

**National Council of Educational Research and Training**  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi – 110016  
National Talent Search Examination  
No F.1-13/2017/ESD/NTS-1/ 4420


Date: 5.12.2017

**Subject: Modifications in NTS Stage II Examination to be conducted on 13.05.2018**

In continuation to the Council's **Notification** regarding conduct of **National Talent Search Examination 2017-18** placed on the NCERT website www.ncert.nic.in on **31.07.2017**. All the candidates and the general public is hereby informed that as per the decision of review committee of NTS Examination held on 30.10.2017 there will be modifications in the **Stage-II examination** to be conducted on **13.05.2018** with respect to **number of papers, number of questions, areas to be tested, time for testing and the practice of negative marking**. Details are specified as given below;

Examination Date	Paper	Test	Timings	Number of Questions	Number of Marks	Time Duration	Qualifying Marks	Remarks
13.05.2018 (In all the States/UTs of the country)	Paper- I	Mental Ability Test (MAT)	0930 to 1130 hrs (All candidates except Visually Challenged Candidates)	100	100	120 Minutes	32% for SC, ST and PWD and 40% for General Category in both papers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Negative Marking in both the papers.</li> <li>Only candidates qualifying in both the papers separately will be considered for merit.</li> <li>Selection of the awardee will be made on the basis of total Marks scored in MAT &amp; SAT based on merit.</li> </ul>
			0930 to 1200 hrs (Only Visually Challenged Candidates)					
	Paper -II	Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	1330 Hrs to 1530 hrs (All candidates except Visually Challenged Candidates)	100	100	120 Minutes		
			1330 to 1600 hrs (Only Visually Challenged Candidates)					

- There will be not any paper on Language Test.
- Reporting Time for Candidates: 0900 hrs at the Examination Center
- Admit Cards will be auto-generated. Successful/Recommended candidates of Stage- I Examination will be informed separately about the process of downloading the admit cards.

  
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