

## Sociology Optional by ForumIAS for Mains 2025

### ForumIAS Sociology 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 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.

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

**ForumIAS Sociology 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 **Sociology ATS + OAWFG** the program fees will be **Rs. 22,420/-** (inclusive of all taxes)

### Concessions:

The program is available at a concession of **Rs. 3500/- 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

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### 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 - Units 1-3 (Sociology- The Discipline, Sociology as Science and Research Methods and Analysis)</b>
2	Friday, 25 October 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2 - Units 4 &amp; 5 ( Sociological Thinkers , Stratification &amp; Mobility)</b>
3	Tuesday, 5 November 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3 - Units 6 to 10 (Work, Politics, Religion, Kinship, and Social Change)</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 - Part A (full) + Part B (Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:, Caste System and Tribal Communities in India)</b>
6	Tuesday, 10 December 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5 - Part B ( Social Classes in India, System of kinship in India, Religion and Society) + Part C ( Visions of Social Change, Rural and Agrarian transformation , Industrialisation and Urbanisation)</b>
7	Friday, 20 December 2024	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6 (UNIT 7-9) - Part C: Politics and Society , Social Movements, Population Dynamics, and Challenges of Social Transformation</b>
8	Tuesday, 30 December 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>
9	Wednesday, 15 January 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 1 (PAPER 1)</b>
10	Thursday, 16 January 2025	<b>FULL LENGTH TEST 2 (PAPER 2)</b>

## Annexure – II (OAWFG Calendar)

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

#	DATE   DAY	TEST TYPE	TOPICS
<b>PAPER - I</b>			
1	14 Oct 2024 Monday	DAWT	Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe, emergence of Sociology, Sociology and common sense.
2	16 Oct 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Sociology - The Discipline: Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences. Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method, and critique.
3	18 Oct 2024 Friday	DAWT	Positivism and its critique. Major theoretical strands of research methodology.
4	21 Oct 2024 Monday	DAWT	Non-positivist methodologies. Fact, value, and objectivity.
5	23 Oct 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Research Methods: Qualitative and quantitative methods, Techniques of data collection, Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability, and validity.
6	25 Oct 2024 Friday	DAWT	Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle.
	<b>27 Oct 2024 Sunday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 1</b>	<b>Units 1-3 (Sociology- The Discipline, Sociology as Science and Research Methods and Analysis)</b>
7	30 Oct 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Sociological Thinkers: Emile Durkheim - Division of labor, social fact, suicide, religion and society.
8	01 Nov 2024 Friday	DAWT	Sociological Thinkers: Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism.
9	04 Nov 2024 Monday	DAWT	Sociological Thinkers: Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables.
10	06 Nov 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Sociological Thinkers: Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups. Mead - Self and identity.
11	08 Nov 2024 Friday	DAWT	Stratification and Mobility: Concepts - equality, inequality, hierarchy, exclusion, poverty, deprivation. Social mobility - open and closed systems, types, sources, causes.
12	11 Nov 2024 Monday	DAWT	Stratification and Mobility: Theories of social stratification (structural functionalism, Marxism, Weberian theory). Dimensions - Social stratification of class, status groups, gender, ethnicity, and race.
	<b>13 Nov 2024 Wednesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 2</b>	<b>Units 4 &amp; 5 ( Sociological Thinkers , Stratification &amp; Mobility)</b>
13	15 Nov 2025 Friday	DAWT	Work and Economic Life: Social organization of work - slave society, feudal society, industrial capitalist society, Formal and informal organization of work. Labour and society.
14	18 Nov 2024 Monday	DAWT	Politics and Society: Theories of power, Power elite, bureaucracy, pressure groups, political parties.
15	20 Nov Wednesday	DAWT	Politics and Society: Nation, state, citizenship, democracy, civil society, ideology. Protest, agitation, social movements, collective action, revolution.
16	22 Nov 2024 Friday	DAWT	Religion and Society: Sociological theories of religion, animism, monism, pluralism, sects, cults, secularization, fundamentalism, religion and science, secularisation, religious revivalism, fundamentalism.
17	25 Nov 2024 Monday	DAWT	Systems of Kinship: Family, household, marriage, types and forms of family, patriarchy, sexual division of labor. Lineage and descent, Contemporary trends.
18	27 Nov 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change, Development and dependency, Agents of social change, education and social change. Science, technology, and social change.
	<b>29 Nov 2024 Friday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 3</b>	<b>Units 6 to 10 (Work, Politics, Religion, Kinship, and Social Change)</b>
<b>PAPER - II</b>			
19	02 Dec 2024 Monday	DAWT	Perspectives on Indian Society: Indology (G.S. Ghure), Structural functionalism (M.N. Srinivas), Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai).
20	04 Dec 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Perspectives on Indian Society: Marxist sociology (A.R. Desai), D.P. Mukherji, R.K. Mukherji, Subaltern perspective
21	06 Dec 2024 Friday	DAWT	Impact of Colonial Rule: Social background of Indian nationalism, modernization of Indian tradition, Protests, movements during the colonial period, social reforms.
22	09 Dec 2024 Monday	DAWT	Rural and Agrarian Social Structure: Indian village and village studies, agrarian social structure, land tenure system, land reforms.
23	11 Dec 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Caste System: Perspectives on the caste system (Ghurye, Srinivas, Dumont, Beteille), Features of caste, untouchability.

24	13 Dec 2024 Friday	DAWT	Tribal Communities: Definitional problems, geographical spread, colonial policies, integration, and autonomy.
	<b>15 Dec 2024 Sunday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 4</b>	<b>Part A (full) + Part B (Rural and Agrarian Social Structure:, Caste System and Tribal Communities in India)</b>
25	18 Dec 2024 Wednesday	DAWT	Social Classes in India: Agrarian class structure, Industrial class structure, Middle classes.
26	20 Dec 2024 Friday	DAWT	Kinship in India: Lineage and descent, types of kinship systems, family, and marriage, Household dimensions of the family, Patriarchy, entitlements and sexual division of labour.
27	23 Dec 2024 Monday	DAWT	Religion in India: Religious communities, problems of religious minorities.
28	27 Dec 2024 Friday	DAWT	Visions of Social Change: Development planning and mixed economy, Constitution, law, education and social change.
29	30 Dec 2024 Monday	DAWT	Rural and Agrarian Transformation: Rural development programs, Green revolution, Changing modes of production, Migration, and rural labor issues.
30	03 Jan 2025 Friday	DAWT	Industrialization and Urbanization: Evolution of industry, Growth of urban settlements in India, working class, informal sector, child labor, slums.
	<b>05 Jan 2025 Sunday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 5</b>	<b>Part B ( Social Classes in India, System of kinship in India, Religion and Society) + Part C ( Visions of Social Change, Rural and Agrarian transformation , Industrialisation and Urbanisation)</b>
31	08 Jan 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	Politics and Society: Nation, democracy, citizenship, political parties, pressure groups, elites, regionalism, secularization.
32	10 Jan 2025 Friday	DAWT	Social Movements: Peasants, women's movement, Backward classes, Dalit movements, environmental movements, identity movements.
33	13 Jan 2025 Monday	DAWT	Population Dynamics: Size, growth, composition, birth, death, migration, sex ratio, infant mortality, reproductive health, Population Policy and family planning
34	15 Jan 2025 Wednesday	DAWT	Challenges of Social Transformation: Crisis of development, displacement, environmental problems, sustainability, Violence against women
35	17 Jan 2025 Friday	DAWT	Challenges of Social Transformation: Poverty, deprivation, inequality, violence against women.
36	20 Jan 2025 Monday	DAWT	Challenges of Social Transformation: Caste conflicts, ethnic conflicts, Illiteracy and disparities in education
	<b>22 Jan 2025 Wednesday</b>	<b>SECTIONAL TEST 6</b>	<b>Part C: Politics and Society , Social Movements, Population Dynamics, and Challenges of Social Transformation</b>
	<b>24 Jan 2025 Friday</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 1</b>
	<b>29 Jan 2025 Wednesday</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 2</b>
	<b>Post Prelims</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 1</b>
	<b>Post Prelims</b>		<b>FULL LENGTH TEST PAPER 2</b>