

NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

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Sub: Re-conduct of the English, Commerce and Sociology papers

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2026 examination from 22 to 30 June 2026 across 87 subjects, for the award of Junior Research Fellowship, eligibility for Assistant Professor, and admission to PhD programmes.

In respect of three subjects, namely English, Commerce and Sociology, NTA had received several complaints on multiple errors in these papers. Accordingly, NTA formed a committee to enquire into and look into these errors.

The Committee found that the three papers had many factual, typographical, translation errors including misspelt names of prominent scholars, garbled book titles, errors in the stem wording of questions, grammatical errors, gender and number agreement errors, punctuation mistakes, and non-standard coined terms for established concepts, as well as repetition of a significant number of questions previously administered. The Committee recommended that, in the interest of holding a fair and error-free examination, these three papers should be re-conducted.

It has therefore been concluded by NTA that papers carrying such defects do not meet the standards of fairness and error-free examination, and defects of this extent cannot be cured merely by dropping questions after the challenge process.

Re-examination

In view of the above, the three papers, English, Commerce and Sociology, will be re-conducted. The examinations will be conducted as per the following schedule:

English: 9th September 2026 Shift 1 - 9 AM to 12 Noon

Commerce : 9th September 2026 Shift 2 - 3 PM to 6 PM

Sociology : 10th September 2026 Shift 1 - 9 AM to 12 Noon

Further details of city, centre, and admit card details will be notified separately on the official website.

No additional examination fee will be charged from the candidates of these three subjects for the re-conduct.

Result Processing

Results for the 84 subjects for which Answer Key Challenge was issued earlier today will be declared as per schedule. Allocation of JRF seats and issuance of e-certificates for eligibility for Assistant Professor and for admission to PhD for these 84 subjects **will not be delayed due to re-conduct of the examination for the three subjects.**

The number of candidates to be qualified for eligibility for Assistant Professor **shall be equal to 6% of the candidates** who appeared in the test conducted in June 2026, or the retest, whichever is higher.

Similarly, the subject-wise allocation for the remaining 3 subjects for (i) JRF (ii) eligibility for Assistant Professor and (iii) eligibility for admission to PhD, will be done as mentioned in the Information Bulletin. After the retest, the numbers already allocated for each subject shall not be reduced under any circumstances.

NTA remains committed to conducting examinations that are fair, accurate and transparent. Candidates are advised to rely only on the official websites of NTA, <https://www.nta.ac.in/> and <https://ugcnet.nta.nic.in/>, and on official communications from NTA.

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