

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

The **National Talent Search Examination** for students studying 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).

**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.

**Reservation:** 15% for students belonging to the **SC** category, 7.5% for students belonging to the **ST** category and 3% for **Physically Challenged** Group of Students.

**Selection:** Stage-I, selection will be done by States/UTs and those who qualify **Stage-I**, will be eligible to appear for **Stage-II** examination, conducted by NCERT.

**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:** Dates for submission of application form and conduct of examination, are given below:

Stage	Area	Tentative Dates
Stage-I (State)	Last Date for Submission of Application Form	To be notified by the respective State and it may vary from state to state
	Examination in Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Andaman and Nicobar Islands	<b>05<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Saturday)</b>
	Examination in All other States and Union Territories	<b>06<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Sunday)</b>
	Examination in Bihar and West Bengal	<b>13<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Sunday)</b>
Stage-II (National)	Examination in All States and Union Territories	<b>14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (Sunday)</b>

**Eligibility:** All students of Class X studying in recognized schools are eligible to appear for the Stage -I examination, conducted by the States/UTs, in which the schools are located. There will be no domicile restriction.

Students registered under Open Distance Learning (ODL) will also be eligible for scholarship, provided the student is below the age of 18 years (as on 1<sup>st</sup> July of the particular year), the student is not employed and s/he is appearing in class X examination for the first time.

**Examination:** The pattern of **written examination** will be as follows:

- **Stage-I & II :** examination at the State/UT level will comprise of three parts, namely (a) Mental Ability Test (MAT), (b) Language Test (LT) and (c) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

