

DIRECTORATE OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND SCERT : ODISHA : BHUBANESWAR

STATE LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION, 2016-2017

Applications are invited for State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2016-2017 **to select 118 candidates** for National Level Talent Search Examination from eligible students **studying in Class X in recognized schools** located in the state of Odisha. State Level National Talent Search Examination, 2016-2017 **will be held on 06.11.2016 (Sunday)** as per details given below.

Examination : National Talent Search Examination, 2016-2017 will be conducted **in two stages**.

Stage – I : State Level National Talent Search Examination will be conducted **on 06.11.2016 (Sunday)** for selection of candidates to National Talent Search Examination.

Stage – II : National Level Talent Search Examination will be conducted by NCERT for candidates selected through Stage – I. The National Level written examination will be conducted **on 2nd Sunday of May, 2017**.

Examination Fees : The candidates **are not required to pay** any examination fee. However, they shall have to bear their own expenses for coming and going to Examination Centre to appear at the examination.

Eligibility : Students **studying in Class X during 2016-2017 in any recognized schools of Odisha are eligible** to appear National Talent Search Examination. They must have passed Class IX Annual Examination securing **at least 60% of marks or equivalent (relaxable by 5% for reserved categories)**. There will be no domicile restriction.

State Quota for Odisha : **118** candidates will be selected for National Level Talent Search Examination. Within this quota there will be **15% reservation for SC, 7.5% for ST and 3% for physically challenged** candidates.

Examination Subjects : The State Level NTSE, 2016-2017 will consist of Mental Ability Test (MAT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Language Comprehension Test (LCT). The distribution of time and mark will be as follows :

Test Type	Total Marks	No. of Items	Duration (in minutes)
Mental Ability Test	50	50	45
Language Comprehension Test	50	50	45
Scholastic Aptitude Test	100	100	90

- 1. Mental Ability Test (MAT)** consists of **50 multiple choice items** on reasoning and critical thinking to be answered **in 45 minutes**. The questions may be **on analogy, classification, numerical series, pattern perception, hidden figures etc.**

2. **Language Comprehension Test (LCT)** consists of **50 multiple choice items** to be answered in **45 minutes**. This will be conducted in English language and Odia language. The candidates will get a choice to appear in only one of the two languages.
3. **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** consists of **100 multiple choice items** (40 questions from Science, 40 questions from Social Science & 20 questions from Mathematics) from **Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, History, Geography, Political Science and Economics** to be answered in **90 minutes**.

Syllabus : There is **no syllabus** for State Level NTS Examination. However, questions will be asked based on syllabi for Classes IX and X.

Selection Procedure : The qualifying marks is **40% in each individual paper i.e. MAT, SAT and LCT**. For **reserved category**, the qualifying mark is **35% in each paper as per NCERT norms**. The **Merit List** will be **prepared** on the basis of the **total marks secured** in MAT and SAT only. Language will be treated as the qualifying subject. Marks secured in the Language Comprehension Test will not be added for preparation of merit list. There will be no negative marking in Stage I NTS Examination.

Stage II : In Stage II examination conducted by NCERT, there will be negative marking for all papers i.e. Mental Ability Test, Scholastic Aptitude Test and Language Comprehension Test. There will be a deduction of 1/3 rd mark for every wrong answer and no mark will be deducted for un-attempted questions.

Scholarship : There are **1000** scholarships for the entire country. Awardees of NTS Examination will receive scholarship **up to Ph.D. level in Basic Sciences, Social Sciences and Commerce and Post Graduation level in Engineering, Medicine, Management and Law** subject to satisfactory academic progress. The rate of scholarship is indicated below :

- a) Scholarship of Rs.1250.00 per month for Class XI and XII
- b) Scholarship of Rs.2000.00 per month for under graduates and post-graduates
- c) Amount of scholarship for Ph.D. in accordance with the UGC norms.

Centre for State Level NTS Examination : **Government Colleges and Government High Schools** located in **district headquarters**.

How to Apply : The candidate can fill up the Online Application Form by logging **www.scertodisha.nic.in**. After filling up of the Application Form online, he / she is required to take the **printout of the same and submit it in the concerned school/ Institution. Head of the institution forward it to the concerned District Education Officer**. The District Education Officer will allot the Examination Centre, scrutinize and verify all the documents and put the auto generated twelve digit roll number and validate the Online Application Form. **The Admit Card will be prepared at TE and SCERT which can be downloaded by the Candidate / Institution for appearing the Examination.**

For detailed instruction for filling up of Online Application Form refer to **USER MANUAL** available in the web-site.

Time Schedule :

Online filling up of Application Forms by the candidates	<i>01.08.2016 to 25.08.2016</i>
Submission of hard copy of Online Application Form to the Headmasters / Headmistress by the candidates.	<i>By 25.08.2016</i>
Submission of countersigned hard copies of Application Forms by the Headmasters / Headmistress to the DEOs.	<i>By 30.08.2016</i>
Validation of Application Forms after scrutiny by District Education Officers	<i>By 10.09.2016</i>
Download of Admit Cards by the Candidates	<i>After 15.10.2016</i>
Dispatch of Roll Sheets to the Centres by TE and SCERT	<i>By 28.10.2016</i>
Date of Examination	<i>06.11.2016 (Sunday)</i>

Documents to be submitted along with the Hard copy of the Online Application Form :

- **Caste Certificate**, as applicable, **for SC / ST** candidate issued by the concerned Tahasildar / Additional Tahasildar.
- **Disability Certificate for Physically Handicapped** candidates issued by the concerned District Medical Board.

Filled in hard copies of Online Application Forms received after 30.08.2016 / not countersigned by the concerned Head of School will not be accepted.

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