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About CDS - Combined Defence Services

The Combined Defence Services (CDS) Examination provides an opportunity for graduates to get into the Indian Armed Forces. It is conducted twice a year (in February and October) by UPSC for recruitment into the following five courses:

- 1) Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
- 2) Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
- 3) Indian Air Force Academy, Hyderabad
- 4) Officers Training Academy (Men), Chennai
- 5) Officers Training Academy (Women), Chennai

Admission Procedure

Combined Defence Services Exam comprises two stages.

Stage 1: Written Test

Stage 2: SSB Interviews
(Intelligence & Personality Test)



CDS - Cut-off Marks

There is NO fixed cut-off marks for any year. It varies from year to year depending on the level of difficulty of the paper. The data below gives the cut-off marks for the earlier years.

	CDS(I) 2015		CDS(II) 2014	
	Written*	Final [#]	Written	Final [#]
Indian Military Academy, Dehradun	102	225	99	222
Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala	99	225	99	222
Air Force Academy, Pre Flying Training Academy, Hyd.	129	264	129	250
Officers' Training Academy, SSC Course for Men	86	168	78	159
Officers' Training Academy, SSC Course for Women	86	172	78	160

*Subject to min 20% marks in each paper. [#]Subject to min of 40% marks in SSB Interviews.

CDS - Key Dates

Event	Date*
CDS(II) - Date of Notification	16 th July 2016
CDS (II) - Last date of application	12 th Aug. 2016
CDS(II) - Written Exam Date	23 rd Oct. 2016
CDS(II) - Written Exam Results announcement date	Feb. 2017
CDS(II) - Interview Date	Mar./Apr. 2017
CDS(II) - FINAL results date	June 2017
CDS(II) - Course Commencement date -IMA (Dehradun), INA(Ezhimala), AFA (Hyderabad)	July 2017
CDS(II) - Course Commencement date - OTA (Males & females), Chennai	Oct. 2017

(*) The dates, specified, are liable to change.

CDS - Number of Vacancies

Course	Vacancies
Indian Military Academy, Dehradun	Approx 250
Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala	Approx 45
Air Force Academy, Pre Flying Training Academy, Hyderabad	32
Officers' Training Academy, SSC Course for Men	175
Officers' Training Academy, SSC Course for Women	12

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- 30 full-length mock tests (10 in each of the three test areas - English, Maths and GK)
- Comprehensive analysis of each mock CDS paper

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- Seminars on Test-taking Strategy
- Advice from experts
- Personalised counselling for your test improvement & application decisions
- Extensive web-based support for all test areas

Career progression in the Indian Armed Forces

Number of years of service	Indian Army	Indian Air Force	Indian Navy
Highest Rank	Field Marshal	Marshal of Air Force	Admiral of Fleet
By Selection	General	Air Chief Marshal	Admiral
28 years by selection	Lt. General	Air Marshal	Vice Admiral
25 years by selection	Major General	Air Vice Marshal	Rear Admiral
23 years by selection	Brigadier	Air Commodore	Commodore
After 26 years (15 years by Selection)	Colonel	Group Captain	Captain
After 13 years	Lt. Colonel	Wing Commander	Commander
After 6 years	Major	Squadron Leader	Lt. Commander
After 2 years	Captain	Flight Lieutenant	Lieutenant
After 18 months of training	Lieutenant	Flying Officer	Sub Lieutenant

Stage 1: Written Test

The entrance for Combined Defence Services comprises a written exam followed by SSB interviews.

Details of the Written Examination for Indian Military Academy, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy:

Paper	Subject	Duration	Number of questions	Maximum marks
I	English	2 hours	120	100
II	General Knowledge	2 hours	120	100
III	Elementary Mathematics	2 hours	100	100
Total				300

The SSB Interview (Intelligence & Personality Test) comprises 300 marks.

Details of the Written Examination for Officers' Training Academy:

Paper	Subject	Duration	Number of questions	Maximum marks
I	English	2 hours	120	100
II	General Knowledge	2 hours	120	100
Total				200

Paper	Topics
English	Synonyms, Antonyms, Reading Comprehension, Para Jumbles, Error Spotting, Jumbled Sentences, Sentence Correction, Fill in the Blanks
General Knowledge	Current Affairs, History, Geography, General Science, Economy, Polity
Elementary Mathematics	Arithmetic, Algebra, Trigonometry, Geometry, Mensuration, Statistics

Stage 2: Intelligence & Personality Test (SSB Interviews)

This is categorised into two sub-stages - Stage A and Stage B.

Stage A

This stage contains the following set of activities:

1. Intelligence Test (Verbal and Non Verbal)
2. Picture Perception and Description Test
3. Discussion of the picture

Once all the candidates complete Stage A, the results are declared. Selected candidates are retained for Stage-B testing based on their performance in Stage A.



Stage B

This stage consists of Psychological tests, Group tests, and Group tasks which are conducted on three consecutive days.

- 1. Psychological Tests** – comprising Thematic Apperception Test, Word Association Test, Situation Reaction Test and Self Description Test
- 2. Group Tests** – comprising Group Discussion, Group Planning Exercise, Progressive Group Task, Group Obstacle Race, Half Group Task and Lecturette
- 3. Group Tasks** – comprising Individual Obstacles, Command Task and Final Group Task

Eligibility Criteria

S.No.	Course	Age Limit	Marital Status / Gender
1	Indian Military Academy	19-24 Years	Unmarried / Male
2	Naval Academy	19-24 Years	Unmarried / Male
3	Air Force Academy	20-24 Years	Unmarried / Male
4	Officers Training Academy (SSC Course for Men)	19-25 Years	Married or Unmarried / Male
5	Officers Training Academy (SSC Course for Women)	19-25 years	Unmarried / Female

Educational Qualifications

Indian Military Academy & Officers Training Academy	Degree of a recognized University or equivalent
Naval Academy	Degree in Engineering
Air Force Academy	B.Sc. with Physics and/or Mathematics or Bachelor of Engg.

Note: Candidates appearing at the degree or equivalent examination are also eligible.

Highlights of T.I.M.E.'s CDS Programme

The Classes

- Well experienced faculty
- Extensive doubt-clarifying sessions with individual attention
- Revision classes, discussion classes based on tests conducted
- Special workshops

Course Material

- 12 study material booklets (including solutions)
- 150+ individual practice exercises and test papers
- 100 online tests
- 10,000+ questions
- Updated material that is in line with the latest test pattern of CDS

