



TOP PREPARATION TIPS FOR NTSE 5

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Introduction

The National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) is a scholarship program conducted by NCERT. Started in 1961 as a programme to identify, encourage, promote and reward academic talent; NTSE was restricted to the students of Delhi. 56 years down the line, NTSE is one of the most competitive and prestigious exams conducted at the school level all over India.

NTSE Stage 1

- Usually held on the first Sunday of November every year
- Conducted at the state/union territory level
- It is an offline exam
- Subjects tested under SAT – Mathematics, Science, Social Science and English
- English is tested only as a qualifier
- Every state/union territory declares its results separately
- Candidates must qualify at the state level (stage 1) to be eligible for stage 2

NTSE Stage 2

- Usually held in the second week of May
- Conducted at the national level
- It is an offline exam
- Subjects tested under SAT – Mathematics, Science and Social Science
- Candidates that qualify stage 2 are awarded the esteemed scholarship and are anointed as 'NTSE Scholars'

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Scholar Advantages

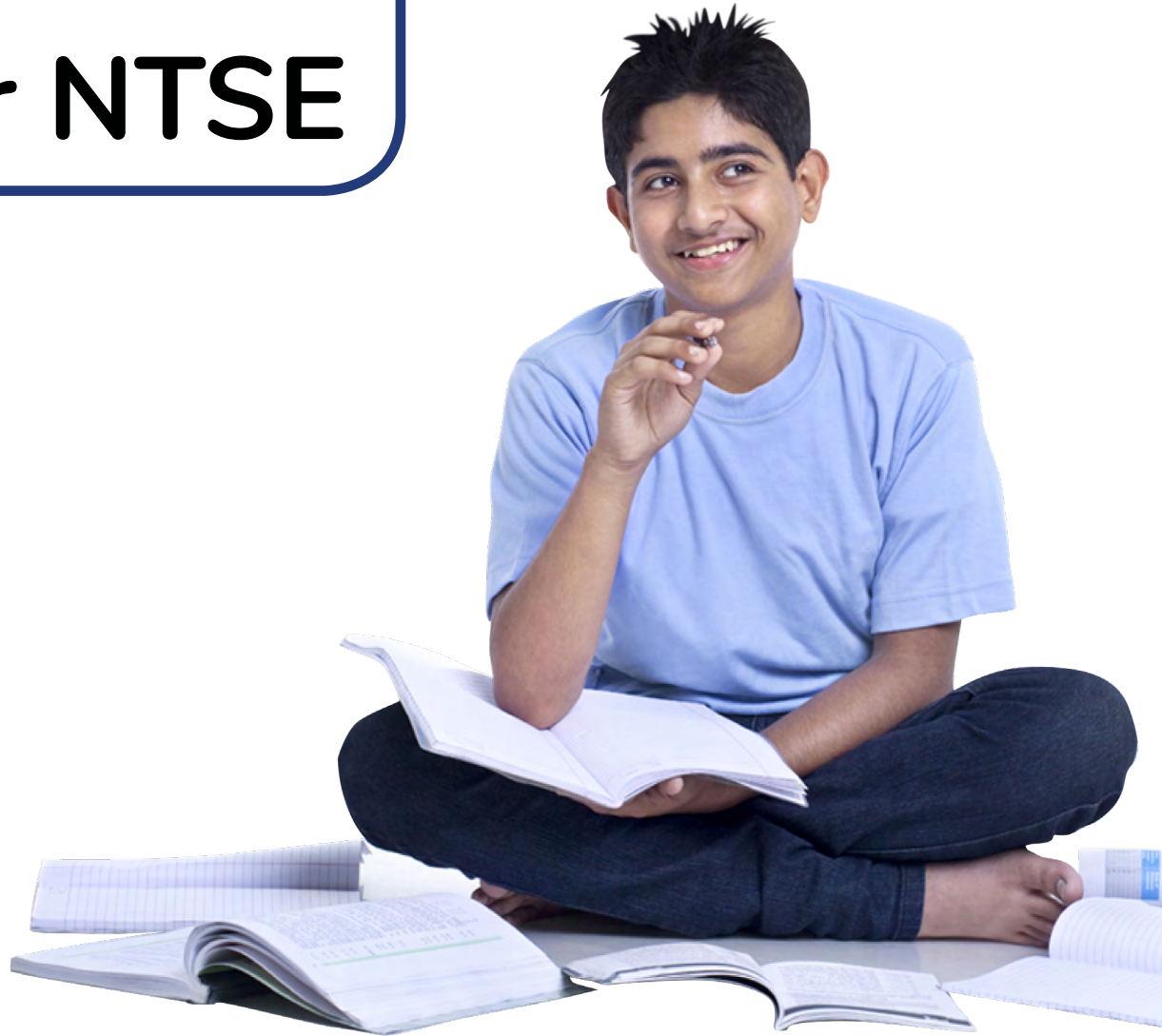


NTSE Scholar Advantages

To be acknowledged as a NTSE scholar has a certain weight to it. Apart from being the pride and joy of your parents, there is a lot that you win along with a scholarship.

- If you're an IIT-Delhi aspirant, a bonus of 6 marks is added to your JEE Main score for admission to the institute.
- Many foreign universities give preference to NTSE scholars for admissions to undergraduate science/engineering courses.
- Bagging internships during early years of college is easier as being a NTSE scholar shows off not just your knowledge but also your ability to work hard.
- A monthly scholarship of Rs. 1250 is given to NTSE scholars to pursue subjects like science, social science, humanities, fine arts, languages, commerce, or vocational studies in class 11 and 12. The scholarship amount is increased to Rs. 2000 per month from undergraduate up to doctoral level.
- When applying to the NDA, being a NTSE scholar helps score brownie points during the SSB.
- As a NTSE scholar, you can avail certain discounts and/or rebates on expensive books or course material.

TOP 5 PREPARATION
TIPS for NTSE



Self-Study

To score well and be awarded with the prestigious NTSE scholarship, it is important that one spends a substantial amount of time in self - study. Whether or not you have enrolled for coaching classes, spending a minimum of 2-3 hours a day in self-study is a must. To do this most effectively, create a well-structured and efficiently planned study timetable. While making this plan, keep several pointers in mind like your school exam schedule, your learning capacity, the days left to the exam, etc.

Once you make this schedule for yourself, set daily goals that are realistic. Plan in such a manner that you do not fall behind on the syllabus being taught at school.

Make sure that you stick to the timetable that you have created for yourself. However, there might be days when you miss your daily target because of certain circumstances. On these days, don't stay awake very late to make up on the lost time, that is extremely unhealthy. What you can do instead is, cover the missed topics in the next couple of days.

While studying focus all your efforts on your goal, and speed up your preparation according to your self-study strategy. This will enable you to not only score well but also ultimately get a good rank.

Stick to the NCERT

To prepare well for the NTSE, it is important that you stick to the NCERT. Referring to the NCERT keeps your concepts strong, helping you to learn faster, score better and eventually when the NTSE results are declared – get a good rank. The simple and easy to understand language helps in building a strong base and strengthen the understanding of concepts.

NTSE stage 1 exam is conducted at the State/Union Territory level. So, make sure that you also study the books prescribed by your State Board

Section-wise strategy

The first thing that you must do is plan your study such that you divide time equally between both the sections of the NTSE. The NTSE and board exam syllabus are similar. So, plan your study schedule accordingly.

MAT (Mental Ability)

The best way to build your preparation for the Mental Ability section is to practice as much as you can. To make sure that you are practicing enough to build your speed and accuracy, set a designated time on your daily schedule. The quant based questions specially need a lot of preparation and effort.

Try and gather NTSE exam sample papers, or the previous year papers. Practice from these rigorously. You can also consult management entrance exam modules to practice for your quants, however some of these might be a little more difficult than you need to prepare.

It is extremely crucial to clear MAT with a good score, and this becomes a little difficult for some students. If you need more practice apart from the online tests, NTSE sample papers and previous year papers, you can consult magazines such as CSR (Competition Success Review).

SAT (Scholastic Ability)

To score well in this section, divide your study time equally between Mathematics, Science and Social Science.

Mathematics

While learning and practicing concepts and questions for mathematics, try and aim for questions that qualify as HOTS (higher order thinking skills). This will help build your base and practice will make it stronger. Apart from solving all questions from your NCERT textbook, you can also refer to R.D. Sharma or R.S. Aggarwal for additional clarity on concepts or practice questions.

Science

Out of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, first identify the subject you are least comfortable with. For the NTSE, begin with the subject that will be most time consuming. Here are some subject-wise tips to study better:

Physics

Solving the physics numericals can be a little tricky. To solve all numericals effortlessly, it is important that concepts are clear. Ensure that you develop both speed and accuracy when solving numericals, so keep practicing.

Chemistry

A major problem students face in Chemistry are Chemical Equations. Be it memorising or recalling equations, complex compounds etc., keeping a separate notepad for these will help you.

Biology

To a lot of students, this a subject that requires cramming. However, this is not the most effective method. Keep a separate notebook and create your own notes rather than study from the textbook. This way you will learn better. Wherever possible, you may use diagrams to supplement and help retain all that you have studied.

Social Science

Studying the social science subjects will help you the most as the NTSE exam syllabus and the board exams syllabus are same. However, this will take a lot of time as social science is a theoretical subject. But, don't worry we've got some handy tips to make your preparation easy.

History

It is difficult to remember all the dates and events chronologically. One hack that you can use is - after you complete a chapter, take a notebook or A4 sheet and make a note of all events that happened date wise, and of the important people mentioned. This will help you in the days leading up to the exam as well, because with these notes you will be able to revise quicker and better.

Geography

Use maps to supplement your learning. This will help you retain more and instead of cramming up about the physiological features etc. you will find this to be a fun experience.

Economics/Civics

We know, with subjects such as Economics and Civics – it is difficult to understand and learn. Instead of rote learning, that will eventually cause you to forget everything - try making short notes, this will help you learn and remember.

Online Test Module

To effectively prepare for the NTSE and test yourself, it is important that you use a proper test series. Only solving NTSE exam sample papers and NTSE previous year papers is not enough. The online test series will help build your speed and accuracy. To ace the NTSE exam, it is imperative that your question solving speed is competitive and at the same time, you do not make any mistakes.

myPAT's online test series and exclusive tools not just help you test your preparation for NTSE but also help you plan your study hours in a way that will eliminate your weaknesses and strengthen your concepts. With every test that you take, myPAT's analytics engines let you know the kind of effort that you need to put in to win the coveted NTSE scholarship.

Keep Calm and Be Confident

Confidence is the most important ingredient in the mix for NTSE success. It is important that once we set our minds to something, we work hard to accomplish that goal. Students tend to load themselves with study material from almost every possible source and end up being unable to balance their school work with the preparation for the NTSE. This results in low scores on school exams and below average performances on mock NTSE papers.

On days such as these it is important that you keep your head up and remind yourself about the honour of being known as a NTSE scholar. All you really need is to take a breath and start afresh. The biggest key to success is believing that you can! So, don't stop believing in yourself, no matter what! Keep reminding yourself - your hard work will yield results.



EXCLUSIVE RESOURCES
FROM EXPERTS

Best Books for NTSE preparation

MAT (Mental Ability)

Tata McGraw Hill

R.S. Aggarwal – Logical Reasoning

SAT (Scholastic Ability)

For Maths

R.D. Sharma

R.S. Aggarwal

For Science and Social Science

NCERT or State Board books

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Expert
Recommendations

Previous Year Papers

Online Mock Test

Prep Tracker

Blogs

Last Minute Exam Tips for NTSE

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