

Stream Decision Checklist

A one-page self-assessment to check you're choosing Commerce, Science, or Arts for the right reasons.

Name: _____ Stream Considering: _____ Date: _____

1. Genuine Interest Check

- ☐ I chose this stream because I enjoy the subjects, not just because of the marks I scored
- ☐ I can name specific topics within this stream that genuinely interest me
- ☐ I didn't choose this mainly because a friend, sibling, or cousin chose it

2. Aptitude & Comfort Check

- ☐ I've reviewed the actual Class 11 subjects for this stream, not just its reputation
- ☐ I feel reasonably confident I can keep up with the core subjects daily, not just occasionally
- ☐ I've taken or plan to take a free aptitude test (e.g. via ncs.gov.in) to confirm my instinct

3. Research Check

- ☐ I've spoken with at least one senior or professional already in a related field
- ☐ I know at least two different career paths this stream could realistically lead to
- ☐ I've confirmed my school actually offers the specific subject combination I want

4. Red Flags — Check Any That Apply

- ☐ I'm choosing mainly because of family expectation, not my own interest
- ☐ I'm choosing mainly because this stream "sounds impressive" to say out loud
- ☐ I haven't actually looked at what the day-to-day subjects involve
- ☐ I'm avoiding a stream I'm genuinely curious about because of its reputation

Two or more boxes checked here is worth pausing on before you finalise your choice.

5. What Your Answers Suggest

Result	What It Means
Sections 1-3 mostly checked, 0 red flags	Good sign — this stream fits your genuine interest and aptitude
Mixed results	Worth another honest look, or a conversation with a working professional
Few checks, or 2+ red flags	Reconsider — revisit the comparison sheet before deciding