Indian Scholastic Assessment (Ind-SAT)

Introduction:

Ind-SAT Exams have to be held in 13 countries for giving scholarships under Study in India Programme for the Academic Year 2020 – 21. This exam will be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), The exam will be only for disbursement of scholarships for the 13 countries, and not for selection of students for providing admission to colleges under Study in India programme.

The Indian Scholastic Assessment or IND-SAT is proposed to be introduced as a common entrance standardized test for foreign students seeking scholarships under Champion Services Sector Scheme being implemented under Study in India programme by EdCIL (India) Limited. Though the programme aims at attracting students across the globe, the focus is on 35 countries – now extended to 42. In the first year the exam shall be conducted only in 13 countries identified on the basis of feasibility/ availability of logistics to conduct the exam. For the remaining countries, the scholarships will be allotted on the basis of merit of the merit in the last qualifying exam taken by the student.

An Ind-SAT Advisory Committee consisting of officials of MHRD, EdCIL, NTA, MEA was constituted to decide about the exam modalities including the syllabus, structure of exam, difficulty level of questions, marking system etc.

Particulars	Details
Exam conducting agency	National Testing Agency monitored by EdCIL (India) Limited
Date of examination	16th May, 2020
Mode of Examination	Online Proctored via Internet Assessment
Duration of Examination	90 minutes
Type of question	Objective – Multiple-Choice Questions
Medium of question papers	English
Level of exam	For UG: Class 10th level Maths and English For PG: Class 12th level Maths and English
Number of scholarships for Admission year 2020	2000
Countries where exam is proposed to be conducted (as confirmed by NTA)	India, Nepal, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Sri-Lanka, Kenya, Zambia, Indonesia, Mauritius
Country wise number of scholarships	Country-wise quota will be decided with approval of MHRD.

Schedule of the exam – Time Slot:

S. No.	Country	Local Time
1	India	1400 - 1530 HRS
2	Nepal	1415 - 1545 HRS
3	Ethiopia	1130 - 1300 HRS
4	Bangladesh	1430 - 1600 HRS
5	Bhutan	1430 - 1600 HRS
6	Uganda	1130 - 1300 HRS
7	Tanzania	1130 - 1300 HRS
8	Rwanda	1030 - 1200 HRS
9	Sri Lanka	1400 - 1530 HRS
10	Kenya	1130 - 1300 HRS
11	Zambia	1030 - 1200 HRS
12	Indonesia	1530 - 1700 HRS
13	Mauritius	1230 - 1400 HRS
* Time for Exam is taken as 1400 - 1530 HRS IST, above mentioned time will be thecorresponding timing of exam in the respective countries		

Modalities of the examination :

• Candidates can take the examination from home. The exam will be internet based in view of the uncertainties posed by the Covid 19 situation across the world

• Formalities of online proctoring through camera and other networking issues will be taken care by NTA
• The final list of deserving candidates shall be shared with EdCIL

• Minimum cut-off marks is proposed by the Advisory Committee to be fixed as 27/90 (30 % of aggregate) for a student to be eligible for scholarship

• Merit ranking will be given to all the qualified students

• Merit rank of each individual student taking the examination will be taken as a basis for allotment in the preferred college by the student

• Students will get a time of 15 days to confirm the scholarship seat on SII portal else the seat will be transferred to the next eligible student in the order of merit

• EdCIL will allocate the college to the student on the basis of his choices filled by him, this will be done by running a counselling session on SII portal.

Ind SAT 2020 Examination – useful information on technical requirements

- Ind-SAT 2020 examination will be an Internet Based Assessment where candidates would be required to take the test online through their personal devices (Laptop/Desktop). Date of examination is 16 May 2020.

- As of 24 April 2020, 20,000 students have applied for examination. Last date of submission of applications is 30 April 2020.

- There will be video proctoring to monitor/surveillance of candidates during the examination. The examination will be time-bound which means there will be a fixed time to start and end the examination.

- Candidates will be required to install Launcher Application (of Tata Consultancy Services) on their system. Launcher will monitor the candidate's device during the examination.

- The webcam on the system will take 5 different images of the candidate at different span of timings. These images will be later used for verification of candidate, and images taken will also be matched with the video.

- 30 minutes will be provided to the candidates before the examination to install launcher application and to fulfill other requirements. Reporting time for the examination will be indicated on the admit card and all students will be required to join/login at that specified time.

- Examination can only be attempted from Laptop/Desktop. Examination cannot be conducted on Mac systems. At present, it is also not possible to take examination in smartphones. Possibility of examination through smartphones is being explored and will be intimated nearer to the date of the examination.

- Web browsers for the examination are Chrome, Firefox and Mozilla. We are checking on the possibility of 'Opera' as web browser. This is yet to be confirmed.

- Bandwidth required for Live Proctoring is 20 Mbps and Near-Live Proctoring is 5Mbps.

- Technicities of pre-requisites of system will be displayed on the Admit Card.

- Mock tests will be made available to students by 1st week of May 2020. Candidates can make themselves accustomed to the system and avoid last minute hassle.

- Step-by-step complete guide/manual/video demonstration of all requirements for the examination and also video tutoring for examination will be posted on the Study in India website by 1st week of May 2020: www.studyinindia.gov.in