

National Talent Search Examination
National Council of Educational Research and Training
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016.

(ONLY FOR THE INDIAN NATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD IN CLASS X)

The National Talent Search Examination for students studying abroad in Class X is meant to identify the nurture talent. The examination is conducted every year at two levels: Stage-I (State Level) and Stage-II (National Level), however, the students studying abroad are exempted for State Level Stage-I of NTS examinations as per NTS Scheme.

Scholarships: About one thousand scholarships are awarded for different stages of education as follows:

- (a) Scholarship of Rs.1250/- per month for Class-XI to XII.
- (b) Scholarship of Rs.2000/- per month for Undergraduates and Post-graduates.
- (c) Amount of Scholarship for Ph.D. is fixed in accordance with the UGC norms.

Eligibility for Scholarship: If a candidate is selected, **the scholarship shall be paid for pursuing studies in India only.**

Reservation: 15% for students belonging to the SC category, 7.5% for students belonging to the ST category and 4% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students, with benchmark disabilities of which, one per cent each shall be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (a), (b) and (c) and one per cent for persons with benchmark disabilities under clauses (d) and (e) namely:

- (a) blindness and low vision;
- (b) deaf and hard of hearing;
- (c) locomotor disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy;
- (d) autism, intellectual disability, specific learning disability and mental illness;
- (e) multiple disabilities from amongst persons under clauses (a) to (d) including deaf-blindness in the posts identified for each disabilities'

Qualifying Marks: Qualifying marks for candidates from General category is 40% in each paper and for candidates from SC, ST and PH is 32% in each paper.

Language Test: Qualifying in nature and marks obtained for Language Test will not be counted for final merit.

Important Dates:

National Level Stage-II NTS Exam	Dates
Last Date of Submission of Application Form	December 31 st , 2017
Date of Examination	13th May, 2018 (Sunday) at 36 centres only in India

Examination: The pattern of stage-II will be as under:

Paper	Test	No. of Questions	No. of Marks	Duration (in minutes)
Paper-I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	50	50	45
Paper-II	Language Test (LT) English/Hindi	50	50	45
Paper-III	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	100	100	90
* If there is any change in pattern for Stage-II examination then the same will be communicated later on through NCERT website www.ncert.nic.in . Candidates are advised to keep track of updates on NCERT website.				

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At Stage-II (National Level), there will be negative marking in each paper. For each wrong answer 1/3rd marks will be deducted. No marks will be deducted for unattempted questions.

Indian Students Studying Abroad in Class X can appear directly for Stage II NTS Examination under conditions prescribed in the NTS brochure which is available on the NCERT website (www.ncert.nic.in). Candidates may fill up the Application Form, available on the NCERT website and send to the undersigned along with a photocopy of the mark sheet of previous examination through post **latest by December 31st, 2017.**



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