COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDS)
CDS Eligibility Details

Advertisement Schedule: Advertisements for CDSE are released in the months of November and July.

Eligibility Details:
1. Nationality: A candidate must be either
(a) A citizen of India, or
(b) A subject of Nepal, or
(c) A subject of Bhutan, or
(d) A Tibetan refugee who came over to India before 1st January, 1962 with the intention of permanently settling in India, or
(e) A person of Indian origin who has migrated from Pakistan, Burma, Srilanka or East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Zaire and Ethiopia or from Vietnam with the intention of permanently settling in India.
Provided that a candidate belonging to categories (b), (c), (d) and (e) shall be a person in whose favour a certificate of eligibility has been issued by the Government of India.

2. Age Limit:
(i) For IMA : Unmarried **male candidates between 19 to 24 years .**

(ii) For Indian Naval Academy: Unmarried male candidates between **19 to 22 years.**

(iii) For Air Force Academy: Unmarried male candidates between - **19 to 23 years.**

(iv) For Officers' Training Academy (SSC Course for Men): Male candidates (married or unmarried) - **19 to 25 years.**

(v) For Officers Training Academy (SSC Women Non-Technical Course): Unmarried Women, issueless widows who have not remarried and issueless divorcees (in possession of divorce documents) who have not remarried are eligible. -**19 to 25 years.**

Note: Male divorcee/widower candidates can not be treated as unmarried male for the purpose of their admission in IMA/INA/AFA courses and accordingly they are not eligible for these courses.

3. Educational Qualification:

(i) For I.M.A. and Officers' Training Academy: Degree of a recognized University or equivalent.

(ii) For Indian Naval Academy: Degree in Engineering from a recognized university/institution.

(iii) For Air Force Academy: Degree of a recognized University (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor of Engineering.

Note: Those candidates who are studying in the final years Degree course and have yet to pass the final year Degree examination are also eligible to apply.

Physical Standards: Candidates must be physically fit according to physical standards for admission to Combined Defence Services Examination.
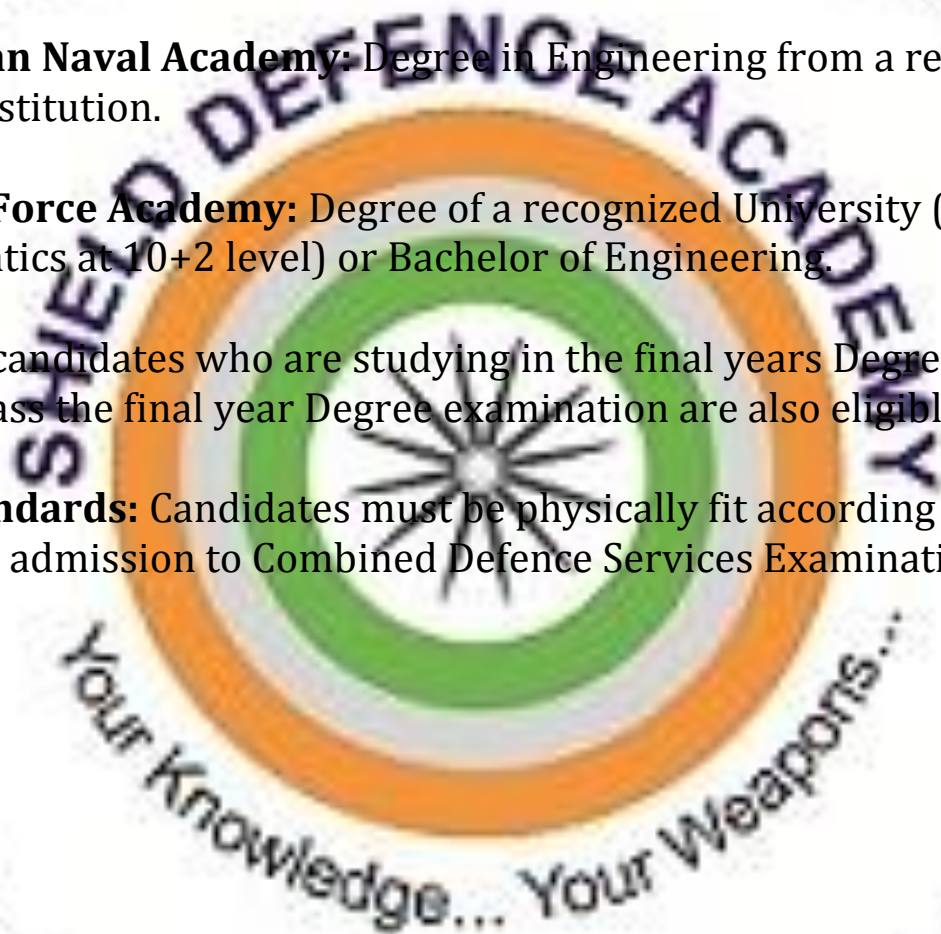
COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (CDS) EXAM PATTERN

A) For Indian Military Academy (IMA), Naval Academy (NA) and Air Force Academy (AFA)

SUBJECT	NO. OF QUESTION	DURATION	MARKS
English	120	2 Hours	100
General Knowledge	120	2 Hours	100
Elementary Mathematics	100	2 Hours	100
TOTAL	340	6 Hours	300

B) For Officers Training Academy (OTA)

SUBJECT	NO. OF QUESTION	DURATION	MARKS
English	120	2 Hours	100
General Knowledge	120	2 Hours	100
TOTAL	240	4 Hours	200
Marks for each Correct Answer			1 - for Maths, 0.83 - for English, 0.83 - for GK
Negative Marks for Incorrect Answer			Maths , English, GK – One Third (.33)
Marks for questions not attempted			Nil
Total Time for Exam (in minutes)			360 (6 hours)

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CDS ENGLISH EXAM ANALYSIS

Topic	No. Of Qst.
Comprehension	21
Spotting Error	20
Rearrangement of Words in Sentences	24
Synonyms in Sentences	17
Ordering of Sentences	6
Antonyms in Sentences	20
Cloze Test	12
TOTAL	120
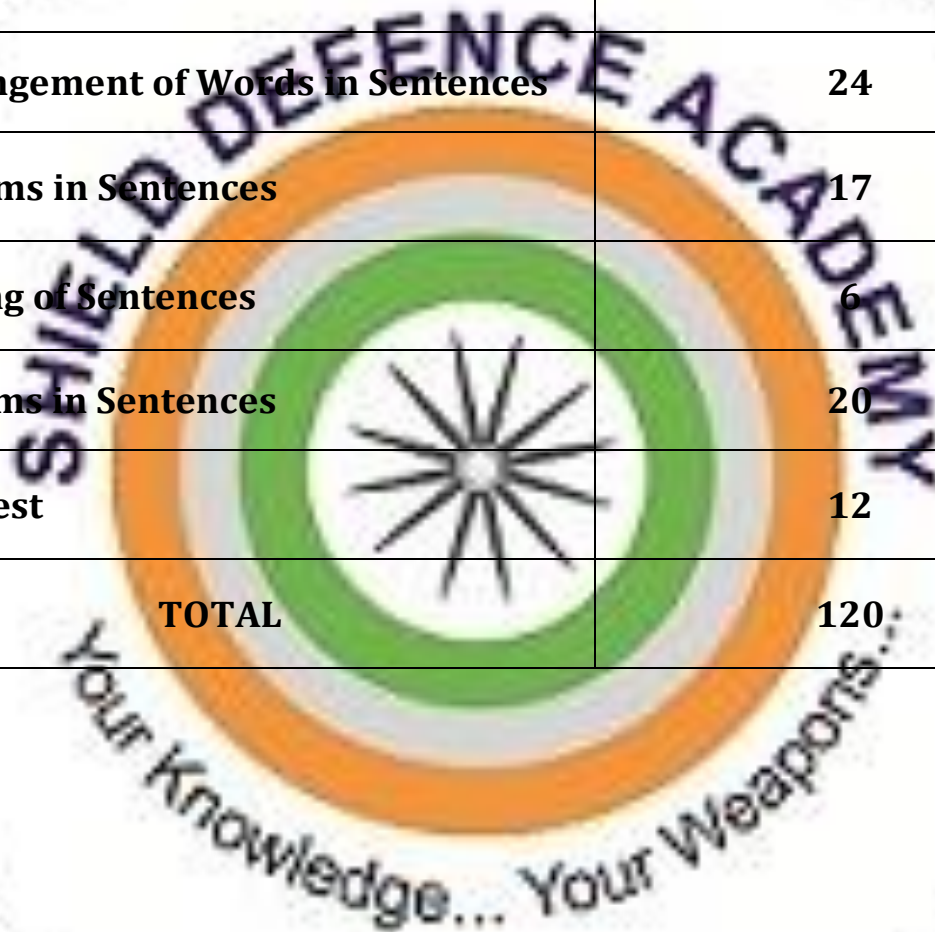
CDS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAM ANALYSIS

Topic	No. Of Qst.
General Knowledge **-Word Context World Organisations** **-Indian context** **-Prizes and Awards (I)**	2 3 1
General Geography **-Universe** **-Physical Geography (WORLD)** **- Physical Geography (INDIA)** **-Economic Geography (INDIA)**	6 10 3 2
Indian History **-Ancient India** **-Medieval India** **-Modern India**	5 5 9
General Economics Study	11
General Science **-Elementary Chemistry** **-Elementary Physics** **-Elementary Biology** **-Science in Everyday Life** **-Ecosystem and Biodiversity**	11 7 7 1 2
Indian Polity	12
Current Events **-National** **-Sports** **-Science and Tech** **-International** **-Prizes and Awards**	8 1 5 7 2
TOTAL	**120**

CDS ELEMENTARY MATHEMEATICS EXAM ANALYSIS

Topic	No. Of Qst.
Arithmetic (Number Theory)	
-Number Systems	**10**
-Simplification	**2**
-Variation	**3**
-Chain Rule	**1**
-Ratio and Proportion	**2**
-Average	**1**
-Logarithms	**1**
-Pipes and Cisterns	**1**
-Time and Work	**2**
Commercial Maths	
-Interest (Compound Interest)	**1**
-Percentage	**1**
-Profit and Loss	**4**
Algebra	
- Theory of Equations	**2**
POLYNOMIALS	
-Basic Operations (Polynomials)	**1**
-Simple Factors	**1**
-Remainder Theorem	**3**
-HCF and LCM Polynomials	**1**
QUADRATIC EQUATIONS	**2**
ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS	**5**
INEQUALITIES	**1**
Geometry	**13**
Two dimensional coordinate Geometry	**2**
Menstruation – Areas and Volumes	
- Area and Perimeter of Plane Figure	**11**
-Volume and Surface Area of Solid	**11**
Trigonometry	
-Trigonometric Ratios and Identities	**6**
-Trigonometric Equations	**2**
-Heights and Distances	**3**
Statistics	**4**
Sets	
-Application of Sets	**2**
TOTAL	**100**