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**CEED**  
**EXAM PATTERN 2025**

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## Introduction to the eBook

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The Common Entrance Exam for Design is conducted every year to select the best students for postgraduate design courses. The students who are planning to appear for the [CEED exam](#) must understand the exam pattern and syllabus to help in their preparation. Understanding the exam pattern can boost the confidence of the students and help them focus on the important aspects. This eBook is helpful for students especially who are planning to appear for the CEED entrance examination as well as those who are planning or other entrance examinations. Go through the full eBook to understand the CEED exam pattern and how to prepare for the same.



## Overview

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The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay conducts the CEED exam that selects the best candidates at postgraduate level for design courses in top IITs. The students must be aware of the CEED exam pattern before applying for the exam. The candidates must have completed their under-graduation level of studies and fulfilled other eligibility criteria that is required for CEED. The CEED exam pattern is available on the official website which can be accessed by the students. The eligible candidates can proceed to fill the application form available on the official website. Though the [UCEED exam eligibility criteria](#) is the same each institution prescribes its own eligibility rules which must be fulfilled by the students if they want admissions in that college.

Through the entrance exam of CEED the students will be shortlisted for various colleges which will individually conduct entrance exams and personal interview rounds at them to select the students for admissions. The CEED entrance examination makes the students eligible for the following colleges-

The students who want to appear for the CEED exam must carefully prepare for the same. Due to the high competition in the entrance exam and a handful of seats, the students must understand the exam pattern to score well. Through this eBook the students can find the latest exam pattern of CEED as available on the official brochure by IIT Bombay.



# CEED Exam Pattern

Being one of the toughest post graduate design exams CEED requires some diligent practice and preparation. The [CEED question paper](#) consists of two parts A and B, which is conducted within a span of 3 hours. The total marks of CEED exam is 250 and both the parts are conducted in the same day. In the sections below we have discussed each part of the question paper separately along with the type of questions, time allotted and maximum marks.

## CEED Exam Pattern Overview

Particulars about UCEED Exam	Details
Duration	3 Hours (Part A-1 hour and Part B-2 hour)
UCEED Total marks	250 (Part A - 150 and Part B - 100)

### CEED Part A Questions

The total marks for part A of CEED exam is 150 and the maximum time allotted to the students is one hour. The part A of the question paper will be conducted through a Computer based test which will consist of three sections. A total of 44 questions will be asked in part A and sum of them would carry negative markings as per the explanation given below.

#### Numerical Answer Type:

The numerical answer type questions will have a total of 32 marks allotted to them. In total 8 questions will be asked for which the students will be required to enter the answers on the computer screen using the virtual keyboard. The candidates will not be given any choices and the answers need to be calculated. There are no negative marks in this section and each correct answer would give the students 4 marks.

#### Multiple Select Questions:

The multiple select questions will have one or more correct answers which the students need to select carefully to get full marks. In total they would be 10 number of questions with 4 marks for each correct answer. The maximum marks is student can attain in the section is 40. It must be noted that there is negative marking of -1 for each wrong answer and partial marking as per the rules given below.

**Full Marks:** + 4 If only (all) the correct option(s) is(are) chosen and none of the incorrect options is chosen.

**Partial Marks:** + 3 If all the four options are correct but only three options are chosen.

**Partial Marks:** + 2 If three or more options are correct but only two options are chosen, both of which are correct and none of the incorrect options is chosen.

**Partial Marks:** + 1 If two or more options are correct but only one option is chosen, and it is a correct option and none of the incorrect options is chosen.

**Zero Marks:** 0 If none of the options is chosen (i.e., the question is unanswered). Negative Marks: -1 In all other cases

### Multiple Choice Questions

Multiple choice questions consists of four options out of which the students have to select the most appropriate one. In total there would be 26 multiple choice questions with 3 marks for each correct answer resulting in 78 marks in total. The candidates will be deducted -0.5 for each wrong answer.

### CEED Part A Total Marks

Type of Question	Number of Question	Total Marks
NAT	8	32
MSQ	10	40
MCQ	26	78
Total	44	150

### CEED Marking Scheme

Type of Question	UCEED Marking if Correct	UCEED Negative Marking	UCEED Marking if Question Not Attempted
NAT	4	-0	0
MSQ	Partial	-1	0
MCQ	3	-0.5	0

## CEED Part B Exam Pattern

CEED exam also consists of a subjective answer exam which has a total duration of 2 hours and total of 100 marks. In this section the students will be asked to draw or write the required answer in the answer booklet provided by the invigilator. The students will be able to see the question paper on the computer screen for which they need to draw the answer on the answer booklet. The candidates must not that they have to take the appropriate box on the computer screen to show the answer they are portraying. There will be only 5 questions in this entire section which are as follows Sketching, creativity, form sensitivity, visual sensitivity, problem identification. The students must submit the answer booklet at the end of the examination without which their answer sheet will not be evaluated. Each question in the CEED part B exam will have a maximum of 20 marks allotted.

## CEED Part B Marks

Type of Question	Number of Question	Total Marks
Sketching	1	20
Design Aptitude	1	20
Form sensitivity	1	20
Visual sensitivity	1	20
Problem identification	1	20



# CEED Syllabus 2025

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The students who want to score well in the CEED entrance exam must also understand the syllabus along with the exam pattern. The [CEED syllabus](#) is available on the official website, but the students can access it. To have a strong preparation of the entrance exam the students must stick to the syllabus and prepare thoroughly. The syllabus for part A and part B of the CEED entrance exam has been elaborated below.

## CEED Part A Syllabus

**Visualization and spatial reasoning:** Ability to visualize and transform 2D shapes and 3D objects and their spatial relationships.

**Practical and scientific knowledge:** Know-how of scientific principles and everyday objects.

**Observation and design sensitivity:** The capacity to detect concealed properties in daily life and think critically about them. Attention to detail, classification, analysis, inference, and prediction.

**Environment and society:** General awareness of environmental, social, and cultural connections with design.

**Analytical and logical reasoning:** Ability to analyse qualitative and quantitative information.

**Language:** Proficiency in reading and comprehending Standard English.

**Creativity:** Grasp of verbal and non-verbal analogies, metaphors, signs, and symbols.

**Art and Design knowledge:** Awareness about art/artifact/product, artists/designers, art/design history, and trends.

**Design methods and practices:** Knowledge of media, materials, production processes, and ergonomics.

## CEED Part B Syllabus

**Drawing:** Ability to draw products, people, or scenes in proportion with good line quality, composition, proportion, perspective, and shading.

**Creativity:** Ability to think out-of-the-box and come up with unique as well as diverse solutions.

**Communication:** Skills to communicate concepts and ideas clearly with the help of text and visuals.

## Conclusion

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Understanding the [CEED exam pattern](#) can help the students prepare well for the upcoming exams. The exam pattern gives a proper idea to the students on how to prepare for the entrance exam. The candidates can also go ahead and solve the previous year question papers available on the official website. Solving a lot of mock test for CEED can also help the students manage that time as will ask boost their confidence.

