

# NDA 2026 Exam Day Instructions & Last-Minute Tips

The **NDA 2026 written examination** is not only a test of knowledge but also of **discipline, time management, and presence of mind**. Many well-prepared candidates lose marks due to **exam-day mistakes** that can easily be avoided.

This **SEO-optimised, comprehensive guide** covers **official NDA exam day instructions, do's and don'ts, last-minute preparation tips, OMR filling rules, and FAQs** to help you perform at your best on exam day.

## NDA 2026 Exam Overview (Quick Reminder)

Paper	Time	Marks
Mathematics	2½ Hours	300
GAT (English + GK)	2½ Hours	600

Both papers are conducted on the same day.

## NDA 2026 Exam Day Instructions (Official Guidelines)

### Reporting Time

- Reach the exam centre **at least 60-90 minutes early**
- Late entry is **not allowed**

### Mandatory Documents to Carry

- ✓ NDA Admit Card (printout)
- ✓ Original Photo ID (Aadhaar / Voter ID / PAN / Passport / Driving Licence)
- ✓ Two passport-size photographs
- ✓ Black ball-point pens

Without admit card and ID, entry will be denied.

## Items NOT Allowed Inside the Exam Hall

- Mobile phones
- Smart watches / digital watches
- Calculators
- Bluetooth devices
- Notes, books, loose papers

⚠ Violation may lead to permanent disqualification.

## Dress Code & Appearance Guidelines

- Wear **simple and comfortable clothing**
- Avoid:
  - Shoes with thick soles
  - Jackets with pockets
  - Metal accessories

✓ *Follow a disciplined, defence-oriented appearance.*

## Important OMR Sheet Instructions (Very Critical)

### Before Attempting the Paper

- Check:
  - Booklet number
  - Paper code
  - Roll number
- Fill details **carefully with black pen only**

### While Marking Answers

✓ Darken the correct circle completely  
 No half-filled circles  
 No overwriting or correction fluid

⚠ Wrong OMR filling can nullify correct answers.

## NDA Exam Time Management Strategy

### Mathematics Paper

- Attempt easy questions first
- Avoid lengthy calculations initially

- Keep last 15 minutes for revision

## GAT Paper

- Start with English section
- Move to Static GK
- Attempt Current Affairs last

*Smart selection of questions is key.*

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## Negative Marking: Handle With Care

Paper  
Mathematics  
GAT

Negative Marking  
-0.83 per wrong answer  
-0.33 per wrong answer

- ✓ Attempt only when **at least 60-70% sure**

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## Last-Minute Preparation Tips (1-3 Days Before Exam)

### What You **SHOULD** Do

- ✓ Revise formulas and concepts
- ✓ Go through short notes
- ✓ Practice previous year questions
- ✓ Sleep 7-8 hours

### What You **Should NOT** Do

- Start new topics
- Over-solve mock tests
- Study till late night
- Panic or compare with others

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## Exam Day Mental Strategy

- Stay calm and confident
- Read each question carefully
- Do not get stuck on one question
- Remember: **Attempt smart, not maximum**

□ NDA rewards presence of mind.

## After Completing the Paper

- ✓ Check OMR once
- ✓ Ensure roll number is correct
- ✓ Submit paper calmly
- ✓ Maintain discipline till exit

## Common Exam Day Mistakes to Avoid

- Forgetting admit card
- Reaching late
- Panic during paper
- Random guessing
- Improper OMR filling

## Why Exam Day Discipline Matters in NDA

NDA is not just an exam—it is the **first test of your officer-like qualities**:

- Discipline
- Alertness
- Time sense
- Calmness under pressure

□ Your behaviour reflects your suitability for the Armed Forces.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Q1. Can I carry a watch to the NDA exam centre?

Only **simple analogue watches** are allowed. Digital/smart watches are banned.

### Q2. Is rough work allowed in NDA exam?

Yes, but only on the question booklet. Do not mark anything on OMR.

### Q3. What happens if I fill OMR incorrectly?

Incorrect filling may lead to **rejection of the answer or entire paper**.

## **Q4. Can I leave the exam hall early?**

No. You must remain seated till the exam ends.

## **Q5. Should I attempt all questions in NDA?**

No. Attempt only those you are confident about due to negative marking.

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## **Conclusion**

A calm mind, disciplined approach, and smart execution on exam day can **boost your NDA 2026 score significantly**—even more than last-minute study.

 *Preparation wins exams, but strategy wins selection*

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