Goa

Basic MCQ practice

40 original MCQs + explained answers

State GK and state-linked general studies, in one PDF.

Foundation level: direct recall, simple concepts and one-step applications. Useful for building the state-GK component of entry-level recruitment preparation.

These are original practice questions, not previous-year questions or an official mock. This focused first collection does not replace an exam-specific syllabus.

Language: English. Core focus: history, geography, heritage, governance, development, environment and institutions.

This edition emphasises stable concepts. It is not a current-affairs digest; verify changing schemes, office-holders, district boundaries and budget figures separately.

How to use this book

Attempt every item before opening the answers. Record uncertain answers and revise the explanation. One correct option per question; no official marking scheme is implied.

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What the exam research tells us

1 / Entry-level patterns vary

GSSC Advertisement 3/2026 lists English, numerical ability, reasoning and Konkani in CBT-I, and English, numerical ability, reasoning and computers in CBT-II. It is a post-specific example, not a universal Goa-GK pattern. An official LDC sample also illustrates grammar, figures, series and arithmetic. [EX1/EX4]

2 / Higher-level evidence

GPSC's published civil-service syllabus includes governance and India/Goa history, geography, culture and environment. A separate 2023 recruitment pre-screening syllabus focuses on aptitude and English. Match the post, stage and current advertisement. Mains prompts here are editorial practice, not an asserted GPSC descriptive-paper pattern. [EX2/EX3]

3 / State coverage

Political development; coastal and river geography; language; churches and temple heritage; festivals and performance; agriculture, khazan water management, livelihoods, environment and public services.

Format and evidence limits

All items are original practice, not copied previous-year questions or an official mock. MCQs use four options; the inspected LDC sample uses five. Word targets and 10-mark guides are practice choices. This collection does not cover the full Konkani, English, reasoning, computer or current-affairs syllabus.

Using the three PDFs

Basic builds recall and one-step application. Advanced develops chronology, statements, evidence checks and numerical interpretation. Mains develops structured analysis. Study the exact official syllabus alongside these state-focused supplements.

Try first - check answers later

01 / Capital

Which city is the capital of Goa?

A. Margao
B. Panaji
C. Mapusa
D. Ponda

02 / Coastal geography

Which sea lies to the west of Goa?

A. Arabian Sea
B. Red Sea
C. Bay of Bengal
D. Caspian Sea

03 / Neighbouring states

Which pair of states shares land borders with Goa?

A. Gujarat and Rajasthan
B. Kerala and Tamil Nadu
C. Maharashtra and Karnataka
D. Odisha and Telangana

04 / Physical geography

Which mountain system forms Goa's eastern highland setting?

A. Aravalli Range
B. Himalayas
C. Western Ghats
D. Vindhya Range

Try first - check answers later

05 / Regional geography

Goa is part of which coastal region?

A. Konkan coast
B. Northern Circars
C. Utkal coast
D. Coromandel coast

06 / Boundary river

Which river separates Goa and Maharashtra in the north?

A. Krishna
B. Kaveri
C. Mahanadi
D. Terekhol

07 / River geography

Tiswadi island lies between which rivers?

A. Mandovi and Zuari
B. Ganga and Yamuna
C. Narmada and Tapi
D. Krishna and Tungabhadra

08 / Liberation

Goa Liberation Day is observed on which date?

A. 30 May
B. 26 January
C. 15 August
D. 19 December

Try first - check answers later

09 / Liberation operation

Which military operation is associated with Goa's liberation in 1961?

A. Operation Greens
B. Operation Vijay
C. Operation Flood
D. Operation Blackboard

10 / Statehood

Goa attained statehood on which date?

A. 1 November 1956
B. 19 December 1961
C. 16 January 1967
D. 30 May 1987

11 / Opinion Poll

In which year was Goa's Opinion Poll held?

A. 1956
B. 1987
C. 1947
D. 1967

12 / Opinion Poll outcome

Which proposed merger was rejected by Goa's voters in the 1967 Opinion Poll?

A. Merger with Assam
B. Merger with Rajasthan
C. Merger with Maharashtra
D. Merger with Kerala

Try first - check answers later

13 / Freedom movement

Goa Revolution Day is observed on which date?

A. 1 May
B. 18 June
C. 14 November
D. 2 October

14 / Freedom movement

Which leader addressed the historic meeting at Margao on 18 June 1946?

A. C. Rajagopalachari
B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
C. Ram Manohar Lohia
D. B. R. Ambedkar

15 / Colonial history

Which European power established its rule in Goa in 1510?

A. Denmark
B. Netherlands
C. Portugal
D. France

16 / Official language

Which language is designated as Goa's official language under the 1987 law?

A. Tamil
B. Odia
C. Konkani
D. Gujarati

Try first - check answers later

17 / Language and script

Which script is specified for Konkani in Goa's official-language provision?

A. Gurmukhi
B. Devanagari
C. Tamil
D. Perso-Arabic

18 / Language provision

Which other language may also be used for all or any official purposes under the language law?

A. Assamese
B. Malayalam
C. Punjabi
D. Marathi

19 / World Heritage

Which Goa property is inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List?

A. The entire state as one property
B. Every village in Goa
C. All beaches of Goa as one property
D. Churches and Convents of Goa

20 / Heritage chronology

In which year were the Churches and Convents of Goa inscribed on the World Heritage List?

A. 1986
B. 2015
C. 1961
D. 2001

Try first - check answers later

21 / Heritage association

The Basilica of Bom Jesus is especially associated with whose tomb?

A. St Benedict
B. St Francis Xavier
C. St Augustine of Hippo
D. St Thomas Aquinas

22 / Temple heritage

The Mahadev Temple at Tambdi Surla is dedicated to which deity?

A. Brahma
B. Shiva
C. Ganesha
D. Surya

23 / Temple material

Which stone is especially associated with the Mahadev Temple at Tambdi Surla?

A. Black basalt
B. White marble
C. Red sandstone
D. Soapstone only

24 / Festivals

Shigmo is best described as which kind of celebration in Goa?

A. A boat race held only on the Ganga
B. A winter ice-sculpture fair
C. A spring festival with music and folk dances
D. A desert camel market

Try first - check answers later

25 / Theatre

Which of these is a traditional theatrical form associated with Goa?

A. Tiatr
B. Bhaona only in its Assam context
C. Yakshagana only in its Karnataka context
D. Therukoothu only in its Tamil context

26 / Music

Mando is associated with which aspect of Goan culture?

A. Song and music
B. A type of iron ore
C. A railway signalling device
D. A mountain glacier

27 / Protected areas

Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary is associated with which place in Goa?

A. Darjeeling
B. Mollem
C. Kohima
D. Jaisalmer

28 / Agriculture

Which is a major food crop traditionally grown in Goa?

A. Paddy
B. Tea
C. Temperate barley only
D. Saffron

Try first - check answers later

29 / Monsoon

Goa receives its main seasonal rainfall from which monsoon?

A. Northeast monsoon alone
B. Mediterranean winter systems alone
C. Southwest monsoon
D. Polar easterlies

30 / Plantation crops

Which is a plantation crop associated with Goa?

A. Cashew
B. Olive only
C. Apple only
D. Date palm only

31 / Minerals

Which mineral resource is historically important in Goa?

A. Iron ore
B. Diamond only
C. Uranium only
D. Rock salt only

32 / Khazan systems

Which structures help manage water in Goa's khazan lands?

A. Snow fences
B. Bunds and sluice gates
C. Glacier dams only
D. Sand dunes without water controls

Try first - check answers later

33 / Economic sectors

A business providing guided heritage walks in Goa mainly belongs to which sector?

A. Secondary manufacturing
B. Primary
C. Subsistence crop cultivation
D. Tertiary

34 / Service evaluation

Which measure best shows whether a village drinking-water project benefits residents?

A. Number of office meetings alone
B. Reliable access to water of suitable quality
C. Cost of the launch event
D. Number of inauguration banners

35 / Numerical ability

In a hypothetical Goa homestay, 18 of 24 rooms are occupied. What is the occupancy rate?

A. 60%
B. 80%
C. 90%
D. 75%

36 / Numerical ability

A hypothetical guide sells 35 tickets at Rs. 200 each. What is gross ticket revenue?

A. Rs. 6,000
B. Rs. 3,500
C. Rs. 7,000
D. Rs. 7,500

Try first - check answers later

37 / Numerical ability

A hypothetical ferry travels 12 km in 40 minutes. What is its average speed?

A. 24 km/h
B. 30 km/h
C. 12 km/h
D. 18 km/h

38 / Computer basics

Which spreadsheet formula adds the values in cells B2 to B6?

A. =COUNT(B2:B6)
B. =AVERAGE(B2:B6)
C. =MAX(B2:B6)
D. =SUM(B2:B6)

39 / Computer basics

Which is a web browser?

A. A computer keyboard
B. A spreadsheet cell
C. Mozilla Firefox
D. A printer cartridge

40 / Source literacy

Which source should determine the pattern of a particular Goa recruitment examination?

A. A different state's old syllabus
B. The applicable official notification, syllabus and amendments
C. This practice collection alone
D. An undated social-media poster

Answer key + explanations

01 / Answer B

Panaji. Panaji is the state capital. Panjim is another commonly used form of the name.

Evidence: G1

02 / Answer A

Arabian Sea. Goa is on the western coast of India.

Evidence: G1

03 / Answer C

Maharashtra and Karnataka. Maharashtra is to the north and Karnataka lies along the eastern and southern side.

Evidence: G1

04 / Answer C

Western Ghats. The coastal lowlands rise towards the Western Ghats in the east.

Evidence: G1

05 / Answer A

Konkan coast. The Konkan is a region of India's western coast.

Evidence: G1

Answer key + explanations

06 / Answer D

Terekhol. The northern boundary is associated with the Terekhol, also spelt Tiracol.

Evidence: G1

07 / Answer A

Mandovi and Zuari. The two rivers frame this important part of Goa's estuarine geography.

Evidence: G1

08 / Answer D

19 December. The date commemorates the end of Portuguese rule in Goa in 1961.

Evidence: H1

09 / Answer B

Operation Vijay. Operation Vijay is associated with the December 1961 liberation.

Evidence: H1

10 / Answer D

30 May 1987. Liberation and statehood occurred in different years.

Evidence: H1

Answer key + explanations

11 / Answer D

1967. The poll was held on 16 January 1967.

Evidence: H1

12 / Answer C

Merger with Maharashtra. Goa continued as part of a Union Territory instead of merging with Maharashtra.

Evidence: H1

13 / Answer B

18 June. It recalls the 1946 civil-liberties movement in Goa.

Evidence: H1

14 / Answer C

Ram Manohar Lohia. Lohia's intervention is an important milestone in Goa's freedom struggle.

Evidence: H1

15 / Answer C

Portugal. Portuguese rule began in 1510; its end in Goa came in 1961.

Evidence: H2

Answer key + explanations

16 / Answer C

Konkani. The language law designates Konkani, with a specific script provision.

Evidence: L1

17 / Answer B

Devanagari. The statutory provision refers to Konkani in Devanagari script.

Evidence: L1

18 / Answer D

Marathi. The provision for Marathi should be distinguished from the designation of Konkani as official language.

Evidence: L1

19 / Answer D

Churches and Convents of Goa. The inscription covers a defined serial cultural property, not the whole state.

Evidence: U1

20 / Answer A

1986. UNESCO records the inscription year as 1986.

Evidence: U1

Answer key + explanations

21 / Answer B

St Francis Xavier. The tomb of St Francis Xavier is an important association of the basilica.

Evidence: U1

22 / Answer B

Shiva. Mahadev is a name of Shiva. The site preserves pre-Portuguese temple heritage.

Evidence: C1

23 / Answer A

Black basalt. The tourism authority describes the carved basalt temple and its Kadamba-Yadava architectural association.

Evidence: C1

24 / Answer C

A spring festival with music and folk dances. Shigmo connects seasonal celebration with Goa's performing traditions.

Evidence: C2

25 / Answer A

Tiatr. Tiatr is part of Goa's performing-arts heritage.

Evidence: C3

Answer key + explanations

26 / Answer A

Song and music. Mando is a Goan song tradition; it is not a mineral or a landform.

Evidence: C4

27 / Answer B

Mollem. The sanctuary lies in Goa's Western Ghats setting around Mollem.

Evidence: N1

28 / Answer A

Paddy. Paddy is important in the state's agricultural landscape.

Evidence: E1

29 / Answer C

Southwest monsoon. The main rainy season is associated with the southwest monsoon.

Evidence: E1

30 / Answer A

Cashew. Cashew is among the plantation crops listed by the state information department.

Evidence: E1

Answer key + explanations

31 / Answer A

Iron ore. Iron ore is a long-standing mineral association; this fact is not a claim about present production or permissions.

Evidence: E1

32 / Answer B

Bunds and sluice gates. Khazan systems use protective embankments and regulated water movement.

Evidence: K1

33 / Answer D

Tertiary. Providing a tour is a service-sector activity.

Evidence: Original economic concept

34 / Answer B

Reliable access to water of suitable quality. An outcome concerns the service people receive, rather than publicity or activity counts.

Evidence: Original development application

35 / Answer D

75%. Occupancy = 18 / 24 x 100 = 75%.

Evidence: Original calculation

Answer key + explanations

36 / Answer C

Rs. 7,000. 35 x 200 = Rs. 7,000. Costs have not been deducted.

Evidence: Original calculation

37 / Answer D

18 km/h. 40 minutes = 2/3 hour. Speed = 12 divided by 2/3 = 18 km/h.

Evidence: Original calculation

38 / Answer D

=SUM(B2:B6). SUM adds the numerical values in the range; AVERAGE calculates their mean.

Evidence: Original computer-literacy concept

39 / Answer C

Mozilla Firefox. A browser is software used to access web pages.

Evidence: Original computer-literacy concept

40 / Answer B

The applicable official notification, syllabus and amendments. Recruitment requirements vary by post and stage. Check the exact advertisement.

Evidence: EX1/EX2/EX3

Source register

Source IDs beside answers map to the links below. Blue source titles are clickable. Research checked 28 October 2026.

EX1 / GSSC: Advertisement 3/2026 syllabus and scheme

gssc.goa.gov.in

EX2 / GPSC: Civil Service syllabus, uploaded 12 July 2019

gpsc.goa.gov.in

EX3 / GPSC: Junior Scale Officer pre-screening, Advt 11/2023

gpsc.goa.gov.in

EX4 / GSSC: official Lower Division Clerk sample paper

gssc.goa.gov.in

H1 / Goa Information and Publicity: political milestones

dip.goa.gov.in

H2 / Goa Information and Publicity: history of Goa

dip.goa.gov.in

G1 / Goa Information and Publicity: geography and capital

dip.goa.gov.in

L1 / Directorate of Official Language: statutory language provisions

dol.goa.gov.in

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U1 / UNESCO: Churches and Convents of Goa, List 234

whc.unesco.org

C1 / GTDC: Mahadev Temple, Tambdi Surla

goa-tourism.com

C2 / GTDC: Shigmo and its performing traditions

goa-tourism.com

C3 / Goa Information and Publicity: people and performing arts

dip.goa.gov.in

C4 / South Goa district: cultural forms including Mando

southgoa.nic.in

N1 / Government of Goa: Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary

www.goa.gov.in

E1 / Goa Information and Publicity: rainfall, rivers and crops

dip.goa.gov.in

K1 / Government of India: Parliament reply on khazan lands

sansad.in

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R1 / GSSC: syllabus index for checking the applicable notice

gssc.goa.gov.in

Read sources in context

Official pages may mix stable facts and old statistics. The rainfall/crops page includes dated figures; none is presented here as a current statistic. Verify district boundaries, office-holders, schemes and recruitment rules separately.

World Heritage inscription applies to the defined Churches and Convents property, not all of Goa. Management scenarios and numerical data in this collection are invented practice exercises; model answers are editorial suggestions.