



NDA 1 2027

NDA GAT 24-Week Study Planner & Attempt Tracker

Your practical 600-mark English + GK preparation system: build a routine, record accuracy and improve your score.

Use this planner, not just read it. Start with your baseline GAT score, map your seven subject areas, follow the weekly plan and record every mock until the NDA 1 2027 examination.

GAT MARKS

600

written Paper II

DURATION

150 min

2 hours 30 minutes

ENGLISH

200

Part A / 50 Qs

GK

400

Part B / 100 Qs

Where the 400 GK Marks Come From

Physics

25%

Concepts, mechanics, light, electricity and everyday devices.

History & Polity

20%

Freedom Movement, Constitution and world history.

Geography

20%

Earth, climate, Indian resources and map work.

Chemistry

15%

Reactions, acids, gases, formulae and applications.

General Science

10%

Biology, human body, nutrition and solar system.

Current Events

10%

Defence, India/world, sports, science and awards.

Exam dates to save

UPSC calendar: NDA 1 2027 notification **2 Dec 2026**, application deadline **22 Dec 2026**, written exam **11 Apr 2027**. Check the official notification for final rules.



START HERE

Build Your GAT Baseline

Know your current performance before choosing subjects, books and daily study hours.

The Four-Step GAT Preparation Cycle

1

Diagnose

Take a timed GAT paper and separate your English and GK scores.

2

Prioritise

Pick the three subjects where poor accuracy costs the most marks.

3

Practise

Build concepts with NCERT, then solve topic-wise PYQs immediately.

4

Review

Log wrong answers and re-test weak topics before your next mock.

My Starting GAT Scorecard

Starting score

/ 600

English score

/ 200

GK score

/ 400

Target score

/ 600

Before You Begin, Complete These Checks

- ☐ One 150-minute diagnostic completed
- ☐ English and GK results separated
- ☐ Latest NDA GAT PYQs collected
- ☐ A regular source for current affairs selected

- ☐ My three weakest subjects identified
- ☐ I know the +4 / -4/3 marking rule
- ☐ My weekly study time is realistic
- ☐ Mistake notebook or sheet ready

Weakest subject #1

Weakest subject #2

Weakest subject #3

Baseline rule

Do not judge preparation by hours alone. Measure **accuracy**, missed topics and repeated errors. Update your baseline after every few full-length mocks.



600-MARK ACTION PLAN

Subject-Wise Preparation Checklist

Seven subject areas, one trackable system: concepts, revision and previous-year questions.

Track Every Subject from Concepts to PYQs

Tick a box only after doing the task: **C** concepts, **R** revision, **P** previous-year questions. GK percentages are approximate guidance, not fixed 2027 marks.

SUBJECT & SHARE	WHAT TO DO	C	R	P
English 200 marks	20–30 min daily: error spotting, voice, narration, vocabulary, one short passage and sentence ordering.	☐	☐	☐
Physics ~25% of GK	NCERT motion, force, heat, light, electricity and devices; explain an everyday example; then solve PYQs.	☐	☐	☐
History / Polity ~20% of GK	Freedom Movement, Constitution and world revolutions; make event–leader–outcome timelines.	☐	☐	☐
Geography ~20% of GK	Earth, atmosphere, climate and Indian resources; locate features on a blank map each week.	☐	☐	☐
Chemistry ~15% of GK	Make short comparison notes for reactions, gases, acids, bases, salts and everyday products.	☐	☐	☐
General Science ~10% of GK	Use flashcards on cells, human body, nutrition, diseases, solar system and scientists.	☐	☐	☐
Current Events ~10% of GK	One-page monthly notes on defence, appointments, awards, schemes, science and sports; revise weekly.	☐	☐	☐

Your Non-Negotiable Weekly Habits

- ☐ English practice on at least 5 days
- ☐ Physics concepts + PYQs revised
- ☐ History timeline / polity quick recall

- ☐ Geography map drill completed
- ☐ One-page current affairs updated
- ☐ All wrong mock answers reviewed

Plan by weakness, not only weightage

English (200) and Physics (~100 indicative GK marks) deserve attention, but assign extra revision to whichever subject your mock results show is weakest.



OCT 2026 – APR 2027

Your 24-Week GAT Roadmap

A clear preparation sequence that accommodates Class 12 boards and final mock-test practice.

Four Phases to 11 April 2027

01

FOUNDATION Now – 20 Dec 2026

Build NCERT Science and Social Science basics, practise English daily, maintain monthly current affairs notes.

~2 hrs/day

02

PRACTICE 21 Dec – 31 Jan

Chapter PYQs, sectional tests, revise error-log topics; check subject accuracy.

~2 hrs/day

03

BOARD SEASON 1 Feb – last board paper

Protect English and current affairs; schedule a weekend full GAT mock when feasible.

~1 hr/day

04

FINAL SPRINT After boards – 10 Apr

Full timed GAT mocks, current affairs recap and reattempts from the error log.

~3 hrs/day

My 24-Week Completion Strip

One box per week. Tick only when you met your planned study sessions and reviewed your mistakes.

☐ W01

☐ W02

☐ W03

☐ W04

☐ W05

☐ W06

☐ W07

☐ W08

☐ W09

☐ W10

☐ W11

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☐ W18

☐ W19

☐ W20

☐ W21

☐ W22

☐ W23

☐ W24

Preparation Milestones

- ☐ Science and Social Science basics revised
- ☐ Subject-wise PYQ sets attempted
- ☐ English mistake list up to date

- ☐ Monthly current-affairs sheets complete
- ☐ Full-length 150-minute mock practised
- ☐ Weak areas assigned to next week

Application reminder

UPSC calendar lists **2 Dec 2026** for notification and **22 Dec 2026** as the scheduled closing date. Verify the final notice and submit the application on time.



TIME MANAGEMENT

Daily Timetable & Weekly Planner

Plan the work you can actually complete, then review progress each Sunday.

Example Daily GAT Routine: 2 Hours 40 Minutes

DAILY STUDY BLOCK	MINUTES	DONE
English: grammar, vocabulary, comprehension	30 min	☐
Physics / Chemistry / General Science	45 min	☐
History or Geography	35 min	☐
Current Affairs	20 min	☐
PYQs and mistake-log revision	30 min	☐
TOTAL	160 min	

Weekly Study Planner – Fill Once Every Sunday

DAY	MAIN SUBJECT / CHAPTER	PYQs / REVIEW	DONE
MON	_____	_____	☐
TUE	_____	_____	☐
WED	_____	_____	☐
THU	_____	_____	☐
FRI	_____	_____	☐
SAT	_____	_____	☐
SUN	_____	_____	☐

My biggest topic gap this week

My next mock / PYQ goal

During Class 12 board exams

If 160 minutes is unrealistic, shorten sessions instead of stopping GAT entirely. Keep short English and Current Affairs habits; fit mocks around your board schedule.



PRACTICE PLAYBOOK

Score Through Smart Practice

Apply different methods to English, Physics, Chemistry and General Science.

English – 200 Marks: Daily 20–30 Minute Drill

- ☐ Tenses, articles and prepositions
- ☐ Subject–verb agreement, error spotting
- ☐ Voice, narration, sentence improvement
- ☐ Synonyms, antonyms and idioms

- ☐ One short comprehension passage
- ☐ Jumbled sentence / ordering practice
- ☐ 10 new words revised in context
- ☐ Repeated mistakes noted in one log

Science – Use Three Different Study Methods

Physics · ~25% GK

Understand motion, heat, optics, electricity and everyday devices. Explain a concept, then do application MCQs.

Chemistry · ~15% GK

Use brief notes for reactions, formulae, gases, acids, bases, salts and everyday chemical products.

General Science · ~10% GK

Use recall cards for cells, human body, nutrition, diseases, scientists and the solar system.

The NCERT → PYQ Cycle

01

Read

NCERT concept

02

Recall

Explain simply

03

Practise

10–15 PYQs

04

Repair

Fix mistakes

Do not overcomplicate your resources

Start with school-level NCERT fundamentals and official NDA PYQs. PCM students can reuse relevant board preparation; non-PCM students should prioritise Classes 6–10 basics.



STATIC GK + CURRENT EVENTS

History, Geography & Current Affairs

Use timelines, maps and compact monthly notes to make facts easier to recall.

History / Polity and Geography: Two Revision Methods

History · ~20% of GK

- ☐ Freedom Movement sequence
- ☐ Leaders, acts, dates and outcomes
- ☐ Constitution and administration
- ☐ Major world revolutions

Write one **event** → **leader** → **cause** → **outcome** timeline for each major movement.

Geography · ~20% of GK

- ☐ Earth, atmosphere and winds
- ☐ Monsoons, oceans and climate
- ☐ Indian crops, resources and industries
- ☐ Rivers, ports and mineral belts

Mark rivers, passes, ports and resources on a blank map each week.

Current Affairs: The Six Monthly Note Buckets

Defence

Exercises, platforms, agreements, appointments.

India

Schemes, major events, institutions.

World

Summits, conflicts, organisations.

Science / Space

Missions, discoveries, technologies.

Sports

Tournaments, winners, venues.

Awards / People

Awards, authors and personalities.

Monthly Current Affairs Tracker

MONTH	NOTES	REVISED	MCQs
Oct 2026	_____	☐	☐
Nov 2026	_____	☐	☐
Dec 2026	_____	☐	☐
Jan 2027	_____	☐	☐
Feb 2027	_____	☐	☐
Mar 2027	_____	☐	☐

Current Affairs range

Covering roughly the 8–10 months before the April exam is a practical study recommendation, **not** an officially fixed UPSC time window.



NEGATIVE MARKING

Attempt Strategy & Score Calculator

Protect the marks you have earned: solve confidently and review your attempt decisions.

The Marking Rule You Must Know

SCORE =

$$(\text{Correct} \times 4) - (\text{Wrong} \times 4/3)$$

Blank/unattempted = 0 · one wrong answer costs about 1.33 marks

Correct

+4 marks

Incorrect

−1⅓ marks

Blank

0 marks

Worked Example from a Full GAT Mock

CORRECT	WRONG	BLANK	FINAL SCORE	ACCURACY
80	30	40	280 / 600	72.7%

Your Exam-Hall Attempt Checklist

- ☐ Decide English/GK order during mocks
- ☐ First solve questions you know confidently
- ☐ Mark doubtful questions to revisit
- ☐ Avoid reading too fast and missing "not"

- ☐ Eliminate options based on knowledge
- ☐ Use time left for questions marked earlier
- ☐ Leave fully uncertain questions if needed
- ☐ Check OMR bubbling against question numbers

What option elimination actually means

With four options, a completely blind guess has **zero expected marks** under +4/−4/3. Eliminating two wrong options improves the expected value, but this is a strategy—not an UPSC rule. Practise it in mocks.



TRACK THE TREND

Mock Test & Mistake Analysis Tracker

Your improvement is visible only when you record results, correct mistakes and test again.

My 10-Mock Score & Accuracy Log

Record all 150 questions: correct + wrong + blank must equal 150. Accuracy = correct ÷ attempted × 100.

MOCK / DATE	RIGHT	WRONG	BLANK	SCORE / 600	ACC. %
01 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
02 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
03 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
04 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
05 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
06 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
07 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
08 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
09 / ____	___	___	___	___	___
10 / ____	___	___	___	___	___

After Every Mock: Label the Reason for Mistakes

- ☐ Knowledge gap: topic not studied
- ☐ Recall gap: knew it, forgot it
- ☐ English rule/vocabulary unclear
- ☐ Current affairs fact not revised

- ☐ Question misread / careless error
- ☐ Could not eliminate close options
- ☐ Unsupported guess
- ☐ Time pressure / rushing

Next Score

___ / 600

Accuracy Target

___ %

Fix First

Retest rule

After every mock, choose **three repeat mistakes**, revise the underlying concepts, then reattempt similar PYQs within the week.



LAST 30 DAYS

Finish Strong: Final Revision Checklist

Use your last month for practice, targeted revision and exam-ready execution—not random new material.

The Final 30 Days – Four Weekly Priorities

W4

Find the leaks

Timed GAT mock, subject accuracy review, finish weak NCERT concepts.

W3

Repair and rehearse

PYQs for wrong topics, English daily, revise History/ Geography notes.

W2

Repeat under time

Timed mocks, option selection, OMR routine and mistake-log revision.

W1

Protect accuracy

Current Affairs recap, short drills, rest well and avoid heavy new topics.

Final GAT Readiness Checklist

- ☐ English rules + vocabulary revised
- ☐ Physics concepts and formulas revised
- ☐ Chemistry and Biology basics revised
- ☐ Freedom Movement timeline reviewed
- ☐ History / Constitution notes reviewed

- ☐ Geography maps and climate revised
- ☐ Monthly Current Affairs notes revised
- ☐ At least two recent NDA PYQs solved
- ☐ Mock errors reviewed and re-tested
- ☐ Exam-hall time and attempt strategy set

Ready to test your GAT preparation?

Take a timed mock and clear your preparation doubts with experts at Major Kalshi Classes.

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Official-source reminder

This educational planner uses the current NDA/GAT scheme and approximate GK proportions. Confirm the final NDA 1 2027 notification and any changes at upsc.gov.in.