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SECTION-I (GENERAL QUERIES)		
S. No.	**Question**	**Reply**
1.	What is SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?	The Government has approved a Scheme named SHRESHTA (Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas) for the purpose of providing seats for the meritorious SC & DNT (not covered under SCs, STs and OBCs) boys and girls in the best private residential schools in the country. Every year, it is expected that about 2400 [2160 -SC students and 240 -DNT students (not covered under SCs, STs & OBCs)] would be selected for admission in Class 9 and Class 11 under the scheme.
2.	What is the responsibility of NTA for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?	Role of NTA is confined to registration of candidates and conduct of exam. Further, finalization of answer keys processing and declaration of results is being done by NTA. Admission and Counselling of the candidates is being done by MoSJ&E. NTA has no role to play in Admission and Counselling or other downstream processes.
3.	When will the Online Application form for SHRESHTA (NETS)-2027 be available?	The Online Application Form for SHRESHTA (NETS)-2027 is available between 14.11.2026 to 30.11.2026 on the website https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/
4.	When will SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027 Examination be conducted?	10 January 2027 (Sunday).
5.	Whether the examination will be offline or online?	SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027 Examination will be held in pen and paper mode (Offline) in OMR sheet.
6.	How to fill up the 'Online' Application Form for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027? Are there any guidelines for the students before filling out the application form?	Yes, instructions to apply online for SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027 are available in the Information Bulletin under the heading 'Important *Information at Glance'. Read them carefully*. For more details, please go through the Information Bulletin Chapter –7 & Replica of the Application Form at Annexure II.
7.	What would be the language of Question Paper?	Bilingual (English and Hindi).
8.	What should I do, if 'continuous timeout' or 'file not found error' occurs while filling the online Application Form of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?	Use an updated version of Mozilla Firefox/Internet Explorer and a good internet connection while filling out the Application Form. In case of Continuous-time out clear cookies and history of the browser and fill in off-peak hours.
9.	Are Candidates required to send / submit any document(s) including Confirmation Page to NTA through Post/ Fax/ By Hand?	Candidates are not required to send/submit any document(s) including Confirmation Page to NTA through Post/Fax/WhatsApp/Email/by Hand.

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10.	Is it mandatory to upload SC or DNT Category Certificate?	Yes, Uploading of SC or DNT Category Certificate is mandatory.
11.	Will NTA reserve its discretion to fix the center in a city which is given in Annexure I of the Information Bulletin?	As far as possible, the Exam Centres are allotted as per the choice of cities of the candidates made in their online Application form. Efforts are made to allot the Centre as per their choice (s) and within city jurisdiction. However, due to administrative/logistic reasons, a different city may be allotted. If the number of registered candidates in any examination city is less than 100, the candidates will be allotted the next nearest examination city (Reference Chapter 4 of IB).
12.	Can a centre be allotted by the NTA manually?	No.
13.	In case, the Candidate has uploaded a Blue Signature instead of a Black Signature in the application form of SHRESHTA-2027. Is it okay?	Yes, you can upload signature either in black or blue.
14.	Is there any helpline for SHRESHTA (NETS) -2027 examination for the aspirants?	Yes. Details of Helpline Numbers and Email are as follows: The Helpline Nos.- 011-69227700 and 011-40759000 E-mail: shreshta@nta.ac.in
15.	Can the Candidate correct / change his/her particulars including the City of Exam Centre in the Online Application Form?	One time correction window will be provided as per the schedule mentioned in the Information Bulletin for correcting the particulars.
16.	Is it mandatory to select dropdown about Parents Annual Income?	Yes
17.	How will the Candidate get the Confirmation Page of the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?	The Confirmation Page of the online Application Form will be generated only after completion of all the three steps by the Candidate.
18.	If one does not get Admit Card, whom should be contacted?	The Candidates may please note that Admit Cards will not be sent by post. The Candidate has to download the Admit Card from the NTA website https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/.For any assistance candidate can call the NTA Helpline numbers: 011-40759000 or 011-69227700 or write to NTA at: shreshta@nta.ac.in
19.	Will any candidate be able to leave early if he/she finishes the test before the allocated test time?	No, the candidate will not be allowed to leave the examination hall/room before the test concludes.
20.	Is there any Negative Marking in the SHRESHTA (NETS) -2027?	There is no negative marking.

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Admit Card along with passport size photograph affixed on it.
One passport-size photograph is to be affixed on the attendance sheet.
Candidates are allowed to bring one simple transparent Black/Blue ball point pen only.
Candidate are advised not to bring any other items to the Examination Centres. There will be no arrangement for the safekeeping of any material at the Centre. Neither NTA nor the Centre will be responsible for any
loss, delay, etc.</td></tr>
<tr><td>22.</td><td>What is the duration / timing / shift of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?</td><td>Duration, Shift & Timing of examination is available at Important dates (IMPORTANT AT A GLANCE) in the Information Bulletin of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027. Please refer to Information Bulletin for details.</td></tr>
<tr><td>23.</td><td>How will one know the result of the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?</td><td>The result of SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027 will be uploaded on the NTA website www.nta.ac.in and https://exams.nta.nic.in/shreshta/ , as per schedule.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">SECTION- II (ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA)</td></tr>
<tr><td>24.</td><td>What is the minimum eligibility criteria/qualification for appearing in SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?</td><td>Student belonging to scheduled castes & DNTs (not covered under SCs, STs & OBCs), studying in class 8th and 10th in the current academic year (2026-27) and Parent’s annual income is upto Rs. 2.5 lacs.</td></tr>
<tr><td>25.</td><td>What is the age limit/relaxation criteria for the candidates appearing in SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?</td><td>For class IX should be born between 01-04-2011 to 31-03-2015 (i.e. 12 to 16 years of age as on 31.03.2027)
For class XI should be born between 01-04-2009 to 31-03-2013 (i.e. 14 to 18 years of age as on 31.03.2027)</td></tr>
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Section – III Fee/Payment Queries		
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28.	Is there any Application Fee for appearing in the SHRESHTA (NETS) – 2027?	No, there is no fee.
Section – IV Clarification Regarding AADHAAR		
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29.	Is AADHAAR mandatory for SHRESHTA (NETS) -2027?	The Aadhaar number is one of the types of identification and is not mandatory. Candidates may also enter their, Digi locker, Indian Passport number, PAN Card Number, School ID card, Ration Card ID, any other valid/current Central / State Govt. issued photo ID Card.