



**THE NATIONAL SCHEDULED CASTES FINANCE AND
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**ON-LINE EXAMINATION FOR RECRUITMENT OF JUNIOR EXECUTIVE
(INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) AND SENIOR ASSISTANT**

INFORMATION HANDOUT

This handout contains details pertaining to various aspects of the online exam you are going to undertake and important instructions about related matters. You are advised to study the handout carefully as it will help you in preparing for the examination.

The on-line examination will comprise the following objective type multiple choice tests as stated below :

Structure of the test for Junior Executive – Information Technology

Sr. No.	Name of the Tests	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration	Version
1.	General Intelligence & Reasoning	40	40	120 Minutes (Those candidates who use a Scribe shall be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour of the examination)	Bilingual i.e. English & Hindi except for the test of English Language
2.	General Awareness	40	40		
3.	Quantitative Aptitude	40	40		
4.	English Language	40	40		
5.	Computer Knowledge (Specific to Programming/Database/ Software Development)	40	40		
	Total	200	200	120 Minutes	

Structure of the test for Senior Assistant

Sr. No.	Name of the Tests	Number of Questions	Maximum Marks	Duration	Version
1.	General Intelligence & Reasoning	40	40	120 Minutes (Those candidates who use a Scribe shall be eligible for compensatory time of 20 minutes for every hour of the examination)	Bilingual i.e. English & Hindi except for the test of English Language
2.	General Awareness	40	40		
3.	Quantitative Aptitude	40	40		
4.	English Language	40	40		
5.	Computer Knowledge	40	40		
	Total	200	200	120 Minutes	

The time for the test is 120 minutes, however you may have to be at the venue for approximately 180 minutes including the time required for logging in, collection of the call letters, giving of instructions etc. All tests except test of English Language will be provided in English and Hindi. All the questions will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **You have to select the most appropriate answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which you feel is appropriate / correct. The alternative/ option that you have clicked on will be highlighted and will be treated as your answer to that question. There will be penalty for wrong answers marked by you. For every wrong answer marked by you, 1/4th of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.**

The Scores of Online Examination will be obtained by adopting the following procedure:

- (i) Number of questions answered correctly by a candidate in each objective test is considered for arriving at the Corrected Score after applying penalty for wrong answers.
- (ii) The Corrected Scores so obtained by a candidate are made equivalent to take care of the minor difference in difficulty level, if any, in each of the objective tests held in different sessions to arrive at the Equated Scores*

*Scores obtained by candidates on any test are equated to the base form by considering the distribution of scores of all the forms.

(iii) Testwise scores and scores on total is reported with decimal points upto two digits.

Note : Cutoffs may be applied in two stages :

- (i) On scores in individual tests
- (ii) On Total Score

Please note that the types of questions in this handout are only illustrative and not exhaustive. In the actual examination you will find questions of a higher difficulty level on some or all of these types and also questions on the types not mentioned here.

Some sample questions are given below.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE AND REASONING

Q.1. In the series given below count each 5 which is not immediately preceded by 3 but is immediately followed by 7. How many such 5's are there ?

1 5 7 3 5 7 4 7 3 7 2 5 6 5 8 5 7 4 5 6 5 5 7 1 5 7 7 5 5
(1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5

Q.2. Ashok is standing at P. He walks 10 metres towards the South; then he walks 20 metres towards the West, then he walks 10 metres towards the South; then he walks 20 metres towards the East; then he walks 5 metres towards the North and reaches Q. What is the straight distance between P and Q in metres ?

(1) Zero (2) 5 (3) 10 (4) 15 (5) Other than those given as options

Q.3-5. Read the information given below and answer the questions:

Six plays A, B, C, D, E and F of a famous playwright are to be staged one on each day from Monday to Saturday. The schedule of the plays is to be in accordance with the following.

- (1) A must be on the previous day of the on which E is staged.
- (2) C must not be staged on Tuesday.
- (3) B must be on a day which follows the day on which F is staged.
- (4) D must be staged on Friday only and should not be immediately preceded by B.
- (5) E must not be staged on the last day of the schedule.

Q.3. Which of the following is the schedule of plays, with the order of their staging from Monday ?

(1) E A B F D C (2) A F B E D C (3) A F B C D E
(4) F A B E D C (5) Other than those given as options

Q.4. Play C cannot definitely be staged on which of the following days in addition to Tuesday ?

(1) Monday (2) Wednesday (3) Thursday (4) Friday (5) Saturday

Q.5. Play D is between which of the following pairs of plays ?

(1) C and E (2) E and F (3) A and E (4) B and E (5) C and F

GENERAL AWARENESS

Q.1. Who among the following is the current Finance Minister of India ?

(1) Shri Arun Jaitley (2) Shri Narendra Modi (3) Shri P. Chidambaram
(4) Shri Amit Shah (5) Other than those given as options

Q.2. OSCAR awards are given for best performance in which of the following field ?

(1) Films (2) Literature (3) Sports (4) Science (5) Social Service

Q.3. Which of the following stands for I in RBI ?

(1) India (2) International (3) Insurance (4) Income (5) Institute

Q.4. R. K. Laxman is famous for _____

(1) Painting (2) Cartoons (3) Screenplay Writing
(4) Film Direction (5) Other than those given as options

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE (SPECIFIC TO PROGRAMMING / DATABASE / SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT)

- Q.1.** _____ is an output device of a computer.
(1) Printer (2) CPU (3) Monitor (4) Keyboard (5) CD
- Q.2.** What is the full form of RAM ?
(1) Random Adaptive Mouse (2) Random Adaptive Memory
(3) Random Access Memory (4) Random Access Mouse
(5) Other than those given as options
- Q.3.** Pick the odd man out.
(1) Monitor (2) Keyboard (3) Floppy drive (4) Windows (5) Hard-disk drive
- Q.4.** The full form of LAN is _____
(1) Local Access Network (2) Local Area Network (3) Long Area Node
(4) Local Area Node (5) None of these
- Q.5.** In UNIX, mounting a file system means _____
(1) providing a link to the file system to be mounted so that it appears as a local subdirectory.
(2) moving all the files from one file system to another
(3) loading a file system from back up medium like tape
(4) copying all the files from one file system to another
(5) None of these

Details of the online Examination :

- (1) The examination would be conducted on-line i.e. on a computer.
- (2) All tests except test of English Language will be in English and Hindi.
- (3) All the questions in objective test will have multiple choices. Out of the five answers to a question only one will be the correct answer. **The candidate has to select the correct answer and 'mouse click' that alternative which he/she feels is correct. The alternative/ option that is clicked on will be treated as the answer to that question. Answer to any question will be considered for final evaluation, only when candidates have submitted the answers by clicking on "Save & Next" or "Mark for Review & Next".**
- (4) The clock has been set at the server and the countdown timer at the top right corner of your screen will display the time remaining for you to complete the exam. When the clock runs out the exam ends by default - you are not required to end or submit your exam.
- (5) The Question Palette displayed on the right side of screen will show the status of each question using one of the following symbols:



You have not visited the question yet.



You have not answered the question.



You have answered the question.



You have NOT answered the question, but have marked the question for review.



The question(s) "Answered and Marked for Review" will be considered for evaluation.

The Marked for Review status for a question simply indicates that you would like to look at that question again. *If a question is answered and Marked for Review, your answer for that question will be considered in the evaluation.*

- (6) To select a question to answer, you can do one of the following :
 - (a) Click on the question number on the question palette at the right of your screen to go to that numbered question directly. Note that using this option **does NOT save your answer** to the current question.
 - (b) Click on '**Save & Next**' to save answer to current question and to go to the next question in sequence.
 - (c) Click on '**Mark for Review and Next**' to save answer to current question, mark it for review, and to go to the next question in sequence.
- (7) To select your answer, click on one of the option buttons.

- (8) To change your answer, click another desired option button.
- (9) To save your answer, you **MUST** click on **Save & Next**.
- (10) To deselect a chosen answer, click on the chosen option again or click on the **Clear Response** button.
- (11) To mark a question for review click on **Mark for Review & Next**. *If an answer is selected for a question that is Marked for Review, the answer will be considered in the final evaluation.*
- (12) To change an answer to a question, first select the question and then click on the new answer option followed by a click on the **Save & Next** button.
- (13) Questions that are saved or marked for review after answering will ONLY be considered for evaluation.**
- (14) You can shuffle between tests and questions anytime during the examination as per your convenience only during the time stipulated.
- (15) The candidates are requested to follow the instructions of the "Test Administrator" carefully. If any candidate does not follow the instructions / rules, it would be treated as a case of misconduct/ adoption of unfair means and such a candidate would be liable for debarment from appearing for examinations for a period as decided by NSFDC.
- (16) The candidates may ask the Test Administrator about their doubts or questions only before the commencement of the test. No query shall be entertained after the commencement of the examination.
- (17) After the expiry of the allotted time, the candidates will not be able to attempt any question or check their answers. The answers of the candidate would be saved automatically by the computer system even if he/ she has not clicked the "Submit" button.
- (18) Please note :**
 - (a) Candidates will not be allowed to "finally submit" unless they have exhausted the actual test time.**
 - (b) Under no circumstances should a candidate click on any of the 'keyboard keys' during objective test as this will lock the objective exam.**

B] General Instructions :

- (1) Please note date, Reporting time and venue address of the examination given in the call letter.
- (2) You may visit the venue one day before the Online Examination to confirm the location so that you are able to report **on time** (as printed on the call letter) on the day of the examination. Late comers will not be allowed.
- (3) The call letter should be brought with you to the examination venue along with your recent passport size photograph duly pasted on it. (Preferably the same photograph as was as uploaded).
- (4) You must scrupulously follow the instructions of the Test Administrator and NSFDC Representative at the examination venue. If you violate the instructions you will be disqualified and will be asked to leave the examination venue.
- (5) No use of calculators (separate or with watch), books, note books or written notes, cell phones (with or without camera facility), or any other electronic device will be allowed during the examination. **After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.**
- (6) Biometric data (thumb impression) and photograph will be captured twice at the examination venue i.e. before the start of examination and after completion of examination. Decision of the Biometric data verification authority with regard to its status (matched or mismatched) shall be final and binding upon the candidates. **Refusal to participate in the process of biometric data capturing / verification on any occasion may lead to cancellation of candidature.** With regards to the same, please note the following :
 - (a) If fingers are coated (stamped ink/mehndi/coloured...etc), ensure to thoroughly wash them so that coating is completely removed before the examination day.
 - (b) If fingers are dirty or dusty, ensure to wash them and dry them before the thumb impression (biometric) is captured.
 - (c) Ensure fingers of both hands are dry. If fingers are moist, wipe each finger to dry them.
 - (d) If the primary finger (thumb) to be captured is injured/damaged, immediately notify the concerned authority in the test centre.
 (Any failure to observe these points will result in non- admittance for the examination).

- (7) Please bring the call letter with your photograph affixed thereon, currently valid Photo identity proof in original and a photocopy of the same ID proof which you bring in original - THIS IS ESSENTIAL. **This call-letter along with photocopy of photo identity proof duly stapled together are to be submitted at the end of exam by putting it in the designated drop-box.** Currently valid photo identity proof may be PAN Card/Passport/Permanent Driving Licence/Voter's Card with photograph/Bank Passbook with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a Gazetted Officer on official letterhead along with photograph/Photo Identity proof issued by a People's Representative on official letterhead along with photograph/Valid recent Identity Card issued by a recognized College/University/Aadhaar Card/E-Aadhaar Card with a photograph/Employee ID in original/Bar Council Identity card with photograph. **Please Note - Ration Card and Learner's Driving License will not be accepted as valid ID proof for this purpose.** Please note that your name as appearing on the call letter (provided by you during the process of registration) should exactly match the name as appearing on the photo identity proof. Female candidates who have changed first/last/middle name post marriage must take special note of this. If there is any mismatch between the name indicated in the Call Letter and Photo Identity Proof you will not be allowed to appear for the exam.
- (8) Your responses (answers) will be analysed with other candidates to detect patterns of similarity of right and wrong answers. If in the analytical procedure adopted in this regard, it is inferred/concluded that the responses have been shared and scores obtained are not genuine/valid, your candidature may be cancelled. Any candidate who is found copying or receiving or giving assistance or engaging in any behaviour unbecoming of a candidate will not be considered for assessment. The NSFDC may take further action against such candidates as deemed fit by it.
- (9) You should bring with you a ball-point (transparent) pen. A sheet of paper will be provided which can be used for rough work or taking down the question number you would like to review at the end of the test before submitting your answers. After the test is over you MUST drop this sheet of paper along with the Call Letter in the designated drop-box.
- (10) The possibility for occurrences of some problem in the administration of the examination cannot be ruled out completely which may impact test delivery and/or result from being generated. In that event, every effort will be made to rectify such problem, which may include the conduct of another examination if considered necessary. Decision of the test conducting body in this regard shall be final. Candidates not willing to accept such change shall lose his/her candidature for this exam.
- (11) If the examination is held in more than one session, the scores across various sessions will be equated to adjust for slight differences in difficulty level of different test batteries used across sessions. More than one session are required if the nodes capacity is less or some technical disruption takes place at any centre or for any candidate.
- (12) Anyone found to be disclosing, publishing, reproducing, transmitting, storing or facilitating transmission and storage of test contents in any form or any information therein in whole or part thereof or by any means verbal or written, electronic or mechanical or taking away the papers supplied in the examination hall or found to be in unauthorised possession of test content is likely to be prosecuted.
- (13) Instances for providing incorrect information and/or process violation by a candidate detected at any stage of the selection, process will lead to disqualification of the candidate from the selection process and he/she will not be allowed to appear in any recruitment process of the NSFDC in the future. If such instances go undetected during the current selection process but are detected subsequently, such disqualification will take place with retrospective effect.

SOCIAL DISTANCING MODE CONDUCT OF EXAM RELATED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Candidate is required to report at the exam venue strictly as per the time slot mentioned in the Call Letter. Late comers will not be allowed to take the test.
- 2 Mapping of 'Candidate Roll Number and the Lab Number' will NOT be displayed outside the exam venue, but the same will be intimated to the candidates individually at the time of entry of the candidate to the exam venue.
- 3 Items permitted into the venue for Candidates
Candidates will be permitted to carry only certain items with them into the venue.
 - a. Mask (WEARING A MASK is COMPULSORY)
 - b. Gloves
 - c. Personal transparent water bottle (Candidate should bring his / her own water bottle)
 - d. Personal hand sanitizer (50 ml)
 - e. A simple ball pen (transparent)
 - f. Exam related documents (Call Letter and Photocopy of the ID card stapled with it, ID Card in Original.)
 - g. Call Letter should be brought with the Photocopy of the Photo ID stapled with it. Original ID (same as Photocopy) is also to be brought for verification. The name on the ID and on the Call Letter should be exactly the same.
 - h. In case of Scribe Candidates - Scribe form duly filled and signed with Photograph affixed (available in vacancy notification as Appendix-A).No other Items are permitted inside the venue.
- 4 Candidate should not share any of their personal belonging/material with anyone
- 5 Candidate should maintain safe social distance with one another.
- 6 Candidate should stand in the row as per the instructions provided at venue.
- 7 If candidate is availing services of a scribe, then scribe also should bring their own Gloves, N95 Mask, sanitizer (50ml) and transparent water bottle. Wearing a mask is compulsory. Both candidate and Scribe will require to be wearing N95 Mask.
- 8 A Candidate must have AarogyaSetu App installed on his mobile phone. The AarogyaSetu status must show candidate's risk factor. A candidate will have to display this status to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. In case a candidate does not have a smart phone, he/she will have to bring in a signed declaration to this effect (declaration is provided along with the Call Letter) and show the same to the Security Guard at the entry into the exam venue. Candidates with Moderate or High Risk Status on AarogyaSetu App will not be allowed entry. In case any of the responses in declaration suggest COVID 19 infection/symptoms, the candidate will not be permitted inside the exam venue. (If candidate is availing services of a Scribe, then Scribe should also follow the same instructions.)
- 9 After AarogyaSetu status display at the entry gate, candidates will be required to switch off their mobile phones, and deposit it at the designated location, to be collected while exiting.
- 10 All candidates (and Scribe, if applicable) will be checked with Thermo guns at the entry point for temperature. In case, any person is observed to be having above normal temperature (> 99.14° F) or displaying any symptoms of the virus, they will not be allowed entry into the venue.
- 11 In candidate registration :
 - a. Candidate registration will be done through photo capture. Photo captured will be matched with the photo uploaded by you in the application (as printed in the call letter). You must NOT change your appearance from the photo uploaded by you.
 - b. Photograph will be taken while candidate is standing.
 - c. Seat number will be given to the candidate.
- 12 Rough sheet, call letter and ID proof management
 - Rough sheet(s) kept at each candidate desk will be used by candidate.
 - Candidate must follow the instructions related to dropping the call letter with the ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place. Those candidates who avail the services of Scribe should submit Scribe form also along with the Call Letter and ID proof copy
 - Candidate must drop the rough sheets, call letter, ID proof copy in the boxes provided at the exit of lab/venue while leaving or at the designated place indicated by Exam officials.
- 13 Post Examination Controls
 - On completion of examination, the candidates should move out in an orderly manner without crowding as instructed by the venue staff.

WISH YOU GOOD LUCK