

# Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) Syllabus

## Introduction

The Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is a national-level examination in India for aspirants aiming to become teachers for Classes I to VIII. Conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), CTET is divided into two papers:

- **Paper I:** For candidates intending to teach Classes I to V (Primary Stage)
- **Paper II:** For candidates intending to teach Classes VI to VIII (Elementary Stage)

Below is a detailed syllabus for both papers based on the latest notifications from CBSE[1] [2].

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## CTET Paper I Syllabus (Classes I – V)

### 1. Child Development and Pedagogy (30 Questions)

- **Child Development (Primary School Child):**
  - Concept of development and its relationship with learning
  - Principles of child development
  - Influence of heredity & environment
  - Socialization processes: Social world & children (Teacher, Parents, Peers)
  - Piaget, Kohlberg and Vygotsky: constructs and critical perspectives
  - Concepts of child-centred and progressive education
  - Critical perspective of the construct of Intelligence
  - Multi-dimensional Intelligence
  - Language & Thought
  - Gender as a social construct; gender roles, gender bias and educational practice
  - Individual differences among learners
  - Assessment and evaluation
- **Concept of Inclusive Education and Understanding Children with Special Needs**
- **Learning and Pedagogy**

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### 2. Language I (30 Questions)

- Comprehension passages
  - Pedagogy of Language Development
  - Skills involved in listening, speaking, reading and writing
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### **3. Language II (30 Questions)**

- Comprehension passages
  - Pedagogy of Language Development
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### **4. Mathematics (30 Questions)**

- Content: Numbers, Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Data Handling
  - Pedagogical issues: Nature of Mathematics/Logical thinking, problem-solving, evaluation
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### **5. Environmental Studies (30 Questions)**

- Content: Family and Friends, Food, Shelter, Water, Travel, Things We Make and Do
  - Pedagogical issues: Concept and scope of environmental studies, integrated teaching, evaluation
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## **CTET Paper II Syllabus (Classes VI – VIII)**

### **1. Child Development and Pedagogy (30 Questions)**

- **Child Development (Elementary School Child):**
  - **Concept of Inclusive Education and Understanding Children with Special Needs**
  - **Learning and Pedagogy**
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### **2. Language I (30 Questions)**

- Comprehension and Pedagogy of Language Development
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### **3. Language II (30 Questions)**

- Comprehension and Pedagogy of Language Development
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### **4. Mathematics and Science (60 Questions)**

- **Mathematics:**
  - Number System, Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration, Data Handling
- **Science:**
  - Food, Materials, The World of Living, Moving Things People and Ideas, Natural Phenomena, Natural Resources
- Pedagogical issues for both Mathematics and Science

*Note: Candidates can choose Social Studies/Social Science instead of Mathematics and Science.*

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## 5. Social Studies/Social Science (60 Questions)

- History, Geography, Social and Political Life
- Pedagogical issues

### CTET Syllabus by Subject

Section	Paper I Questions	Paper II Questions	Key Topics
Child Development and Pedagogy	30	30	Development, Learning, Inclusion
Language I	30	30	Comprehension, Pedagogy
Language II	30	30	Comprehension, Pedagogy
Mathematics	30	30	Numbers, Algebra, Geometry
Environmental Studies	30	--	Food, Water, Shelter, Nature
Maths	--	30	Number System, Mensuration
Science	--	30	Food, Materials, Living World
Social Studies/Social Science	--	60	History, Geography, Political Science

Table 1: CTET Paper I and II Section-wise Breakdown

### Recommended Study Materials

- NCERT textbooks for relevant classes
- Previous CTET question papers
- CBSE official sample papers
- Mock tests and online practice sets
- CTET preparation guides by renowned publishers

## References

- [1] Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). (2025). **CTET Official Notification & Syllabus.** <https://ctet.nic.in>
- [2] CBSE. (2025). **CTET Information Bulletin.** <https://ctet.nic.in/webinfo/Public/View.aspx?page=94>
- [3] Government of India, Ministry of Education. (2025). **Teacher Eligibility Test Guidelines.** <https://www.education.gov.in/en/teacher-eligibility-test>