

CDS 2 2026 • ENGLISH ANSWER KEY

Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2026 — All Sets A, B, C & D

Exam Date: 13 September 2026 (Sunday) | Shift: 09:00–11:00 hrs | Paper Code: 11 | 120 Questions • 100 Marks

MARKING SCHEME

Correct: +5/6 mark (0.833)
Wrong: -1/3 of 5/6 (-0.278)
Unattempted: 0

HOW TO USE THIS KEY

Identify your booklet set
(A / B / C / D) printed on the
question paper. Match Q. Nos.

SCORE FORMULA

Score = (Correct × 5/6)
– (Wrong × 5/18)
OTA candidates: English + GK only

ANSWER KEY — QUESTIONS 1 TO 80

Q.	SET A	SET B	SET C	SET D
1	A	B	C	A
2	B	B	B	D
3	D	B	D	B
4	C	B	B	C
5	A	B	D	A
6	A	C	A	B
7	B	C	B	A
8	C	A	B	C
9	D	C	A	D
10	A	B	C	C
11	B	A	D	C
12	B	B	B	A
13	A	D	B	C
14	D	D	C	C
15	B	C	A	A
16	C	A	B	C
17	B	A	C	C
18	A	B	C	D
19	C	C	B	A
20	A	D	D	D
21	A	C	B	A
22	C	B	B	B
23	B	D	B	D
24	D	B	B	C
25	D	D	B	A
26	A	A	C	A
27	B	B	C	B

Q.	SET A	SET B	SET C	SET D
28	D	B	A	C
29	A	A	C	D
30	A	C	B	A
31	B	D	A	B
32	D	B	B	B
33	B	B	D	A
34	A	C	D	D
35	C	A	C	B
36	A	B	A	C
37	A	C	A	B
38	B	C	B	A
39	D	B	C	C
40	A	D	D	A
41	B	D	A	C
42	B	B	C	B
43	B	A	B	D
44	B	C	D	B
45	B	B	D	D
46	C	B	A	A
47	C	C	B	B
48	A	D	D	B
49	C	C	A	A
50	B	D	A	C
51	A	B	B	D
52	B	A	D	B
53	D	D	B	B
54	D	B	A	C

Q.	SET A	SET B	SET C	SET D
55	C	B	C	A
56	A	B	A	B
57	A	C	A	C
58	B	B	B	C
59	C	B	D	B
60	D	B	A	D
61	D	A	A	A
62	B	D	B	C
63	A	B	D	B
64	C	C	C	D
65	B	A	A	D
66	B	B	A	A
67	C	A	B	B
68	D	C	C	D
69	C	D	D	A
70	D	C	A	A
71	B	C	B	B
72	A	A	B	D
73	D	C	A	B
74	B	C	D	A
75	B	A	B	C
76	B	C	C	A
77	C	C	B	A
78	B	D	A	B
79	B	A	C	D
80	B	D	A	A

ANSWER KEY — QUESTIONS 81 TO 120

Match the booklet series printed on your question paper with the corresponding SET column.

Q.	SET A	SET B	SET C	SET D
81	C	A	A	D
82	B	C	D	B
83	D	B	B	A
84	B	D	C	C
85	D	D	A	B
86	A	A	B	B
87	B	B	A	C
88	B	D	C	D
89	A	A	D	C
90	C	A	C	D
91	D	B	C	B
92	B	D	A	A
93	B	B	C	D
94	C	A	C	B
95	A	C	A	B
96	B	A	C	B
97	C	A	C	C
98	C	B	D	B
99	B	D	A	B
100	D	A	D	B

Q.	SET A	SET B	SET C	SET D
101	A	A	D	B
102	D	B	B	B
103	B	D	A	B
104	C	C	C	B
105	A	A	B	B
106	B	A	B	C
107	A	B	C	C
108	C	C	D	A
109	D	D	C	C
110	C	A	D	B
111	C	B	B	A
112	A	B	A	B
113	C	A	D	D
114	C	D	B	D
115	A	B	B	C
116	C	C	B	A
117	C	B	C	A
118	D	A	B	B
119	A	C	B	C
120	D	A	B	D

Paper Snapshot — CDS 2 2026 English

- Standard CDS English pattern: 120 objective items covering spotting errors, sentence improvement, fill in the blanks, synonyms/antonyms, idioms & phrases, ordering of words/sentences, cloze, and reading comprehension.
- Use this key only after confirming your SET code. Do not mix columns across booklet series.
- Keep a running tally of attempted, correct and incorrect responses before applying the marking formula given on page 1.
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