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CUCET 2022

Admission in all central universities will now be done only through a joint entrance examination CUCET 2022

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Latest Update (Monday, 21st March 2022): The first ever mandatory common entrance test for admission to undergraduate programmes in all the 45 Central universities will be held in the **first week of July**, UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar announced.

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) is a **computerised exam** and will be conducted by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)**, which will announce the test pattern on Tuesday, he said. The application window for the examination will open in the **first week of April**.

Admission to undergraduate courses in these universities will henceforth be solely based on the CUET score, and **Class 12 Board marks will not carry any weightage**, Kumar said. The universities can, at best, use the **Board exam marks as an eligibility criterion** for the test, he said.

From the 2022-23 academic session, a common entrance test is to be implemented across central universities in India for admissions to undergraduate

and postgraduate courses, marking a departure from the current predominant pattern of screening based on class 12 marks.

CUCET Exam conducting body: National Testing Agency (NTA)

The Beginning: The **Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CUCET)** was launched in 2010, a year after 12 new central universities had been set up under the Central Universities Act, 2009. In the year of its rollout, seven new central universities adopted CUCET. Over the years, the list grew, and this year more top central universities, from Assam to Kerala, held CUCET with the assistance of the NTA, which functions under the Ministry of Education.

The UGC has been keen on bringing more central universities under the ambit of the CUCET ever since the **National Education Policy, 2020** advocated this.

The test will cover sciences, humanities, languages, arts, and vocational subjects, and is likely to be held at least twice every year.

Important Information about CUCET 2022

- Admission for 2022-23 for UG programmes in central universities based on the test.
- The exam will be **computer-based (CBT)**
- **Format:** Aptitude and subject-specific tests
- **Aptitude:** Verbal quantitative, logic & Reasoning
- Aptitude test is mandatory for all aspirants.
- Aspirants will be able to choose the subjects(s) of their choice.
- The CUCET 2022 application form will be released in July in online mode.
- The CUCET 2022 will be conducted in **(month) 2022** by NTA.
- CUCET participating **universities will hold counselling separately for admission** to the programmes they offer.

Reasons & Benefits of Conducting CUCET Exam

The push for a common entrance test comes at a time when **unrealistic cutoffs** for admission to premier institutions like Delhi University have underlined the need for alternatives. The UGC hopes it will create a level playing field for everyone.

It was observed that there is huge competition in top universities with high cut-off marks, so the exam was introduced to reduce the high cut-off standards for entering these prestigious colleges.

The exam is a centralized test for top universities like **Delhi University, Banaras Hindu University, Central University of Punjab, and Jawaharlal Nehru University.**

Being a centralized test, students can **focus on a single aptitude test** instead of appearing for multiple entrance tests to get admission to these top universities.

CUCET Exam Pattern

Current Pattern: At present, the CUCET papers consist of two segments. Part A tests a candidate's language, general awareness, mathematical aptitude, and analytical skills, while Part B evaluates domain knowledge. Both papers contain multiple choice questions (MCQs). For admission to MBA, LLB and MCA courses offered by some universities, there is one paper comprising 100 MCQs covering English, reasoning, numerical ability, general awareness and analytical skills.

The test does not have under its ambit engineering and medical courses that are offered by some of these central universities. These will not be included in the new pattern either.

Mode of the exam	Online
Medium of the exam	English
Type of Questions	Objective/ MCQ type
Sections or Parts	Part A: Aptitude and English
	Part B: Domain Knowledge
Number of Questions*	Part A: 25 MCQs
	Part B: 75 MCQs
Duration	2 hours
Marking scheme	Correct Answer: +1 Mark
	Incorrect Answer: -0.25 Mark

Changes in Pattern we'll likely to see in near future after Expansion: Although the UGC has not yet announced the pattern of the exams once it is expanded, the report of the Tiwari committee holds some clues. It says the test for the undergraduate level would be in two parts. Section A will be a common aptitude test carrying 50 questions, while Section B will be a "domain specific test" comprising 30 questions each from a chosen combination of subjects. The committee also recommended that to begin with, a minimum 50% of a candidate's CUCET score should be factored in during admissions to undergraduate courses. It will be a computer-based test.

The CUCET might also be called the **Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET)** in its proposed new avatar.

The Tiwari committee has also recommended that existing policies regarding quotas, subject combinations, preferences etc that govern a particular university will remain applicable even after the rollout of a common test.

CUCET Application Form 2022

The application form of CUCET 2022 will be released in July. The last date to fill the CUCET 2022 application form will be August. The candidates have to select the participating universities of CUCET 2022 while filling the application form. Candidates are required to fill up an active email ID and mobile number on the CUCET application form 2022, as the same will act as a point of contact. Candidates are advised to keep the required documents handy with them before filling the CUCET 2022 application form.

CUCET 2022 Participating Universities

Banaras Hindu University	Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agriculture University
University of Delhi	National Sanskrit University
Aligarh Muslim University	Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University
Jamia Millia Islamia	Central Sanskrit University
Jawaharlal Nehru University	Indira Gandhi National Open University
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University	Central Agricultural University
Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya	Indian Maritime University

Tezpur University	Central University of Gujarat
University of Allahabad	Central University of Haryana
Visva-Bharati University	Central University of Himachal Pradesh
Dr. Hari Singh Gour University	Central University of Kashmir
English and Foreign Languages University	Central University of Jharkhand
North Eastern Hill University	Central University of Karnataka
Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University	Central University of Kerala
University of Hyderabad	Central University of Odisha
Manipur University	Central University of Punjab
Pondicherry University	Central University of Rajasthan
Rajiv Gandhi University	Central University of Tamil Nadu
Tripura University	Nalanda University
Assam University	South Asian University
Nagaland University	Central University of Jammu
Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya	Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University
Maulana Azad National Urdu University	Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University

Mizoram University	Mahatma Gandhi Central University
Indira Gandhi National Tribal University	National Sports University
Sikkim University	Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh
Central University of South Bihar	Central University of Andhra Pradesh

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