CDS Free Study Notes

Combined Defence Services Examination — conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Prepared by PracticeMockTest (practicemocks.in). Always confirm details in the official notification.

Exam pattern

Pattern: Stages, marks, timing and negative marking are set in each cycle's official notification — check it before you start.

Syllabus checklist

- ☐ English
- ☐ General Knowledge
- ☐ Elementary Mathematics

Study plan tips

1. Read the official notification first and note eligibility, dates and the exact pattern.
2. Split the syllabus into weekly targets; finish each topic with 20–30 practice questions.
3. Take one full timed mock test every week, then review every wrong answer.
4. Keep a one-page formula/fact sheet per subject and revise it daily.
5. In the last month, focus on mocks, revision and previous-year papers from the official site.

Practice questions with solutions

1. HCF of 24 and 36:
A. 6 B. 8 C. 12 D. 18

Answer: C. $24 = 2^3 \times 3$, $36 = 2^2 \times 3^2$. HCF $= 2^2 \times 3 = 12$.

2. Indian Military Academy is in:
A. Pune B. Dehradun C. Chennai D. Hyderabad

Answer: B. IMA is located in Dehradun.

3. Meaning of the idiom 'break the ice':
A. Start a conversation B. Cause damage C. Feel cold D. Win a fight

Answer: A. It means easing tension to start talking.

4. Sum of angles in a triangle:
A. 90° B. 180° C. 270° D. 360°

Answer: B. Interior angles of any triangle sum to 180°.

5. Highest peacetime gallantry award in India:
A. Param Vir Chakra B. Ashoka Chakra C. Kirti Chakra D. Vir Chakra

Answer: B. Ashoka Chakra is the highest peacetime gallantry award.

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