State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kerala

Government of Kerala
Department of Education

STATE-LEVEL NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NTSE) 2017-18

The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Kerala is organising the State-level National Talent Search Examination for the students of Class X on **05 November, 2017.**

Eligibility

Only those pupils who are studying in Class X during this academic year (2017 - 18) in any Government/Aided/Recognised schools/Kendriya Vidyalaya/ Navodaya Vidyalaya in Kerala are eligible to apply for the State-level NTS Examination.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship provided the student is below the age of 18 years and is appearing in Class X examination for the first time.

Pupils who have secured not less than 55% marks for all non-language subjects in the qualifying examination of class IX of 2016-17 will be admitted for the examination.

How to apply

Pupils are directed to apply **Online**. Read the following instructions carefully:
- Applications are to be submitted online
- Open the website of SCERT Kerala *(www.scert.kerala.gov.in)*
- Click on the link online payment of NTSE fee 2017-18
- Enter the required details
- Press submit button
- Click on the options for remittance of the fee *(Credit card/Debit card, Internet banking/SBI Branch - challan mode)*
- Fee : General Category is Rs.250/-
  SC/ST/ BPL Category is Rs.100/-
- Payment can be done through Credit/Debit card or Internet Banking or challan
- If challan mode of payment is selected, download the challan, get a printout and remit the fee in any SBI Branch
- After remitting fee you will get a **SB collect reference number** starting with DU............ For internet banking also you will get the same

- You can complete the filling up of application only using this SB collect reference number starting with DU.............
- The NTSE application will be open again **12** hours after the payment of the fee either online or at the bank counter
- Click on NTSE application with the SB collect reference number starting with DU........to upload the application form

Do not apply online more than one time. If correction is necessary click 'Online Application Editing.' Then enter your Application ID and Application Number and do the necessary corrections.

Note the application ID and Application number for future reference / use.

Only after entering necessary corrections confirm your Application. After confirmation further editing is not possible.

Only after confirmation click submit and get the hardcopy of your online Application.

The hard copy of the online application of the following category of students should be accompanied by:

a. Those belonging SC/ST/BPL categories should send the attested photocopy of the caste certificate /BPL certificate as proof.

b. Physically challenged candidates must produce the attested copy of medical certificate from the competent authority stating that the candidate suffers from 40% or more disability as per the PWD Act 1995.

The Principal /HM should ensure that all the relevant certificates/documents are enclosed along with Application form.

Applications without relevant certificates/documents will be rejected.

The hard copy of the Online Application along with relevant certificates/documents shall be sent by post to the following address after obtaining the declaration/signature from the applicant as well as the Principal/ HM with seal before **10 September 2017**.

The Liaison Officer
The State Level NTS Examination
SCERT, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram - 12

The last date of submission of online application for NTSE is 31.08.2017

The candidates are advised to keep a photo copy of the Hard copy of the Online application. **They have to enter their Application ID and Application Number to get the Hall ticket from SCERT Website. Hall ticket can be downloaded from 20 October 2017 onwards.**

Procedure of the Test

The test will be conducted in **Two Parts** of 90 minutes duration each.

Part I - Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) comprises of 100 objective type questions from Social science, Science subjects and Mathematics.

Part II consists of Mental Ability Test (MAT) and Language Comprehension Test. There will be 50 questions in Mental Ability Test and 50 questions in Language Comprehension Test (50 questions in Malayalam Language and 50 questions in English Language). Candidates can choose either Malayalam or English for Language Comprehension Test.

Marks scored for Language Comprehension Test will not be considered for ranking. But candidates must score a minimum of 40% marks in Language Comprehension Test.

All questions in Part II are also of objective type.

Portions included for the State Level Test under Part I are as follows.

a. 9th entire portions & 10th first and second term portions of Kerala State syllabus for the current academic year.

b. 9th entire portions & 10th first and second term portions of CBSE syllabus for the current academic year.

c.   Certain portions studied in lower classes which are essential for the proper understanding of the subjects.

The candidate should answer Part I (SAT) and then Part II (MAT) after an interval of one hour.

Candidate can choose English, Malayalam, Tamil or Kannada as medium of Examination for SAT & MAT and should specify it in the application form.

Date of Examination is 05.11.2017

(i)   Part I: SAT consists of 100 objective type questions in Social Science, Science subjects & Mathematics.

9 am to 10.30 am	All candidates except disabled candidates
9 am to 11 am	Disabled candidates only

(ii)   Part II: MAT & Language comprehension Test consists of 100 objective type questions.

11.30 am to 01.00 pm	All candidates except disabled candidates
11.30 am to 01.30 pm	Disabled candidates only

For more details visit **www.scert.kerala.gov.in**

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Director