b>Sunday, 03 Nov 2024</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 1 - 9</b>
10	Wednesday, 06 Nov 2024	DAWT	Biogeography - Genesis of soils; Classification and distribution of soils; Soil profile; Soil erosion, Degradation, and conservation; Factors influencing world distribution of plants and animals; Problems of deforestation and conservation measures; Social forestry, agro-forestry; Wildlife; Major gene pool centers.
11	Friday, 08 Nov 2024	DAWT	Environmental Geography - Principle of ecology; Human ecological adaptations; Influence of man on ecology and environment; Global and regional ecological changes and imbalances; Ecosystem their management and conservation;

12	Monday, 11 Nov 2024	DAWT	Environmental Geography - Environmental degradation, management, and conservation; Biodiversity and sustainable development; Environmental policy; Environmental hazards and remedial measures; Environmental education and legislation.
13	Wednesday, 13 Nov 2024	DAWT	Perspectives in Human Geography - Areal differentiation; regional synthesis; Dichotomy and dualism; Environmentalism; Quantitative revolution and locational analysis;
14	Friday, 15 Nov 2024	DAWT	Perspectives in Human Geography - Radical, behavioral, human, and welfare approaches; Languages, religions, and secularization; Cultural regions of the world; Human development index.
15	Monday, 18 Nov 2024	DAWT	Economic Geography - World economic development: measurement and problems; World resources and their distribution; Energy crisis; the limits to growth; World agriculture: a typology of agricultural regions;
16	Wednesday, 20 Nov 2024	DAWT	Economic Geography - Agricultural inputs and productivity; Food and nutrition problems; Food security; famine: causes, effects, and remedies; World industries: location patterns and problems; Patterns of world trade.
	<b>Friday, 22 Nov 2024</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 10 - 16</b>
17	Monday, 25 Nov 2024	DAWT	Population Geography - Growth and distribution of world population; Demographic attributes; Causes and consequences of migration; Concepts of the over-under-and optimum population; Population theories, world population problems and policies, Social well-being and quality of life; Population as social capital.
18	Wednesday, 27 Nov 2024	DAWT	Settlement Geography - Types and patterns of rural settlements; Environmental issues in rural settlements; Hierarchy of urban settlements; Urban morphology; Concept of primate city and rank-size rule; Functional classification of towns; Sphere of urban influence; Rural-urban fringe; Satellite towns; Problems and remedies of urbanization; Sustainable development of cities.
19	Friday, 29 Nov 2024	DAWT	Regional Planning - Concept of a region; Types of regions and methods of regionalization; Growth centers and growth poles; Regional imbalances; Regional development strategies; Environmental issues in regional planning; Planning for sustainable development.
20	Monday, 02 Dec 2024	DAWT	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography - System analysis in Human geography; Malthusian, Marxian and demographic transition models; Central Place theories of Christaller and Losch; Perroux and Boudeville;
21	Wednesday, 04 Dec 2024	DAWT	Models, Theories and Laws in Human Geography - Von Thunen's model of agricultural location; Weber's model of industrial location; Rostow's model of stages of growth. Heartland and Rimland theories; Laws of international boundaries and frontiers.
	<b>Friday, 06 Dec 2024</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 17 - 21</b>

PAPER - II			
22	Monday, 09 Dec 2024	DAWT	Physical Setting - Space relationship of India with neighboring countries; Structure and relief; Drainage system and watersheds; Physiographic regions; Mechanism of Indian monsoons and rainfall patterns; Tropical cyclones and western disturbances; Floods and droughts; Climatic regions; Natural vegetation, Soil types and their distributions.
23	Wednesday, 11 Dec 2024	DAWT	Resources - Land, surface and ground water, energy, minerals, biotic and marine resources, Forest and wildlife resources and their conservation; Energy crisis.
24	Friday, 13 Dec 2024	DAWT	Agriculture - Infrastructure: irrigation, seeds, fertilizers, power; Institutional factors; land holdings, land tenure, and land reforms; Cropping pattern, agricultural productivity, agricultural intensity, crop combination, land capability;
25	Monday, 16 Dec 2024	DAWT	Agriculture - Agro and social-forestry; Green revolution and its socio-economic and ecological implications; Significance of dry farming; Livestock resources and white revolution; Aquaculture; Sericulture, Agriculture, and poultry; Agricultural regionalization; Agro-climatic zones; Agro-ecological regions.
	<b>Wednesday, 18 Dec 2024</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4</b>	<b>TOPICS FROM TEST 22- 25</b>
26	Friday, 20 Dec 2024	DAWT	Industry - Evolution of industries; Locational factors of cotton, jute, textile, iron and steel, aluminum, fertilizer, paper, chemical and pharmaceutical, automobile, cottage, and agro-based industries; Industrial houses and complexes including public sector undertakings; Industrial regionalization; New industrial policy; Multinationals and liberalization; Special Economic Zones; Tourism including ecotourism.
27	Monday, 23 Dec 2024	DAWT	Transport, Communication, and Trade - Road, railway, waterway, airway, and pipeline networks and their complementary roles in regional development; Growing importance of ports on national and foreign trade; Trade balance; Trade Policy; Export processing zones; Developments in communication and information technology and their impacts on economy and society; Indian space program.
28	Friday, 27 Dec 2024	DAWT	Cultural Setting - Historical Perspective of Indian Society; Racial linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities; Major tribes, tribal areas, and their problems; Cultural regions; Growth, distribution, and density of population; Demographic attributes: sex-ratio, age structure, literacy rate, work-force, dependency ratio, longevity; migration (inter-regional, intraregional and international) and associated problems; Population problems and policies; Health indicators.
29	Sunday, 29 Dec 2024	DAWT	Settlements - Types, patterns, and morphology of rural settlements; Urban developments; Morphology of Indian cities; Functional classification of Indian cities; Conurbations and metropolitan regions; Urban sprawl; Slums and associated problems; Town planning; Problems of urbanization and remedies.

	Friday, 03 Jan 2025	SECTIONAL TEST 5	TOPICS FROM TEST 26 - 29
30	Sunday, 05 Jan 2025	DAWT	Regional Development and Planning - Experience of regional planning in India; Five Year Plans; Integrated rural development programs; Panchayati Raj and decentralized planning; Command area development; Watershed management; Planning for backward area, desert, drought-prone, hill tribal area development; Multi-level planning; Regional planning and development of island territories.
31	Wednesday, 08 Jan 2025	DAWT	Political Aspects - Geographical basis of Indian federalism; State reorganization; Emergence of new states; Regional consciousness and inter-state issues; International boundary of India and related issues; Cross-border terrorism; India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm.
32	Friday, 10 Jan 2025	DAWT	Contemporary Issues - Ecological issues: Environmental hazards: landslides, earthquakes, Tsunamis, floods and droughts, epidemics; Issues related to environmental pollution; Changes in patterns of land use; Principles of environmental impact assessment and environmental management; Population explosion and food security,
33	Sunday, 12 Jan 2025	DAWT	Contemporary Issues - Environmental degradation; Deforestation, desertification, and soil erosion; Problems of agrarian and industrial unrest; Regional disparities in economic development; Concept of sustainable growth and development; Environmental awareness; Linkage of rivers; Globalisation and Indian economy.
	Wednesday, 15 Jan 2025	SECTIONAL TEST 6	TOPICS FROM TEST 30 - 33
	Friday, 17 Jan 2025		Full Length Test Paper 1
	Sunday, 19 Jan 2025		Full Length test Paper 2
	Post Prelims		Full Length Test Paper 1
	Post Prelims		Full Length test Paper 2