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(An Autonomous Organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India)

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CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Acceptance of Applications for Empanelment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) on a Continuous Basis

1. This is in continuation of the Expression of Interest (EoI) dated 10 August 2026 issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA) inviting applications for empanelment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), read with the corrigendum dated 8 September 2026.
2. To facilitate wider participation by eligible experts, NTA has decided **to accept applications on a continuous basis**. Eligible experts may submit their applications through the online portal without any closing date, until further notice.
3. Applications received will be evaluated periodically, as and when required by NTA, in accordance with the prescribed eligibility criteria and NTA's requirements. Submission of an application does not guarantee empanelment or allocation of assignments.
4. Clause 7.4 (submission of ten original, unpublished multiple-choice questions with answer keys) and Annexure-I, Section M (Declaration of Originality and Ownership of Sample Questions) have been added to the EoI, along with corresponding entries in the enclosure checklist. These additional submission requirements shall not apply to applications submitted before the date of this corrigendum. The revised EoI is attached.
5. All other terms and conditions of the original EoI remain unchanged.
6. Applicants are advised to visit the official NTA website regularly for updates.

Director (ConOps)
National Testing Agency

Encl.: Revised EoI for SMEs (updated as on 07.11.2026)

Government of India

Ministry of Education

National Testing Agency (NTA)

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

For Empanelment of Subject Matter Experts for Question Paper Setting, Translation, Vetting, Moderation and Other Confidential Academic Work

(Empanelment Period: Three Years)

EoI Reference Number	NTA/Exam/Empanelment/SME/2026/02
Date of Issue	10 August 2026 (updated on 07 November 2026)
Application period	Continuous basis until further notice; no closing date
Mode of Submission	Online via the NTA portal at the link notified, with supporting documents uploaded as prescribed.

1. Introduction and Background

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is a premier, autonomous testing organisation under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, established to conduct entrance examinations for admission and fellowship in higher educational institutions. NTA conducts some of the largest and most high-stakes examinations in the country - including JEE (Main), NEET (UG), UGC-NET, CUET (UG and PG), CMAT, GPAT and several others - serving crores of candidates every year.

The academic credibility of every NTA examination rests on the quality, fairness and rigour of its question papers, which are developed through the contributions of distinguished Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) drawn from across the country. NTA invites Expressions of Interest from eligible academicians, scientists, researchers, professionals and educators for empanelment as Subject Matter Experts for a period of three (3) years, to support NTA's confidential academic work across the spectrum of its examinations.

2. Scope of Work

Empanelled experts may be called upon to undertake one or more of the following confidential academic activities, depending on their area of expertise and NTA's operational requirements:

- Item / Question Setting - Authoring questions of specified format, difficulty level and curricular alignment for one or more NTA examinations.
- Item / Question Vetting - Critical review of items developed by other experts for content accuracy, curricular alignment, language clarity, difficulty calibration, distractor quality and fairness.
- Translation and Multilingual Equivalence - Translation of items into Hindi and other regional languages, ensuring conceptual and difficulty equivalence with the master version.
- Moderation - Final review and approval of question papers, including selection of items from the item bank, paper composition, sequencing, marks distribution and overall quality assurance.
- Item Bank Curation - Continuous augmentation and improvement of NTA's secure item banks - tagging, calibration, retirement of over-exposed items and refreshment.
- Subject Expert Committees - Participation in subject-level expert committees for syllabus review, examination scheme deliberations, and policy inputs.

- Answer Key Verification and Challenge Resolution - Reviewing candidate challenges to provisional answer keys and providing reasoned responses.
- Curriculum Mapping and Specifications - Aligning NTA examinations with the prescribed curricula and developing test specifications, blueprints and item-development guidelines.
- Pilot Studies and Research - Participating in pilot administrations, pre-tests, validation studies and research on examination quality.
- Accessibility and Fairness Reviews - Reviewing items for accessibility (for candidates with benchmark disabilities) and for fairness across gender, language medium and regional / socio-economic categories.

Important
Empanelment as a Subject Matter Expert does not, by itself, guarantee any specific volume of assignments or any minimum honorarium. Assignments will be allocated by NTA based on operational requirements, area of expertise, demonstrated quality of work and availability of the expert, and on the principle of fair distribution.

3. Subject Domains for Empanelment

Expressions of Interest (EoIs) are invited from eligible experts possessing demonstrated academic, research, teaching or professional expertise in one or more subject domains relevant to the examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Applicants are advised to apply only in those subject domain(s) in which they possess recognised expertise and adequate academic or professional experience.

The subject domains cover, inter alia, school education, higher education, professional education, vocational and technical disciplines, research and interdisciplinary areas relevant to NTA examinations. These include, but are not limited to, School Education Subjects; Languages and Literature; Humanities and Social Sciences; Commerce, Business and Management; Law and Governance; Physical, Mathematical, Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences;

Biotechnology and Life Sciences; Engineering, Architecture and Technology; Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Health Sciences; Agriculture, Forestry and Allied Sciences; Animal, Veterinary, Dairy and Fisheries Sciences; Food, Nutrition, Home Science and Community Sciences; Fine and Performing Arts; Indian Knowledge Systems; Library and Information Science; Journalism and Mass Communication; General Aptitude and Examination Components; and other emerging or interdisciplinary subject areas.

The **comprehensive list of subject domains and specialisations** for which applications are invited is provided in **Annexure-II (Comprehensive List of Subject Domains for Empanelment)**, which forms an integral part of this Expression of Interest. The list in the Annexure is illustrative of the current requirements of NTA and may be revised, expanded, merged, reclassified or updated by NTA from time to time to meet evolving academic, professional and examination requirements.

Applicants may apply for **up to three** subject domains in order of preference from those specified in Annexure-II. NTA reserves the right to determine the final subject domain(s), level(s) and nature of work for which an applicant is empanelled, having regard to the applicant's qualifications, experience, demonstrated expertise and the operational requirements of NTA.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be considered for empanelment:

4.1 Academic and Professional Qualifications

- Master's degree (or equivalent) in the relevant subject domain with at least 60% marks (55% for SC / ST / OBC-NCL / EWS / PwBD applicants) or equivalent CGPA from a recognised university or institution of repute. For professional disciplines (Engineering, Medicine, Law, Pharmacy etc.), the equivalent professional qualification will be considered.
- Ph.D. in the relevant or allied discipline is preferred. For school-level subjects, a Master's degree with substantial teaching experience is acceptable.
- Minimum 8 years of post-qualification teaching, research or professional experience in the relevant subject domain. For school-level subjects, the experience can include senior secondary level teaching at a recognised school / institution.
- Currently or recently affiliated with a recognised institution - university, college, autonomous institution, research organisation, central / state Government department, or an institution of national importance. Recently retired faculty (within the last 5 years) are also eligible.

4.2 Demonstrated Expertise

- Recognised expertise in the subject domain through one or more of the following: peer-reviewed publications, books or monographs, conference presentations, prior question-paper-setting / vetting / moderation experience for recognised examination bodies (UGC, CBSE, university examinations, IIT JEE, NEET, etc.), curriculum development experience at university or board level, or recognition through awards / fellowships.
- For applicants applying for translation and multilingual work - demonstrated bilingual or multilingual proficiency, with evidence of past translation work in academic contexts.
- For school-level subjects - additional preference will be given to applicants with experience in NCERT, CBSE, KVS, JNV, NIOS, State Boards or other recognised school-level academic bodies.

4.3 Integrity and Independence Criteria

Critical Eligibility Conditions

Given the highly confidential and sensitive nature of NTA's work, the following integrity criteria are NON-NEGOTIABLE. Any applicant who does not meet, or does not commit to abide by, these criteria is ineligible for empanelment.

- The applicant must NOT be associated, directly or indirectly, in any capacity, with any candidate-coaching organisation, test-preparation company, exam-coaching institute, online or offline tutoring platform, or any private entity engaged in the business of preparing candidates for NTA examinations or similar entrance examinations. This includes ownership, partnership, employment, advisory roles, content authorship, faculty engagement, equity holding, royalty arrangements or any other commercial or non-commercial association.
- The applicant must not have authored, co-authored, contributed to, edited or endorsed any commercially-published preparation material, mock test, question bank or sample paper for NTA examinations or similar entrance examinations, in the last 5 years.

- The applicant must not have any active or recent commercial relationship with any candidate-facing test-preparation entity in the last 3 years.
- No immediate family member of the applicant (spouse, children, parents, siblings) should be appearing for any NTA examination in the years for which the applicant is empanelled. Any such situation arising during the empanelment period must be disclosed proactively, and the expert will be excused from work pertaining to that examination cycle.
- The applicant must not have any active criminal case, departmental enquiry, vigilance proceeding or pending disciplinary action.
- The applicant must not have been previously debarred, blacklisted or removed from any examination body for malpractice or breach of confidentiality.
- The applicant must agree to undergo a comprehensive background and integrity verification before empanelment.

5. Honorarium and Other Entitlements

Empanelled experts will be paid an honorarium and other entitlements as per NTA's standard rate structure for the relevant nature of work. The rate structure will be communicated separately to empanelled experts and will be revised periodically in line with Government norms.

5.1 Honorarium

- Per-item honorarium for original question setting, calibrated to the difficulty and nature of the item.
- Per-item honorarium for vetting, translation and moderation, calibrated to the depth of review.
- Per-day honorarium for participation in expert committees, moderation meetings, and other on-site work at NTA.
- Specific honorarium structures for answer-key verification, item-bank calibration, curriculum mapping and other ad-hoc assignments.

5.2 Travel and Accommodation

- For experts called to NTA Headquarters in New Delhi or to designated venues elsewhere, NTA will arrange or reimburse travel by the most economical means commensurate with the seniority of the expert (typically AC-II Tier rail or economy class air travel for designated levels).
- Accommodation arrangements during the assignment will be made by NTA at a guesthouse, hotel or designated facility, with appropriate dietary arrangements.
- Local transport from the place of stay to the assignment venue and back will be provided by NTA.
- Per-diem allowance during the period of stay at the assignment location, in line with NTA norms.

5.3 Tax and Statutory Deductions

All payments will be subject to deduction of tax at source as per applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and to other statutory deductions as may be applicable from time to time. Empanelled experts will be required to submit PAN, address and other documentation as required for compliant payment processing.

6. Confidentiality and Integrity Obligations

Absolute Confidentiality - Mandatory

The work entrusted to empanelled experts is of the most confidential nature. Any breach of confidentiality, intentional or otherwise, can compromise an entire examination, affect lakhs of candidates, and damage the public interest. Empanelled experts are therefore expected to maintain the highest standards of confidentiality, professional integrity and academic ethics.

Empanelled experts will be required to abide by the following confidentiality and integrity obligations:

- Sign a comprehensive Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) at the time of empanelment, and re-affirm it at the start of every assignment.
- Maintain absolute confidentiality regarding the assignment, the questions developed or reviewed, the source material accessed, and any other information acquired during NTA work, both during and after the empanelment period - in perpetuity.
- Conduct all confidential work strictly within the prescribed venue (typically NTA's Headquarters or a designated secure facility), or on the prescribed secure-platform if remote work is permitted; do not carry any confidential material outside the prescribed venue.
- Surrender all draft material, working notes, reference material, electronic files and other artefacts at the end of every assignment; retain no copies in any form.
- Use only NTA-provided devices, networks and platforms for all confidential work; do not use personal devices, personal email, personal cloud storage, USB drives or other external media.
- Do not photograph, screenshot, audio-record or video-record any confidential material under any circumstances.
- Do not discuss the assignment, the content, or any details with anyone outside the immediate group of co-experts working on the same assignment - including family members, colleagues, students, or any other person.
- Disclose proactively any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest that arises during the empanelment period - including any new association with a candidate-coaching organisation, any change in family circumstances, or any other situation that could compromise the expert's independence.
- Refrain from any post-empanelment commercial association with candidate-coaching entities for a period of 2 years from the date of last assignment, in line with NTA's cool-off norms.
- Cooperate fully with any vigilance enquiry, audit or investigation that NTA may undertake.

Legal Consequences of Breach

Any breach of confidentiality, integrity or the terms of empanelment may result in immediate de-empanelment, recovery of honorarium paid, blacklisting from future engagements with NTA and other examination bodies, and prosecution under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, the Information Technology Act 2000, and other applicable laws.

7. Submission Requirements

Applicants are required to submit the EoI through the NTA portal, with the following information and supporting documents:

7.1 Application Form

The complete Application Form, as provided at Annexure-I of this document, duly filled and signed by the applicant.

7.2 Curriculum Vitae

A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) covering: academic qualifications, professional career, current and past institutional affiliations, teaching and research experience, peer-reviewed publications, books, conference presentations, prior question-paper-setting / vetting / moderation experience, awards and fellowships, professional memberships, and any other relevant information.

7.3 Supporting Documents

- Self-attested copies of all educational qualification certificates (Master's, Ph.D., professional qualifications)
- Self-attested copies of experience certificates / appointment letters covering current and past affiliations
- Latest Identity card from current institution (or pension order, for retired applicants)
- Copy of PAN card
- Copy of Aadhaar card (with optional Aadhaar number masking)
- Copy of one Government-issued photo ID (Passport / Voter ID / Driving Licence)
- Cancelled cheque of bank account for honorarium payments
- Recent passport-size photograph
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from current employer (for serving employees), or undertaking that NOC will be furnished at the time of first assignment
- Conflict of Interest Declaration (as provided in Annexure-I, Section G)
- Self-Declaration of Confidentiality and Integrity (as provided in Annexure-I, Section H)

7.4 Original Sample Questions

Applicants shall upload 10 original, unpublished multiple-choice questions (MCQs) in the subject domain offered, along with answer keys. Applicants shall also submit the Declaration of Originality and Ownership of Sample Questions provided in Annexure-I, Section M. These additional submission requirements shall not apply to applications submitted before 28 October 2026.

8. Evaluation Process

Submitted EoIs will be evaluated by NTA in the following stages:

Stage 1 - Documentary and Eligibility Verification

NTA will examine the completeness of the application, the applicant's qualifications and experience against the eligibility criteria, and the supporting documents. Applicants who do not

meet the minimum eligibility criteria, or who have not completed the integrity declarations, will not be progressed.

Stage 2 - Subject-Matter Evaluation

EoIs that pass Stage 1 will be evaluated against subject-domain criteria - including academic standing, research record, prior question-paper experience and depth of expertise. The evaluation will be conducted by Subject Expert Committees constituted by NTA.

Stage 3 - Background and Integrity Verification

Shortlisted applicants will be subject to comprehensive background verification - covering academic credentials, employment history, integrity declarations, conflict-of-interest disclosures and any other checks NTA may consider necessary.

Stage 4 - Empanelment

Selected applicants will be communicated their empanelment in writing, with the subject domain(s), level(s) and nature of work for which they have been empanelled. Empanelment will be for a period of three (3) years from the date of empanelment, subject to satisfactory performance and continued integrity. Empanelment may be terminated earlier in case of breach of any term, on reasonable grounds, with appropriate notice.

9. General Conditions

- Empanelment is purely on a contractual / engagement basis and does not confer any right of regular appointment, employment or absorption with NTA.
- Empanelled experts will not represent themselves as employees, officers or representatives of NTA, or use any NTA branding, logo, or designation in any external communication or publication, without explicit written permission.
- Empanelled experts will not author, co-author, contribute to or endorse any preparation material, mock paper or coaching content for NTA or similar examinations during the empanelment period and for 2 years thereafter.
- Empanelled experts will not engage with the media or public on any matter related to NTA examinations - including content, methodology, results or controversies - without explicit prior written permission from NTA.
- NTA reserves the right to allocate or not allocate work to an empanelled expert based on operational requirements, performance and other relevant considerations.
- NTA reserves the right to revise the rate structure, terms of empanelment, scope of work and other parameters from time to time, with reasonable notice to empanelled experts.
- Disputes, if any, arising in relation to this EoI or any subsequent engagement shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts at Delhi.
- Mere submission of an EoI does not entitle an applicant to empanelment. NTA reserves the right to accept or reject any EoI, to invite additional information, to conduct interviews, or to cancel the empanelment process at any stage without assigning any reason.

10. Contact and Clarifications

For clarifications relating to this EoI, applicants may write to NTA at the e-mail address notified on the NTA website, with the subject line "Query - EoI for SME Empanelment". Applications shall be submitted online through the NTA portal at the link notified in the public advertisement and shall be accepted on a continuous basis until further notice. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted.

ANNEXURE - I

EoI APPLICATION FORM

Empanelment of Subject Matter Experts - National Testing Agency

Paste recent passport-size photograph *(self-attested)*

To,

The Director General
National Testing Agency
(Ministry of Education, Government of India)
New Delhi

Subject: Application for Empanelment as Subject Matter Expert.

Reference: EoI dated _____

A. Personal Details

1. Full Name (Dr. / Prof. / Mr. / Ms.)	
2. Current Designation	
3. Name of Institution / University / Organisation	
4. Mobile Number	

B. Current Institutional Affiliation

1. Current Designation	
2. Department / Centre / School	
3. Name of Institution / University / Organisation	

4. Type of Institution (Central University / State University / IIT / NIT / IISc / IISER / Private University / College / Research Lab / School / Other)	
5. City and State	
6. Date of Joining Current Position	
7. Nature of Position (Permanent / Contract / Visiting / Emeritus / Retired and Re-employed)	

C. Educational Qualifications

(Starting from the highest qualification. Attach self-attested copies.)

S. No.	**Qualification /** Degree	**University /** Institution	**Year of** Passing	**% | CGPA**	**Division /** Class

C1. Doctoral Research Details (if applicable)

1. Title of Ph.D. Thesis	
2. Doctoral Supervisor / Adviser	
3. Awarding University / Institution	
4. Year of Award	
5. Brief description of research focus (2-3 lines)	

C2. Peer-Reviewed Publications and Major Academic Outputs

(List up to 10 most significant peer-reviewed publications, books, monographs or research projects relevant to the chosen subject domain. Attach a complete list as a separate sheet.)

S. No.	Title and Citation	Year	Role (Author / Co-author)
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

D. Professional Experience

(In chronological order, starting with the most recent. Attach additional sheet, if required.)

S. No.	Institution	Designation	Period (From - To)	Brief Description of Responsibilities
1				
2				
3				
4				

Total Post-qualification Experience (Years / Months)	
Years of Teaching Experience at Higher Education / Senior School level	
Years of Research Experience	

E. Prior Question-Paper / Examination-Body Experience

(List prior assignments with NTA, UGC, CBSE, NCERT, university examinations, IIT-JEE, NEET, Boards or other recognised examination bodies. Indicate role - setter, vetter, moderator, paper-setter.)

S. No.	Examination Body / Institution	Examination / Subject	Year(s)	Role (Setter / Vetter / Moderator / Translator / Other)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

E 1. Languages - Reading, Writing and Subject-Matter Proficiency

S. No.	Language	Read	Write	Subject-Matter Proficiency
1				
2				
3				

F. Subject Domain(s) for Empanelment

Indicate up to three subject domains in order of preference. Use the domain list provided in Section 3 of the EoI.

Pref.	Subject Domain	Specific Topic / Specialisation (if any)

F1. Nature of Work Willing to Undertake

Tick all that apply. NTA may allocate work in any of the ticked categories based on requirement.

[] Item / Question Setting (Original)
[] Item / Question Vetting
[] Translation - English to Hindi / Hindi to English
[] Translation - other Indian Language (specify):
Moderation of Question Papers
[] Item-Bank Curation and Calibration
[] Subject Expert Committees / Syllabus Review
[] Answer Key Verification and Challenge Resolution
[] Curriculum Mapping and Test Specifications
[] Pilot Studies and Validation Research
[] Accessibility and Fairness Reviews

G. Conflict of Interest Declaration

Mandatory Declaration

Every empanelled expert must affirm absolute independence from any candidate-coaching ecosystem. Please answer each question below truthfully. Any false declaration will lead to immediate de-empanelment and may attract action under applicable laws.

1. I am currently associated with a candidate-coaching organisation, test-preparation company or similar entity (in any capacity - employment, advisory, content authorship, faculty engagement, equity, royalty, consultancy or otherwise)	Yes / No
2. I have been associated with a candidate-coaching organisation in the last 3 years	Yes / No
3. I have authored, co-authored, edited or endorsed any commercially-published preparation material, mock test, question bank or sample paper for NTA examinations or similar entrance examinations in the last 5 years	Yes / No

4. I have any commercial relationship (royalty, advisory fees, equity, etc.) with any test-preparation entity	Yes / No
5. I have any immediate family member (spouse, children, parents, siblings) who is preparing for, or has appeared / is to appear in, an NTA examination in the year of empanelment	Yes / No
6. I have ever been debarred / blacklisted / removed from any examination body for malpractice or breach of confidentiality	Yes / No
7. I have any ongoing criminal case, departmental enquiry, vigilance proceeding or pending disciplinary action against me	Yes / No

If the answer to any of the above is YES, please provide complete details below (use additional sheet if needed):

H. Confidentiality and Integrity Undertaking

I, the applicant, hereby solemnly affirm and undertake that, if empanelled by NTA:

- I will maintain absolute confidentiality regarding every assignment, every question developed or reviewed, every reference material accessed, and any other information acquired in connection with NTA work, both during and after my empanelment - in perpetuity.
- I will conduct all confidential work strictly within the venue prescribed by NTA (typically NTA Headquarters or a designated secure facility), or on the secure platform if remote work is permitted; and will not carry any confidential material outside the prescribed venue.

- I will surrender all draft material, working notes, reference material, electronic files and other artefacts at the end of every assignment, and will retain no copies in any form.
- I will use only NTA-provided devices, networks and platforms for confidential work; I will not use personal devices, personal email, personal cloud storage, USB drives or other external media.
- I will not photograph, screenshot, audio-record or video-record any confidential material under any circumstances.
- I will not discuss the assignment, the content, or any details with anyone outside the immediate group of co-experts working on the same assignment - including family members, colleagues, students, or any other person.
- I will disclose proactively any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest that arises during the empanelment period.
- I will not engage with media or public on any matter related to NTA examinations during my empanelment and for 2 years thereafter.
- I will not author, co-author, endorse or contribute to any test-preparation material for NTA or similar examinations during my empanelment and for 2 years thereafter.
- I will cooperate fully with any vigilance enquiry, audit or investigation that NTA may undertake.
- I understand that any breach of this undertaking may result in immediate de-empanelment, recovery of honorarium, blacklisting, and prosecution under the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 and other applicable laws.

I. Bank Account Details for Honorarium Payment

1. Account Holder Name (as per bank records)	
2. Bank Name	
3. Branch Name and Address	
4. Account Number	
5. IFSC Code	
6. Account Type (Savings / Current)	

J. Academic / Professional References

(Two senior academic / professional references who can attest to the applicant's expertise, integrity and suitability.)

Name and Designation	Institution and Address	Contact Number and E-mail

K. List of Enclosures (please tick all that are attached)

- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Self-attested copies of educational qualification certificates
- Self-attested copies of Ph.D. degree (if applicable)
- Self-attested copies of experience certificates / appointment letters
- Latest institutional ID card (or pension order, for retired applicants)
- Copy of PAN card
- Copy of Aadhaar card
- Copy of one Government-issued photo ID (Passport / Voter ID / Driving Licence)
- Cancelled cheque of bank account
- Recent passport-size photograph
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from current employer (or undertaking that NOC will be furnished at the time of first assignment)
- Complete list of peer-reviewed publications, books and major academic outputs
- Any other supporting document (please specify): _____
- 10 original, unpublished multiple-choice questions with answer keys (clause 7.4).
- Signed Declaration of Originality and Ownership of Sample Questions (Section M).

L. Final Declaration and Signature

I hereby solemnly declare that all the statements and information furnished in this application and the supporting documents are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information being found false, incorrect, incomplete or misleading - or any conflict of interest being detected before or after empanelment - my candidature / empanelment is liable to be cancelled / terminated without any notice or compensation, and appropriate action may be initiated against me. I have read and understood the entire EoI document and undertake to abide by all its terms, conditions and obligations - including the confidentiality and integrity obligations - if empanelled.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant: _____

Name: _____

M. Declaration of Originality and Ownership of Sample Questions

I declare that the 10 sample questions submitted with my application are my own original, unpublished work and have not been plagiarised, copied or reproduced from any book, coaching material, website, previous examination paper or any other source. I understand and agree that the questions shall become the property of the National Testing Agency upon submission.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant: _____

Name: _____

ANNEXURE – II

List of Subject Domains for Empanelment of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

The following subject domains and specialisations are indicative of the areas in which the National Testing Agency (NTA) may empanel Subject Matter Experts for question paper setting, translation, vetting, moderation, answer key verification, curriculum mapping, research, psychometric validation and other confidential academic assignments. The list is comprehensive as on the date of issue of this EoI. NTA reserves the right to add, modify, merge, reclassify or discontinue any subject domain or specialisation in accordance with evolving academic disciplines and examination requirements.

1. School Education Subjects

Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biology, Botany, Zoology, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi, Odia, Assamese, Bodo, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Nepali, Santali, Sindhi, General Knowledge, General Awareness, Current Affairs, General Test, Aptitude Test, General Aptitude, Quantitative Aptitude, Numerical Ability & Analytical Aptitude, Reasoning, Reasoning & Logical Deduction, Intelligence Test, Coaching Aptitude, Aptitude for Service Sector, Language & Communication, Basic Computer Knowledge, Planning-based Questions, Drawing Test, Specialized Sports Theory, Physical Education, Yoga, Yoga Studies and NCC.

2. Biotechnology and Life Sciences

General Biotechnology, Medical Biotechnology, Plant Biotechnology, Agricultural Biotechnology, Animal Biotechnology, Marine Biotechnology, Industrial Biotechnology, Food Biotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Molecular Human Genetics, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Plant Genetic Resources, Plant Sciences, Structural Biology, Computational Biology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Immunology, Virology, Neuroscience, Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Biological Sciences.

3. Agriculture, Forestry and Allied Sciences

Agriculture, Agricultural Sciences, Agronomy, Entomology & Nematology, Plant Pathology, Horticulture, Forestry, Agricultural Meteorology, Agricultural Physics, Soil Science, Agricultural Chemicals, Water Science & Technology, Seed Science & Technology, Sericulture, Floriculture & Landscaping, Plantation Crops, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops, Post Harvest Management, Renewable Energy Engineering, Irrigation & Drainage Engineering and Soil & Water Conservation Engineering.

4. Animal, Veterinary and Fisheries Sciences

Animal Sciences, Veterinary Science, Animal Genetics & Breeding, Animal Nutrition, Livestock Production Management, Livestock Products Technology, Poultry Science, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology, Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, Veterinary Anatomy, Veterinary Physiology, Fisheries Science, Fisheries Resource Management, Fishing Technology & Engineering, Aquaculture, Aquatic Environmental Management, Aquatic Animal Health Management, Fish Nutrition & Feed Technology, Fish Genetics & Breeding and Fish Physiology.

5. Food, Dairy and Community Sciences

Dairy Science, Dairy Technology, Dairy Chemistry, Dairy Engineering, Food Science & Technology, Food Processing Technology, Food & Nutrition, Home Science, Resource Management & Consumer Science, Human Development & Family Studies, Apparel & Textile Science, Textile & Design Studies, Extension Education & Community Management.

6. Physical, Mathematical, Earth and Environmental Sciences

Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Studies, Atmospheric Sciences, Geology, Geophysics, Electronic Sciences.

7. Computer Science, Engineering, Architecture and Technology

Computer Science, Computer Science & Engineering, Computer Applications, Computer Science/Informatics Practices, Information Technology, Data Science & Artificial Intelligence, Engineering Graphics, Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Farm Machinery & Power Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Architecture & Planning, Materials Science, Medical Laboratory Sciences and Nanoscience & Nanotechnology.

8. Medical and Health Sciences

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Public Health, Allied Health Sciences, Homoeopathy, Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Healthcare Management, Social Medicine & Community Health and Medical Laboratory Sciences.

9. Humanities, Social Sciences and Education

History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Geography, Public Administration, International Relations, Anthropology, Linguistics, Education, Adult Education, Continuing Education, Andragogy, Non-Formal Education, Teaching Aptitude, General Paper on Teaching & Research Aptitude, Social Work, Population Studies, Social Science, General Studies, Humanities, Development Studies, Women Studies, Criminology, Archaeology, Museology, Museology & Conservation, Comparative Literature, Folk Literature, Tribal & Regional Language/Literature, Art History, Tourism Administration & Management, Disaster Management, Human Rights & Duties and Defence & Strategic Studies.

10. Commerce, Business and Management

Commerce, Accountancy/Book Keeping, Business Studies, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing, Human Resource Management, Operations Management, Strategic Management, Entrepreneurship, Agribusiness Management and Agricultural Economics.

11. Law and Governance

Legal Studies, Constitutional Law, Civil Law, Criminal Law, Corporate Law, International Law and Jurisprudence.

12. Languages and Literature

English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Marathi, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi, Gujarati, Odia, Assamese, Bodo, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Santali, Sindhi, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Persian, Prakrit, Rajasthani, Russian, Spanish, English Language & Comprehension, Hindi Language & Comprehension, and other Indian and foreign languages recognised by NTA from time to time.

13. Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Design

Music, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Folk and Tribal Art Forms, Art History, Apparel & Textile Science and Textile & Design Studies.

14. Indian Knowledge Systems, Culture and Religion

Knowledge Tradition—Practices of India, Indian Knowledge System, Indic Knowledge Systems, Indian Culture, Hindu Studies, Arab Culture & Islamic Studies, Buddhist, Jaina, Gandhian & Peace Studies, Comparative Study of Religions, Sanskrit Traditional Subjects (including Jyotisha, Vyakarna, Mimansa, Nyaya, Sankhya, Yoga, Vedas, Agama and allied disciplines) and other Indian knowledge traditions.

15. Library, Information, Journalism and Communication Studies

Library and Information Science, Journalism and Mass Communication and Language & Communication.

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