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Web Notice

No. 3-2/b/LDCE-2026/E.I(RC) Date: 23.11.2026

Subject:- LDCE-2026: Display of Answer Keys and Challenge Management - reg.

The Answer Keys of Paper-II & Paper-III for the post of Section Officer/Private Secretary and Paper- II for the post of Assistant Section Officer and Senior Stenographer of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination-2026 (LDCE-2026), held on 21.11.2026 (Saturday) are enclosed herewith. The candidates can raise challenge(s), if any, against the Answer Keys. The challenge(s) may be submitted to CSIR keeping in view the following points:-

1. The challenges must be submitted by candidates from their registered official e-mail only to the e-mail at **ldce@csir.res.in**. Please take note that no letter or e-mail to any other e-mail address in this regard, will be entertained.
2. The subject of e-mail should be in the format **<ROLL NO OF LDCE-2026> Submission of challenges for questions in <PAPER(II/III)> <SET (A/B/C/D)>**
3. Each candidate should submit challenges through one e-mail only. Multiple e-mails will not be entertained.
4. The challenges against tentative answer keys must be supported with documentary proof.
5. The last date of acceptance of challenges is **up to 26.11.2026 (Thursday) till 05:00 P.M.**

The Challenges received from the candidates, as per above, will be verified by the subject experts and, if found correct, the Answer Keys will be revised accordingly. Based on the verified Final Answer Keys, the result will be prepared. No individual candidate shall be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her challenge.

23/11/2026

(Anil Kumar Sharma)
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To,

All the candidates appeared in LDCE-2026
(Through CSIR Website)

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-II Set-A

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	C	51	C	76	A
2	C	27	A	52	D	77	B
3	D	28	B	53	D	78	C
4	A	29	B	54	B	79	D
5	D	30	C	55	A	80	B
6	A	31	C	56	A	81	C
7	B	32	D	57	D	82	A
8	C	33	A	58	A	83	C
9	B	34	B	59	B	84	D
10	D	35	B	60	C	85	A
11	A	36	D	61	B	86	B
12	A	37	A	62	B	87	A
13	B	38	A	63	B	88	C
14	D	39	B	64	B	89	A
15	D	40	A	65	C	90	D
16	C	41	B	66	B	91	B
17	B	42	C	67	C	92	A
18	A	43	C	68	C	93	B
19	D	44	A	69	A	94	B
20	B	45	D	70	B	95	A
21	B	46	B	71	C	96	C
22	D	47	A	72	A	97	B
23	A	48	B	73	B	98	D
24	B	49	C	74	D	99	B
25	D	50	A	75	B	100	C

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-II Set-B

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	C	26	C	51	A	76	B
2	A	27	D	52	B	77	C
3	B	28	D	53	C	78	D
4	B	29	B	54	D	79	A
5	C	30	A	55	B	80	D
6	C	31	A	56	C	81	A
7	D	32	D	57	A	82	B
8	A	33	A	58	C	83	C
9	B	34	B	59	D	84	B
10	B	35	C	60	A	85	D
11	D	36	B	61	B	86	A
12	A	37	B	62	A	87	A
13	A	38	B	63	C	88	B
14	B	39	B	64	A	89	D
15	A	40	C	65	D	90	D
16	B	41	B	66	B	91	C
17	C	42	C	67	A	92	B
18	C	43	C	68	B	93	A
19	A	44	A	69	B	94	D
20	D	45	B	70	A	95	B
21	B	46	C	71	C	96	B
22	A	47	A	72	B	97	D
23	B	48	B	73	D	98	A
24	C	49	D	74	B	99	B
25	A	50	B	75	C	100	D

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-II Set-C

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	C	26	A	51	B	76	C
2	D	27	B	52	C	77	A
3	D	28	C	53	D	78	B
4	B	29	D	54	A	79	B
5	A	30	B	55	D	80	C
6	A	31	C	56	A	81	C
7	D	32	A	57	B	82	D
8	A	33	C	58	C	83	A
9	B	34	D	59	B	84	B
10	C	35	A	60	D	85	B
11	B	36	B	61	A	86	D
12	B	37	A	62	A	87	A
13	B	38	C	63	B	88	A
14	B	39	A	64	D	89	B
15	C	40	D	65	D	90	A
16	B	41	B	66	C	91	B
17	C	42	A	67	B	92	C
18	C	43	B	68	A	93	C
19	A	44	B	69	D	94	A
20	B	45	A	70	B	95	D
21	C	46	C	71	B	96	B
22	A	47	B	72	D	97	A
23	B	48	D	73	A	98	B
24	D	49	B	74	B	99	C
25	B	50	C	75	D	100	A

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-II Set-D

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	A	26	B	51	C	76	C
2	B	27	C	52	A	77	D
3	C	28	D	53	B	78	D
4	D	29	A	54	B	79	B
5	B	30	D	55	C	80	A
6	C	31	A	56	C	81	A
7	A	32	B	57	D	82	D
8	C	33	C	58	A	83	A
9	D	34	B	59	B	84	B
10	A	35	D	60	B	85	C
11	B	36	A	61	D	86	B
12	A	37	A	62	A	87	B
13	C	38	B	63	A	88	B
14	A	39	D	64	B	89	B
15	D	40	D	65	A	90	C
16	B	41	C	66	B	91	B
17	A	42	B	67	C	92	C
18	B	43	A	68	C	93	C
19	B	44	D	69	A	94	A
20	A	45	B	70	D	95	B
21	C	46	B	71	B	96	C
22	B	47	D	72	A	97	A
23	D	48	A	73	B	98	B
24	B	49	B	74	C	99	D
25	C	50	D	75	A	100	B

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-III for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-III Set-A

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	D	26	B	51	B	76	B
2	A	27	A	52	B	77	C
3	D	28	A	53	C	78	B
4	C	29	D	54	C	79	A
5	B	30	A	55	C	80	B
6	D	31	C	56	C	81	A
7	A	32	A	57	B	82	B
8	C	33	B	58	A	83	B
9	C	34	C	59	D	84	C
10	A	35	D	60	D	85	D
11	D	36	C	61	C	86	C
12	C	37	A	62	B	87	A
13	D	38	D	63	A	88	B
14	C	39	A	64	C	89	D
15	B	40	A	65	D	90	B
16	D	41	A	66	C	91	C
17	B	42	C	67	C	92	D
18	C	43	D	68	B	93	C
19	B	44	D	69	D	94	B
20	C	45	C	70	A	95	A
21	C	46	C	71	C	96	D
22	D	47	A	72	B	97	B
23	B	48	A	73	A	98	C
24	C	49	D	74	D	99	A
25	A	50	C	75	D	100	B

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-III for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-III Set-B

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	B	51	B	76	D
2	A	27	B	52	C	77	A
3	A	28	C	53	B	78	D
4	D	29	C	54	A	79	C
5	A	30	C	55	B	80	B
6	C	31	C	56	A	81	D
7	A	32	B	57	B	82	A
8	B	33	A	58	B	83	C
9	C	34	D	59	C	84	C
10	D	35	D	60	D	85	A
11	C	36	C	61	C	86	D
12	A	37	B	62	A	87	C
13	D	38	A	63	B	88	D
14	A	39	C	64	D	89	C
15	A	40	D	65	B	90	B
16	A	41	C	66	C	91	D
17	C	42	C	67	D	92	B
18	D	43	B	68	C	93	C
19	D	44	D	69	B	94	B
20	C	45	A	70	A	95	C
21	C	46	C	71	D	96	C
22	A	47	B	72	B	97	D
23	A	48	A	73	C	98	B
24	D	49	D	74	A	99	C
25	C	50	D	75	B	100	A

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-III for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-III Set-C

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	B	51	D	76	B
2	B	27	C	52	A	77	A
3	C	28	B	53	D	78	A
4	C	29	A	54	C	79	D
5	C	30	B	55	B	80	A
6	C	31	A	56	D	81	C
7	B	32	B	57	A	82	A
8	A	33	B	58	C	83	B
9	D	34	C	59	C	84	C
10	D	35	D	60	A	85	D
11	C	36	C	61	D	86	C
12	B	37	A	62	C	87	A
13	A	38	B	63	D	88	D
14	C	39	D	64	C	89	A
15	D	40	B	65	B	90	A
16	C	41	C	66	D	91	A
17	C	42	D	67	B	92	C
18	B	43	C	68	C	93	D
19	D	44	B	69	B	94	D
20	A	45	A	70	C	95	C
21	C	46	D	71	C	96	C
22	B	47	B	72	D	97	A
23	A	48	C	73	B	98	A
24	D	49	A	74	C	99	D
25	D	50	B	75	A	100	C

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-III for the post of Section Officer and Private Secretary

Paper-III Set-D

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	D	51	B	76	B
2	C	27	A	52	A	77	B
3	B	28	D	53	A	78	C
4	A	29	C	54	D	79	C
5	B	30	B	55	A	80	C
6	A	31	D	56	C	81	C
7	B	32	A	57	A	82	B
8	B	33	C	58	B	83	A
9	C	34	C	59	C	84	D
10	D	35	A	60	D	85	D
11	C	36	D	61	C	86	C
12	A	37	C	62	A	87	B
13	B	38	D	63	D	88	A
14	D	39	C	64	A	89	C
15	B	40	B	65	A	90	D
16	C	41	D	66	A	91	C
17	D	42	B	67	C	92	C
18	C	43	C	68	D	93	B
19	B	44	B	69	D	94	D
20	A	45	C	70	C	95	A
21	D	46	C	71	C	96	C
22	B	47	D	72	A	97	B
23	C	48	B	73	A	98	A
24	A	49	C	74	D	99	D
25	B	50	A	75	C	100	D

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of ASO and Senior Steno

Paper-II Set-A

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	C	26	A	51	B	76	B
2	A	27	C	52	C	77	D
3	D	28	A	53	D	78	A
4	A	29	C	54	C	79	D
5	B	30	B	55	C	80	B
6	A	31	A	56	C	81	C
7	D	32	A	57	D	82	B
8	C	33	B	58	C	83	C
9	B	34	C	59	A	84	C
10	D	35	A	60	D	85	B
11	B	36	B	61	B	86	A
12	B	37	D	62	C	87	C
13	A	38	A	63	A	88	A
14	A	39	C	64	C	89	C
15	C	40	D	65	B	90	B
16	B	41	D	66	D	91	B
17	D	42	D	67	A	92	B
18	B	43	D	68	C	93	A
19	C	44	C	69	D	94	D
20	A	45	D	70	A	95	A
21	D	46	C	71	D	96	D
22	D	47	A	72	C	97	B
23	A	48	C	73	B	98	B
24	B	49	D	74	A	99	B
25	D	50	B	75	C	100	D

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of ASO and Senior Steno

Paper-II Set-B

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	A	26	B	51	B	76	C
2	C	27	C	52	D	77	A
3	A	28	D	53	A	78	D
4	C	29	C	54	D	79	A
5	B	30	C	55	B	80	B
6	A	31	C	56	C	81	A
7	A	32	D	57	B	82	D
8	B	33	C	58	C	83	C
9	C	34	A	59	C	84	B
10	A	35	D	60	B	85	D
11	B	36	B	61	A	86	B
12	D	37	C	62	C	87	B
13	A	38	A	63	A	88	A
14	C	39	C	64	C	89	A
15	D	40	B	65	B	90	C
16	D	41	D	66	B	91	B
17	D	42	A	67	B	92	D
18	D	43	C	68	A	93	B
19	C	44	D	69	D	94	C
20	D	45	A	70	A	95	A
21	C	46	D	71	D	96	D
22	A	47	C	72	B	97	D
23	C	48	B	73	B	98	A
24	D	49	A	74	B	99	B
25	B	50	C	75	D	100	D

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of ASO and Senior Steno

Paper-II Set-C

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	B	51	C	76	A
2	C	27	D	52	A	77	C
3	D	28	A	53	D	78	A
4	C	29	D	54	A	79	C
5	C	30	B	55	B	80	B
6	C	31	C	56	A	81	A
7	D	32	B	57	D	82	A
8	C	33	C	58	C	83	B
9	A	34	C	59	B	84	C
10	D	35	B	60	D	85	A
11	B	36	A	61	B	86	B
12	C	37	C	62	B	87	D
13	A	38	A	63	A	88	A
14	C	39	C	64	A	89	C
15	B	40	B	65	C	90	D
16	D	41	B	66	B	91	D
17	A	42	B	67	D	92	D
18	C	43	A	68	B	93	D
19	D	44	D	69	C	94	C
20	A	45	A	70	A	95	D
21	D	46	D	71	D	96	C
22	C	47	B	72	D	97	A
23	B	48	B	73	A	98	C
24	A	49	B	74	B	99	D
25	C	50	D	75	D	100	B

Tentative Answer Key of Paper-II for the post of ASO and Senior Steno

Paper-II Set-D

Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer	Q. No.	Answer
1	B	26	C	51	A	76	B
2	D	27	A	52	C	77	C
3	A	28	D	53	A	78	D
4	D	29	A	54	C	79	C
5	B	30	B	55	B	80	C
6	C	31	A	56	A	81	C
7	B	32	D	57	A	82	D
8	C	33	C	58	B	83	C
9	C	34	B	59	C	84	A
10	B	35	D	60	A	85	D
11	A	36	B	61	B	86	B
12	C	37	B	62	D	87	C
13	A	38	A	63	A	88	A
14	C	39	A	64	C	89	C
15	B	40	C	65	D	90	B
16	B	41	B	66	D	91	D
17	B	42	D	67	D	92	A
18	A	43	B	68	D	93	C
19	D	44	C	69	C	94	D
20	A	45	A	70	D	95	A
21	D	46	D	71	C	96	D
22	B	47	D	72	A	97	C
23	B	48	A	73	C	98	B
24	B	49	B	74	D	99	A
25	D	50	D	75	B	100	C