

CDS 1 2026 Answer Key PDF of Maths, English and GK

The CDS 1 2026 Answer Key PDF for **Mathematics, English, and General Knowledge (GK)** will help candidates evaluate their performance soon after the exam is conducted by the [Union Public Service Commission \(UPSC\)](#).

What Is The CDS 1 Answer Key 2026?

After the completion of the **CDS 1 2026 exam**, [unofficial answer keys](#) along with solved question papers (Set A, B, C, D) will be released to help aspirants calculate their expected scores quickly and accurately.

The answer key PDF will contain section-wise solutions for:

- **Mathematics** – Detailed step-by-step solutions for numerical and formula-based questions.
- **English** – Correct answers with explanations for grammar, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- **General Knowledge (GK)** – Accurate answers covering History, Polity, Geography, Science, and Current Affairs.

UPSC CDS 1 2026 Answer Key: Exam Overview

The [CDS 1 2026 Exam](#) is conducted by the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** for recruitment into IMA, INA, AFA, and OTA. Below is the detailed exam overview in table format.

Particulars	Detail
Exam Name	Combined Defence Services Examination (CDS) 1 2026
Conducting Body	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Subjects	Mathematics and GAT
Negative Marking	Mathematics: -0.33 GAT: -1.33
Correct Answers	Mathematics: +1 GAT: +1
Exam Mode	Pen & Paper-Based mode
Application Fees	Rs. 100

Where Can I Find The CDS 1 2026 Answer Key PDF (Set-wise)?

Candidates looking for the [CDS 1 2026 Answer Key PDF \(set-wise\)](#) can download it from the official website of the Union Public Service Commission once it is released.

UPSC usually uploads the official answer key after the completion of the examination process on its website under the Answer Keys section.

Where Can I Download Set-wise Maths and GAT Question Papers

The official PDF question papers for all sets (A, B, C, D) are sometimes made available by UPSC under the **Question Papers** or **Answer Keys** section after the exam.

CDS Mathematics Answer Key PDF: All Sets

Unofficial answer keys from [MKC coaching institutes](#) will appear within hours, covering all sets (A, B, C, D) for the **CDS 1 Maths 2026 answer key** to help calculate scores.

Set A	Set B	Set C	Set D
Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon

CDS GAT Answer Key PDF: All Sets

The **unofficial CDS 1 GAT answer key for 2026** will be released by MKC within hours, covering all sets (A, B, C, and D).

Set A	Set B	Set C	Set D
Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon

CDS English Answer Key PDF: All Sets

After the CDS exam, the **CDS 1 2026 English Answer Key** for all sets will be released by MKC to evaluate the performance.

Set A	Set B	Set C	Set D
Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon	Releasing Soon

What Is The Eligibility Criteria for CDS 1 2026?

Below, we have mentioned the **eligibility criteria for the CDS examination 2026**:

Academy	Age Limit	Educational Qualification	Marital Status
Indian Military Academy (IMA)	19-24 Years	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University	Unmarried Male
Indian Naval Academy (INA)	19-24 Years	Engineering Degree	Unmarried Male
Air Force Academy (AFA)	20-24 Years	Bachelor's Degree with Physics & Maths at 10+2 Level or an Engineering degree	Unmarried Male (Below 25 Years)
Officers' Training Academy (OTA - Men)	19-25 Years	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University	Unmarried Male
Officers' Training Academy (OTA- Women)	19-25 Years	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University	Unmarried Female / Widow / Divorcee (No Remarriage)

What Is The Exam Pattern for CDS 1 2026?

Candidates appearing for the exam can check the **CDS exam pattern for 2026** below:

For IMA, INA & AFA

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
English	2 Hours	100 Marks
General Knowledge	2 Hours	100 Marks
Elementary Mathematics	2 Hours	100 Marks
Total		300 Marks

For OTA (Men & Women)

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
English	2 Hours	100 Marks
General Knowledge	2 Hours	100 Marks
Total		200 Marks

When Will The CDS 1 Admit Card 2026 Be Released?

The **CDS 1 Admit Card 2026** will be released before the exam. Expected in the third or last week of March 2026 (approx. 10-15 days before the exam).

Is There Any Update in the CDS 2026 Syllabus?

UPSC will release the syllabus along with the notification. While preparing for the exam, candidates must refer to the officially prescribed syllabus. Some important topics of the **CDS syllabus 2026** are given below:

Subject	Topics Covered
English	Spotting Errors, Sentence Improvement, Synonyms & Antonyms, One Word Substitution, Idioms & Phrases, Ordering of Words in a Sentence, Ordering of Sentences, Fill in the Blanks, Cloze Test, Comprehension Passage
General Knowledge (GK)	Current Affairs (National & International), History of India (Ancient, Medieval, Modern), Indian Polity & Constitution, Geography (India & World), Economics, General Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology), Defence & Military Awareness, Environmental Studies
Elementary Mathematics	Arithmetic (Number System, HCF & LCM, Percentage, Profit & Loss, Ratio & Proportion, Time & Work, Time & Distance), Algebra (Basic Operations, Simple Equations, Quadratic Equations), Trigonometry (Ratios, Identities, Heights & Distances), Geometry (Lines, Angles, Triangles, Circles), Mensuration (Areas & Volumes), Statistics (Mean, Median, Mode), Data Interpretation

What are The CDS 1 2026 Exam Preparation Tips?

Preparations can be made in the right way by following the beneficial **CDS 1 2026 preparation tips & strategy**:

The main step for every exam preparation is to follow the right syllabus & exam pattern.

- Prepare a suitable timetable and give time to every subject.
- Practice mock tests every day to analyze your performance.
- Solve previous year question papers & sample papers & follow the good study materials.
- Make short notes on important topics and revise them later.
- Take care of your health and diet, and get proper sleep of around 6 to 7 hours daily.

Frequently Asked Question

1. Can I challenge the CDS 1 2026 answer key if there are mistakes?

UPSC generally does not provide a formal window to challenge the CDS official answer key, but objections to the question paper can be raised during the designated period on the official portal if the facility is available.

2. Where else can I find the CDS 1 2026 answer key unofficially?

Coaching institutes like Major Kalshi Classes release their own unofficial CDS 1 2026 answer keys (for GAT and Maths) online on their websites soon after the exam.

3. When will the CDS 1 2026 answer key be released?

The unofficial CDS 1 2026 answer keys from coaching institutes are released immediately after the exam, and the official UPSC CDS answer key will be published later.

4. How do I use the CDS 1 2026 answer key to calculate my score?

To estimate your marks, count correct answers and apply the CDS marking scheme: +1 for correct math and +1 for correct GAT, with negative marking applied for wrong answers based on the exam scheme.

5. How can I download the CDS 1 2026 answer key?

Candidates can download the CDS 1 2026 answer key PDF from the UPSC official website under the "Answer Keys" section once it's released, selecting the correct set code of the exam paper.