

CUET (UG) 2026 — Exam Guide

Common University Entrance Test (Undergraduate) | Science stream + General Test

About the Exam

The Common University Entrance Test (Undergraduate), or CUET (UG), is a national-level computer-based entrance test conducted by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)**. It is the single gateway for admission to undergraduate programmes across Central, State, Deemed and Private universities that participate in CUET — including all Central Universities such as Delhi University, BHU, JNU, Jamia Millia Islamia, Allahabad University and many more. It allows students from any school board to compete on a common, standardised platform, and the question paper is based largely on the **NCERT Class 12 curriculum**.

Eligibility

- **Qualification:** Candidates must have passed or be appearing in the Class 12 (10+2) examination from a recognised board.
- **Minimum marks:** No minimum percentage is fixed by NTA to *appear*; however, individual universities set their own eligibility cut-offs (commonly 45–50% for General and 40–45% for SC/ST/OBC/PwD for specific programmes).
- **Age limit:** There is no upper age limit set by NTA to appear for CUET (UG); age criteria, if any, are decided by the university.
- **Subject choice:** From CUET UG 2026, candidates may choose any domain subject regardless of the subjects studied in Class 12 (subject to the participating university's programme rules).

Exam Pattern (2026)

Feature	Details
Mode	Computer-Based Test (CBT)
Sections	Languages (13) • Domain Subjects (23) • General Test (1)
Max. subjects	Up to 5 papers (combination of languages, domain subjects and/or General Test)
Duration / paper	60 minutes per paper
Question type	Objective Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs); no optional/internal-choice questions in 2026
Marking	+5 for a correct answer, –1 for an incorrect answer, 0 for unattempted
Medium	13 languages (English, Hindi, and other regional/foreign languages)

Note: NTA finalises the exact number of questions per paper in the annual Information Bulletin. Always confirm the current pattern on the official site before the exam.

Subjects for the Science Stream

A typical Science-stream candidate selects a combination such as:

- **Language:** one language paper (e.g., English / Hindi).
- **Domain subjects:** Physics, Chemistry, and either Biology (PCB) or Mathematics (PCM) — or all four.
- **General Test:** for programmes that ask for it / to widen course options.

Syllabus Outline

The CUET UG syllabus is drawn from the **NCERT Class 12** curriculum. A subject-wise outline:

Physics

Electrostatics; Current Electricity; Magnetic Effects of Current & Magnetism; Electromagnetic Induction & Alternating Currents; Electromagnetic Waves; Optics; Dual Nature of Matter & Radiation; Atoms & Nuclei; Electronic Devices.

Chemistry

Solid State; Solutions; Electrochemistry; Chemical Kinetics; Surface Chemistry; Isolation of Elements; p-, d- & f-Block Elements; Coordination Compounds; Haloalkanes & Haloarenes; Alcohols, Phenols & Ethers; Aldehydes, Ketones & Carboxylic Acids; Amines; Biomolecules; Polymers; Chemistry in Everyday Life.

Biology

Reproduction; Genetics & Evolution; Biology & Human Welfare; Biotechnology & its Applications; Ecology & Environment.

Mathematics

Relations & Functions; Inverse Trigonometry; Matrices & Determinants; Continuity & Differentiability; Applications of Derivatives; Integrals & their Applications; Differential Equations; Vectors & 3-D Geometry; Linear Programming; Probability. (Applied Mathematics adds numerical applications, index numbers, financial maths and statistics.)

General Test

General Knowledge & Current Affairs; General Mental Ability; Numerical Ability; Quantitative Reasoning (simple application up to Class 8 arithmetic); Logical & Analytical Reasoning.

A detailed, topic-by-topic breakdown is provided in the companion file "CUET_UG_Complete_Syllabus.pdf" in the 02_Complete_Syllabus folder.

Key Dates

CUET UG 2026 cycle (for reference — the 2026 exam was conducted in May 2026, with results declared in June 2026):

Event	Timeline (2026 cycle)
Notification & registration	Released by NTA earlier in 2026
Admit card	05 May 2026
Examination	11–31 May 2026 (the 28 May 2026 shift was postponed and rescheduled due to the revised Id-ul-Zuha holiday)
Answer key & objections	Late May – June 2026

Event	Timeline (2026 cycle)
Result	June 2026

Dates change every cycle. For CUET UG 2027 and any revisions, always rely on the official notification.

Official Links

- Main CUET portal: <https://cuet.nta.nic.in>
- NTA website: <https://www.nta.ac.in>
- Alternate exam page: <https://exams.nta.ac.in/CUET-UG/>

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