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ROADMAP OF CDSE

- ✓ The Combined Defence Services Examination (CDSE) is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) twice every year for admission to courses at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala; Air Force Academy, Hyderabad; and Officers Training Academy, Chennai.
- ✓ The Notifications for the exams are published by the UPSC in November and July-August. The CDSE (I) is conducted in February-March and the CDSE (II) is conducted in October-November.
- ✓ The Combined Defence Services Examination (CDSE) comprises:
 - ✓ Written examination
 - ✓ Service Selection Board (SSB) Intelligence and Personality tests of shortlisted candidates at one of the Services Selection Centers.
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No	Name of the course
1	Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
2	Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
3	Air Force Academy, Hyderabad
4	Officers Training Academy, Chennai
5	Officers Training Academy, Chennai

PHYSICAL STANDARDS

- ✓ Candidates aspiring to pass the combined Defense Services Examination must be physically fit according to physical standards given in the guidelines issued by the UPSC.
- ✓ A number of qualified candidates are rejected subsequently on medical grounds. It is advisable to get yourself medically examined before submitting your application to avoid disappointment at the final stage.

SELECTION PROCESS

- ✓ You are required to apply online on UPSC website. Detailed Instructions for filling up the online Application form are available on the above mentioned website.
- ✓ The eligible candidates can download the e-admit card three weeks before the commencement of the examination from the UPSC website.

AGE LIMITS AND MARITAL STATUS

- ✓ For Indian Military Academy and Indian Naval Academy: Unmarried male candidates born not earlier than 02 July 1995 and not later than 01 July 2000.
- ✓ For Air Force Academy: 20 to 24 years as on 01 July 2019 (Upper age limit for candidates holding valid and current Commercial Pilot License issued by DGCA (India) is relax able up to 26 years)
- ✓ For Officers Training Academy (SSC Course for men): Unmarried male candidates born not earlier than 02 July 1994 and not later than 01 July 2000.
- ✓ For Officers Training Academy (SSC Women Non-Technical Course): Unmarried women, issueless widows who have not remarried and issueless divorcees who have not remarried are eligible. They should have been born not earlier than 02 July 1994 and not later than 01 July 2000.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ For Indian Military Academy and Officers Training Academy: Degree of a recognized University or equivalent.
- ✓ For Indian Naval Academy: Degree in Engineering from a recognized University / Institution.
- ✓ For Air Force Academy: Degree of a recognized University (with Physics and Mathematics at 10+2 level) or Bachelor of Engineering.

WRITTEN EXAM PATTERN

✓ Exam Mode:

- ✓ Offline / Paper-pen based I
- ✓ Question type : Objective Multiple choice (four alternatives and only one correct answer) I
- ✓ Exam Language: General knowledge and Elementary Mathematics question papers will be in Hindi and English.
- ✓ The format of the written exam for admission to Indian military academy, Indian Naval Academy and Air Force Academy.

Code No.	Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
01	English	2 Hours	100
02	General Knowledge	2 Hours	100
03	Elementary Mathematics	2 Hours	100

- ✓ The format of the written exam for admission to officers Training Academy.

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- ✓ For each incorrect answer one-third(0.33) of the marks assigned to the question will be deducted as penalty.
- ✓ All the candidates who pass the written test receive call up latter for the SSB intelligence and personality tests/interview at one of the services selection Centers.

SSB Intelligence and Personality Tests

- ✓ The SSB Interview is a five day selection process conducted at SSB Selection Centers and consists of two stages: Stage I and Stage II. Only those candidates who clear Stage I are permitted to appear for Stage II
- ✓ Stage I comprises of Officer Intelligence Rating (OIR) tests and Picture Perception and Discussion Test (PP & DT).
- ✓ Stage II comprises of Psychology Tests, Group Tests, Interview and the Conference. These tests are conducted over 4 days.
- ✓ In case you qualify in the Stage II testing, you shall be required to undergo a Special Medical Board (SMB) over the next four to six days. The final selection will be made in order of merit subject to medical fitness and suitability in all other respects and number of vacancies available.

TRAINING COURSES

- ✓ **Indian Military Academy, Dehradun:** The candidates joining the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun will undergo a course of training for about 18 months. Candidates will be enrolled as Gentlemen Cadets. On successful completion of training Gentlemen Cadets are granted Permanent Commission in the rank of Lieutenant.
- ✓ **Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala:** Candidates selected for training at the Indian Naval Academy will be appointed as Cadets in the Executive Branch of the Navy under the Graduate Cadet Special Entry Scheme (GSES) Course. The cadets shall be commissioned in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant after successful completion of approximately 18 months of training.
- ✓ **Air Force Academy:** The approximate duration of training for Flying Branch (Pilots) at the Air Force Academy will be 74 weeks. After successful completion of training, the candidates pass out in the rank of Flying Officer.
- ✓ **Officers Training Academy, Chennai:** Candidates finally selected will undergo a course of training at the Officers Training Academy, for an approximate period of 49 weeks. Candidates will be enrolled as Gentlemen / Lady Cadets. On successful completion of training Gentleman / Lady Cadets are granted Short Service Commission in the rank of Lieutenant.
- ✓ University of Madras will award "Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management and Strategic Studies" to all cadets who successfully complete Pre-commissioning training at Officers Training Academy, Chennai.
- ✓ Short Service Commission Officers (Male and Female) join the army and serve as a Commissioned Officer for 10/14 years. At the end of 10 years, they have three options: (i) elect for a Permanent Commission; (ii) opt out; or (iii) get a 4 year extension. They can resign at any time during this period of 4 year extension.