

NDA Psychology Tests: Sample Questions & Preparation Tips

The **NDA Psychology Tests** are a crucial component of the **SSB Interview** and often decide a candidate's recommendation. Unlike written exams, these tests evaluate your **subconscious personality traits, decision-making**, and **Officer Like Qualities (OLQs)**—not memorised answers.

This **SEO-optimised, in-depth guide** explains **all NDA psychology tests (TAT, WAT, SRT, SDT)** with **sample questions, model responses, preparation strategies, common mistakes, and FAQs** to help you perform confidently.

What Are NDA Psychology Tests?

Conducted on **Day 2 of the SSB Interview**, the psychology tests are administered by a trained **Psychologist** to assess:

- Leadership potential
- Initiative & responsibility
- Emotional stability
- Problem-solving ability
- Integrity & consistency

☐☐ *There are no right or wrong answers—only genuine or inconsistent ones.*

Types of NDA Psychology Tests

1. **TAT - Thematic Apperception Test**
2. **WAT - Word Association Test**
3. **SRT - Situation Reaction Test**
4. **SDT - Self Description Test**

1. TAT (Thematic Apperception Test)

What Happens in TAT?

- 12 pictures shown (including 1 blank)

- 30 seconds to observe the picture
- 4 minutes to write a story for each

What Assessors Look For

- Positive approach
- Practical problem-solving
- Leadership & responsibility
- Realistic actions

TAT Sample Question

Picture: A boy standing near a broken bridge after heavy rain.

Good Story Outline (Model)

- **Character:** 18-20 years old student
- **Problem:** Bridge damaged due to rain
- **Action:** Informs authorities, helps villagers find safe route
- **Outcome:** Temporary solution arranged, long-term repair planned

☐☐ *Keep stories realistic, positive, and age-appropriate.*

TAT Preparation Tips

- Practice 1-2 stories daily
- Avoid dramatic or filmy endings
- Show action, not emotions alone

2. WAT (Word Association Test)

What Happens in WAT?

- 60 words shown
- 15 seconds per word

- Write the **first thought** that comes to mind

What Assessors Look For

- Natural thinking
- Positive attitude
- Consistency with other tests

WAT Sample Words & Responses

Word

Leader

Failure

Discipline

Fear

Good Response

A leader guides the team by example

Failure motivates me to improve

Discipline builds a strong character

Fear can be overcome with courage

⚠ *Avoid memorised or artificial sentences.*

WAT Preparation Tips

- Think naturally
- Keep sentences simple
- Avoid negativity

3. SRT (Situation Reaction Test)

What Happens in SRT?

- 60 real-life situations
- Limited time (approx. 30 minutes)
- Write your immediate reaction

What Assessors Look For

- Initiative
- Responsibility
- Decision-making under pressure

SRT Sample Questions & Answers

Situation: You see a road accident on your way to college.

Good Response: I would help the injured, call emergency services, and manage traffic until help arrives.

Situation: Your team is failing to complete a task on time.

Good Response: I would motivate my team, redistribute work, and ensure timely completion.

SRT Preparation Tips

- Focus on action-oriented responses
- Be practical, not idealistic
- Don't overthink

4. SDT (Self Description Test)

What Happens in SDT?

You write opinions about yourself as perceived by:

- Parents
- Teachers
- Friends
- Yourself
- Areas of improvement

SDT Sample Structure

- **Strengths:** Disciplined, cooperative, hardworking
- **Weakness:** Sometimes overthink decisions
- **Improvement Plan:** Practising time management and prioritisation

☐☐ *Honesty and balance are essential.*

How Psychology Tests Are Evaluated

- Consistency across all tests
- Natural responses
- Alignment with OLQs
- No single test decides the result

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ❑ Memorised answers
- ❑ Overly heroic or unrealistic responses
- ❑ Contradicting answers in different tests
- ❑ Excessive negativity

Daily Psychology Test Preparation Plan

Time	Activity
Morning	Read about OLQs & self-reflection
Afternoon	TAT & WAT practice
Evening	SRT practice
Night	SDT self-analysis

Can Coaching Help in Psychology Tests?

Coaching may guide you, but **self-awareness and practice** matter more. The psychologist easily identifies coached or fake responses.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. Are psychology test answers judged as right or wrong?

No. They are judged for **personality traits and consistency**.

Q2. Can I write negative responses in psychology tests?

Occasional realistic negativity is acceptable, but avoid pessimism.

Q3. Is speed important in psychology tests?

Yes, but **clarity and honesty** are more important than speed.

Q4. How many days are psychology tests conducted in SSB?

Psychology tests are usually conducted on **Day 2**.

Q5. Can I clear NDA SSB with average psychology performance?

Yes, if overall performance across **IO, GTO, and Psychology** is balanced.

Conclusion

The **NDA Psychology Tests** are not meant to scare you—they are designed to **understand the real you**. With **consistent practice, self-awareness, and honesty**, you can perform confidently and significantly improve your chances of recommendation.

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