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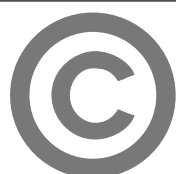
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Tips to Crack NDA in the First Attempt

The NDA Exam is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission or UPSC for candidates who want to join Army, Navy & Airforce Wing of National Defence Academy/Naval Academy, NDA is recognised as one of the reputed National level Examinations in India. Cracking the NDA/NA Exam in the very first attempt, given the difficulty level, can be a laborious task but is quite attainable if done diligently as well as smartly. Here are some tips that you must follow by heart to crack the exam in the very first attempt:

1 Think Right

Calming yourself and thinking positive is the first and the best course of action that one is required to take. Think and believe that the exam goal is achievable if worked upon smartly.

2

Start studying from the beginning

All the aspirants are aware of how vast, comprehensive and detailed the syllabus of the NDA exam is. To crack the exam in the first attempt you have to start preparing for the exam from the beginning of your 12th class. It is only then that you will be able to complete the entire syllabus. Following this approach will also allow you plenty of time to revise.

3

Respect the syllabus and arrange the materials accordingly

While preparing for the NDA exam nothing can be labelled as less important. Questions can come from the most unexpected topics too. Laying down your whole syllabus in front of you will help you to decide on the study material you require.

4

Get the right tools and study material

Gathering and preparing from the appropriate study material is something you cannot be ignorant towards. You can refer to Oswaal Books NDA/NA Chapter-wise & Topic-wise Solved Papers along with Question Banks to enhance your preparation. Both the reference books are on the lines of the current syllabus and can be entrusted upon before the examination.

5

Schedule total time for each subject

Creating a schedule which gives due time to all the subjects is a must. Giving proper time to all the subjects daily will help you cover the syllabus on time, giving you enough time for revision.

6

Understand the concepts

No one can crack the NDA/NA exam just by mugging up all the concepts and topics. The syllabus of the exam is in-depth such that you need to understand every concept.

7

Practice a lot of Sample Papers

NDA/NA Chapter-wise & Topic-wise Solved papers will not only help you in understanding the examination pattern, but they will also help you in figuring out the questions that come up every year and this might give you an edge over other students. You can refer to Oswaal NDA/NA 12 Solved Papers, as they include all the typologies of Questions asked in the Examination Previous Years Papers with solution, Mind Maps, etc. Referring to various sample papers might also help you in comprehending the areas which require more work.

8

Revise whenever you get time

Make sure you revise as much as possible. The revision will help you in keeping the concepts fresh in your mind.

9

Analysing your performance

While you are solving papers, make sure you keep a track of time i.e. how much time does it take to solve one section or one question? Make a report of the sections and type of questions which take minimum and maximum time.

PREFACE

Welcome to the world of National Defence Academy (NDA), one of the most prestigious military academies in the world. Aspiring to join the NDA and serve your country is a noble and challenging endeavour, and cracking the NDA entrance examination is the first step towards achieving that dream.

This book, “NDA/NA Chapter-wise & Topic-wise Solved Papers - English,” is designed to help you in your preparation for the NDA entrance examination. It is a Comprehensive Question Bank with Conceptual Revision Notes & detailed solutions are provided in a step-by-step manner, making it easier for you to understand the concepts and techniques required to solve the questions accurately and efficiently.

Some benefits of studying from Oswaal NDA-NA Solved papers are:

- **100% updated** with Fully Solved April & September 2023 Papers.
- **Extensive Practice** with more than 800 Questions & 2 Sample Question Papers.
- **Concept Clarity** with Concept based Revision notes & Mind Maps.
- **Valuable Exam Insights** with Tips to crack NDA/NA Exam in the first attempt.
- **100% Exam Readiness** with 5 Years’ Chapter-wise Trend Analysis.

This book has been developed with the highest editorial standards, keeping in mind the rigor and meticulousness required of an exam resource catering to NDA/NA. The features of the book make it a must-have for anyone preparing for NDA/NA 2023-24. We hope it will help students to supplement their NDA/NA preparation strategy and secure a high rank.

We wish the readers great success ahead!

All the Best!

NDA/NA Syllabus- English

The question paper in English will be designed to test the candidate's understanding of English. The syllabus covers various aspects like as given below:

Topic	No. of Questions	Marks
Spotting Errors	5	20
Comprehension	6	24
Selecting Words	10	40
Ordering of Words in a Sentence	9	36
Sentence Improvement	10	40
Antonyms	5	20
Synonyms	5	20
Total	50	200



NDA vs CDS: Know All the Similarities & Differences

The National Defence Academy (NDA) and the Combined Defence Services (CDS) Exams are gateways to the Indian Armed Forces. Though both the exams are conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, i.e. UPSC, there are many similarities and differences in the recruitment, training, salary, perks and promotion opportunities, etc.

For those who are planning to join Indian Army, Navy or Air Force, it is essential to know the differences and similarities in NDA and CDS. The similarities are given below:

Parameter	NDA	CDS
Age	16.5-19.5 Years	19-25 Years
Eligibility	Men only	Men & Women
Educational Qualification	10+2	Degree
Scheme of Examination	Written + SSB	Written + SSB
Frequency of the Exam	Twice/Year	Twice/Year
Duration of Training	4-4.5 Years 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 Yr. at IMA (For Army cadets) 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 Yr. at Naval Academy (For Naval cadets)/ 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 & 1/2 Yrs. at AFA Hyderabad (For AF cadets)	18 months for IMA Cadets 37-40 months for Navy Officers 74 months for Air Force Officers
Training Centres	National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune Indian Military Academy, Dehradun Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala Indian Air Force Academy, Hyderabad	Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun for Army Cadets Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala for Navy Cadets Indian Air Force Academy, Hyderabad for Air Force Officers Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai
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Lieutenant	On Commission	On Commission
Captain	02 Years	02 Years
Major	06 years	06 years
Lieutenant Colonel	13 years	13 years
Colonel(Selection)	15 years	15 years
Colonel (Time Scale)	26 years	26 years
Brigadier	On Selection	23 years
Major General	On Selection	25 years
Lieutenant General	On Selection	28 years
General	On Selection	No restrictions

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Scheme of Examination

1. The subjects of the written examination, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject will be as follows:—

Subject	Code	Duration	Maximum Marks
Mathematics	01	2½ Hours	300
General Ability Test	02	2½ Hours	600
Total			900
SSB Test/Interview:			900

2. THE PAPERS IN ALL THE SUBJECTS WILL CONSIST OF OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS ONLY. THE QUESTION PAPERS (TEST BOOKLETS) OF MATHEMATICS AND PART “B” OF GENERAL ABILITY TEST WILL BE SET BILINGUALLY IN HINDI AS WELL AS ENGLISH.

3. In the question papers, wherever necessary, questions involving the metric system of Weights and Measures only will be set.

4. Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write answers for them.

5. The Commission have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects at the examination.

6. The candidates are not permitted to use calculator or Mathematical or logarithmic table for answering objective type papers (Test Booklets). They should not therefore, bring the same inside the Examination Hall.

Height and Weight Standards

For Female Candidates joining NDA (Army):

Age (yrs)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20 yrs	Age: 20 + 01 day - 30 yrs	Age : 30 + 01 Day - 40 yrs	Age: Above 40 yrs
Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)
140	35.3	43.1	45.1	47.0	49.0
141	35.8	43.7	45.7	47.7	49.7
142	36.3	44.4	46.4	48.4	50.4
143	36.8	45.0	47.0	49.1	51.1
144	37.3	45.6	47.7	49.8	51.8
145	37.8	46.3	48.4	50.5	52.6
146	38.4	46.9	49.0	51.2	53.3
147	38.9	47.5	49.7	51.9	54.0
148	39.4	48.2	50.4	52.6	54.8
149	40.0	48.8	51.1	53.3	55.5
150	40.5	49.5	51.8	54.0	56.3
151	41.0	50.2	52.4	54.7	57.0
152	41.6	50.8	53.1	55.4	57.8
153	42.1	51.5	53.8	56.2	58.5
154	42.7	52.2	54.5	56.9	59.3
155	43.2	52.9	55.3	57.7	60.1
156	43.8	53.5	56.0	58.4	60.8
157	44.4	54.2	56.7	59.2	61.6
158	44.9	54.9	57.4	59.9	62.4
159	45.5	55.6	58.1	60.7	63.2
160	46.1	56.3	58.9	61.4	64.0
161	46.7	57.0	59.6	62.2	64.8
162	47.2	57.7	60.4	63.0	65.6
163	47.8	58.5	61.1	63.8	66.4

For Male Candidates joining NDA (Army):

Height requirement varies as per the stream of entry. Weight should be proportionate to height as per the chart given below:-

Age (yrs)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20 yrs	Age: 20 + 01 day - 30 yrs	Age : 30 + 01 Day - 40 yrs	Age: Above 40 yrs
Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)
140	35.3	43.1	45.1	47.0	49.0
141	35.8	43.7	45.7	47.7	49.7
142	36.3	44.4	46.4	48.4	50.4
143	36.8	45.0	47.0	49.1	51.1
144	37.3	45.6	47.7	49.8	51.8
145	37.8	46.3	48.4	50.5	52.6
146	38.4	46.9	49.0	51.2	53.3
147	38.9	47.5	49.7	51.9	54.0
148	39.4	48.2	50.4	52.6	54.8
149	40.0	48.8	51.1	53.3	55.5
150	40.5	49.5	51.8	54.0	56.3
151	41.0	50.2	52.4	54.7	57.0
152	41.6	50.8	53.1	55.4	57.8
153	42.1	51.5	53.8	56.2	58.5
154	42.7	52.2	54.5	56.9	59.3
155	43.2	52.9	55.3	57.7	60.1
156	43.8	53.5	56.0	58.4	60.8
157	44.4	54.2	56.7	59.2	61.6
158	44.9	54.9	57.4	59.9	62.4
159	45.5	55.6	58.1	60.7	63.2
160	46.1	56.3	58.9	61.4	64.0
161	46.7	57.0	59.6	62.2	64.8
162	47.2	57.7	60.4	63.0	65.6
163	47.8	58.5	61.1	63.8	66.4
164	48.4	59.2	61.9	64.6	67.2
165	49.0	59.9	62.6	65.3	68.1
166	49.6	60.6	63.4	66.1	68.9
167	50.2	61.4	64.1	66.9	69.7
168	50.8	62.1	64.9	67.7	70.6
169	51.4	62.8	65.7	68.5	71.4
170	52.0	63.6	66.5	69.4	72.3
171	52.6	64.3	67.3	70.2	73.1
172	53.3	65.1	68.0	71.0	74.0

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Age (yrs)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20 yrs	Age: 20 + 01 day - 30 yrs	Age : 30 + 01 Day - 40 yrs	Age: Above 40 yrs
Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)	Weight (kg)
173	53.9	65.8	68.8	71.8	74.8
174	54.5	66.6	69.6	72.7	75.7
175	55.1	67.4	70.4	73.5	76.6
176	55.8	68.1	71.2	74.3	77.4
177	56.4	68.9	72.1	75.2	78.3
178	57.0	69.7	72.9	76.0	79.2
179	57.7	70.5	73.7	76.9	80.1
180	58.3	71.3	74.5	77.8	81.0
181	59.0	72.1	75.4	78.6	81.9
182	59.6	72.9	76.2	79.5	82.8
183	60.3	73.7	77.0	80.4	83.7
184	60.9	74.5	77.9	81.3	84.6
185	61.6	75.3	78.7	82.1	85.6
186	62.3	76.1	79.6	83.0	86.5
187	62.9	76.9	80.4	83.9	87.4
188	63.6	77.8	81.3	84.8	88.4
189	64.3	78.6	82.2	85.7	89.3
190	65.0	79.4	83.0	86.6	90.3
191	65.7	80.3	83.9	87.6	91.2
192	66.4	81.1	84.8	88.5	92.2
193	67.0	81.9	85.7	89.4	93.1
194	67.7	82.8	86.6	90.3	94.1
195	68.4	83.7	87.5	91.3	95.1
196	69.1	84.5	88.4	92.2	96.0
197	69.9	85.4	89.3	93.1	97.0
198	70.6	86.2	90.2	94.1	98.0
199	71.3	87.1	91.1	95.0	99.0
200	72.0	88.0	92.0	96.0	100.0
201	72.7	88.9	92.9	97.0	101.0
202	73.4	89.8	93.8	97.9	102.0
203	74.2	90.7	94.8	98.9	103.0
204	74.9	91.6	95.7	99.9	104.0
205	75.6	92.5	96.7	100.9	105.1
206	76.4	93.4	97.6	101.8	106.1
207	77.1	94.3	98.6	102.8	107.1
208	77.9	95.2	99.5	103.8	108.2
209	78.6	96.1	100.5	104.8	109.2
210	79.4	97.0	101.4	105.8	110.3

Certain standards vary depending on age and type entry viz stds for vision as follows:-

Parameter	Standards : 10+2 entries, NDA(Army), TES and equivalent	Graduate & equivalent entries: CDSE, IMA, OTA, UES, NCC,TGC & equivalent	Post graduate & equivalent entries: JAG, AEC, APS, RVC,TA, AMC, ADC, SL & equivalent
Uncorrected vision (max allowed)	6/36 & 6/36	6/60 & 6/60	3/60 & 3/60
BCVA	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6
Myopia	< -2.5 D Sph (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)	< -3.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)	< -5.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)
Hypermetropia	< +2.5 D Sph, (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)	< +3.50 DSph (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)	< +3.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism \leq +/- 2.0 D Cyl)
Lasik/equivalent surgery	Not permitted	Permitted*	Permitted*
Colour perception	CP-II	CP-II	CP-II

Trend Analysis from (2023-2019)

Units No.	Chapter Name		Number of Question (s) in						
		2023	2022		2021		2020	2019	
		I	I	II	I	II	I	I	II
1.	Spotting Errors	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10
2.	Comprehension	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	5
3.	Selecting Words	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4.	Ordering of words in a Sentence	10	11	10	–	10	10	5	5
5.	Sentence Improvement	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
6.	Antonyms	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
7.	Synonyms	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
8.	Vocabulary	10	10	10	10	10	–	5	5
9.	Fill in the Blanks	–	–	–	10	–	10	5	5
10.	Cloze Comprehension	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	Total	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50

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Naval Academy**ENGLISH****I****QUESTION PAPER
2023****Time Allowed : 40 minutes****Max. Marks : 200****Instructions**

1. This Test Booklet contains **50** items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
2. You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.
3. All items carry equal marks.
4. **Penalty for wrong answers :**
THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
 - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
 - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
 - (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

Spotting Errors

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part. Indicate your response in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

1. Over long periods of time, layers of sediments
a b
builds up to a height of a few kilometers.
c
No Error
d
2. When a gas is cooled down it turns into a liquid
a b
from a process called condensation. No Error
c d
3. If you want to know the news you can read a
a b c
newspaper. No Error
d
4. Columbus made his first voyage from Europe
a b
to America on 1492. No Error
c d
5. Whenever the sky is clear, you can see the stars
a b
in the night. No Error
c d
6. I'm not working tomorrow, so I don't had to
a b
get up early. No Error
c d
7. She didn't tell anybody about her plans.
a b c
No Error
d
8. She wouldn't have has an accident, if she had
a b
driven carefully. No Error
c d
9. I will watch film if I finish the work in time.
a b c
No Error
d
10. In 1989, the government did an about-face and
a b
Iran restored it's family planning program.
c
No Error
d

Synonyms

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options, (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. During the pandemic the indigent people had to suffer a lot.
(a) very poor (b) opulent
(c) solvent (d) prosperous
12. She had no idea what made him angry in one minute and jovial the next.
(a) aggrieved (b) melancholic
(c) doleful (d) mirthful
13. It is sheer lunacy to drive a car in this frosty weather.
(a) prudence (b) normalcy
(c) insanity (d) sanity
14. Operating on a child with cancer needs meticulous planning and teamwork.
(a) strong (b) long
(c) playful (d) scrupulous
15. The thrill of over-speeding the vehicle can be exhilarating, but it is important not to take the consequences lightly.
(a) humdrum (b) dreary
(c) exciting (d) agitating
16. The redemption will now depend on his new strategy of inclusiveness.
(a) retrieval (b) forfeiture
(c) corporation (d) desecration
17. Only three candidates are now in contention for the title.
(a) involved in dispute
(b) in agreement with each other
(c) chance of winning
(d) amiable to each other
18. All my fishing paraphernalia is in the car.
(a) boxes (b) accessories
(c) fuel (d) food
19. The public watched in astonishment as he took a sudden jump from the bridge.
(a) anticipation (b) hurriedly
(c) wonderment (d) calmness
20. Drinking inordinate amount of liquor is not good for health.
(a) temperate (b) exorbitant
(c) moderate (d) regular

Ordering of Words in a Sentence

Directions : Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence correctly and mark your response accordingly.

21. because I feel you remember it better when
P Q
you write something, I make at least three
R S
drafts of a song
The correct sequence should be :
(a) SPRQ (b) RQPS
(c) QRSP (d) PRSQ
22. for hours in the shop a gunman who held
P Q
a hostage demanded ransom of ₹ 10 lakh
R S
The correct sequence should be :
(a) SPRQ (b) RQPS
(c) QRPS (d) PRSQ
23. living in Russia country immediately
P Q
Ukraine has urged its citizens to leave the
R S
The correct sequence should be :
(a) SPRQ (b) RPSQ
(c) RSQP (d) PRSQ
24. ripping roofs off houses and raising fears of
P
coast of Madagascar in the early hours,
Q
cyclone Emnati crashed into the southeastern
R
flooding and food shortages in the region
S
The correct sequence should be :
(a) SPRQ (b) RPSQ
(c) RQPS (d) PRSQ
25. ecology is protected and aquatic life thrives
P
we need to utilize the resources of water
Q
for different purposes while ensuring that its
R S
natural

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ (b) RQPS
(c) QRSP (d) PRSQ

26. very difficult the poor visibility made the

P Q
movement of traffic due to fog
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ (b) RQPS
(c) QRPS (d) QSRP

27. avenues for the patients to indict but rarely is

P Q
it the other way round there are multiple legal
R S
the doctors

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ (b) RPSQ
(c) QRPS (d) QSRP

28. flight, and each person her own journey

P Q
life is a solo makes his or
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ (b) RPQS
(c) RPSQ (d) PQRS

29. made it evolve technologies and equipment

P Q
has into a rare centre of excellence adoption of
R
the latest
S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) PQRS (b) RPQS
(c) SQPR (d) QSRP

30. please mark the same be made in response to

P Q
this notice if you have any complaint to the
R
concerned authority
S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) PQRS (b) RPQS
(c) SQPR (d) RQPS

Antonyms

Directions : Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options, (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

31. The parental support can fortify a child's learning.

- (a) weaken (b) encourage
(c) brace (d) strengthen

32. Now we can have another dazzling thought, as an outcome of my brilliant research!

- (a) splendid (b) murky
(c) dazing (d) fulgent

33. The group held some clandestine meetings to resolve the matter.

- (a) secret (b) covert
(c) sneaky (d) public

34. In the winters, the countryside view is bleak and the house is drafty.

- (a) cheerless (b) verdant
(c) desolate (d) bare

35. Amid commotion the leader and his supporters remained passive.

- (a) quietude (b) uproar
(c) tempest (d) stir

36. He had the audacity to blame him.

- (a) boldness (b) vigour
(c) temerity (d) politeness

37. They are making plans for the abatement of the nuisance within a specified time.

- (a) subsidence (b) ebbing
(c) accumulation (d) mitigation

38. There is exponential growth in the development of the scientific researches in the recent few decades.

- (a) aggressive (b) rampant
(c) meager (d) augmented

39. He was known for his sagacity.

- (a) prudence (b) wisdom
(c) ignorance (d) sapience

40. The river Ganges culminates in the Bay of Bengal.

- (a) concludes (b) flows
(c) originates (d) merges