

Railway RRB NTPC Graduate Level CEN 06/2026 Exam Pattern/ Syllabus

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13.1 1st Stage Computer Based Test (CBT)- Common for all notified posts of CEN 06/2026

Exam Duration in Minutes	No. of Questions (each of 1 mark) from			Total No. of Questions
	General Awareness	Mathematics	General Intelligence and Reasoning	
90	40	30	30	100

(The examination duration will be 120 minutes for PwBD/PwD candidates who are eligible for use of a scribe.)

The section wise distribution given in the above table is only indicative and there may be some variations in the actual question papers. There will be negative marking and 1/3 mark shall be deducted for each wrong answer.

The 1st Stage CBT is of screening nature and the standard of questions for the CBT will be generally in conformity with the educational standards prescribed for the posts. The normalized score of 1st Stage CBT shall be used for short listing of candidates for 2nd Stage CBT as per their merit. **Candidates who are shortlisted for 2nd Stage CBT availing the reservation benefits of OBC(NCL)/SC/ST/EWS, PwBD & ExSM shall continue to be considered only against OBC(NCL)/SC/ST/EWS, PwBD & ExSM for all subsequent stages of recruitment process.**

The Questions will be of objective type with multiple choices and are likely to include questions pertaining to:

a. Mathematics:

Number System, Decimals, Fractions, LCM, HCF, Ratio and Proportions, Percentage, Mensuration, Time and Work, Time and Distance, Simple and Compound Interest, Profit and Loss, Elementary Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Elementary Statistics etc.

b. General Intelligence and Reasoning:

Analogies, Completion of Number and Alphabetical Series, Coding and Decoding, Mathematical Operations, Similarities and Differences, Relationships, Analytical Reasoning, Syllogism, Jumbling, Venn Diagrams, Puzzle, Data Sufficiency, Statement-Conclusion, Statement- Courses of Action, Decision Making, Maps, Interpretation of Graphs etc.

c. General Awareness:

Current Events of National and International Importance, Games and Sports, Art and Culture of India, Indian Literature, Monuments and Places of India, General Science and Life Science (up to 10th CBSE), History of India and Freedom Struggle, Physical, Social and Economic Geography of India and World, Indian Polity and Governance- constitution and political system, General Scientific and Technological Developments including Space and Nuclear Program of India, UN and Other important

World Organizations, Environmental Issues Concerning India and World at Large, Basics of Computers and Computer Applications, Common Abbreviations, Transport Systems in India, Indian Economy, Famous Personalities of India and World, Flagship Government Programs, Flora and Fauna of India, Important Government and Public Sector Organizations of India etc.

Minimum percentage of qualifying marks for eligibility in various categories: UR-40%, EWS- 40%, OBC (Non creamy layer) - 30%, SC-30%, ST-25%. This is also applicable to Ex-Serviceman & PwBD category candidates, as per their community. These percentages of qualifying marks for eligibility may be relaxed by 2 Marks for PwBD candidates in case of shortage of PwBD candidates against vacancies reserved for them.

13.2 2nd Stage Computer Based Test (CBT):

Shortlisting of Candidates for the 2nd Stage CBT shall be based on the normalized marks obtained by them in 1st Stage CBT.

Total no. of candidates to be shortlisted shall be 15 times the community wise vacancies of posts notified against the RRB as per their merit in 1st Stage CBT. However, Railways reserve the right to increase/decrease this limit in total or for any specific category(s) as required to ensure availability of adequate candidates for all the notified posts.

13.2.1 The examination duration and number of questions for 2nd stage CBT are indicated below:

Exam Duration in Minutes	No. of Questions (each of 1 mark) from			Total No. of Questions
	General Awareness	Mathematics	General Intelligence and Reasoning	
90	50	35	35	120

(The examination duration will be 120 minutes for PwBD/PwD candidates who are eligible for use of a scribe.)

The section wise distribution given in the above table is only indicative and there may be some variations in the actual question papers. There will be negative marking and 1/3 mark shall be deducted for each wrong answer.

The Questions will be of objective type with multiple choices and are likely to include questions pertaining to:

a. Mathematics:

Number System, Decimals, Fractions, LCM, HCF, Ratio and Proportions, Percentage, Mensuration, Time and Work, Time and Distance, Simple and Compound Interest, Profit and Loss, Elementary Algebra, Geometry and Trigonometry, Elementary Statistics etc.

b. General Intelligence and Reasoning:

Analogies, Completion of Number and Alphabetical Series, Coding and Decoding, Mathematical Operations, Similarities and Differences, Relationships, Analytical Reasoning, Syllogism, Jumbling, Venn Diagrams, Puzzle, Data Sufficiency, Statement-Conclusion, Statement- Courses of Action, Decision Making, Maps, Interpretation of Graphs etc.

c. General Awareness:

Current Events of National and International Importance, Games and Sports, Art and Culture of India, Indian Literature, Monuments and Places of India, General Science and Life Science (up to 10th CBSE), History of India and Freedom Struggle, Physical, Social and Economic Geography of India and World, Indian Polity and Governance- constitution and political system, General Scientific and Technological Developments including Space and Nuclear Program of India, UN and Other important World Organizations, Environmental Issues Concerning India and World at Large, Basics of Computers and Computer Applications, Common Abbreviations, Transport Systems in India, Indian Economy, Famous Personalities of India and World, Flagship Government Programs, Flora and Fauna of India, Important Government and Public Sector Organizations of India etc.

13.2.2 Minimum percentage of qualifying marks for eligibility in various categories: UR-40%, EWS- 40%, OBC (Non creamy layer)- 30%, SC-30%, ST-25%. This is also applicable to Ex-Serviceman & PwBD category candidates, as per their community. These percentages of qualifying marks for eligibility may be relaxed by 2 Marks for PwBD candidates in case of shortage of PwBD candidates against vacancies reserved for them.

13.2.3 The normalized marks scored by the candidate in the 2nd stage CBT shall be used for short listing the candidates for document verification.

13.2.4 **Normalization of marks:** Short listing of Candidates for various stages shall be based on the normalized marks obtained by them whenever CBT is conducted in multiple sessions for the same syllabus.

13.3 Document verification and Empanelment:

- (a) Shortlisting of candidates for Document Verification and empanelment will be made strictly on merit based on the performance of the candidate in the CBT subject to securing minimum qualifying marks prescribed for their communities. Minimum qualifying mark prescribed for **UR/EWS is 40%, OBC (Non creamy layer) and SC is 30% and ST is 25%**. This is

also applicable to Ex. Servicemen and PwBD category candidates, as per their community. If sufficient candidates for PwBD are not available 2 marks relaxation in minimum qualifying marks will be given.

- (b) Based on the performance of candidates in the **CBT** Examination candidates equal to the number of vacancies will be called for document verification (1:1).
- (c) In case two or more candidates secure equal marks, their merit position shall be determined by age criteria i.e., the older candidate shall be given higher merit than the younger candidate and in case age being same, then alphabetical order (A to Z) of the given name (not surname) shall be taken into account to break the tie.
- (d) During document verification, candidates will have to produce their original certificates. No additional time will be given and the candidature of the candidates not producing their original certificates on the date of verification is liable to be forfeited.
- (e) Empanelment of candidates will be based on merit and subject to successful completion of document verification and passing prescribed medical examination.
- (f) Appointment of selected candidates is subject to their passing requisite Medical Fitness Test to be conducted by the Railway Administration/RRB, final verification of educational and community certificates and verification of antecedents/character of the candidates.
- (g) On completion of all stages of recruitment process, RRB will allot Railway zone/Production unit as per the option of eligible candidates, subject to merit, medical standard and vacancy position. Once candidates are empaneled, as per their merit and choice, they will forfeit the right to be considered for their preference in the next priority zone/unit. However, RRBs also reserve the right to allot Railway zone/unit, which is/are not opted by the candidate, if considered in administrative interest, subject to the candidates' meeting eligibility requirements.
- (h) Candidates may please note that RRBs only recommend names of empaneled candidates to the Railway Administrations concerned. The offer of appointment is issued only by the respective Railway Administrations.
- (i) In case of any shortfall in empanelment or other exigencies, RRBs reserve the right to utilize the candidates down in the merit list if required, as per merit and options of such candidates. This however, will not confer any vested right on such candidates to be considered for appointment.