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Joint Entrance Examination (Main) 2026 Session 2 (April 2026)

1. The NTA will conduct JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2 on 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 April 2026 at around 566 examination centres across 304 cities nationwide and 14 cities outside India in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode for around 11.23 lakh candidates.
2. JEE (Main) being a high-stakes examination, robust cybersecurity measures are essential to ensure a secure and smooth examination process. In this regard, the NTA has already implemented stringent security protocols to ensure a transparent and incident-free conduct of the exams.
3. **Development of online Portal.** The NIC developed an online portal for inviting applications for JEE (Main) 2026 with several new features to enhance accuracy, security and ease of use which includes the following: -
 - (a) AI-based face comparison.
 - (b) OTP-based Aadhaar e-KYC authentication.
 - (c) Live photograph comparison with the Aadhaar/ Digi Locker photograph.
 - (d) Verification of the uploaded photograph against the live photograph.
 - (e) Automatic fetching of PwD/PwBD details from the UDID portal.
 - (f) Option of City Choices to candidates were restricted only to states of their present and permanent addresses.
4. The NTA Examination machinery consists of various Central Government agencies, State and District representatives, Examination Functionaries, flying squad members, Exam Conducting Agency and others working in collaboration with the NTA to ensure safe and secure examination process.
5. **Frisking of Candidates.** At the designated examination center, all candidates are required to undergo a manual frisking process conducted by the appointed security personnel. Separate frisking enclosures for female candidates are provided to ensure a smooth, secure and dignified conduct of the examination.
6. **Seat and Console Allocation.** On the day of the examination, candidates must report to the designated examination centre well before the gate closing time. After manual frisking by the security personnel, candidates will proceed to their allotted lab and report to the registration desk managed by the exam delivery agency. At the registration desk, Aadhaar authentication will be conducted, followed by the capture of the candidate's photograph as part of the registration process. Once registration is complete, each candidate will be assigned a specific seat and console by the exam conducting agency. Candidates are required to occupy their designated seats well in advance of the examination start time.



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7. **Security Measures.** NTA will install jammers and CCTV to ensure the smooth conduct of examinations. Exam centres will also be closely monitored using AI-based video analytics from the centralised command and control room at NTA.

8. The admit cards for candidates whose examinations are scheduled on 02 and 04 April 2026 was released on 29 March 2026 and for the balance candidates on 01 April 2026 to download using their login credentials from the NTA website <https://jeemain.nta.nic.in>.

9. **Changes in Examination Centres and Dates.** In response to various representations received from aspirants of the **JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2**, the NTA has made revisions to the scheduled examination centres and dates on the following grounds: -

(a) **Aspirants in the Middle East.** Multiple requests were received from candidates regarding a change of examination centres due to the ongoing conflict in the region. The NTA has considered these requests and revised the allotted centres accordingly.

(b) **Exam Rescheduling Due to Easter Celebrations.** Candidates who requested via email to reschedule their JEE (Main) 2026 examination due to the Easter celebration on 5th April 2026 have been accommodated. Accordingly, their examination dates have been rescheduled.

(c) **Clash with Other Examinations.** To avoid a clash between JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2 and the Class XII Board exams, the NTA coordinated with CBSE to obtain exam dates of appearing candidates in the Class XII board exams of 2026 to avoid any clash with the JEE schedule. An input field was added in the JEE (Main) 2026 Session 1 & 2 application forms for such appearing candidates to fill their CBSE registration/roll numbers. Using the data of schedule of such candidates provided by CBSE, NTA planned their exam dates to avoid conflicts. Moreover, if any requests were received from aspirants for a change in the JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2 date due to other exams, they are considered and JEE (Main) exam dates were rescheduled.

These measures have been taken to ensure fairness and convenience for all candidates appearing in JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2.

10. **Issue of Candidate Advisory and Instructions for Conduct of JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2.** The NTA has released the candidate advisory and detailed instructions for the conduct of JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2 on 31 March 2026. The key advisories and guidelines issued for aspirants appearing in JEE (Main) 2026 Session 2 are as follows: -

(a) Candidate should visit the Examination Centre in advance to familiarize themselves with the location and means of reaching the venue of the Test on time.

(b) Candidates were provided an option to register through Aadhaar. Those candidates who did not register through Aadhaar (or chose authentication through non-Aadhaar options), need to report early on the day of the examination (at least 1 hour before the gate closing time) to get their biometrics recorded at the Exam Centre.





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(c) On the day of the Examination, several pre-examination formalities need to be completed; therefore, please arrive on time. Please reach the venue of the Test at the **reporting time** mentioned in the Admit Card. **If you report beyond the gate closing time of the Centre, you will not be allowed to enter the Test venue.** Instructions have been issued for strict compliance.

No candidate should adopt any unfair means, or indulge in any unfair examination practices as the examination centres are under surveillance of CCTV and equipped with Jammers.

(d) Important documents / items to carry on the day of examination: -

(i) Admit Card downloaded from the NTA Website (a clear, preferably colour printout on A4 size paper).

(ii) Candidate must carry at least two passport photographs. One Passport size photograph (same as uploaded with the Online Application Form) is to be pasted on the Attendance Sheet at the Centre.

(iii) A valid Photo ID Proof as uploaded in online application form in ORIGINAL. Photocopies or images stored on mobile phones etc. will NOT be accepted.

(Note: No Candidate will be allowed to enter the Examination Centre, without identity verification).

(iv) Candidates whose live photographs did not match with the photographs available in their **Aadhaar** during the filling of the application form or those who registered using any other identity proof must carry the requisite certificate in original duly signed/attested by the Principal /Head Master or any Class-I Gazetted Officer, such as Tehsildar, Revenue Officer, SDM, DM / Class-I Gazetted Officer of the Indian Embassy (for NRI candidates), as per format shared in their registered email ID and notified vide NTA Public Notice dated 02 January 2026.

(e) **PwD/PwBD certificate (If applicable):**

(i) PwD/PwBD certificate/UDID card issued by the Competent Authority, if claiming the relaxation under the PwD/PwBD category. Candidates with Physical Disability are requested to report early for facilitation during entry.

(ii) The facility of the Scribe will be provided, if the candidate has a physical limitation and a scribe is essential to write the examination on his/her behalf, being so certified in the prescribed format by a CMO/Civil Surgeon/ Medical Superintendent of a government healthcare institution. In case of persons with benchmark disabilities, in the category of blindness, locomotor disability (both arm affected-BA) and cerebral palsy, the facility of scribe/reader/lab assistant shall be given, if so desired by the person.



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(iii) The facility of Scribe will be provided to the PwD/PwBD candidates only if the candidate has opted for the same in the online Application Form of JEE (Main) - 2026.

(iv) A PwD candidate (having a physical limitation to write) *who is eligible to avail the facility of Scribe* will be allowed compensatory time of 20 minutes per hour of the examination.

Candidates were advised to ensure that their Aadhaar biometric authentication is not locked on the day of the examination. This is essential to facilitate a smooth and uninterrupted Aadhaar-based biometric verification process at the designated examination centres.

11. The candidates have been advised that they must enter the required details on the attendance sheet in legible handwriting. They should put their signature, Left Hand Thumb Impression and paste the Photograph at the appropriate place during the examination. They should ensure that their Left-Hand Impression is clear and not smudged.
12. Candidates may also note that the Examination will be computer-based and hence they should familiarize themselves.
13. The candidate should ensure that the Question Paper available on the computer screen is as per his/her opted subject/medium indicated in the Admit Card. In case, the subject/medium of the Question Paper is other than his/her opted subject/medium, the same may be brought to the notice of the Invigilator concerned.
14. For the Drawing Test (Part III of B. Arch.), the candidate must bring their own Geometry Box Set, Pencils, Erasers, and Colour Pencils or Crayons. The candidates are not allowed to use watercolours on drawing sheet.
15. Candidates are **NOT** allowed to carry Instrument/ Geometry/ Pencil box, Handbag, Purse, any kind of Paper/ Stationery/ Textual material (printed or written material), Eatables and Water (loose or packed), Mobile Phone/ Ear Phone/ Microphone/ Pager, Calculator, DocuPen, Slide Rules, Log Tables, Camera, Tape Recorder, to wear/carry any type of watch including Electronic Watches with facilities of calculator, any metallic item or electronic gadgets/ devices in the Examination Hall/Room. There may not be any provision for safe keeping of valuables at the Centre.
16. Diabetic students will be allowed to carry eatables like sugar tablets/fruits (like bananas/apples/oranges) and transparent water bottles to the Examination Hall/Room. However, they will not be allowed to carry packed foods like chocolates/candy/sandwiches, etc.



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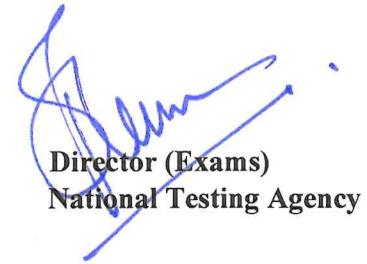
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17. Apart from the biometric attendance and frisking at entry, if a candidate goes for bio-break/toilet, he/she should undergo the mandatory frisking and biometrics again.
18. Blank paper sheets for rough work of A4 size will be provided in the examination Hall/Room. Candidates must write their name and Roll Number at the top of each of the sheets and must drop the sheet(s) in the designated drop box without fail, before leaving the Examination Hall/Room. Failure to do so may result in a non-evaluation of your answers.
19. Duly filled-in Admit Card must be dropped in the designated Dropbox while leaving the Examination Hall/Room. Failure to do so may result in non-evaluation of your answers.
20. The candidates are advised to read the Subject-Specific Instructions (Annexure 1) and General Instructions mentioned in the Question Paper and abide by the same.
21. Candidate should also go through all Instructions given in the Admit Card and the Information Bulletin of JEE (Main) 2026.
22. Sikh candidates are permitted to wear their religious articles i.e. "KARA" and "KIRPAN".

For further clarification regarding JEE (Main) 2026, candidates are advised to contact 011-40759000 or email - jeemain@nta.ac.in.

We wish all participating aspirants the very best for the upcoming examination.


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Annexure - 1

Subject Specific Instructions
PHYSICS / CHEMISTRY / MATHEMATICS

SECTION A (Maximum Marks: 80)

- This Section contains **Twenty (20)** questions for each subject.
- Each question has four options. **ONLY ONE** of these four options is the most appropriate or best answer, which will be considered the correct answer.
- Candidates are **advised to do the calculations with the constants given** (if any) in the questions.
- The answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following Marking Scheme:

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Correct answer | Four Marks (+4) |
| Unanswered/Marked for Review (without selecting any option) | No Mark (0) |
| Incorrect answer | Minus One Mark (-1) |

SECTION B (Maximum Marks:20)

- This Section contains **five (5)** questions for each subject, all must be attempted.
- This Section contains questions whose answers are to be filled as a numerical value.
- Candidates are **advised to do the calculations with the constants given** (if any) in the questions. The answer should be **rounded off to the nearest integer**.
- For each question, **enter the correct integer value** of the answer using the mouse and the onscreen virtual numeric keypad in the place designated to enter the answer.
- The answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following Marking Scheme:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Correct answer | Four Marks (+4) |
| Unanswered/Marked for Review (without filling any Numerical value) | No Mark (0) |
| Incorrect answer | Minus One Mark (-1) |





APTITUDE TEST

(Maximum Marks:200)

- This part contains **Fifty (50)** questions.
- Each question has four options. ONLY ONE of these four options is the most appropriate or best answer.
- The answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Correct answer | Four Marks (+4) |
| Unanswered/Marked for review (without selecting any option) | No Mark (0) |
| Incorrect answer/Multiple Answer | Minus One Mark (-1) |

- Candidates are advised to do the calculations with the constants given (if any) in the questions.

DRAWING TEST

(Maximum Marks:100)

- This part contains **Two (02)** questions.
- Each question carries equal marks.
- Both questions are to be attempted.
- The questions must be attempted in the space provided for them in the Drawing Sheet.
- No supplementary Drawing Sheets will be issued.
- All candidates are advised to carry all required material for drawings and graphics work (like pencils, color pencils, crayons, eraser, geometry box, etc.)
- Watercolour/poster colour/acrylic colours are not allowed and should not be carried in the Examination Hall.
- Candidates are advised to do neat and clean drawings.
- Candidates must submit the Drawing Sheet to the Invigilator before leaving the Examination Hall.
- Candidates must **not** write Roll Number, Name, Centre address, Place of examination, or make any special sign in any part of the Test Booklet.



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PLANNING BASED OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS

(Maximum Marks:100)

- This part contains Twenty-Five (25) questions.
- Each question has four options. ONLY ONE of these four options is the most appropriate or best answer.
- The answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Correct answer | Four Marks (+4) |
| Unanswered/Marked for review (without selecting any option) | No Mark (0) |
| Incorrect answer/Multiple answer | Minus One Mark (-1) |

- Candidates are advised to do the calculations with the constants given (if any) in the questions.
- There may be some questions that are given to assess the thinking skills in English, so those will be in English only in every language set.



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