KEA FDA Syllabus and Exam Pattern 2026

First Division Assistant and equivalent posts · Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA)

Exam pattern

Paper	Subject	Questions	Marks	Duration
Paper 1	General Knowledge	100	100	2 hours
Paper 2	General Kannada, General English, Computer Knowledge	100	100	2 hours

- **Compulsory Kannada language test:** 08-01-2027, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Multiple choice, 150 marks; you need at least 50. It is set at the level of SSLC first-language Kannada, and its marks do not count towards selection.
- **Exempt from the Kannada test:** candidates who studied Kannada as a first or second language in SSLC, an equivalent or a higher examination, who passed such an examination in Kannada medium, or who have already passed a compulsory Kannada test of the Commission or another selection authority.
- **Mode:** offline, on an OMR sheet; four answer options for every question.
- **Negative marking:** 0.25 marks are deducted for each wrong answer. For a question you do not answer, shade the 5th circle (5 extra minutes are given after the final bell); if no circle is shaded, 0.25 marks are deducted.
- **Qualifying marks:** at least 35% in the competitive examination. Selection is through online counselling, on total marks, reservation and your order of preference.

Exam dates

Cadre	Paper 1 10:30–12:30	Paper 2 2:30–4:30	Posts
Kalyana Karnataka (KK)	09-01-2027	09-01-2027	563
Rest of Karnataka (RPC)	10-01-2027	10-01-2027	2,163

Dates and post numbers (FDA and equivalent posts) are as in the notifications of 29-10-2026; KEA may revise them.

Eligibility and fee

- Qualification: a degree. Some posts need a particular degree or an additional qualification — see the notification.
- Age: minimum 18; maximum 40 (General Merit), 43 (2A/2B/3A/3B), 45 (SC/ST/Category-1), including the one-time 5-year relaxation.
- Application fee: ₹750 for General Merit and 2A/2B/3A/3B; ₹500 for SC/ST/Category-1, ex-servicemen and transgender candidates; ₹250 for persons with disabilities.

Syllabus

Paper 1 — General Knowledge (100 marks)

KEA published this syllabus in Kannada. The English wording is our translation; the Kannada text under each item is the official one.

1. General knowledge of matters relating to current events
   ಪ್ರಚಲಿತ ಘಟನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯಗಳ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ
2. General science
   ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
3. Geography
   ಭೂಗೋಳಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
4. Social science
   ಸಮಾಜ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
5. History of Indian society and its development
   ಭಾರತೀಯ ಸಮಾಜ ಮತ್ತು ಅದರ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗಳ ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
6. History of India and Karnataka
   ಭಾರತದ ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಇತಿಹಾಸ
7. Constitution of India and public administration
   ಭಾರತದ ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಡಳಿತ
8. Practical knowledge and mental ability (SSLC level)
   ಪ್ರಾಯೋಗಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಬೌದ್ಧಿಕ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು (ಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಸಿ ಮಟ್ಟ)
9. Social and cultural history of Karnataka
   ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
10. Land reforms and social changes in Karnataka after Independence
    ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯ ನಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಭೂ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
11. Karnataka's economy — its strengths and weaknesses and its present position
    ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಅರ್ಥವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ: ಅದರ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ದೌರ್ಬಲ್ಯತೆ: ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗತಿ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
12. Rural development, Panchayat Raj institutions and rural co-operative institutions
    ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
13. Role of science and technology in effective administration in Karnataka
    ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರಿಣಾಮಕಾರಿ ಆಡಳಿತಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಮತ್ತು ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದ ಪಾತ್ರ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
14. Environmental issues and development in Karnataka
    ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಪರಿಸರ ಸಂಬಂಧಿ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕುರಿತ ವಿಷಯಗಳು
15. Mental ability
    ಬೌದ್ಧಿಕ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು

Paper 2 — languages and computer (100 marks)

1. General Kannada
   ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಕನ್ನಡ
2. General English
   ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಇಂಗ್ಲಿಷ್
3. Computer Knowledge
   ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ

The notification names these three subjects only; it gives no topic list and no split of marks between them.

Official documents

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- KEA notification ED/KEA/15/2026 (KK), 29-10-2026 — FDA, Kalyana Karnataka (KK) (Kannada PDF)
- KEA notification ED/KEA/14/2026 (RPC), 29-10-2026 — FDA, Rest of Karnataka (RPC) (Kannada PDF)
- Karnataka Examinations Authority — official website

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