

EXAM SYLLABUS

CTET Syllabus 2026 for Paper 1 and Paper 2

2 subjects · 79 topics · 150 min · 150 marks

Complete CTET Syllabus 2026 for Paper 1 (Classes I-V) and Paper 2 (Classes VI-VIII). Includes exam pattern, weightage, important topics, and recommended books for effective preparation.

WHAT TO STUDY FIRST

Begin your CTET preparation by thoroughly understanding the syllabus and exam pattern for both Paper 1 and Paper 2. Prioritize Child Development and Pedagogy as it's a core subject with significant weightage and its concepts are applied across other sections. Following this, focus on Language I and II, then Mathematics/Science or Social Studies/EVS depending on the paper and your chosen specialization. Utilize NCERT books (Classes 1-8) as a primary resource, supplemented by standard reference books for in-depth understanding and practice.

EXAM PATTERN

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CTET Exam Pattern 2026 for Paper I (Classes I-V) and Paper II (Classes VI-VIII)

Marking: One mark (+1) is awarded for every correct answer. There is no negative marking for incorrect or unattempted questions.

Negative: No negative marking.

Paper I (For Classes I-V)

150 Q · 150 marks · 150 min

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

Paper II (For Classes VI-VIII)

150 Q · 150 marks · 150 min

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)

- Exam conducted in two papers: Paper I (for Classes I to V) and Paper II (for Classes VI to VIII).
- Candidates wishing to teach both levels must appear for both papers.
- Exam is conducted in offline mode (OMR-based).
- CTET certificate is valid for a lifetime.
- Available in 20 different languages across 132 cities.

SUBJECT-WISE SYLLABUS

01 Paper 1: Primary Stage (Classes I-V)

39 topics · 150 Marks

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- NCERT Books (Classes 1-5)
- CTET & TETs Child Development & Pedagogy (Paper I & II) by Arihant Experts
- CTET & TETs Mathematics & Pedagogy (Paper I) by Arihant Experts
- CTET & TETs EVS & Pedagogy by Arihant Experts
- CTET English & Pedagogy (Paper I & II) by Geeta Sahni / Pearson

- 1 Child Development: Concept and relationship with learning

- 2 Principles of child development
- 3 Influence of heredity and environment
- 4 Socialization processes
- 5 Piaget, Kohlberg, and Vygotsky: Constructs and critical perspectives
- 6 Child-centered and progressive education
- 7 Concepts of intelligence and multi-dimensional intelligence
- 8 Language and thought
- 9 Gender as a social construct
- 10 Individual differences among learners
- 11 Assessment methods and evaluation
- 12 Language I: Learning and acquisition
- 13 Principles of Language Teaching
- 14 Role of listening and speaking
- 15 Challenges of teaching language in a diverse classroom
- 16 Language Skills
- 17 Evaluating language comprehension and proficiency
- 18 Teaching-learning materials
- 19 Remedial Teaching
- 20 Language II: Same as Language I (different language)
- 21 Mathematics: Numbers
- 22 Number system
- 23 Fractions
- 24 Integers
- 25 Algebra
- 26 Ratio and proportion
- 27 Geometry
- 28 Shapes & Spatial Understanding
- 29 Solids around Us
- 30 Measurement (Length, Weight, Volume, Time)
- 31 Patterns
- 32 Data handling
- 33 Money
- 34 Pedagogical issues in Mathematics
- 35 Environmental Studies: Content topics
- 36 Family and Friends: Relationships, Work and Play, Animals and Plants
- 37 Food, Shelter, Water, Travel

- 38 Things We Make and Do
- 39 Pedagogical issues in EVS

02 Paper 2: Upper Primary Stage (Classes VI-VIII)

40 topics - 150 Marks

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- NCERT Books (Classes 6-8)
 - CTET & TETs Child Development & Pedagogy (Paper I & II) by Arihant Experts
 - CTET Success Master Maths & Science Paper II
 - Science for CTET and State TETs (Paper II) by Arihant
 - Social Science for CTET and State TETs (Paper II) by Arihant
- 1 Child Development and Pedagogy: Child Development (Elementary School Child)
 - 2 Concept of development and its relationship with learning
 - 3 Principles of child development
 - 4 Influence of heredity and environment
 - 5 Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
 - 6 Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: Constructs and critical perspectives
 - 7 Concepts of child-centered and progressive education
 - 8 Critical perspective of the construct of Intelligence
 - 9 Multi-Dimensional Intelligence
 - 10 Language & Thought
 - 11 Gender as a social construct; gender roles, gender-bias and educational practice
 - 12 Individual differences among learners
 - 13 Assessment for learning and assessment of learning
 - 14 School-Based Assessment, Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation
 - 15 Concept of Inclusive education and understanding children with special needs
 - 16 Addressing learners from diverse backgrounds
 - 17 Addressing the needs of children with learning difficulties, 'impairment'
 - 18 Addressing the Talented, Creative, Specially abled Learners
 - 19 Learning and Pedagogy: How children think and learn
 - 20 Basic processes of teaching and learning
 - 21 Cognition & Emotions
 - 22 Motivation and learning
 - 23 Factors contributing to learning - personal & environmental
 - 24 Language I: Same structure as Paper 1
 - 25 Language II: Same structure as Paper 1 (different language)
 - 26 Mathematics and Science (for Mathematics and Science teachers)

- 27 Mathematics: Number system, Integers, Fractions, Algebra, Ratio and proportion, Geometry, Mensuration, Data handling
 - 28 Science: Content topics (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
 - 29 Natural Phenomena, Natural Resources
 - 30 Pedagogical issues in Science
 - 31 Social Studies/Social Science (for Social Studies/Social Science teachers)
 - 32 Content topics (History, Geography, Political Science, Economics)
 - 33 Geography as a Social Study and as a Science
 - 34 Planet: Earth in the Solar System, Globe, Environment in its Totality
 - 35 Social and Political Life: Diversity, Government, Democracy
 - 36 Pedagogical issues in Social Studies/Social Science
 - 37 Concept & Nature of Social Science/Social Studies
 - 38 Class Room Processes, Activities, and Discourse
 - 39 Developing Critical Thinking
 - 40 Sources – Primary & Secondary
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2 subject(s), 79 topics listed above. Verify critical details with the official exam notification before applying.