



NTA

Computer Based Test



NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

Excellence in Assessment

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Vision

The right candidates joining best institutions will give India her demographic dividend.

Mission

To improve equity and quality in education by administering research based valid, reliable, efficient, transparent, fair and international level assessments. The best subject matter experts, psychometricians and IT delivery and security professionals will ensure that the current gaps in existing assessment systems are properly identified and bridged.

Core Values

NTA will create a system which will promote teaching (by teachers), learning (by students) and assessment (by parents and institutions). NTA strongly believes in quality, efficiency, effectiveness, equity and security of assessments. To practice these values, NTA will constantly engage with its stakeholders, viz. students, parents, teachers, experts and partner institutions.

COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT)

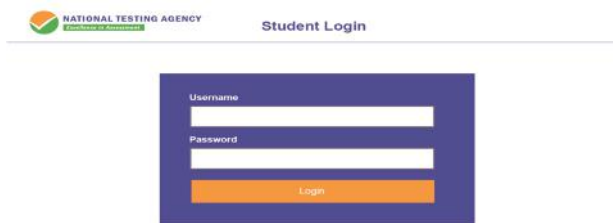
The major examinations being conducted by NTA will be Computer Based Test (CBT). A CBT requires candidates to sit in front of a computer terminal (node) allocated to them against their Roll number and Admit card. After logging the candidate will get detailed instructions for the examinations. At the designated time of start of examination, the candidates will be able to proceed and see the questions on the computer screen using the computer mouse. Candidates will have the option to change / modify/ edit / answers already entered any time during the examination.

Procedure for appearing in Computer Based Test (CBT):

(Sample/mock test will be available on UGC NET website: www.ntanet.nic.in in November, 2018 for hands on practice)

- A computer terminal (node) indicating roll number will be allocated to each candidate. Candidates should find and sit on their allocated computers only. Any candidate found to have changed room/hall or the computer on their own other than the one allotted would lead to cancellation of candidature and no plea in this regard would be entertained.
- For login, the candidate will have to enter **login-ID and password**. The computer terminal allotted to the candidate will display WELCOME login screen, Candidate's photograph and NET subject opted by the candidate.

Candidate Login Page



The screenshot shows the 'Student Login' page of the National Testing Agency. At the top left is the NTA logo with the text 'NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY' and 'एन.टी.ए. (एन.टी.ए.)'. To the right of the logo is the text 'Student Login'. Below this is a login form with a blue background. The form has two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field is an orange 'Login' button.

Candidate Welcome Screen



The screenshot shows the 'Candidate Welcome Screen' of the National Testing Agency. At the top left is the NTA logo with the text 'NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY' and 'एन.टी.ए. (एन.टी.ए.)'. Below the logo is a placeholder for a candidate's photograph, represented by a grey silhouette. Below the photograph is the text 'Welcome, Atul Singh'. At the bottom of the screen is a blue 'Proceed' button.






- (c) After login, the candidate shall be able to see the detailed instructions for the examination. Candidates are advised to go through the instructions carefully regarding the type of questions and marking scheme. At the designated time of start of the examination, the candidates will be able to proceed and see the questions on the computer screen.



General Instruction Page

View in : English ▾

Please read the instructions carefully

General Instructions:

- Total duration of examination is 60 minutes.
- The clock will be set at the server. The countdown timer at the top right corner of screen will display the remaining time available for you to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. You will not be required to end or submit your examination.
- The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:
 -  You have not visited the question yet.
 -  You have not answered the question.
 -  You have answered the question.
 -  You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review.
 -  The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again.
- You can click on the ">" arrow which appears to the left of question palette to collapse the question palette thereby maximizing the question window. To view the question palette again, you can click on "<" which appears on the right side of question window.
- You can click on your "Profile" image on top right corner of your screen to change the language during the exam for entire question paper. On clicking of Profile image you will get a drop-down to change the question content to the desired language.
- You can click on  to navigate to the bottom and  to navigate to the top of the question area, without scrolling.

Navigating to a Question:

- To answer a question, do the following:
 - Click on the question number at the Question Palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save your answer to the current question.
 - Click on **Save & Next** to save your answer for the current question and then go to the next question.
 - Click on **Mark for Review & Next** to save your answer for the current question, mark it for review, and then go to the next question.

Answering a Question:

- Procedure for answering a multiple choice type question:
 - To select your answer, click on the button of one of the options
 - To deselect your chosen answer, click on the button of the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button
 - To change your chosen answer, click on the button of another option
 - To save your answer, you **MUST** click on the **Save & Next** button
 - To mark the question for review, click on the **Mark for Review & Next** button
- To change your answer to a question that has already been answered, first select that question for answering and then follow the procedure for answering that type of question.

Navigating through sections:

- Sections in this question paper are displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section you are currently viewing is highlighted.
- After clicking the **Save & Next** button on the last question for a section, you will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
- You can shuffle between sections and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience only during the time stipulated.
- Candidate can view the corresponding section summary as part of the legend that appears in every section above the question palette.

The keyboard attached to the computer, if any, will be disabled during the entire duration of the examination. Depending on the type of question, the answers to questions can either be entered by clicking on the virtual on-screen keyboard (numeric or otherwise) using the computer mouse or by clicking the chosen option(s) using the computer mouse. Candidates will have the option to change/modify answers already entered anytime during the entire duration of the examination.

In case the computer/mouse allotted to any candidate malfunctions anytime during the test, he/she will be immediately allotted another computer system and the time lost due to this will be adjusted in the server so as to give the candidate the full allotted time.

- (d) The on-screen computer clock counter of every candidate will be set at the server. The countdown timer in the top right side of computer screen will display the time remaining (in minutes) available for the candidate to complete the examination. When the timer reaches zero, the examination will end by itself. Candidate will not be required to end or submit the examination.

The screenshot displays the NTA CBT interface. At the top left is the logo for the National Testing Agency. The user's name, [Amit Parmar], is shown. A red "Countdown Timer" with a red arrow points to the remaining time: 00:29:46. The question asks: "1. Which one of the following is the main objective of teaching?" with four radio button options:

- To give information related to the syllabus.
- To develop thinking power of the students.
- To dictate notes to students.
- To prepare students to pass the examination.

 Below the question are buttons for "Save & Next", "Save & Mark For Review", "Clear Response", and "Mark For Review & Next". At the bottom are "Back", "Next", and "Submit" buttons. On the right, the "Question Palette" shows a grid of question numbers (01-50) with status icons: 99 (Not Visited), 2 (Not Answered), 3 (Answered), 0 (Marked for Review), and 0 (Answered & Marked for Review). A legend below the palette explains these symbols.

- (e) The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:



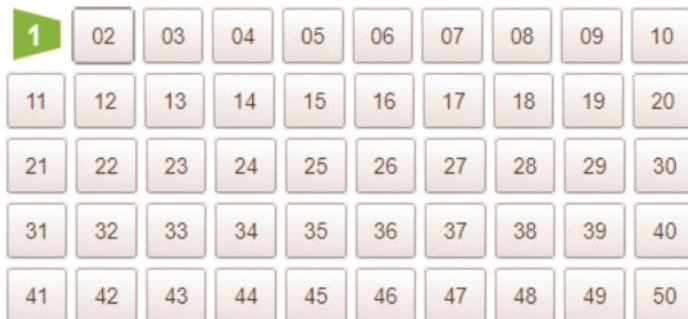
The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" status for a question indicates that candidate would like to have a relook at that question again. A candidate has the option of answering a question and simultaneously "Marked for Review", these answers will be considered for evaluation. However, if a candidate has simply put "Marked for Review" for a question without answering it, the corresponding question marked for review without an answer will not be considered for evaluation. It may be noted that a candidate can return to any "Marked for Review" question any time during the examination by clicking on the corresponding question number icon displayed on the Question Palette of the corresponding section.

- (f) Candidate can click on the ">" arrow which appears to the left of question palette to collapse the question palette thereby maximizing the question viewing window. To view the question palette again, candidate can click on "<" which appears on the right side of question window.
- (g) Candidate can click on to navigate to the bottom and to navigate to the top of the question area, without scrolling. Using the computer mouse the candidate can scroll up and down the question viewing area for viewing the entire question.
- (h) The full paper can be viewed by clicking the "Question Paper" icon on the top right corner of the screen.
- (i) Blank Sheets for doing rough work/calculations shall be provided to the candidates. The Blanks Sheets would have a Header page for the candidates to write down his/her Name and Roll Number. All calculations/writing work are to be done only in the Blank Sheets provided at the centre in the examination Room/Hall and on completion of the test candidates must hand over the rough sheets to the invigilator on duty in the Room/Hall.

(j) Navigating to a Question

To navigate between questions within a Paper, candidate needs to do the following:

- (a) Click on the question number in the Question Palette at the right of the screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option does NOT save the answer to the currently displayed question.
- (b) Click on "Save & Next" to save the answer of any question. Clicking on "Save & Next" will save the answer for the current question and the next question will be displayed on the candidate's computer screen.
- (c) Click on "Mark for Review & Next" to mark a question for review (without answering it) and proceed to the next question.



(k) Answering a Question

To navigate between questions within a Paper, candidate needs to do the following:

- (i) Procedure for answering a multiple choice type question:
 - (a) To select the option(s), click on the corresponding button(s) of the option(s).
 - (b) To deselect the chosen answer, click on the button of the chosen option again or click on the "Clear Response" button.
 - (c) To save the answer, the candidate MUST click on the "Save & Next" button.
 - (d) To mark the question for review (without answering it), click on the "Mark for Review & Next" button.

**(l) Navigating through sections**

- (i) Sections in the question paper are displayed on the top bar of the screen. Questions in a section can be viewed by clicking on the section name. The section in which candidate is currently viewing will be highlighted.
- (ii) After clicking the "Save & Next" button on the last question for a section, candidate will automatically be taken to the first question of the next section.
- (iii) Candidate can shuffle between sections and questions within sections anytime during the examination as per the convenience only during the time stipulated.
- (iv) Candidate can view the corresponding section summary as part of the legend that appears in every section above the question palette.

The screenshot shows the NTA CBT interface. At the top, it says "NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY" and "Question Paper". Below that, the candidate's name "[Amit Parmar]" and "Remaining Time: 00:29:46" are displayed. The main question is: "1. Which one of the following is the main objective of teaching?". There are four radio button options:

- To give information related to the syllabus.
- To develop thinking power of the students.
- To dictate notes to students.
- To prepare students to pass the examination.

 Below the question are four buttons: "Save & Next", "Save & Mark For Review", "Clear Response", and "Mark For Review & Next". A "Submit" button is at the bottom right. On the right side, there is a "Question Palette" grid with 30 numbered cells. A legend above the palette shows icons for "Not Viewed", "Not Answered", "Answered", "Marked for Review", and "Answered & Marked for Review". Red arrows point to the "Question Panel" (the question area), "Respective Options" (the radio buttons), "Navigation Panel" (the buttons below the question), and "Question Palette" (the grid on the right).

(m) Procedure for answering questions

- (a) Candidate will have to use the attached computer mouse to enter his/her answer in the space provided for answer.
- (b) The answer can be changed, if required, anytime during the test. To save the answer, the candidate **MUST** click on the "Save & Next" button.
- (c) To mark the question for review (without answering it), click on the "Mark for Review & Next" button.

Candidate will have the option to change previously saved answer of any question, anytime during the entire duration of the test. To change the answer to a question that has already been answered, first select the corresponding question from the Question Palette, then click on "Clear Response" to clear the previously entered answer and subsequently follow the procedure for answering that type of question.

(n) Rough Work

All calculations/writing work are to be done only in the rough sheet provided at the centre in the examination Room/Hall and on completion of the test candidates must hand over the rough sheets to the invigilator on duty in the Room/Hall.

Schedule of Examination

Examination: UGC-NET Dec 2018	
Mode of examination: Computer based	
Registration dates	1st to 30th September 2018
Downloading of admit cards	19 th Nov 2018
Dates of examinations	9 th to 23 rd Dec 2018
Date for announcing results	10 th Jan 2019

Examination: JEE Main I	
Mode of examination: Computer based	
Registration dates	1st to 30th September 2018
Downloading of admit cards	17 th Dec 2018
Dates of examinations	6th to 20th Jan 2019
Date for announcing results	31st Jan 2019

Examination: JEE Main II	
Mode of examination: Computer based	
Registration dates	8 th Feb to 7 th March 2019
Downloading of admit cards	18th March 2019
Dates of examinations	6 th to 20 th April 2019
Date for announcing results	30 th April 2019

Examination: CMAT & GPAT	
Mode of examination: Computer based	
Registration dates	1 st November to 30 th November 2018
Downloading of admit cards	7 th Jan 2019
Dates of examinations	28th Jan 2019
Date for announcing results	10 th Feb 2019

Examination: NEET (UG)*	
Mode of examination: Pen & Paper exam(in single session)	
Registration dates	1 st November to 30 th November 2018
Downloading of admit cards	15 th April 2019
Dates of examinations	5th May 2019
Date for announcing results	5 th June 2019

* The change in the NEET exam pattern (as against the statement made on 7th July 2018), which will now be a single exam in pen-and-paper mode and in the same number of languages as has been conducted last year, is on the request of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, who wanted the same pattern followed last year to be maintained.

NTA is also establishing a countrywide network of test practice centres (TPCs) for students of rural areas so that everyone will have an opportunity to practice before the exam. (2,697) Schools/engineering colleges with computer centres are being made available on every Saturday/Sunday starting from 1st September, 2018 and any student can use the facility free of charge. An App is being developed which will enable the students to choose the nearest TPC.

The TPCs will have a downloaded Computer Based Test (CBT) which will be similar to the actual test to be conducted on the exam day. The practice tests will help the candidates to familiarize themselves with logging into the system, going through the detailed instructions regarding the test, using the mouse or numeric keyboard on screen (virtual) for attempting each question, scrolling down to the next question, navigating between questions, reviewing and editing their options and submit questions.





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