

Indian Navy INET Syllabus 2026

Indian Navy — Indian Navy Entrance Test

Vacancies	Announced twice yearly for officer entries into Executive, Technical and Educational branches
Age Limit	Varies by entry scheme (typically 17–24 years, entry-specific — check the current notification)
Qualification	Class 12 pass with Physics & Mathematics (minimum eligibility for most entries); specific entries (Executive, Technical, Education) may require additional subject combinations or a relevant degree for direct-entry schemes
Application Fee	■200 (General/OBC candidates). Women and SC/ST candidates are typically exempted, per the standard tri-services fee structure.
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Overview

Indian Navy INET is the common entrance test for officer-cadre entry into the Navy's Executive, Technical and Educational branches, conducted twice a year and covering multiple entry schemes (permanent and short service commission) for both 10+2 and graduate-level candidates depending on the specific entry. Selection follows the familiar tri-services pattern — a written INET exam testing English, Reasoning, General Knowledge, and a combined Science/Mathematics section, followed by the multi-day SSB interview process and a final medical examination.

What's New in the 2026 Cycle

- Conducted twice yearly, with entry schemes spanning 10+2-level and graduate-level candidates depending on the specific branch and commission type.
- The written exam combines English, Reasoning & Numerical Ability, General Knowledge, and Science/Mathematics into a single test, differing slightly in emphasis based on the entry scheme.
- SSB process mirrors other tri-services officer entries — Screening (Stage I), then Psychology/GTO/Interview (Stage II) across 5 days.
- Final merit combines INET written score and SSB performance; medical standards are specific to naval service requirements.

Exam Pattern

INET Written Examination

Mode: Online, objective MCQ | Duration: 2 hours

Section	Questions	Marks
English	—	Qualifying

Reasoning & Numerical Ability	—	Qualifying
General Knowledge	—	Qualifying
Science & Mathematics	—	Qualifying

Negative marking: As per the current notification (verify against the official notice) | **Nature:** Merit-determining for shortlisting to the SSB interview.

SSB Interview (Stage I & Stage II)

Mode: Screening test, Psychological tests, GTO tasks, Personal Interview, Conference | Duration: 5 days

Section	Questions	Marks
Officer Potentiality Assessment	—	Qualifying

Negative marking: Not applicable | **Nature:** Counted for final merit alongside the INET written score.

Medical Examination

Mode: Medical fitness assessment by naval medical officers | Duration: —

Section	Questions	Marks
Medical fitness assessment (naval-specific standards)	—	Qualifying

Negative marking: Not applicable — qualifying (pass/fail) only | **Nature:** Mandatory for final selection.

Indian Navy INET — Detailed Subject-Wise Syllabus

English

Standard competitive-exam English — a reliable clearance section with consistent grammar practice.

- Grammar & usage
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Error detection & sentence correction

Reasoning & Numerical Ability

Pattern-based and highly practisable — regular timed drills yield fast, reliable improvement.

- Verbal & non-verbal reasoning
- Number series & coding-decoding
- Basic arithmetic & data interpretation

General Knowledge

Leans toward naval and defence-specific current affairs — follow this news category specifically.

- Current affairs — national & international, defence & naval news
- History, geography & culture
- Indian polity & economy basics
- General science awareness

Science & Mathematics

Weight and depth vary by entry scheme — confirm your specific entry's syllabus emphasis before deep revision.

- Physics — Class 11–12 level fundamentals
- Mathematics — algebra, trigonometry, geometry, calculus basics (entry-dependent)
- Basic chemistry awareness (entry-dependent)

SSB — Psychological & Group Testing

The real differentiator in INET selection — sustained mock practice over months matters more than last-minute preparation.

- Officer Intelligence Rating test (screening)
- Picture Perception & Discussion Test
- Thematic Apperception Test, Situation Reaction Test
- Group Discussion & Group Planning Exercise
- Command Task & Individual Obstacles
- Personal Interview & Conference

Selection Process

- 1 INET Written Examination.
- 2 SSB Interview — Screening (Stage I), then Psychological Tests, GTO tasks & Personal Interview (Stage II).
- 3 Medical Examination by naval medical officers.
- 4 Final merit list based on combined INET and SSB marks, subject to medical fitness.

Salary & Job Profile

Indian Navy officers commissioned through INET start at Pay Level 10 (■56,100 basic), the standard entry-level officer pay across the armed forces, plus Military Service Pay, Dearness Allowance and applicable naval service allowances.

Best Books for Preparation

- Pathfinder INET/Navy Entrance Guide — Arihant Experts
- NCERT Physics & Mathematics (Class 11–12)
- Objective General English — S.P. Bakshi (Arihant)
- Manorama Yearbook (for General Knowledge & current affairs)

Previous Cut-off Trends (Approximate)

INET written exam cut-offs vary by entry scheme, branch and recruitment cycle (there are two cycles per year), and SSB selection ratios are historically far more competitive than the written cut-off alone suggests. Always check the Navy's official cut-off/result release for the specific entry scheme.

Preparation Tips

- Revise Class 11–12 Physics and Maths systematically if targeting Technical-branch entries, since these carry real weight in the written exam.
- Follow naval and defence-specific current affairs closely, given the General Knowledge section's lean in that direction.
- Start SSB-specific preparation (group tasks, personal interview mock sessions) well before the written result — the 5-day process rewards sustained practice.
- Since INET runs twice a year, plan your preparation timeline around the specific cycle and entry scheme you're targeting.

Exam Day Guidelines

- Carry the Admit Card and a valid original photo ID to the exam centre.
- Only black ballpoint pens are typically permitted for objective answer sheets — carry spares.
- Arrive well before reporting time; gate-closing rules are strictly enforced for tri-services exams.
- For SSB, carry multiple passport-size photographs, original certificates and photocopies as specified in your call letter.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many times a year is INET conducted?

Twice — each cycle covers multiple entry schemes across the Executive, Technical and Educational branches, with separate notifications and SSB processes.

What is the SSB process after INET?

Shortlisted candidates undergo a 5-day SSB interview process — Screening (Stage I), then Psychological Tests, GTO tasks and Personal Interview (Stage II) — with final selection based on combined INET and SSB marks.

Does INET eligibility require Physics and Mathematics?

Most entries require Class 12 with Physics and Mathematics at minimum, though specific branches (Executive, Technical, Education) may have additional subject or degree requirements depending on the entry scheme.

Is there negative marking in the INET written exam?

This is specified in each notification and should be verified against the current official notice, since it can vary by cycle and entry scheme.