

CTET — Exam Overview & Pattern

The Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is conducted by CBSE to certify candidates' eligibility to teach in Central Government schools (Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, etc.). More than 20 lakh candidates appear every year. The certificate is valid for lifetime.

Feature	Paper 1 (Classes I–V)	Paper 2 (Classes VI–VIII)
Total Questions	150 MCQs	150 MCQs
Total Marks	150 Marks	150 Marks
Duration	2.5 Hours	2.5 Hours
Negative Marking	None	None
Qualifying Marks (Gen)	90/150 (60%)	90/150 (60%)
Qualifying Marks (SC/ST/OBC/PwD)	82/150 (55%)	82/150 (55%)
Mode	Pen & Paper (OMR Sheet)	Pen & Paper (OMR Sheet)

Subject-wise Question Distribution

Subject	Paper 1 (Qs)	Paper 2 (Qs)	Marks
Child Development & Pedagogy	30	30	30
Language I (Compulsory)	30	30	30
Language II (Compulsory)	30	30	30
Mathematics	30	30 (Math+Sci)	30
Environmental Studies (EVS)	30	—	30
Science	—	30 (Math+Sci)	30
Social Studies / Social Science	—	30 (SS/SSc)	30
Total	150	150	150

★ Pro Tip from Shiksha.com Experts: Candidates must attempt both Language I and Language II. For Paper 2, choose either Mathematics & Science OR Social Studies — based on your teaching subject specialisation.

Year-wise CTET Previous Year Question Papers — Free PDFs

■ All links below are sourced from Shiksha.com. Click any link to access the PDF download page. PDFs are freely available — no login required for most links.

2024

Three Sessions Conducted

Jan 21 | Jul 7 | Dec 14, 2024

CBSE conducted CTET 2024 across three sessions — the 18th edition in January, 19th in July, and 20th in December. Question papers with answer keys are available for all sessions.

Paper / Set	Description	PDF Link (Shiksha.com)
Paper 1 – All Sets (Dec 14, 2024)	Sets H, I, J, K Eng+Hin, Bengali, Kannada, Sanskrit, Telugu, Urdu	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – All Sets (Dec 14, 2024)	Sets D, E, F, G, H Bengali, Urdu, Science option	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set A/B/C/D (Jul 7, 2024)	19th CTET — Paper 1 with Answer Key	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set E/F/G/H (Jul 7, 2024)	19th CTET — Paper 2 with Answer Key	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set A/B/C/D (Jan 21, 2024)	18th CTET — Paper 1, Sanskrit Set N also available	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set E/F/G/H (Jan 21, 2024)	18th CTET — Paper 2 with Answer Key	Download from Shiksha.com

2023

17th CTET Edition

August 20, 2023

The 17th CTET session was held on August 20, 2023. Question papers are available in multiple sets including regional language versions (Urdu, Manipuri, Marathi, Mizo).

Paper / Set	Description	PDF Link (Shiksha.com)
Paper 1 – Set A	Aug 20, 2023 — English + Hindi medium	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set B	Aug 20, 2023 — All standard subjects	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set C	Aug 20, 2023 — All standard subjects	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set D	Aug 20, 2023 — All standard subjects	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Urdu Set A	Regional language version	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Manipuri Set A	Regional language version	Download from Shiksha.com

Paper 1 – Marathi Set A	Regional language version	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Mizo Set A	Regional language version	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set E	Aug 20, 2023 — Math & Science / Social Studies	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set F	Aug 20, 2023	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set G	Aug 20, 2023	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set H	Aug 20, 2023	Download from Shiksha.com

**2021
–22**

16th CTET Edition

December 16, 2021 – January 13, 2022

CTET was conducted online for the first (and only) time across 20 days from December 16, 2021 to January 13, 2022. Multiple shifts were held. CBSE released the official question paper PDFs.

Paper / Set	Description	PDF Link (Shiksha.com)
Paper 1 – Morning Shift	Dec 16, 2021 (Selected Sets)	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Evening Shift	Dec 16, 2021 (Selected Sets)	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Morning Shift	Dec 17–Jan 2022 (Various)	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Evening Shift	Dec 17–Jan 2022 (Various)	Download from Shiksha.com

2020

15th CTET Edition

July 5, 2020

The 15th CTET exam was held on July 5, 2020. Due to COVID-19, this was a rescheduled exam. Both Paper 1 and Paper 2 question papers with answer keys are available on Shiksha.com.

Paper / Set	Description	PDF Link (Shiksha.com)
Paper 1 – Set A	Jul 5, 2020 — Child Dev., Lang I & II, Maths, EVS	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set B	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set C	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 1 – Set D	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set E	Jul 5, 2020 — Math & Science / Social Science	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set F	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com

Paper 2 – Set G	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set H	Jul 5, 2020	Download from Shiksha.com

2019**14th CTET Edition**

July 7, 2019

The 14th CTET session was held on July 7, 2019. Papers are available in multiple sets. These papers are valuable for understanding the consistent exam pattern across years.

Paper / Set	Description	PDF Link (Shiksha.com)
Paper 1 – Set A/B/C/D	Jul 7, 2019 — All subjects	Download from Shiksha.com
Paper 2 – Set E/F/G/H	Jul 7, 2019 — All subject options	Download from Shiksha.com

★ All year-wise PDFs above can also be accessed via the Shiksha.com CTET PYQ Hub:
<https://www.shiksha.com/exams/ctet-exam-question-papers>

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Subject-wise CTET Previous Year Questions — Available on Shiksha.com

Shiksha.com has curated dedicated subject-wise question banks drawn from CTET last 5 years' question papers. These are ideal for targeted subject preparation. Click each link to access the full solved question set with answer keys.

Subject	Applicable Paper	Shiksha.com Page
Child Development & Pedagogy (CDP)	Paper 1 & Paper 2	CDP PYQs with Answers — Shiksha.com
Mathematics	Paper 1 & Paper 2	Maths PYQs — Paper 2 Solved — Shiksha.com
Science	Paper 2 (Math & Science stream)	Science PYQs — Paper 2 — Shiksha.com
Social Studies / Social Science	Paper 2 (SS/SSc stream)	Social Science PYQs — Paper 2 — Shiksha.com
English (Language I / II)	Paper 1 & Paper 2	English PYQs with Answers — Shiksha.com
Hindi (Language I / II)	Paper 1 & Paper 2	Hindi PYQs with Answers — Shiksha.com
Environmental Studies (EVS)	Paper 1 only	EVS PYQs — Paper 1 — Shiksha.com

Subject-wise Preparation Highlights

Child Development & Pedagogy (CDP)	30 questions in both Paper 1 and Paper 2. Focus on theories of Piaget, Vygotsky, Kohlberg. Questions on learning disabilities, inclusive education, and motivation. This section is the same difficulty level for both papers.
Mathematics	Paper 1: 30 questions covering Numbers, Fractions, Geometry, Measurement, Data Handling (NCERT Classes 1–5). Paper 2: 30 questions with 20 on content (Algebra, Geometry, Mensuration) and 10 on Pedagogy. Arithmetic and Algebra dominate the Paper 2 maths section.
Science (Paper 2)	20 questions on content — Food, Materials, World of Living, Natural Phenomena, Natural Resources. 10 questions on Pedagogical Issues — Nature of Science, Assessment, Remedial Teaching. Questions are based on NCERT Classes 6–8 syllabus.
Social Studies / Social Science (Paper 2)	20 questions on content: History, Geography, Social & Political Life. 10 questions on Pedagogy: methods, gender equity, evaluation strategies. Rooted in NCERT textbooks for Classes 6–8.
Environmental Studies — EVS (Paper 1)	30 questions covering Family, Food, Water, Travel, Shelter, Environment integration with other subjects. Questions reflect NCERT Classes 1–5. 10 pedagogical questions on scope, importance, and assessment of EVS.

Language I & Language II

30 questions each — Reading Comprehension passages + Grammar + Language Pedagogy. Language chosen must be from the CTET approved language list. English and Hindi are the most commonly chosen languages by candidates.

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How to Use CTET PYQs Effectively — Tips from Shiksha.com Experts

1. Complete the Syllabus First	Solve PYQs only after covering each topic. Attempting papers without preparation can create false impressions about difficulty level.
2. Simulate Exam Conditions	Set a 2.5-hour timer. Sit in a distraction-free environment. Mark answers on OMR sheet printouts. This builds time management skills.
3. Analyse Every Error	After each paper, revisit every wrong answer. Identify whether the error was conceptual, careless, or language comprehension-related.
4. Track Subject-wise Accuracy	Maintain a scorecard for each subject. Aim for 85%+ accuracy in your strong subjects and 70%+ in weaker ones before the exam.
5. Focus on Pedagogy Questions	CDP and subject pedagogy questions (total 40–50 per paper) are the most scoring for education graduates. These directly test your B.Ed / D.El.Ed knowledge.
6. Revisit Official Answer Keys	CBSE releases official answer keys after each exam. Cross-check your answers against the official key — not third-party keys — to avoid learning wrong answers.
7. Solve at Least 5 Full Papers	To build exam stamina, solve one full paper per day in the final 10 days. The CTET pattern is consistent — more practice means more confidence.

Quick Links — All Shiksha.com CTET Resources

Main PYQ Article (Last 5 Years)	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/last-5-years-question-papers-of-ctet-download-free-pdfs-blogId-149213
CTET PYQ Hub (All Years)	https://www.shiksha.com/exams/ctet-exam-question-papers
CTET 2024 Question Papers	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-question-paper-2024-paper-1-paper-2-all-sets-pdf-download-blogId-152389
CTET 2023 Question Papers	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-2023-question-paper-pdf-paper-1-paper-2-all-sets-blogId-131853
CTET 2021–22 Question Papers	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-december-2021-question-paper-pdf-blogId-110028
CTET 2020 Question Papers	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-question-paper-2020-pdf-blogId-96321
CTET 2019 Question Papers	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-question-paper-2019-blogId-85467
Subject: CDP PYQs	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-child-development-and-pedagogy-previous-year-questions-blogId-134285
Subject: Mathematics PYQs (Paper 2)	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-maths-paper-2-solved-questions-with-answers-pdf-download-blogId-209470

Subject: Science PYQs (Paper 2)	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-science-paper-2-previous-year-questions-with-answers-pdf-blogld-209146
Subject: Social Science PYQs (Paper 2)	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-social-science-previous-year-questions-paper-2-blogld-185223
Subject: English PYQs	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-english-previous-year-questions-and-answers-blogld-161483
Subject: Hindi PYQs	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-hindi-previous-year-questions-blogld-165211
Subject: EVS PYQs (Paper 1)	https://www.shiksha.com/sarkari-exams/teaching/articles/ctet-evs-previous-year-questions-paper-1-blogld-176482

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