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The National Education Policy 2020, has provided a holistic vision for education that signals a shift from rote learning towards acquiring competencies and 21st century skills. The NEP, 2020 (Para 5.4) emphasizes on strengthening of TET to inculcate better test material, both in terms of content and pedagogy. The NEP also emphasizes on digital literacy, digital pedagogy, use of technology and its integration so as to transform the entire nation into a digitally empowered society. Upholding the purpose of TET, CBSE is committed to enhancing the quality of the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) in order to reflect its core purpose of attracting and filtering candidates with the aptitude and passion to enter the teaching profession. CTET should reflect the core and critical competencies to enter the teaching profession and measure these identified competencies with a fair degree of validity, reliability and fairness.

Therefore, it is hereby notified that **within the existing syllabus of CTET and structure of the question paper**, the question papers will be developed to assess less of factual knowledge and more of conceptual understanding, application, problem-solving, reasoning, and critical thinking. The focus will be on assessing candidates' understanding of teaching the subject, their pedagogic content knowledge, their knowledge relevance of the subject in the school curriculum, and other dimensions of teaching the subject—such as pedagogic content knowledge that includes questions assessing planning of teaching-learning experiences, strategies for developing conceptual clarity, usage of teaching-learning aids, and assessment methodologies specific to the concept. . A detailed assessment framework with measurable competencies, sample blueprints and sample questions will be released by the CBSE to enable aspiring candidates to prepare for the CTET examination.

It is also notified that the next CTET examination will be conducted during December 2021/January 2022 in **on-line mode** which will motivate the futuristic teachers to become computer literate. It will also save huge paper wastage on account of printing of question papers and OMR sheets. Online CTET examination compliant with strict COVID protocols would ensure not only safety but would facilitate a faster processing and declaration of results. The CBSE will set up facilitation centres in the districts where the candidates will be provided (free of cost) facility of attempting online mock test.

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The detailed notification regarding schedule for submission of online application form for next examination of CTET and dates of examination will be issued separately in due course of time.

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