

GUIDELINES OF OFFICER QUALITY TEST (OQT) FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES OF KDU OFFICER CADETS

INTRODUCTION

1. The Officer Quality Test (OQT) assess candidates on the aspects of mental and physical abilities in order to select the suitable candidates who will subsequently be called for the final interview. Generally, OQT consists of two components and each component is handled by a team of Military Officers and Academic/Administrative Staff members appointed by KDU to ensure smooth conduct of the process.

a. **Physical Performance Component.**

- (1) Medical Test.
- (2) Physical Efficiency Test.
- (3) Group Task Test.
- (4) Individual Task Test

b. **Academic and Mental Performance Component.**

- (1) Psychometric Test.
- (2) Spatial Cognition Test (Only for B.Arch).
- (3) Subject Knowledge Test.
- (4) Observation Test.
- (5) Intelligence Quotient (IQ) Test.
- (6) General Knowledge Test.
- (7) English Language Proficiency Test.
- (8) Impromptu Speech Test.

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2. The aim of the Officer Quality Test (OQT) is to test the physical and mental efficiency of all candidates and rank them according to the marks obtained in order to select suitable candidates for the final interview.

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MASTER MARKING SCHEME

3. The Master Marking Scheme for the Officer Quality Test (OQT) is as follows:

TYPES OF TESTS		MARKS	MINIMUM REQUIRED MARKS
Preliminary Medical Test		Fit/Unfit	Fit
Written Tests	Psychometric Test	Pass/Fail	Pass
	Spatial Cognition Test (Only for B.Arch)	Pass/Fail	40%
	Subject Knowledge	10	Candidates should obtain a minimum of 40% marks from the total average of the three tests to get qualified
	Intelligence Quotient (IQ) Test	10	
	General Knowledge	05	
	English Language Proficiency Test	20	40%
Physical Efficiency Test		20	40%
Observation Test		05	-
Impromptu Speech		10	40%
Group Task		10	40%
Individual Task		10	
Total		100	

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDITIONS ON OFFICER QUALITY TEST (OQT)

4. **Preliminary Medical Test.** The Preliminary Medical Test is conducted to investigate the basic requirements of medical fitness of the candidates for the Armed Forces and the Sri Lanka Police. The Preliminary Medical Test is conducted by a team of Medical Officers appointed by the Armed Forces and SL Police, and the University Medical Officer. The candidates who fail in the test are not eligible for the OQT and the rest of the selection process.

5. **Written Tests.**

a. **Psychometric Test.** The aim of this test is to assess the psychological functioning and resilient of the military career of the candidates. It is compulsory to qualify of the test for the final interview.

b. **Spatial Cognition Test (Only for B.Arch).** Spatial Cognition Test is conducted only for candidates who applied for Bachelor of Architecture degree programme. The aim of this test is to check the students' spatial cognition which can be identified as the capacity to understand and remember the spatial relations among objects and spaces. The total marks allocated for the paper is 100, and the duration is 120 min. Candidates should obtain 40% marks or more to get qualified.

c. **Subject Knowledge Test.** The total marks allocated for the paper is 100, and the duration is 20 min. For the final mark sheet only 10% of the total marks scored in this test are taken.

d. **Intelligence Quotient (IQ) Test.** The total marks allocated for the paper is 100, and the duration is 30 min. For the final mark sheet only 10% of the total marks scored from this test will be taken.

e. **General Knowledge Test.** The total marks allocated for the paper is 100, and the duration is 20 min. For the final mark sheet only 5% of the total marks scored from this test will be taken.

f. **English Language Proficiency Test.** The total marks allocated for the paper is 100 and the duration is 60 min. Candidates should obtain 40% marks or more to get qualified. For the final marks sheet only 20% of the total marks scored from this test will be taken.

6. **Physical Efficiency Test.** The aim of the test is to judge the physical standards of the candidates. Candidates should obtain 40 marks or more to get qualified. Total marks for the final mark sheet are 20 and the test conditions for the Physical Fitness Test is as follows:

S/N	EVENT	MALE CANDIDATES		FEMALE CANDIDATES	
		PERFORMANCE	POINT	PERFORMANCE	POINT
1	1 Mile Run	06.00 min Maximum	20	07.00 min Maximum	20
		07.31 min - 08.00 min Minimum	2	08.31 min - 09.00 min Minimum	2
2	Push Up (Within 02 Minute)	25 & Above Maximum	20	20 & Above Maximum	20
		09 - 05 Minimum	4	04 - 02 Minimum	4
3	Sit Up (Within 02 Minute)	25 & Above Maximum	20	20 & Above Maximum	20
		09 - 05 Minimum	4	04 - 02 Minimum	4
4	Standing Board Jump	> 242 cm Maximum	10	> 192 cm Maximum	10
		207 cm - 214 cm Minimum	2	> 156 cm - 164 cm Minimum	2
5	Arm Bending	5 & Above Maximum	10	30 sec & Above Maximum	10
		1 Minimum	2	19 sec - 15 sec Minimum	3
6	Vertical Rope Climbing	Full - Maximum	10	Full - Maximum	10
		Quarter - Minimum	2	Quarter - Minimum	2
7	06 Foot Wall	1 Attempt	10	1 Attempt	10

MARKS	CONDITIONS
100 - 80	Qualified
79 - 60	
59 - 40	
39 & Bellow	Not Qualified

Note: Any Candidate unable to achieve a minimum of 40 marks on the above test should be considered as **Not Qualified**.

7. **Observation Test.** The aim of the test is to judge the candidates' ability to observe and recall the things seen in a designated area. Total marks that are considered to the final mark sheet are 5%.

8. **Impromptu Speech.** The aim of the test is to judge the candidates' knowledge and ability to deliver a short speech (3-5 min). Fluency in English, knowledge of the given topic, self-confidence and structure of the speech are examined by the appointed board. Total marks that considered for the final mark sheet are 10%.

9. **Group Task.** Narratives are issued on different situations in order to judge the following qualities of the candidates in each group, and total marks for the final mark sheet are 10%

- a. Decisiveness/Initiative.
- b. Cooperation/Teamwork.
- c. Enthusiasm.

10. **Individual Task.** Narratives are issued on different situations in order to judge the following qualities of the individual candidate, and total marks for the final mark sheet are 10%

- a. Initiative.
- b. Decision marking.
- c. Sensitivity.
- d. Application of Tactical/Practical knowledge.

CONCLUSION

11. Officer Quality Test (OQT) marks are shortlisted as per the order of merit and cut-off points are decided by the committee headed by the Vice Chancellor to select the suitable candidates for the final interview.