



UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY AND NAVAL ACADEMY EXAMINATION-II, 2026

EXAMINATION NOTICE NO.10/2026-NDA-II

Date of Notification of Examination	20.05.2026
Last date for filling up of Application	09.06.2026
Date of Examination	13.09.2026

(The Commission's website - <https://upsc.gov.in>)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Online Application Portal of Union Public Service Commission for registration and filling up of application form online has four cards/modules, three of which namely, Account creation, Universal Registration and Common Application Form are common to all examination applications and can be filled anytime by the candidate while the fourth card/module is examination specific and can be filled during the time period allowed in notification of an examination. Applicants are required to apply online by using the website <https://upsconline.nic.in>.

Once a candidate has registered on the Online Application Portal, a Universal Registration Number (URN) is generated which is common for all the examinations of the Commission. After filling up of the Examination Specific Form, an Application Number is generated which is examination specific and is to be retained by the applicant alongwith the URN for any future communication with the Commission. The URN has to be registered only once in a lifetime. While the URN will be unique and will remain constant, the Application Number will be dynamic in nature and will vary from examination to examination.

Detailed instructions are available on the home page of the portal as well as with all profiles/modules to guide the candidates for filling up of the application form and uploading the documents. Candidates are advised to first go through these Instructions carefully and prepare requisite documents in advance to have a smooth flow during filling up of form and document uploading.

Applicants are strongly advised to use their Aadhaar Card as ID documents for easy, effortless and seamless verification and authentication of ID and other details.

1. CANDIDATES TO ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EXAMINATION:

All the candidates are requested to carefully read the Rules of National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination-II, 2026 notified by the Government (Ministry of Defence) and this Notice of Examination derived from these Rules. Candidates applying for the examination should ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission to the Examination. Their admission at all the stages of the examination will be purely provisional subject to satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. **Mere issue of e-Admit Card to the candidate will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission.** Verification of eligibility conditions with reference to original documents will be taken up only after

the candidate has qualified for Interview/Personality Test.

HOW TO APPLY

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<https://upsconline.nic.in>. Candidates are advised to go through the General instructions, Profile/Module wise instructions and instructions for uploading of documents before proceeding to fill up the form. These instructions are available on the menu bar of the Home page. A candidate who is willing to apply for **National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination-II, 2026** shall be required to submit the requisite information and supporting documents towards various claims, such as date of birth, educational qualification, etc. as may be sought by the Commission along with the Universal Registration Number (URN), Common Application Form (CAF) and the fourth module i.e. Examination Specific Module (including fees and centre etc.). Failure to provide the required information/documents along with the Common Application Form (CAF) will entail cancellation of candidature for the examination.

NOTE 1:- ONE-TIME EDIT FACILITY FOR URN PROFILE:

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NOTE 2:- LIVE PHOTO CAPTURE FOR FILLING UP OF COMMON APPLICATION FORM (CAF):

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NOTE 3:- UPLOADING OF SIGNATURE:

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NOTE 4 :- UPLOADING OF PHOTOGRAPH:

Please follow the Instruction in respect of uploading of Photograph as elaborated in the Instructions to upload documents in the home page of the online application portal.

2.1 WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION:

The candidate will not be allowed to withdraw his/her applications after the submission of the same. Further, no correction/alteration/modification in any field(s) of the Application Form is allowed after submission.

2.2 The candidate should also have details of one photo ID viz. Aadhaar Card/ Voter Card (EPIC)/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving License/ School Photo ID/Any other Photo ID Card issued by the State/Central Government. The details of this Photo ID Card will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up the Universal Registration Number (URN) Profile. This Photo ID Card will be used for all future reference and the candidate is

advised to carry this ID Card while appearing for Examination/SSB.

2.3 Applicants are strongly advised to use their Aadhaar Card as ID document for easy, effortless and seamless verification and authentication of ID and other details.

3. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

The Online Application can be filled upto 06:00 P.M. of 9th June 2026.

4. ISSUANCE OF e-ADMIT CARD:

The eligible candidates will be issued an e-Admit Card on the last working day of the preceding week of the date of the examination. The e-Admit Card will be made available on the Commission's website (<https://upsconline.nic.in>) for downloading by the candidates. No Admit Card will be sent by post or email. All the applicants are requested to provide valid and active email ID while creating account as the Commission may use electronic mode for contacting them.

5. MARKING ANSWERS IN THE OMR SHEET:

For both writing and marking answers in the OMR sheet (Answer Sheet), candidates must use **black ball pen** only. Pen of any other colour is not permitted. Do not use pencil/eraser/white-out/any other marking instrument on the OMR sheet especially with regard to Roll Number and Test Booklet Series Code will render the answer sheet liable for rejection. **Candidates are further advised to read carefully the "Special Instructions" contained in Appendix- II of the Notice.**

6. PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS:

Candidates should note that there will be penalty (**Negative Marking**) for wrong answers marked by a candidate in the Objective Type Question Papers.

7. ONLINE REPRESENTATION PORTAL FOR QUESTION PAPER & PROVISIONAL ANSWER KEYS:-

The Commission will be providing an opportunity to the appeared candidates to make representations to the Commission on the questions asked in the Papers of the Examination and on the Provisional Answer Keys of the Objective Type Question Paper(s) of the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination in a time frame of five (05) days i.e. from the 3rd day of the Examination date to 06.00 P.M. of the 7th day. The appeared candidates may login to the Commission's website: <https://upsconline.nic.in> and submit their representation(s), if any, under the header 'Examinations > Representations on Question Paper & Provisional Answer Keys'. No representation by email/post/hand or by any other mode shall be accepted and the Commission shall not involve into any correspondence with the candidates in this regard. No representation shall be accepted under any circumstances after this window of five (05) days is over.

8. HELPDESK FOR CANDIDATE:

The Commission has established a dedicated helpline to assist the candidates during the application process. Candidates seeking clarification, guidance, or assistance related to the application process or examination details can contact the helpline no. **011-24041001/011-40303444** or email **ID – upscsoap@nic.in**. The helpline will be operational from **10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.** on all working days during the application window i.e. from **20.05.2026 to 09.06.2026**. Applicants may utilize this service for any issues relating to the application process, including fee payment, uploading of

documents, etc.

MOBILE PHONES BANNED:

(a) The use of any mobile phone (even in switched off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart watches etc. or camera or Bluetooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories either in working or switched off mode capable of being used as a communication device during the examination is strictly prohibited. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

(b) Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned item including bags, mobile phones or any valuable/costly items to the venue of the examination, as **no** arrangement for safe-keeping will be made at the venue of the examination. The Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

REPORTING AT EXAMINATION VENUE:

The entry of the candidates into the venue of the Examination shall be closed 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Examination in each session. No candidates shall be allowed entry into the examination venue after closure of entry under any circumstance.

11. FACE AUTHENTICATION FOR CANDIDATES AT THE EXAMINATION VENUE :

In order to ensure a secure and smooth examination process, all candidates will be required to undergo face authentication at the examination venue mandatorily. Candidates are advised to enter the examination venue well in time for face authentication/identity verification and frisking.

CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY ONLINE AT <https://upsconline.nic.in> ONLY. NO OTHER MODE IS ALLOWED FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

GOVERNMENT STRIVES TO HAVE A WORKFORCE WHICH REFLECTS GENDER BALANCE AND WOMEN CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

F.No. 7/01/2026.E.1(B): National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination-II, 2026 will be conducted by the Union Public Service Commission on **13th September, 2026** for admission to the Army, Navy and Air Force wings of the NDA for the **158th Course** and for the **120th** Indian Naval Academy Course (INAC) commencing from **1st July, 2027**.

The date of holding the examination as mentioned above may be changed if so required, at the discretion of the Commission.

The approximate number of vacancies to be filled on the basis of results of this examination will be as under:—

Academy	Service	Vacancies		Total
		Male	Female	
National Defence Academy	Army	198	10	208
	Navy	37	05	42 (All Executive branch)
	Air Force			
	(i) Flying	90	02	92
	(ii) Ground Duties (Tech)	16	02	18
	(iii) Ground Duties (Non-Tech)	08	02	10
Naval Academy (10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme)		21	03	24 (All Executive Branch)
Total		370	24	394

Note : Indian Army Publishes the vacancies for Men and Women separately for various services and Entries keeping into account the operational and administrative needs of the force as envisaged in the existing and future scenarios. Though the vacancies for men and women categories for all services of NDA/Naval Academy are being notified through common Notification and tested through a common written examination for administrative purpose, NDA/Naval Academy men and women are separate entries and selection for both these categories is done separately but in a gender pure manner as per vacancies notified. THE PREPARATION OF WRITTEN RESULTS AND FINAL MERIT LISTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN NDA/NAVAL ACADEMY FOR THESE CATEGORIES WILL ALSO BE DONE SEPARATELY AS PER VACANCY NOTIFIED.

Vacancies are provisional and may be changed depending on the availability of training capacity of National Defence Academy and Indian Naval Academy.

N.B. (i) Candidates are required to specify clearly in the Examination Specific module, the Services for which he/she wishes to be considered in the order of his/her preference [1 to 4]. He/She is also advised to indicate as many preferences as he/she wishes to opt so that having regard to his/her rank in the order of merit due consideration can be given to his/her preferences when making appointments.

(ii) Candidates should note that they will be considered for appointment to those services only for which they express their preferences and for no other service(s). No request for addition/alteration in the preferences already indicated by a candidate in his application will be entertained by the Commission. Further, in view of multiple reconfirmations of information submitted during the application process, the Commission has decided not to extend the facility of making any correction(s) in any field(s) of the application form after its submission and closure of the application window of this Examination. It is mandatory for a candidate to exercise at least one preference to be considered for service allocation.

(iii) Admission to the above courses will be made on the basis of results of the written examination to be conducted by the Commission followed by intelligence and personality test by the Services Selection Board of candidates who qualify in the written examination.

2. CENTRES OF EXAMINATION:

The Examination will be held at the following Centres :

1	AGARTALA	30	GORAKHPUR	59	NASIK
2	AGRA	31	GURUGRAM	60	NAVI MUMBAI
3	AHMEDABAD	32	GWALIOR	61	PANAJI (GOA)
4	AIZAWL	33	HISAR	62	PATNA
5	AJMER	34	HYDERABAD	63	SRI VIJAYA PURAM (PORT BLAIR)
6	ALIGARH	35	IMPHAL	64	PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD)
7	ALMORA (UTTARAKHAND)	36	INDORE	65	PUDUCHERRY
8	ALWAR	37	ITANAGAR	66	PUNE
9	ANANTHAPURAMU (ANDHRA PRADESH)	38	JABALPUR	67	RAIPUR
10	CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (MAHARASHTRA)] [AURANGABAD	39	JAIPUR	68	RAJKOT
11	BAREILLY	40	JAMMU	69	RANCHI
12	BENGALURU	41	JODHPUR	70	SAMBALPUR
13	BHOPAL	42	JORHAT	71	SHILLONG
14	BHUBANESWAR	43	KANNUR	72	SHIMLA
15	BILASPUR (CHHATTISGARH)	44	KANPUR	73	SILIGURI
16	CHANDIGARH	45	KARGIL	74	SRINAGAR
17	CHENNAI	46	KOCHI	75	SRINAGAR (UTTARAKHAND)
18	COIMBATORE	47	KOHIMA	76	SURAT
19	CUTTACK	48	KOLKATA	77	THANE
20	DEHRADUN	49	KOZHIKODE (CALICUT)	78	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
21	DELHI	50	LEH	79	TIRUCHIRAPALLI
22	DHARAMSHALA	51	LUCKNOW	80	TIRUPATI
23	DHARWAD	52	LUDHIANA	81	UDAIPUR
24	DISPUR	53	MADURAI	82	VARANASI
25	FARIDABAD	54	MANDI (HIMACHAL PRADESH)	83	VELLORE
26	GANGTOK	55	MEERUT	84	VIJAYAWADA
27	GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR	56	MUMBAI	85	VISAKHAPATNAM
28	GAYA	57	MYSURU	86	HANUMAKONDA (WARANGAL URBAN)
29	GHAZIABAD	58	NAGPUR		

Applicants should note that there will be a ceiling on the number of candidates allotted to each of the Centres except Chennai, Dispur, Kolkata and Nagpur. Allotment of Centres will be on the first-apply-first- allot basis and once the capacity of a particular Centre is attained, the same will be frozen. Applicants, who cannot get a Centre of their choice due to ceiling, will be required to choose a Centre from the remaining ones. Applicants are, thus, advised that they may apply early so that they could get a Centre of their choice. If any candidate appears at a venue other than the one indicated by the Commission in his/her e-Admit Card, such candidate will not be allowed to take the examination.

N.B. : Notwithstanding the aforesaid provision, the Commission reserves the right to change the Centres at their discretion if the situation so demands.

Candidates admitted to the examination will be informed of the time table and place or places of examination. Candidates should note that no request for change of Examination Centre will be entertained.

3. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

(a) **Nationality: A candidate must be unmarried male / female and must be :**

- (i) a citizen of India, or
- (ii) a subject of Nepal, or
- (iii) a person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka and East African Countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia or Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.

Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (ii) and (iii) above shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

Certificate of eligibility will not, however, be necessary in the case of candidates who are Gorkha subjects of Nepal.

(b) **Age Limits, Sex and Marital Status:**

Only unmarried male/female candidates born not earlier than **01st January 2008** and not later than **01st January 2011** are eligible.

The date of birth accepted by the Commission is that entered in the Matriculation or Secondary School Leaving Certificate or in a certificate recognised by an Indian University as equivalent to Matriculation or in an extract from a Register of Matriculates maintained by a University which must be certified by the proper authority of the University or in the Secondary School Examination or an equivalent examination certificates. No other document relating to age like horoscopes, affidavits, birth extracts from Medical Corporation, service records and the like will be accepted. The expression Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate in this part of the instruction includes the alternative certificates mentioned above.

NOTE 1: Candidates should note that only the date of birth as recorded in the Matriculation/Secondary School Examination Certificate available or an equivalent certificate on the date of submission of applications will be accepted by the Commission and no subsequent request for its change will be considered or granted.

NOTE 2: Candidates should also note that once a date of birth has been submitted by them in the Online Application Form and entered in the records of the Commission for the purpose of admission to an Examination, no change will be allowed subsequently or at any subsequent examination on any ground whatsoever.

NOTE 3 : The candidates should exercise due care while entering their date of birth in the respective column of the Universal Registration Number (URN) profile for the Examination. If on verification at any subsequent stage any variation is found in their date of birth from the one entered in their Matriculation or equivalent Examination certificate, disciplinary action will be taken against them by the Commission under the Rules.

NOTE 4 : The candidates should also note that no addition/deletion/changes are allowed in the online application form in the NDA & NA Examination in any circumstances once it is submitted. **However, the Commission provides a one-time facility for candidates to update or modify their Universal Registration Number (URN) Profile. Please note that any changes made to the URN Profile will not be reflected in applications already submitted. The updated information will apply only to applications submitted after the candidate has made the necessary changes and successfully re-**

locked the URN Profile.

NOTE 5 : Candidates must undertake not to marry until they complete their full training. A candidate who marries subsequent to the date of his/her application though successful at this or any subsequent Examination will not be selected for training. A candidate who marries during training shall be discharged and will be liable to refund all expenditure incurred on him/her by the Government.

(c) Educational Qualifications:

(i) For Army Wing of National Defence Academy: - 12th Class pass of the 10+2 pattern of School Education or equivalent examination conducted by a State Education Board or a University.

(ii) For Air Force and Naval Wings of National Defence Academy and for the 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme at the Indian Naval Academy:- 12th Class pass with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics of the 10+2 pattern of School Education or equivalent conducted by a State Education Board or a University.

Candidates who are appearing in the 12th Class under the 10+2 pattern of School Education or equivalent examination can also apply for this examination.

Such candidates who qualify the SSB interview but could not produce Matriculation/10+2 or equivalent certificate in original at the time of SSB interview should forward duly self-attested Photocopies to 'Directorate General of Recruiting, Army HQ, West Block.III, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066' and for Naval Academy candidates to 'Naval Headquarters, DMPR, OI&R Section, Room No. 204, 'C' Wing, Sena Bhavan, New Delhi-110011' by **10th June 2027** failing which their candidature will be cancelled. All other candidates who have produced their Matriculation and 10+2 pass or equivalent certificates in original at the time of attending the SSB interview and have got the same verified by the SSB authorities are not required to submit the same to Army HQ or Naval HQ as the case may be. Certificates in original issued by the Principals of the Institutions are also acceptable in cases where Boards/Universities have not yet issued certificates. Certified true copies/photostat copies of such certificates will not be accepted.

In exceptional cases the Commission may treat a candidate, who does not possess any of the qualifications prescribed in this rule as educationally qualified provided that he/she possesses qualifications, the standard of which in the opinion of the Commission, justifies his/her admission to the examination.

NOTE 1 : Candidates appearing in the 11th class exam are not eligible for this examination.

NOTE 2 : Those candidates who have yet to qualify in the 12th class or equivalent examination and are allowed to appear in the UPSC Examination should note that this is only a special concession given to them. They are required to submit proof of passing the 12th class or equivalent examination by the prescribed date (i.e. **10th June 2027**) and no request for extending this date will be entertained on the grounds of late conduct of Board/University Examination, delay in declaration of results or any other ground whatsoever.

NOTE 3 : Candidates who are debarred by the Ministry of Defence from holding any type of Commission in the Defence Services shall not be eligible for admission to the examination and if admitted, their candidature will be cancelled.

NOTE 4 : Those candidates, who have failed CPSS/PABT (Computerized Pilot Selection System/Pilot Aptitude Battery Test) earlier, are now eligible for Air Force in Ground Duty

branches if they fill their willingness in the website and also at the Selection Centres.

Exam Specific Form available at the Commission's

(d) Physical Standards:

for admission to National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination (II), 2026 as per guidelines given in Appendix-III.

(e) A candidate who has resigned or withdrawn on disciplinary grounds from any of the training academies of Armed Forces is not eligible to apply.

4. FEE :

Candidates (except SC / ST candidates / female candidates / Wards of JCOs/NCOs/ORs as specified in Note 2 below, who are exempted from payment of fee) are required to pay a fee of Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred only) either by using net banking facility of any bank or by using Visa/Master/RuPay Credit/Debit Card/UPI Payment for appearing in the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy Examination-II, 2026.

N.B. 1 : Candidates should note that payment of examination fee can be made only through the modes prescribed above. Payment of fee through any other mode is neither valid nor acceptable. Applications submitted without the prescribed fee/mode (unless remission of fee is claimed) shall be summarily rejected.

N.B. 2 : Fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances nor can the fee be held in reserve for any other examination or selection.

NOTE-1 : Candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and those specified in Note 2 below are not required to pay any fee. No fee exemption is, however, available to OBC/EWS candidates and they are required to pay the full prescribed fee.

NOTE-2 : The Wards of serving/ex-Junior Commissioned Officers/Non-Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks of Army and equivalent ranks in the Indian Navy/Indian Air Force are also not required to pay the prescribed fee if they are studying in Military School (formerly known as King George's School)/Sainik School run by Sainik Schools Society.

[N.B. : A certificate of eligibility for fee exemption is required to be obtained by all such candidates from the Principals concerned individually and produced for verification at the time of SSB Test/Interview by the candidates who are declared qualified for the SSB Test/Interview.]

HOW TO APPLY:

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NOTE-5: WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION:

The candidates will not be allowed to withdraw their applications after the submission of the same. Further no correction /alteration/modification in any field(s) of the Application Form is allowed after submission.

NOTE-6: Requests, representations etc. shall be entertained by the Commission in respect of correcting details that are required to be filled up by the candidates by exercising due diligence and caution as the timely completion of examination process is of paramount importance.

NOTE-7: Candidate should also have details of one Photo ID viz. Aadhaar Card/ Voter Card (EPIC)/ PAN Card/ Passport/ Driving License/School Photo ID/Any other Photo ID Card issued by the State/Central Government. The details of this photo ID will have to be provided by the candidate while filling up Universal Registration Number (URN) Profile. This Photo ID will be used for all future references and the candidate is advised to carry this ID while appearing for examination/SSB.

Applicants are strongly advised to use their Aadhaar Card as ID documents for easy, effortless and seamless verification and authentication of ID and other details.

NOTE-8: All candidates whether already in Government Service including candidates serving in the Armed Forces, Sailors (including boys and artificers apprentices) of the Indian Navy, Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College (previously known as Sainik School, Dehradun), Students of Rashtriya Military Schools (formerly known as Military Schools) and Sainik Schools run by Sainik Schools Society, Government owned industrial undertakings or other similar organizations or in private employment should apply online directly to the Commission.

(a) Persons already in Government Service, whether in permanent or temporary capacity or as work charged employees other than casual or daily rated employees or those serving under the Public Enterprises; (b) Candidates serving in the Armed Forces, Sailors (including boys and artificers apprentices) of the Indian Navy; and (c) Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College (previously known as Sainik School, Dehradun), Students of Military Schools formerly known as King George's Schools and Sainik Schools run by

~~Sainik Schools Society Office, Dehradun~~

Commanding Officer, Principals of College/School concerned, as the case may be, in writing that they have applied for this examination. Candidates should note that in case a communication is received by the Commission from their employer/authority concerned withholding permission to the candidates applying for/appearing at the examination, their applications will be liable to be rejected/candidatures will be liable to be cancelled.

NOTE-9: While filling in the Exam Specific Module, the candidate should carefully decide about his/her choice of the centre for the examination.

If any candidate appears at a centre other than the one indicated by the Commission in his/her e-Admit Card, the papers of such a candidate will not be valued and his/her candidature will be liable to cancellation.

NOTE-10: Applications without the prescribed fee (unless remission of fee is claimed as in para 4 above) or incomplete applications shall be summarily rejected. No representation or correspondence regarding such rejection shall be under any circumstances. Candidates are not required to submit along with their applications any certificate in support of their claims regarding age, educational qualifications, scheduled castes/scheduled tribes/other backward classes and fee remission etc. except the photo ID card. They should therefore, ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for admission to the examination. Their admission to the examination will also therefore be purely provisional. If on verification at any later date it is found that they do not fulfil all eligibility conditions, their candidature will be cancelled. The result of the written part of the examination is likely to be declared in the month of **October, 2026**. All the candidates who have successfully qualified in the written examination are required to register themselves online on Directorate General of Recruiting website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in, with the same E-mail ID as provided to UPSC while filling UPSC online application. Candidates must ensure that their e-mail IDs given in their online applications are valid and active. These candidates would then be allotted Selection Centre through the aforesaid website. In case of any problem/query, candidates should contact Directorate General of Recruiting on the telephone numbers given on their website or through feedback/query module after logging onto their profile.

NOTE-11: Candidates who have passed written test are not required to submit their original certificate of age and educational qualification either to Directorate General of Recruiting, Army HQ, West Block-III, RKPuram, New Delhi-110066 or to Naval Headquarters, DMPR, OI&R Section, 'C' Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.

All candidates called for SSB interview must carry their original matriculation certificate or equivalent examination certificate to the Services Selection Board (SSB). Originals will have to be produced by the candidates who qualify at the SSB interview soon after the interview. The originals will be returned after verification. Those candidates who have already passed 10+2 examination must carry their original 10+2 pass certificate or marks sheet for the SSB interview.

(1) If any of their claims is found to be incorrect they may render themselves liable to disciplinary action by the commission in terms of the following provisions:

A candidate who is or has been declared by the Commission or respective service HQ to be guilty of :—

(a) Obtaining support for candidature by the following means, namely :—

(i) offering illegal gratification to; or

(ii) applying pressure on; or

(iii) blackmailing, or threatening to blackmail any person connected with the conduct of the examination; or

(b) impersonation; or

(c) procuring impersonation by any person; or

(d) submitting fabricated/incorrect documents or documents which have been tampered with; or

(e) uploading irrelevant or incorrect photos/signature in the application form in place of actual photo/signature.

(f) Making statements which are incorrect or false or suppressing material information; or

(g) resorting to the following means in connection with the candidature for the examination, namely :—

(i) obtaining copy of question paper through improper means;

(ii) finding out the particulars of the persons connected with secret work relating to the examination;

(iii) influencing the examiners; or

(h) being in possession of or using unfair means during the examination; or

(i) writing obscene matter or drawing obscene sketches or irrelevant matter in the scripts; or

(j) misbehaving in the examination hall including tearing of the scripts, provoking fellow examinees to boycott examination, creating a disorderly scene and the like; or

(k) harassing, threatening or doing bodily harm to the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of their examination; or

(l) being in possession of or using any mobile phone, (even in switched-off mode), pager or any electronic equipment or programmable device or storage media like pen drive, smart/Digital watches etc. or camera or bluetooth devices or any other equipment or related accessories (either in working or switched off mode) capable of being used as a communication device during the examination; or

(m) violating any of the instructions issued to candidates along with their e-Admit Card permitting them to take the examination; or

(n) attempting to commit or, as the case may be, abetting the Commission of all or any of the acts specified in the foregoing clauses;

In addition to being liable to criminal prosecution/appropriate legal action as deemed fit under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, as amended from time to time, the candidate, shall be disqualified by the Commission from the Examination held under these Rules, and /or shall be liable to be debarred either permanently or for a specified period:-

(i) by the Commission, from any examination or selection held by them;

(ii) by the Central Government from any employment under them;

Applicants shall be liable for disciplinary action under Government: Provided that no penalty under this rule shall be imposed except after:—

- (i) giving the candidate an opportunity of making such representation in writing as the candidate may wish to make in that behalf; and
- (ii) taking the representation, if any, submitted by the candidate within the period allowed for the purpose, into consideration.

(2) Any person who is found by the Commission or respective Service HQ to be guilty of colluding with a candidate (s) in committing or abetting the Commission of any of the misdeeds listed at Clauses (a) to (m) above will be liable to action in terms of the Clause (n) above.

Note—A candidate is found to be in possession or using unfair means, he/she may not be allowed to continue in the said exam as soon as the incident comes to notice of the Examination functionaries and the action against the candidates may be taken in consultation with the Commission. Further, the candidate may also not be allowed in any of the subsequent papers of the said examination.

6. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION:

- (i) The Online Application can be filled upto **9th June, 2026 till 6:00 P.M.** after which the link will be disabled.
- (ii) The candidates will not be allowed to withdraw their applications after the submission of the same.

7. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE:

Candidates appearing for SSB interview for the first time for a particular type of Commission i.e. Permanent or Short Service, shall be entitled for AC III Tier to and fro railway fare or bus fare including reservation cum sleeper charges within the Indian limits. Candidates who apply again for the same type of Commission will not be entitled to travelling allowance on any subsequent occasion.

8. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMISSION/ ARMY / NAVAL /AIR HEADQUARTERS:

The Commission will not enter into any correspondence with the candidates about their candidature except in the following cases:

(i) The eligible candidates shall be issued an e-Admit Card on the last working day of the preceding week of the date of the examination. The e-Admit Card will be made available on the Commission's website [<https://upsconline.nic.in>] for being downloaded by candidates. No Admit Card will be sent by post or e-mail.

(ii) If a candidate does not receive his/her e-Admit Card or any other communication regarding his/her candidature for the examination Seven days before the commencement of the examination, he/she should at once contact the Commission.

Information in this regard can also be obtained from the Facilitation Counter located in the Commission's Office either in person or **via Helpdesk No. 011-24041001/011-40303444**. In case no communication is received in the Commission's Office from the candidate regarding non-receipt of his/her e-Admit Card at least three days before the examination, he/she himself/herself will be

solely responsible for non-receipt of his/her e-Admit Card.

(iii) No candidate will ordinarily be allowed to take the examination unless he/she holds an e-Admit Card for the examination. On downloading of e-Admit Card, the candidates are requested to check it carefully and bring discrepancies/errors, if any, to the notice of the Commission immediately.

The mere fact that an e-Admit Card to the Examination has been issued to a candidate, will not imply that his/her candidature has been finally cleared by the Commission or that entries made by the candidate in his/her Universal Registration Number (URN), Common Application Form (CAF) and Exam Specific Module for the National Defence Academy And Naval Academy Examination have been accepted by the Commission as true and correct. Candidates may note that the Commission takes up the verification of eligibility conditions of a candidate, with reference to original documents, only after the candidate has qualified for SSB/Interview/Personality Test on the basis of the results of the Written Examination. Unless candidature is formally confirmed, it continues to be provisional.

The courses to which the candidates are admitted will be according to their eligibility as per educational qualifications for different courses and the preferences given by the candidates.

The candidates should note that their admission to the examination will be purely provisional based on the information given by them in the Application Form. This will be subject to verification of all the eligibility conditions.

(iv) candidate receives an e-Admit Card in respect of some other candidate on account of processing error, it should be notified to the Commission with a request to issue the correct e-Admit Card. Candidates may note that they will not be allowed to take the examination on the strength of an **e-Admit Card** issued in respect of another candidate.

(v) The decision of the Commission as to the acceptance of the application of a candidate and his/her eligibility or otherwise for admission to the Examination shall be final.

(vi) Candidates should note that the name in the e-Admit Card in some cases, may be abbreviated due to technical reasons.

(vii) Candidates must ensure that their e-mail ID & mobile number given in their online applications are valid and active as the Commission may use electronic mode of communication while contacting them at different stages of examination process.

IMPORTANT : All Communications to the Commission should invariably be made on email – upscsoap@nic.in and shall contain the following particulars.

1. Name, Course Number and year of the examination.
2. Universal Registration Number (URN)
3. Application Number
4. Roll Number (if received).
5. Name of candidate (in full and in block letters).
6. Complete Postal Address as given in the application.
7. Valid and active registered e-mail ID and registered Mobile Number.

N.B. (i) : Communications not containing the above particulars may not be attended to.

N.B. (ii) : If a letter/communication is received from a candidate after an examination has been held and it does not give his/her full name and roll number, it will be ignored and no action will be taken thereon.

AFTER HAVING CLEARED THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION, THE CANDIDATES SHOULD LOG ON TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES FOR THEIR SSB CENTRE & DATE OF INTERVIEW:-

www.joinindianarmy.nic.in
www.joinindiannavy.gov.in

The candidate with Air Force as first choice are also to register on **www.joinindianarmy.nic.in** for **AFSB and date selection.**

Candidates whose names have been recommended for interview by the Services Selection Board should address enquiries or requests, if any, relating to their interview or visit website of respective service headquarters after 20 days from the announcement of written results as follows :—

For candidates with Army as first choice—Army Headquarters, AG's Branch, RTG (NDA Entry), West Block-III, Wing-1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi - 110 066, Phone No. **20862673 (Extn. 201)** or **www.joinindianarmy.nic.in**

For candidates with Navy/Naval Academy as first choice—Naval Headquarters, Directorate of Manpower & Recruitment, O.I. & R. Section, Room No. 204, 'C' Wing, Sena Bhavan, New Delhi-110011, Phone No. 23011282/23010151 Email : **officer@navy.gov.in** or **www.joinindiannavy.gov.in**

For candidates with Air Force as first choice—Dte of Personnel (Officers), Air Headquarters, (VB) Room No 838. 'A' Block, Defence Offices Complex, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110001 Phone No. 23010231 Extn. 7645/7646/7610.

Candidates are required to report for SSB interview on the date intimated to them in the call up letter for interview. Requests for postponing interview will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and that too if it is administratively convenient for which Army Headquarters will be the sole deciding authority. Such requests should be addressed to the Administrative Officer of the Selection Centre from where the call letter for interview has been received. No action will be taken on letters received by Army/Navy/Air HQs. SSB interview for the candidates qualified in the written examination is likely to be held during the months of **December 2026 to January 2027** or as suitable to Recruiting Directorate. For all queries regarding Merit list, joining instructions and any other relevant information regarding selection process, please visit website **www.joinindianarmy.nic.in**.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION, INTERVIEW OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS AND ADMISSION TO THE TRAINING COURSES OF THE FINALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES:

The Union Public Service Commission shall prepare a list of candidates who obtain the minimum qualifying marks in the written examination as fixed by the

Commission at their discretion. Such candidates shall appear before a Services Selection Board for Intelligence and Personality Test where candidates for the Army/Navy wings of the NDA and 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme of Indian Naval Academy will be assessed on Officers Potentiality and those for the Air Force in **addition to the above will have to qualify Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS)**.

Candidates who have opted for the Air Force as one of their choices shall undergo the CPSS if they qualify the SSB and express their willingness. For this purpose, they are required to submit an Undertaking Form indicating their willingness or unwillingness to undergo the CPSS at the selection centre before the commencement of the medical examination.

In case a candidate is either declared failed in CPSS or not tested due to being in the Habitual Wearing of Glasses (HWG) category, he can be considered for Air Force Ground Duties, if willing.

10. TWO-STAGE SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Two-stage selection procedure based on Psychological Aptitude Test and Intelligence Test has been introduced at Selection Centres/Air Force Selection Boards/Naval Selection Boards. All the candidates will be put to stage-one test on first day of reporting at Selection Centres/Air Force Selection Boards/Naval Selection Boards. Only those candidates who qualify at stage one will be admitted to the second stage/remaining tests. Those candidates who qualify stage II will be required to submit the Original Certificates along with one photocopy each of: (i) Original Matriculation pass certificate or equivalent in support of date of birth, (ii) Original 10+2 pass certificate or equivalent in support of educational qualification.

Candidates who appear before the Services Selection Board and undergo the test there, will do so at their own risk and will not be entitled to claim any compensation or other relief from Government in respect of any injury which they may sustain in the course of or as a result of any of the tests given to them at the Services Selection Board whether due to the negligence of any person or otherwise. Parents or guardians of the candidates will be required to sign a certificate to this effect.

To be acceptable, candidates for the Army/Navy/Naval Academy and Air Force should secure the minimum qualifying marks separately in (i) Written examination as fixed by the Commission at their discretion and (ii) Officer Potentiality Test as fixed by the Services Selection Board at their discretion. Over and above candidates for the Air Force, and all the SSB qualified candidates as per their willingness, eligibility and preference for flying branch of Air Force, should separately qualify the CPSS.

N.B.: EVERY CANDIDATE FOR THE FLYING BRANCH OF AIR FORCE IS GIVEN COMPUTERISED PILOT SELECTION SYSTEM (CPSS) (PILOT APTITUDE TEST) ONLY ONCE. THE GRADES SECURED BY HIM/HER AT THE FIRST TEST WILL THEREFORE HOLD GOOD FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW HE/SHE HAS WITH THE AIR FORCE SELECTION BOARD. A CANDIDATE WHO FAILS IN THE CPSS CANNOT APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY EXAMINATION FOR THE FLYING BRANCH OF AIR FORCE WING OR GENERAL DUTIES (PILOT) BRANCH OR NAVAL AIR ARM.

Candidates who have been given the Computerised Pilot Selection System (CPSS) for any previous NDA course should submit their application for this examination for the Air Force Wing only if they have been notified as having qualified in CPSS. In case a

candidate has failed in CPSS/not tested for CPSS for being HWG (Habitual Wearer of Glasses), the candidate would be considered for Ground Duty branch of IAF, Navy, Army and NAVAC as per his/her choices.

The form and manner of communication of the result of the examination to individual candidates shall be decided by the Commission at their discretion and the Commission will not enter into correspondence with them regarding the result.

Success in the examination confers no right of admission to the Academy. A candidate must satisfy the appointing authority that he/she is suitable in all respects for admission to the Academy.

10.1 ROUNDING OFF MARKS AND TIE BREAKING PRINCIPLES:

The provisions relating to the rounding off of marks, wherever applicable, and the principles for resolving cases of tie in scores shall be as prescribed below:-

(A) Rounding off marks :

Marks obtained by the candidates shall be rounded off up to two decimal digits, at all stage(s) of the examination, by applying the standard rounding off principle, wherever applicable. Accordingly, while applying the tie-breaking principles, the rounded-off marks upto two decimal digits shall be considered for resolving all tie cases.

(B) Tie Breaking Principles:

- (i) If the marks in aggregate (Final Marks) are equal, the candidate securing more marks in written total will be ranked higher.
- (ii) If the marks at (i) above are equal, the candidate securing more marks in "Paper-II : General Ability Test" will be ranked higher;
- (iii) If the marks at (i) and (ii) above are also equal, the candidate senior in age will be ranked higher; and
- (iv) In cases where a tie persists even after applying the above tie-breaking principles, it will be resolved at the discretion of the Commission.

11. ADMISSION TO THE TRAINING COURSES OF THE FINALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES:

Subject to these conditions, the qualified candidates will then be placed in a single combined list on the basis of total marks secured by them in the Written Examination and the Services Selection Board Tests. The final allocation/selection for admission to the Army, Navy, Air Force of the National Defence Academy and 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme of Indian Naval Academy will be made upto the number of vacancies available subject to eligibility, medical fitness and merit-cum-preference of the candidates. The candidates who are eligible to be admitted to multiple Services/Courses will be considered for allocation/selection with reference to their order of preferences and in the event of their final allocation/ selection to one Service/Course, they will not be considered for admission to other remaining Services/Courses.

The eligible candidate will be issued a joining letter through the online portal (profile), specifying the reporting date. After receiving the joining letter, candidates must download the

Joining Instructions for the course from www.joinindianarmy.nic.in and comply with the guidelines provided. Candidates who fail to report to the academy within seven (7) days of the specified reporting date, without submitting a prior written intimation or request, will have their candidature liable for cancellation. No correspondence in this regard will be entertained thereafter.

12. DISQUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE TRAINING COURSE:

Candidates who were admitted to an earlier course at the National Defence Academy, or to the 10 + 2 Cadet Entry Scheme of Indian Naval Academy but were removed therefrom for lack of officer-like qualities or on disciplinary grounds will not be admitted to the Academy.

Candidates who were previously withdrawn from the National Defence Academy or Indian Naval Academy on medical grounds or left the above Academy voluntarily are however, eligible for admission to the Academy provided they satisfy the medical and other prescribed conditions.

The details regarding (a) the scheme and syllabus of the examination, (b) Special Instructions to candidates for objective type tests, (c) Physical standards for admission to the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy and (d) Brief particulars of the service etc., for candidates joining the National Defence Academy and Naval Academy are given in Appendices I, II, III and IV respectively.

NOTE: BEFORE APPLYING, CANDIDATES MUST GO THROUGH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THE NOTIFICATION VERY CAREFULLY. THE NOTICE OF EXAMINATION IS PUBLISHED BOTH IN ENGLISH AND IN HINDI. IN CASE OF ANY DISPUTE, THE ENGLISH VERSION WILL PREVAIL.

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APPENDIX-I

(The Scheme and Syllabus of Examination)

A. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

1. The subjects of the written examination, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject will be as follows:—

Subject	Code	Duration	Maximum Marks
Mathematics	01	2½ Hours	300
General Ability Test	02	2½ Hours	600
Total			900
SSB Test/Interview:			900

THE PAPERS IN ALL THE SUBJECTS WILL CONSIST OF OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS ONLY. THE QUESTION PAPERS (TEST BOOKLETS) OF MATHEMATICS AND PART “B” OF GENERAL ABILITY TEST WILL BE SET BILINGUALLY IN HINDI AS WELL AS ENGLISH.

3. In the question papers, wherever necessary, questions involving the metric system of Weights and Measures only will be set.

4. Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write answers for them.

5. The Commission has discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects at the examination.

The candidates are not permitted to use calculator or Mathematical or logarithmic table for answering objective type papers (Test Booklets). They should not, therefore, bring the same inside the Examination Hall.

B. SYLLABUS OF THE EXAMINATION

PAPER-I

MATHEMATICS

(Code No. 01)

(Maximum Marks-300)

1. ALGEBRA

Concept of set, operations on sets, Venn diagrams. De Morgan laws, Cartesian product, relation, equivalence relation.

Representation of real numbers on a line. Complex numbers— basic properties, modulus, argument, cube roots of unity. Binary system of numbers. Conversion of a number in decimal system to binary system and vice-versa. Arithmetic, Geometric and Harmonic progressions. Quadratic equations with real coefficients. Solution of linear inequations of two variables by graphs. Permutation and Combination. Binomial theorem and its applications. Logarithms and their applications.

MATRICES AND DETERMINANTS:

Types of matrices, operations on matrices. Determinant of a matrix, basic properties of determinants. Adjoint and inverse of a square matrix, Applications-Solution of a system of linear equations in two or three unknowns by Cramer's rule and by Matrix Method.

TRIGONOMETRY:

Angles and their measures in degrees and in radians. Trigonometrical ratios. Trigonometric identities Sum and difference formulae. Multiple and Sub-multiple angles. Inverse trigonometric functions. Applications-Height and distance, properties of triangles.

ANALYTICAL GEOMETRY OF TWO AND THREE DIMENSIONS:

Rectangular Cartesian Coordinate system. Distance formula. Equation of a line in various forms. Angle between two lines. Distance of a point from a line. Equation of a circle in standard and in general form. Standard forms of parabola, ellipse and hyperbola. Eccentricity and axis of a conic. Point in a three dimensional space, distance between two points. Direction Cosines and direction ratios. Equation two points. Direction Cosines and direction ratios. Equation of a plane and a line in various forms. Angle between two lines and angle between two planes. Equation of a sphere.

DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS:

Concept of a real valued function—domain, range and graph of a function. Composite functions, one to one, onto and inverse functions. Notion of limit, Standard limits—examples. Continuity of functions—examples, algebraic operations on continuous functions. Derivative of function at a point, geometrical and physical interpretation of a derivative—applications. Derivatives of sum, product and quotient of functions, derivative of a function with respect to another function, derivative of a composite function. Second order derivatives. Increasing and decreasing functions. Application of derivatives in problems of maxima and minima.

6. INTEGRAL CALCULUS AND DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS:

Integration as inverse of differentiation, integration by substitution and by parts, standard integrals involving algebraic expressions, trigonometric, exponential and hyperbolic functions. Evaluation of definite integrals—determination of areas of plane regions bounded by curves—applications.

Definition of order and degree of a differential equation, formation of a differential equation by examples. General and particular solution of a differential equations, solution of first order and first degree differential equations of various types—examples. Application in problems of growth and decay.

VECTOR ALGEBRA:

Vectors in two and three dimensions, magnitude and direction of a vector. Unit and null vectors, addition of vectors, scalar multiplication of a vector, scalar product or dot product of two vectors. Vector product or cross product of two vectors. Applications—work done by a force and moment of a force and in geometrical problems.

STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY:

Statistics: Classification of data, Frequency distribution, cumulative frequency distribution— examples. Graphical representation— Histogram, Pie Chart, frequency polygon— examples. Measures of Central tendency— Mean, median and mode. Variance and standard deviation— determination and comparison. Correlation and regression.

Probability: Random experiment, outcomes and associated sample space, events, mutually exclusive and exhaustive events, impossible and certain events. Union and Intersection of events. Complementary, elementary and composite events. Definition of probability—classical and statistical—examples. Elementary theorems on probability—simple problems. Conditional probability, Bayes' theorem—simple problems. Random variable as function on a sample space. Binomial distribution, examples of random experiments giving rise to Binomial distribution.

PAPER-II

GENERAL ABILITY TEST (Code No. 02) (Maximum Marks—600)

Part 'A'—ENGLISH

(Maximum Marks—200)

The question paper in English will be designed to test the candidate's understanding of English and workmanlike use of words. The syllabus covers various aspects like: Grammar and usage, vocabulary, comprehension and cohesion in extended text to test the candidate's proficiency in English.

Part 'B'—GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

(Maximum Marks—400)

The question paper on General Knowledge will broadly cover the subjects: Physics, Chemistry, General Science, Social Studies, Geography and Current Events.

The syllabus given below is designed to indicate the scope of these subjects included in this paper. The topics mentioned are not to be regarded as exhaustive and questions on topics of similar nature not specifically mentioned in the syllabus may also be asked. Candidate's answers are expected to show their knowledge and intelligent understanding of the subject.

Section 'A' (Physics)

Physical Properties and States of Matter, Mass, Weight, Volume, Density and Specific Gravity, Principle of Archimedes, Pressure Barometer.

Motion of objects, Velocity and Acceleration, Newton's Laws of Motion, Force and Momentum, Parallelogram of Forces, Stability and Equilibrium of bodies, Gravitation, elementary ideas of work, Power and Energy.

Effects of Heat, Measurement of Temperature and Heat, change of State and Latent Heat, Modes of transference of Heat.

Sound waves and their properties, Simple musical instruments.

Rectilinear propagation of Light, Reflection and refraction. Spherical mirrors and Lenses, Human Eye.

Natural and Artificial Magnets, Properties of a Magnet, Earth as a Magnet.

Static and Current Electricity, conductors and Non-conductors, Ohm's Law, Simple Electrical Circuits, Heating, Lighting and Magnetic effects of Current, Measurement of Electrical Power, Primary and Secondary Cells, Use of X-Rays.

General Principles in the working of the following:

Simple Pendulum, Simple Pulleys, Siphon, Levers, Balloon, Pumps, Hydrometer, Pressure Cooker, Thermos Flask, Gramophone, Telegraphs, Telephone, Periscope, Telescope, Microscope, Mariner's Compass; Lightning Conductors, Safety Fuses.

Section 'B' (Chemistry)

Physical and Chemical changes. Elements, Mixtures and Compounds, Symbols, Formulae and simple Chemical Equations, Law of Chemical Combination (excluding problems). Properties of Air and Water.

Preparation and Properties of Hydrogen, Oxygen, Nitrogen and Carbon dioxide, Oxidation and Reduction.

Acids, bases and salts.

Carbon—different forms.

Fertilizers—Natural and Artificial.

Material used in the preparation of substances like Soap, Glass, Ink, Paper, Cement, Paints, Safety Matches and Gun-Powder

Elementary ideas about the structure of Atom, Atomic Equivalent and Molecular Weights,

Section 'C' (General Science)

Difference between the living and non-living.

Basis of Life—Cells, Protoplasm and Tissues.

Growth and Reproduction in Plants and Animals.

Elementary knowledge of Human Body and its important organs.

Common Epidemics, their causes and prevention.

Food—Source of Energy for man. Constituents of food, Balanced Diet.

The Solar System—Meteors and Comets, Eclipses.

Achievements of Eminent Scientists.

Section 'D' (History, Freedom Movement etc.)

A broad survey of Indian History, with emphasis on Culture and Civilisation.

Freedom Movement in India.

Elementary study of Indian Constitution and Administration.

Elementary knowledge of Five Year Plans of India.

Panchayati Raj, Co-operatives and Community Development.

Bhoodan, Sarvodaya, National Integration and Welfare State, Basic Teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

Forces shaping the modern world; Renaissance, Exploration and Discovery; War of American Independence. French Revolution, Industrial Revolution and Russian Revolution. Impact of Science and Technology on Society. Concept of one World, United Nations, Panchsheel, Democracy, Socialism and Communism. Role of India in the present world.

Section 'E' (Geography)

The Earth, its shape and size. Latitudes and Longitudes, Concept of time. International Date Line. Movements of Earth and their effects.

Origin of Earth. Rocks and their classification; Weathering—Mechanical and Chemical, Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

Ocean Currents and Tides.

Atmosphere and its composition; Temperature and Atmospheric Pressure, Planetary Winds, Cyclones and Anti-cyclones; Humidity; Condensation and Precipitation; Types of Climate, Major Natural regions of the World.

Regional Geography of India—Climate, Natural vegetation. Mineral and Power resources; location and distribution of agricultural and Industrial activities.

Important Sea ports and main sea, land and air routes of India. Main items of Imports and Exports of India.

Section 'F' (Current Events)

Knowledge of Important events that have happened in India in the recent years. Current important world events.

Prominent personalities—both Indian and International including those connected with cultural activities and sports.

NOTE :

Out of maximum marks assigned to part 'B' of this paper, questions on Sections 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F' will carry approximately 25%, 15%, 10%, 20%, 20% and 10% weightages respectively.

INTELLIGENCE AND PERSONALITY TEST

The SSB procedure consists of two stage Selection process - stage I and stage II. Only those candidates who clear the stage I are permitted to appear for stage II. The details are :

Stage I comprises Officer Intelligence Rating (OIR) tests and Picture Perception and Description Test (PP&DT). The candidates will be shortlisted based on combination of performance in OIR Test and PP&DT.

Stage II comprises Interview, Group Testing Officer Tasks, Psychology Tests and the Conference. These tests are conducted over 4 days. The details of these tests are given on the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in.

The Interviewing Officer (IO), Group Testing Officer (GTO) and the Psychologist. There are no separate weightage for each test. The marks are allotted by assessors only after taking into consideration the performance of the candidate holistically in all the tests. In addition, marks for Conference are also allotted based on the initial performance of the Candidate in the three techniques and decision of the Board. All these have equal weightage.

The various tests of IO, GTO and Psych are designed to bring out the presence/absence of Officer Like Qualities and their trainability in a candidate. Accordingly, candidates are Recommended or Not Recommended at the SSB.

APPENDIX- II SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR OBJECTIVE TYPE TESTS

ARTICLES PERMITTED INSIDE EXAMINATION HALL:

Clip board or hard board (on which nothing is written), a good quality Black Ball Pen for marking responses on the Answer Sheet. Answer Sheet and sheet for rough work will be supplied by the invigilator.

2. ARTICLES NOT PERMITTED INSIDE EXAMINATION HALL:

Do not bring into the Examination Hall any article other than those specified above e.g. any valuable/costly items, mobile phones, Smart/Digital watches, other IT Gadgets, books, bag, notes, loose sheets, electronic or any other type of calculators, mathematical and drawing instruments, Log Tables, stencils of maps, slide rules, Test Booklets and rough sheets pertaining to earlier session(s) etc.

Possession (even in switched off mode)/use of Mobiles phones, Bluetooth, pagers or any other communication devices or any other incriminating material (notes on e-Admit Card, papers, eraser etc.) are not allowed inside the premises where the examination is being conducted. Any infringement of these instructions shall entail disciplinary action including ban from future examinations.

Candidates are advised in their own interest not to bring any of the banned items including mobile phones/Bluetooth/pagers to the venue of the examination, as NO arrangements for safekeeping will be made at the venue of the examination. Candidates are advised not to bring any valuable/costly items to the Examination Halls, as NO arrangement for safe keeping of the same will be made at the venue of the examination.

Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.

3. PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS:

THERE WILL BE PENALTY (NEGATIVE MARKING) FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.

(i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one third (0.33)** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.

(ii) If a candidate has given more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above for that question.

(iii) If a question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

UNFAIR MEANS STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

No candidate shall copy from the papers of any other candidate nor permit his/her papers to be copied nor give nor attempt to give nor obtain nor attempt to obtain irregular assistance of any description.

5. CONDUCT IN EXAMINATION HALL:

No candidate should misbehave in any manner or create disorderly scene in the Examination Hall or harass the staff employed by the Commission for the conduct of the examination. Any such misconduct will be severely penalised.

6. ANSWER SHEET PARTICULARS:

(i) Write with Black ball pen your Centre and subject followed by test booklet series (in bracket), subject code and roll number at the appropriate space provided on the answer sheet at the top. Also encode your booklet series (A, B, C or D as the case may be), subject code and roll number in the circles provided for the purpose in the answer sheet. The guidelines for writing the above particulars and for encoding the above particulars are given in Annexure. In case the booklet series is not printed on the test booklet or answer sheet is unnumbered, please report immediately to the invigilator and get the test booklet/answer sheet replaced.

(ii) Candidates should note that any omission/mistake/discrepancy in encoding/ filling of details in the OMR answer sheet, especially with regard to Roll Number and Test Booklet Series Code, will render the answer sheet liable for rejection.

(iii) Immediately after commencement of the examination, please check that the test booklet supplied to you does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items etc., if so, get it replaced by a complete test booklet of the same series and subject.

7. Do not write your name or anything other than the specific items of information asked for, on the answer sheet/test booklet/sheet for rough work.

8. Do not fold or mutilate or damage or put any extraneous marking in the

Answer Sheet. Do not write anything on the reverse of the answer sheet.

Since the answer sheets will be evaluated on computerised machines, candidates should exercise due care in handling and filling up the answer sheets. **They should use black ball pen only to darken the circles. For writing in boxes, they should use black ball pen. Since the entries made by the candidates by darkening the circles will be taken into account while evaluating the answer sheets on computerised machines, they should make these entries very carefully and accurately.**

METHOD OF MARKING ANSWERS:

In the 'OBJECTIVE TYPE' of examination, you do not write the answers. For each question (hereinafter referred to as "Item") several suggested answers (hereinafter referred to as "Responses") are given. You have to choose one response to each item. The question paper will be in the Form of TEST BOOKLET. The booklet will contain item bearing numbers 1, 2, 3.....etc. Under each item, Responses marked (a), (b), (c), (d) will be given. Your task will be to choose the correct response. If you think there is more than one correct response, then choose what you consider the best response.

In any case, for each item you are to select only one response. If you select more than one response, your response will be considered wrong.

In the Answer Sheet, Serial Nos. From 1 to 160 are printed. Against each numbers, there are circles marked (a), (b), (c) and (d). After you have read each item in the Test Booklet and decided which one of the given responses is correct or the best. **You have to mark your response by completely blackening with black ball pen to indicate your response.**

For example, if the correct answer to item 1 is (b), then the circle containing the letter (b) is to be completely blackened with black ball pen as shown below :-

Example: (a) • (c) (d)

11. ENTRIES IN SCANNABLE ATTENDANCE LIST:

Candidates are required to fill in the relevant particulars with **black ball pen** only against their columns in the Scannable Attendance List, as given below:

- i) Blacken the circle (P) under the column (Present/Absent)
- ii) Blacken the relevant circle for Test Booklet Series
- iii) Write Test Booklet Serial No.
- iv) Write the Answer Sheet Serial No. and also blacken the Corresponding circles below.
- v) Append signature in the relevant column.

Please read and abide by the instructions on the cover of Test Booklet. If any candidate indulges in disorderly or improper conduct, he/she will render himself/herself liable for disciplinary action and/or imposition of a penalty as the Commission may deem fit.

ANNEXURE

HOW TO FILL IN THE ANSWER SHEET OF OBJECTIVE TYPE TESTS IN THE EXAMINATION HALL

Please follow these instructions very carefully. You may note that since the answer sheets are to be evaluated on machine, any violation of these instructions may result in reduction of your score for which you would yourself be responsible. Before you mark your responses on the Answer Sheet, you will have to fill in various particulars in it.

As soon as the candidate receives the Answer Sheet, he/she should check that it is numbered at the bottom. If it is found un-numbered, he/she should at once get it replaced by a numbered one.

You will see from the Answer Sheet that you will have to fill in the top line, which reads thus:

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		<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

If you are, say, appearing for the examination in Delhi Centre for the Mathematics Paper* and your Roll No. is 081276, and your test booklet series is 'A' you should fill in thus, using black ball pen.

केंद्र Centre	विषय Subject	विषय कोड Subject Code	अनुक्रम कां Roll Number
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You should write with black ball pen the name of the centre and subject in English or in Hindi.

The test Booklet Series is indicated by Alphabets A, B, C or D at the top right hand corner of the Booklet.

Write your Roll Numbers exactly as it is in your e-Admit Card with Black ball pen in the boxes provided for this purpose. Do not omit any zero(s) which may be there.

The next step is to find out the appropriate subject code from the Time Table. Now encode the Test Booklet Series, Subject Code and the Roll Number in the circles provided for this purpose. Do the encoding with Black Ball pen. The name of the Centre need not be encoded.

Writing and encoding of Test Booklet Series is to be done after receiving the Test Booklet and confirming the Booklet Series from the same. For Mathematics *subject paper of 'A' Test Booklet Series, you have to encode the subject code which is 01. Do it thus:

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All that is required is to blacken completely the circle marked 'A' below the Booklet Series and below the subject code blacken completely the Circles for "0" (in the first vertical column) and "1" (in the second vertical column). You should then encode the Roll No.081276. Do it thus similarly:

Important: Please ensure that you have carefully encoded your Subject, Test Booklet Series and Roll Number

* This is just illustrative and may not be relevant to your Examination.

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APPENDIX – III

GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION TO THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY.

CANDIDATES MUST BE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY FIT ACCORDING TO THE PRESCRIBED PHYSICAL STANDARDS. MEDICAL FITNESS CRITERIA GIVEN BELOW ARE AS PER EXISTING GUIDELINES AS ON DATE OF PUBLICATION AND THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION.

A NUMBER OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE REJECTED SUBSEQUENTLY ON MEDICAL GROUNDS. CANDIDATES ARE THEREFORE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO GET THEMSELVES MEDICALLY EXAMINED BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATIONS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE FINAL STAGE.

Candidates are also advised to rectify minor defects/ailments in order to speed up finalisation of medical examination conducted at the Military Hospital after being recommended at the SSB.

2. Few of such commonly found defects/ailments are listed below:
 - (a) Wax (Ears)
 - (b) Deviated Nasal Septum
 - (c) Hydrocele/Phimosis
 - (d) Overweight/Underweight
 - (e) Under Sized Chest
 - (f) Piles
 - (g) Gynaecomastia
 - (h) Tonsillitis
 - (i) Varicocele

NOTE: Permanent body tattoos are only permitted on inner face of forearm i.e. from inside of elbow to the wrist and on the reverse side of palm/back (dorsal) side of hand/Permanent body tattoos on any other part of the body are not acceptable and candidates will be barred from further selection. Tribes with tattoo marks on the face or body as per their existing custom and traditions will be permitted on a case to case basis. Comdt Selection Centre will be competent authority for clearing such cases.

Civilian candidates appearing for all types of commission in the Armed Forces will be entitled to out-patients treatment from service sources at public expense for injuries sustained or diseases contracted during the course of their examination by the Selection Board. They will also be entitled to in-patient treatment at public expense in the Officer's ward of a hospital provided—

- (a) injury is sustained during the tests or,
- (b) disease is contracted during the course of the examination by selection board and there is no suitable accommodation in local civil hospital or it is impracticable to remove the patient to the civil hospital; or,
- (c) the medical board requires the candidate's admission for observation.

NOTE: They are not entitled to special nursing.

Medical Procedure

A candidate recommended by the Services Selection Board will undergo a medical examination by a Board of Service Medical Officers. Only those candidates will be admitted to the academy who are declared fit by the Medical Board. The proceedings of the Medical Board are confidential and will not be divulged to anyone. However, the candidates declared unfit will be intimated by the President of the Medical Board and the procedure for request for an Appeal Medical Board will also be intimated to the candidate. Candidates declared unfit during Appeal Medical Board will be intimated about the provision of Review Medical Board.

MEDICAL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

The medical standards and procedures for the medical examination of candidates for entry as officers into the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) shall be governed by the “**Joint Order Manual of Medical Standards for Entry into Armed Forces (1st Edition)**”.

This document is available on the official website of the Indian Army and can be accessed at www.joinindianarmy.nic.in under: Home Page → Policies → Policies: Officer Selection → Medical Standards for Entry into Armed Forces (1st Edition).

APPENDIX- IV (BRIEF PARTICULARS OF THE SERVICE ETC.)

1. Before a candidate joins the Academy, the parent or guardian will be required to sign :-

(A) certificate to the effect that he/she fully understands that he/she or his/her son or ward shall not be entitled to claim any compensation or other relief from the Government in respect of any injury which his/her son or ward may sustain in the course of or as a result of the training or where bodily infirmity or death results in the course of or as a result of a surgical operation performed upon or anaesthesia administered to him/her for the treatment of any injury received as aforesaid or otherwise.

A bond (b) the effect that if, on account of his/her dismissal or discharge or withdrawal from National Defence Academy for knowingly furnishing false particulars or suppressing material information in his/her application for admission to the said National Defence Academy or in the event of his/her being voluntarily resigning from the said National Defence Academy or for any reason not beyond the control of the cadet, he/she does not complete the prescribed period of training, or he/she, the cadet, does not accept a Commission if offered as conventated above, then the Guarantors and the cadet shall jointly and severally be liable to pay forthwith to Government in cash sums as the Government shall fix but not exceeding such expenses as shall have been incurred by the Government on account of the Cadet on his/her training and all the money received by the Cadets as pay and allowance from the Government together with interest on the said money calculated at the rate in force for Government loans.

The cost of training including accommodation, books, uniforms, boarding and medical treatment will be borne by the Government. Parents or guardians of cadets, will, however, be required to meet their pocket and other private expenses. Normally these expenses are not likely to exceed Rs. 3000.00 p.m. If in any case a cadet's parents or guardian is unable to meet wholly or partly even this expenditure financial assistance of **Rs. 2,500/- per month** for the

period of training may be granted by the Government whose parents income is less than **Rs. 45,000/-** per month. Cadet whose parent's or guardian's income exceeds **Rs. 45,000/-** per month will not be liable for the assistance. If more than one son/ward simultaneously undergoing training at NDA, IMA, OTA and corresponding training establishment in the Navy and Air Force, then BOTH would be eligible for the financial assistance.

2.1 Existing Rate of Allowances. Allowances mentioned at para 10(b)(iii), [(iv) – except Tech Allowance Tier –I & II], (v), (viii) & (ix) are DA indexed.

The parent/guardian of a candidate desirous of having financial assistance from the Government should immediately after his/her son/ward having been finally selected for training at the National Defence Academy submit an application through the District Magistrate of his/her District who will forward the application with his/her recommendation to the Commandant, National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune – 411023.

3. Candidates finally selected for training at the Academy will be required to deposit the following amount with the Commandant, National Defence Academy, on their arrival there :—

(a)	Pocket allowance for five months @ Rs.4000.00 per month.	Rs. 20,000.00
(b)	For items of clothing and equipment (Cost of clothing and equipment for candidates will be intimated subsequently at the time of Joining Instructions)	
(c)	Army Group Insurance Fund	Rs. 7,200.00
(d)	Clothing items required at the time of joining (Cost of clothing and equipment for candidates will be intimated subsequently at the time of Joining Instructions)	
(e)		Rs. 14,295.00
	Incidental Expenditure during 1st Semester Total (less Ser (b) & (d) to be added later)	Rs. 41,495.00

Out of the amount mentioned above, the following amount is refundable to the candidates in the event of financial aid being sanctioned to them:—

- (a) Pocket Money Allowance @ **Rs. 2,500/-** Per Month.
- (b) For items of clothing and equipment
(Brought at the time of joining)

4. The following Scholarships/Financial Assistance are tenable at the National Defence Academy.

PARASHURAM BHAU PATWARDHAN SCHOLARSHIP— This Scholarship is granted to cadets overall first in Academics of Passing out Course. One time scholarship amount is Rs. 5000/-.

COLONEL KENDAL FRANK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP— This scholarship is of the value of Rs. 4800.00 per annum and awarded to a MARATHA cadet who should be the son of an ex-serviceman. The scholarship is in addition to any financial assistance from the Government.

(3) **ASSAM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP**—Two scholarships will be awarded to the cadets from ASSAM. The value of each scholarship is Rs. 30.00 per mensem and is tenable for the duration of a cadet's stay at the National Defence Academy. The scholarships will be awarded to the two best cadets from ASSAM without any reference to the income of their parents. The cadets who are granted this scholarship will not be entitled to any other financial assistance from the Government.

(4) **UTTAR PRADESH GOVERNMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME**—Uttar Pradesh Sainik Punarvas Nidhi, a Trust under Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh has started an incentive scheme for cadets joining NDA/IMA/OTA/AF Academy/Naval Academy/Female Entry who are wards of ex-Servicemen/widows upto JCO rank and are domicile of State of Uttar Pradesh in which there is a provision of one time grant of Rs 50,000/- for each cadet selected as a special incentive.

(5) **KERALA GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**— All male/female cadets irrespective of gender and without any pre conditions to all Kerala state cadets who are admitted to OTA, NDA, IMA, Naval Academy, Air force Academy, Armed Forces Medical College, RIMC Schools, as a consolation shall be granted Rs. 2,00,000/- only and those who get admission to Military, Naval and Air force Nursing Schools shall be granted as a consolation Rs. 1,00,000/-.

(6) **BHARI LAL MANDAKINI PRIZE**— This is cash prize of Rs. 500.00 available for the best BENGALI boy in each Course of the Academy. Application Forms are available with the Commandant, National Defence Academy.

(7) **ORISSA GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**— These scholarships, one for the Army, one for the Navy and the other for the Air Force of the value of Rs. 80.00 each per month will be awarded by the Government of Orissa to the cadets who are permanent residents of the State of ORISSA. Two of these scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit-cum-means of the cadets whose parent's or guardian's income does not exceed Rs. 5,000/- per annum and the other one will be given to the best cadet irrespective of his/her parent's or guardian's income.

S.No	State Government	Amount	Eligibility
(8)	West Bengal *Income Initial Lump sum grant Scholarship per semester	Low Middle High 5000/- 3750/ 2500/- 1800/- 1350/- 900/-	(i) The cadet must be Indian Citizen and the cadet and/or his/her of/or permanently domiciled in the State of West Bengal. (ii) The Cadet is not in receipt of any other financial assistance / grant from the Govt. of India and/or the State Government or any other authority excepting scholarship or stipend received on merit.
	*Table Income group Low - up to Rs. 9000/-pm Middle - Rs. 9001/- to Rs. 18000/-pm High - Above 18000/-pm		

(9)	Goa Rs. 1000/- per month during the period of training (subject to a maximum of 24 months or duration of the course whichever is less) & one time outfit allowance of Rs. 12,000/-	(i) The income limit of the cadet's parent/guardian shall not exceed Rs. 15,000/- pm (Rs. 1,80,000/- per annum). (ii) The income limit of those not belonging to Rs. 5,50,000 per annum should not exceed Rs. 37,500/- (iii) He/She should not be receiving financial assistance/ freeship from any other source.
(10)	Nagaland Rs. 1,00,000/- one-time payment	Should be domicile of Nagaland State.
(11)	Manipur Rs. 1,00,000/- one-time payment	Should be domicile of Manipur State.
(12)	Arunachal Pradesh Scholarship Rs.1,000/- pm One time outfit Allowance Rs. 12,000/-	Should be domicile of Arunachal Pradesh State.
(13)	Gujarat Scholarship Rs. 6,000/- per annum	To the ward of Serving/Ex-servicemen (incl Ex/Serving Officer) of Native/Domicile of Gujarat.
(14)	Uttarakhand (a) Pocket Money Rs. 250/- pm for NDA Cadets of Uttarakhand domicile is paid to father/guardian of cadets (Ex-Servicemen/Widow, through respective Zilla Sainik Kalyan Officers.) (b) Cash Award of Rs. 50,000/- for NDA Cadets of Uttarakhand domicile is paid to father/guardian of cadets through Directorate of Higher Education, Haldwani.	
(15)	Punjab Rs. 1,00,000/-(one-time payment)	Should be domicile of Punjab State.
(16)	Sikkim Rs.1.5 lakhs for all Offrs entry schemes	Award for successful candidates of Sikkim for all Officer' sentry schemes.
(17)	Fg Officer Anuj Nanchal Memorial Scholarship. (One-time payment) to the first and second best all round Air Force cadets of VI th term amounting to Rs 1500/- and Rs 1000/- respectively.	

(18) HIMACHAL PRADESH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP— Four scholarships will be awarded to cadets from HIMACHAL PRADESH. The value of each scholarship is Rs. 30.00 per month during the first two years of training and Rs. 48.00 per month during the third year of training. These scholarships will be available to those cadets whose parent's income is below Rs. 500.00 per month. No cadet in receipt of financial assistance from the Government will be eligible for this scholarship.

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP—The Government of Tamil Nadu has instituted at NDA one scholarship per course of the value of Rs. 30/- per month plus an outfit allowance of Rs. 400/- (one only during the entire period of cadet's training) to be awarded to a cadet belonging to the State of TAMIL NADU whose parent's/guardian's monthly income does not exceed Rs. 500/-. The application by an eligible cadet can be made to the Commandant, National Defence Academy on their arrival.

In addition to the existing Scholarships, Directorate of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Chennai under Tamil Nadu Government has sanctioned a one-time grant of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) to the eligible children of Ex-Servicemen who join NDA/IMA/Naval or Air Force Academy as Permanent Commissioned Officers.

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS— The Govt. of Karnataka has awarded scholarships to cadets from Karnataka State who join the National Defence Academy. The value of the scholarship shall be Rs.1,500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred only) per month and outfit allowance in first term Rs.18,000/- per annum.

(21) ALBERT EKKA SCHOLARSHIP—The Government of Bihar has instituted at NDA 25 Merit Scholarships at Rs. 50/- per month for entire period of six terms at the NDA and Rs. 650/- one time towards clothing and equipment. The cadet awarded the above merit scholarship would not be eligible for any other scholarship or financial assistance from the Government. The application by an eligible cadet can be made to the Commandant, National Defence Academy on their arrival.

(22) OFFICER DV PINTOO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP— Gp Capt. M Vashishta has instituted 3 scholarships of Rs.125/- each per month at NDA for one term to be awarded to the first three cadets in the order of merit on completion of their first semester till end of second term. The cadets in receipt of Govt. Financial Assistance will not be eligible for the above scholarships. The application for eligible cadets can be made to the Commandant, NDA on arrival.

(23) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS OF EX-SERVICEMEN— MAHARASHTRA STATE — The wards of Maharashtrian ex-service officers/men who are undergoing training as cadets at NDA will be given Rs.1,00,000/- as one time incentive.

The parents/guardians of the wards should submit their applications to their respective Zilla Sainik Welfare Office along with the certificates obtained from the Academy. Terms and conditions governing these scholarships are obtainable from the Commandant, National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune – 411 023.

(24) AWARD OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CANDIDATES OF HARYANA DOMICILE UNDER TRAINING AT NDA Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) to every individual who successfully completes the training at NDA/IMA/OTA and other Defence Academies of National Status and domicile of State of Haryana.

(25) INCENTIVE GRANT TO CADETS DOMICILE OF UT, CHANDIGARH UNDER TRAINING AT NDA has introduced the scheme for grant of one time incentive of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) to the cadets who are resident of UT, Chandigarh and joined NDA.

(26) SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT FOR NCT DELHI — The cadets undergoing training at NDA and who are bonafide residents of NCT Delhi will get a monthly grant of Rs. 2000/-. A bonafide resident would mean those cadets whose permanent home address recorded in the documents at the time of joining NDA is that of National Capital Territory of Delhi (and does not include NCR). This would be needed to be supported with a copy of the residence proof (Aadhaar Card, Voter Identity Card, Service Records of their parent etc.)

TRAINING

The selected candidates for the three services viz., Army, Navy and Air Force are given preliminary training both academic and physical for a period of 3 years at the National Defence Academy which is an Inter-Service Institution. The training during the first two and half years is common to the cadets of three wings. All the cadets on passing out will be awarded degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University Delhi as under:-

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|-----|------------------|---|---|
| (a) | Army Cadets | - | B.Sc./ B.Sc. (Computer)/ B.A |
| (b) | Naval Cadets | - | B. Tech Degree* |
| (c) | Air Force Cadets | - | B. Tech Degree* /B.Sc./B.Sc. (Computer) |

Note* : All the cadets undergoing B.Sc/B.SC(Computer)/BA Degree programme shall be awarded the degree on the successful completion of Academics, Physical and Service Training at NDA. All the cadets undergoing B Tech programme shall be awarded the B.Tech degree on the subsequent Pre Commissioning Training Academies/ Institutions/ Ships/ Air Craft.

The selected candidates of the Naval Academy will be given preliminary training both academic and physical, for a period of 04 years at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala. The cadets of 10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme will be awarded a B. Tech Degree on successful completion of training.

On passing out from the National Defence Academy, Army Cadets go to the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, Naval Cadets to Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and Air Force cadets and Ground Duty-Non Tech streams to Air Force Academy, Hyderabad and Air Force cadets of Ground Duty–Tech stream to Air Force Technical College, Bengaluru.

At the I.M.A., Army Cadets are known as Gentlemen/Lady Cadets and are given strenuous military training for a period of one year aimed at turning them into officer capable of leading infantry Sub-units. On successful completion of training Gentlemen/Lady Cadets are granted Permanent Commission in the rank of Lt. subject to being medically fit in "SHAPE" one.

The Naval cadets are selected for the Executive Branch of the Navy, on passing out from the National Defence Academy and are given further training at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala for a period of one year on successful completion of which they are promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenants.

Selected candidates for the Naval Academy under (10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme) will be inducted as Cadets for four year B.Tech course in Applied Electronics & Communication Engineering (for Executive Branch), Mechanical Engineering (for Engineering Branch including Naval Architect specialization) or Electronics & Communication Engineering (for Electrical Branch) as per Naval requirements. On completion of the course, B. Tech Degree will be awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Air Force Flying Branch Cadets receive flying training for a period of one and a half years. On successful completion of one year of basic flying training (Pilots), they are granted Permanent Commission (on probation) in the rank of Flying Officer, for a period of six months. Permanent Commission is then confirmed in respect of those officers who successfully complete the flying training conversion course for pilots lasting for a period of approximately six months..

Air Force Ground Duties Branch Cadets are granted Permanent Commission (on probation) in the rank of Flying Officer, for six months on successful completion of training at AFA. On successful completion of the probationary period of approximately six months, the Permanent Commission is then confirmed.

Selected candidates for Naval Academy under (10+2 Cadet Entry Scheme) will be inducted as Cadets for four year B.Tech course in Applied Electronics & Communication Engineering (for Executive Branch only). On completion of the course, B.Tech Degree will be awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICES

10. Army Officers and equivalent ranks in Air Force and Navy

(a) Fixed Stipend for Cadet Training:-

Stipend to male/female Cadets during the entire duration of training in Service academies i.e. (Starting pay in Level during training period at IMA.	Rs. 56,100/-p.m.* 10)
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*On successful commissioning, the pay in the Pay matrix of the Officer commissioned shall be fixed in first Cell of Level 10 and the period of training shall not be treated as commissioned service and arrears on account of admissible allowances, as applicable, for the training period shall be paid to cadets.

(b) Pay

(i) Rank	Pay Level (in Rs.)
Lt. to Maj.	Lt. - Level 10 (56,100 – 1,77,500)/- Capt. - Level 10 B (61,300-1,93,900)/- Maj. - Level 11 (69,400 – 2,07,200)/-

Lt. Col. to Maj Gen.	Level 12A (1,21,200 – 2,12,400)/- Col. - Level 13 (1,30,600 – 2,15,900)/- Brig. - Level 13A (1,39,600 – 2,17,600)/- Maj. Gen. - Level 14 (1,44,200 – 2,18,200)/-
Lt. Gen. (HAG Scale)	Level 15 (1,82,200 – 2,24,100)/-
Lt. Gen. (HAG+ Scale)	Level 16 (2,05,400 – 2,24,400)/-
VCOAS/Army Cdr/ Lt. Gen.	Level 17 (2,25,000/-) (fixed)
COAS	Level 18 (2,50,000/-) (fixed)

(ii) **MSP to the officer is as follows:-**

Military Service Pay(MSP) to the officers from the rank of Lt to Brig	Rs. 15,500 p.m. fixed
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(iii) Depending upon rank and area of posting, officers posted to Field Areas will be eligible for the following Field Area Allowances:-

RH Max Offr – Rs. 42500/-* Siachen Allowance	Hardship		
	High	Medium	Low
HIGH	R1H1 Offrs – Rs. 25000* Flying allowance MARCOS & Chariot Allowance Special Forces Allowance Submarine Allowance COBRA Allowance High Altitude Allowance- Cat III	R1H2 Offr – Rs. 16900* HAFA Allowance CI (fd) Allowance (CI Mod Fd @77% of CI Fd)	R1H3 Offrs – Rs. 5300* Hosp Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) Patient Care Allowance (PCA) Test Pilot and Fit Engr Allowance

MED	R2H1 Offrs – Rs. 16900* Nil	R2H2 Offr – Rs. 10500* □ Fd Area Allowance (Mod Fd Area @60% of Fd allowance) CI (Peace) allowance Sea going allowance Free Fall Jump instr allowance Para Jump Instr allowance Para allowance	R2H3 Offrs – Rs. 3400* Nil
LOW	R3H1 Offrs – Rs. 5300* High altitude allowance – Cat II Tough location allowance-I Boiler watch keeping allowance Submarine duty allowance	R3H2 Offr – Rs. 3400* High altitude allowance- Cat I Tough location allowance-II Project allowance Compensatory (Const or Svy) allowance Hydro Svy allowance (except non- surveyors)	R3H3 Offrs – Rs. 1200* Tough location allowance-III Cooking allowance Hardlying money (full rate) Health and malaria allowance Special LC Gate allowance Submarine Tech allowance Hydro Svy allowance (for non-surveyors)

* The rate of DA index Allowances will be calculated at enhanced rate of 25% as the rate of DA crossed 50% w.e.f. 01.01.2024.

(iv) **Other allowance:-**

Dearness Allowance	Admissible at the same rates and under the same conditions as are applicable to the civilian personnel from time to time. Rs. 10,500/-* pm
Para Allce	Rs. 2,625/-* pm
Para Reserve Allce	Rs. 10,500/-* pm
Para Jump Instructor Allce	Rs. 3,400/-* pm
Project Allce	Rs. 25,000/-* pm
Special Forces Allce	
Technical Allce (Tier-I)	Rs 3,000/- pm
Technical Allce (Tier-II)	Rs 4,500/- pm

(v) **Dress Allowance 20,000/-*** per year. (Rate will be enhanced by 25% each time DA is increased by 50%)

(vi) **Ration in Kind.**

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(vii) **Transport Allowance (TPTA)**

Pay Level	Higher TPTA Cities (Rs. Per month)	Other Places (Rs. Per month)
Officers	Rs. 7200+DA thereon	Rs. 3600+DA thereon

(viii) **Children Education Allowance**. Rs.2,250/-* per month per child for two eldest surviving only. CEA is admissible from Nursery to 12th Class.

(ix) **Hostel Subsidy**. Rs.6,750/-* per month per child for two eldest surviving only. Hostel Subsidy is admissible from Nursery to 12th Class.

The following monetary benefits are available to the Cadets (Direct)/NoKs in the event of invalidment on medical grounds/death of a Cadet (Direct) due to causes attributable to or aggravated by military training:

(I) **IN CASE OF DISABLEMENT**

(i) Monthly Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 9,000/- per month.

(ii) Ex-gratia disability award @ Rs. 16200/- per month shall be payable in addition for 100% of disability during period of disablement subject to prorata reduction in case the degree of disablement is less than 100%. No disability award shall be payable in cases where the degree of disablement is less than 20%.

(iii) Constant Attendant Allowance (CAA) @ Rs 6750/- per month for 100% disabled on the recommendation of Invaliding Medical Board (IBM).

(II) **IN CASE OF DEATH**

(i) Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 12.5 lakhs to the NoK.

(ii) Monthly Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 9000/- per month to the NoK.

Note The Ex-gratia awards to Cadets (Direct) / NoK, shall be sanctioned purely on ex-gratia basis and the same shall not be treated as pension for any purpose.

2. Dearness Relief at applicable rates shall be granted on monthly ex-gratia as well as ex-gratia disability award.

* The rate of DA index Allowances will be calculated at enhanced rate of 25% as the rate of DA crossed 50% w.e.f. 01.01.2024.

11. (a) Army Group Insurance Fund provides insurance cover of **Rs. 30 lakh** on payment of one time non-refundable premium of **Rs. 14,000/-** (subject to revision from time to time) by cadets from the date of joining for pre-commission training i.e. for 3 years. If a cadet is relegated an additional premium of **Rs. 2,635/-** (subject to revision from time to time) per relegated term will be paid. For those who are invalidated out by IMB on account of disability and not entitled to any pension will be provided **Rs. 25 lakhs** for 100 per cent disability. This will be proportionately reduced to **Rs. 5 lakhs** for 20 per cent. However, for less than 20 percent disability, only an Ex-Gratia Grant of Rs. 50,000/- for first two years of training and Rs. 1 lakh during the third year of training will be paid. Disability due to alcoholism, drug addiction and due to the diseases of pre-enrolment origin will not qualify for disability benefit and Ex-Gratia

Grant. In addition, cadets withdrawn on disciplinary grounds, expelled as undesirable or leaving the Academy voluntarily will also not be eligible for disability benefits and Ex-Gratia. There is no saving component under the scheme.

The Lady/Gentlemen Cadets during pre-commission trg when in receipt of stipend are insured for **Rs. 1.25 Cr** as applicable to officers of the regular Army. Monthly AGIF subscription of **Rs. 12,500/- per month** will be deducted directly by PCDA (O), Pune. For those who are invalidated out by Invalidated Medical Board (IMB) on account of disability and not entitled to any pension will be provided Rs 25 lakh for 100 percent disability. This will be proportionately reduced to Rs 5 lakh for 20 percent disability. However, for less than 20 percent disability, an ex-gratia grant of Rs. 50,000/- only will be paid. Disability due to alcoholism, drug addiction and due to the diseases of pre-enrolment origin will not qualify for disability benefit and Ex-Gratia Grant. In addition, Lady/Gentleman Cadets withdrawn on disciplinary grounds, expelled as an undesirable or leaving the Academy voluntarily will not be eligible for disability benefits and Ex-Gratia.

12. PROMOTIONAL AVENUES:

S.No.	Army	Navy	Air Force	Minimum Reckonable Commissioned Service required for Substantive Promotion
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
(a)	Lieutenant	Sub Lieutenant	Flying Officer	On Commission
(b)	Captain	Lieutenant	Flight Lieutenant	02 Years
(c)	Major	Lt. Commander	Squadron Leader	06 years
(d)	Lieutenant Colonel	Commander	Wing Commander	13 years
(e)	Colonel (Selection)	Captain (Selection)	Group Captain (Selection)	On Selection
(f)	Colonel (Time Scale)	Captain (Time Scale)	Group Captain (Time Scale)	26 years
(g)	Brigadier	Commodore	Air Commodore	On Selection
(h)	Major General	Rear Admiral	Air Vice Marshal	On Selection
(i)	Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral	Air Marshal	On Selection
(j)	General	Admiral	Air Chief Marshal	On Selection

13. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Pension, gratuity and casualty pensionary award will be admissible in accordance with the rules in force from time to time.

14. LEAVE

Leave will be admissible in accordance with the rules in force from time to time.

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