

CDS 2 2026 • ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS

Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2026 — Set A only

Exam Date: 13 September 2026 (Sunday) | Shift: 16:00–18:00 hrs | Paper Code: 13 | 100 Questions • 100 Marks

MARKING SCHEME

Correct: +1 mark
Wrong: –1/3 mark (–0.333)
Unattempted: 0

BOOKLET DETAILS

Test Booklet Series: A
T.B.C.: BFVS-T-TME
Worked from official UPSC QP

SCORE FORMULA

Score = (Correct × 1)
– (Wrong × 1/3)
OTA candidates do not sit Maths

ANSWER KEY — QUESTIONS 1 TO 100 (SET A)

Q.	SET A	Q.	SET A	Q.	SET A	Q.	SET A
1	B	26	C	51	D	76	B
2	A	27	D	52	B	77	C
3	A	28	D	53	C	78	C
4	C	29	B	54	B	79	B
5	C	30	A	55	A	80	B
6	D	31	D	56	D	81	B
7	C	32	A	57	B	82	B
8	C	33	A	58	D	83	A
9	B	34	C	59	B	84	C
10	D	35	C	60	C	85	C
11	D	36	B	61	D	86	A
12	C	37	C	62	C	87	B
13	C	38	D	63	D	88	C
14	A	39	A	64	D	89	B
15	A	40	A	65	B	90	D
16	C	41	D	66	A	91	B
17	D	42	C	67	A	92	C
18	B	43	A	68	C	93	B
19	C	44	D	69	C	94	C
20	C	45	C	70	B	95	B
21	D	46	B	71	B	96	A
22	B	47	B	72	A	97	D
23	A	48	A	73	B	98	B
24	A	49	B	74	B	99	D
25	D	50	C	75	A	100	C

NOTES ON SET A — ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS

Worked independently from the official UPSC question paper (Booklet Series A).

- This key covers Booklet Series A only (T.B.C. BFVS-T-TME). Sets B, C and D use a different question order and are not mapped here.
- CDS Elementary Mathematics carries 100 questions for 100 marks. Each correct response earns 1 mark; each incorrect response attracts a penalty of 1/3 mark.
- The paper mixes arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, geometry, mensuration, statistics and data-sufficiency items. A few geometry clusters (Q.81–90) are multi-item sets sharing a figure description.
- Q.22 admits two even-integer root pairs for $p = 2$ (roots 4, 16) and $p = 4$ (roots 4, 6). Option B ($p = 2$) is listed; treat as under review until the official UPSC key.
- Data-sufficiency: Q.61, Q.63 and Q.64 close from identities alone ($d_1^2 + d_2^2 = 4a^2$; $AD^2 = BD \times CD$; cyclic quad fixed by four sides). Q.62 needs both statements.
- Candidates for IMA / INA / AFA must add this paper to English and GK. OTA candidates do not appear for Elementary Mathematics.
- For expected cut-off discussion and full solutions, visit www.ssbcrackexams.com. The official key will be issued later at upsc.gov.in.

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Answers are derived by solving the published UPSC items. They are not issued by UPSC and a small number of items may be revised after expert review.

Candidates must treat the official UPSC answer key on upsc.gov.in as final for score calculation and objections.

Negative marking applies. An estimated score is not a guarantee of qualification. Cut-offs vary by academy (IMA / INA / AFA).

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