

EXAM SYLLABUS

BSF Constable and Head Constable Syllabus 2026

7 subjects · 128 topics · 120 min · 100 marks

BSF Constable and Head Constable Syllabus 2026: Get detailed syllabus for General Knowledge, Reasoning, Maths, English/Hindi, and Computer Knowledge. Includes important topics and recommended books.

WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Start with General Knowledge and Reasoning, as these sections are common across most BSF posts and carry significant weightage. Focus on understanding fundamental concepts first. Utilize NCERT books for GK and a standard reasoning book for practice. After building a strong base, move to Numerical Ability and English/Hindi, dedicating more time to topics that have appeared frequently in previous exams or are indicated as high-weightage.

EXAM PATTERN

120 min · 100 questions · 100 marks · MCQ / Objective

BSF Constable Tradesman Written Exam

Marking: Each correct answer carries 1 mark. Qualifying marks are 35% for General/OBC and 33% for SC/ST candidates.

Negative: No negative marking mentioned in sources.

General Awareness

25 Q · 25 marks · 120 min

MCQ

Mathematics

25 Q · 25 marks · 120 min

MCQ

Analytical Aptitude

25 Q · 25 marks · 120 min

MCQ

English/Hindi Language

25 Q · 25 marks · 120 min

MCQ

- Selection process includes Physical Test, Written Exam, Trade Test, and Document Verification.
- Written exam is computer-based (CBT) for some posts like HC (Ministerial).
- Qualifying marks are set at 35% for General/OBC and 33% for SC/ST.
- Specific posts may have additional skill/typing tests.
- Exam duration for Tradesman written exam is 2 hours (120 minutes).

SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

01 General Intelligence and Reasoning

24 topics · 20-25%

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- RS Aggarwal - A Modern Approach to Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning
- NCERT Books for foundational concepts

- 1 Semantic Analogy
- 2 Symbolic operations
- 3 Symbolic/Number Analogy
- 4 Trends
- 5 Figural Analogy
- 6 Space Orientation
- 7 Semantic Classification
- 8 Venn diagram
- 9 Symbolic/Number Classification
- 10 Drawing inferences
- 11 Figural Classification
- 12 Punched hole/pattern folding & unfolding
- 13 Semantic Series
- 14 Figural Pattern folding
- 15 Number Series
- 16 Embedded figures
- 17 Figural Series
- 18 Critical Thinking
- 19 Problem Solving
- 20 Emotional Intelligence
- 21 Word Building
- 22 Social Intelligence
- 23 Coding & Decoding
- 24 Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning

02 General Knowledge & General Awareness

17 topics · 20-25%

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Lucent's General Knowledge
- NCERT Books (Class 6-10)
- Newspapers (The Hindu, Indian Express)

- 1 Current Events
- 2 History
- 3 Geography
- 4 Indian Polity
- 5 Indian Economy

- 6 General Science
- 7 Famous Personalities
- 8 Important Places
- 9 Books & Authors
- 10 Important Days and Dates
- 11 Abbreviations
- 12 India and its neighbouring countries
- 13 Sports
- 14 Culture
- 15 Committees & Commissions
- 16 Appointments
- 17 Scientific Research

03 Numerical Ability / Elementary Mathematics

28 topics - 20-25%

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- RS Aggarwal - Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Examinations
- NCERT Maths Books (Class 8-10)

- 1 Number Systems
- 2 Computation of whole numbers
- 3 Decimal and Fractions
- 4 Relationship between numbers
- 5 Fundamental arithmetical operations
- 6 Percentage
- 7 Ratio and Proportion
- 8 Square roots
- 9 Averages
- 10 Interest (Simple and Compound)
- 11 Profit and Loss
- 12 Discount
- 13 Partnership Business
- 14 Mixture and Alligation
- 15 Time and distance
- 16 Time and work
- 17 Algebra
- 18 Geometry

- 19 Mensuration
- 20 Trigonometry
- 21 Statistical Analysis
- 22 Odd Man Out
- 23 Boats and Streams
- 24 Simple Equations
- 25 Quadratic Equations
- 26 Basic Geometry
- 27 Geometric Shapes and Figures
- 28 Statistical charts

04 English Language

18 topics · 20-25%

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- High School English Grammar and Composition by Wren & Martin
- Objective General English by S.P. Bakshi

- 1 Error spotting
- 2 Fill in the blanks
- 3 Synonyms/Homonyms & Antonyms
- 4 Spellings
- 5 Idioms & Phrases
- 6 One word substitution
- 7 Improvement of sentences
- 8 Active/Passive voice of verbs
- 9 Conversion into direct/indirect narration
- 10 Shuffling of Sentence parts
- 11 Cloze Passage
- 12 Comprehension Passage
- 13 Miscellaneous
- 14 Vocabulary
- 15 Sentence structure
- 16 Tenses
- 17 Types of Sentences
- 18 Use of Noun/Adjectives/Adverbs/Pronouns And Prepositions

05 Hindi Language

24 topics · 20-25%

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

— Samanya Hindi by Lucent

— Arihant Experts' High School Hindi Grammar & Composition

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06 Basic Computer Knowledge

10 topics · 10-15% (for specific posts like Head Constable Ministerial)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

— Objective Computer Knowledge & Literacy by Kiran Prakashan

— Arihant Experts' Objective Computer Knowledge

- 1 Basic computer fundamentals
- 2 History of Computers

- 3 Future of Computers
- 4 Operating Systems (Basics of Windows)
- 5 Computer Abbreviations
- 6 MS Office (Word and Excel)
- 7 Short keys
- 8 Computer Communication & Internet
- 9 Computer Networking basics
- 10 Input/Output Devices

07 Clerical Aptitude

7 topics · 10-15% (for specific posts like Head Constable Ministerial)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Objective Computer Knowledge & Literacy by Kiran Prakashan
- Clerical Aptitude Tests by Kiran Prakashan

- 1 Filing
- 2 Classification
- 3 Correspondence
- 4 Office Procedures
- 5 Data Analysis
- 6 Basic record keeping
- 7 Key Skills Required for the Job

7 subject(s), 128 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.