

# JEE Main 2026 Exam Pattern

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## 1 JEE Main 2026 Exam Pattern

JEE Main 2026 is expected to follow a structure similar to 2025, with three distinct papers: Paper 1 (B.E./B.Tech), Paper 2A (B.Arch), and Paper 2B (B.Planning). The exam is primarily computer-based, except for the Drawing section of Paper 2A, which is pen-and-paper-based. The total duration for each paper is 3 hours (4 hours for PwD candidates). The exam will be conducted in 13 languages, including English, Hindi, and regional languages like Assamese, Bengali, and Tamil.

Paper	Course	Mode	Total Questions
Paper 1	B.E./B.Tech	CBT	75
Paper 2A	B.Arch	CBT (except Drawing)	77
Paper 2B	B.Planning	CBT	100

### 1.1 Key Features

- **Two Sessions:** Conducted in January and April 2026, with the best score considered for ranking.
- **Question Types:** Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs) in Section A and Numerical Value Type (NVT) questions in Section B.
- **Language Options:** Available in 13 languages for accessibility.
- **No Optional Questions:** All questions in Section B are mandatory, a change introduced in 2025.
- **Negative Marking:** Applies to both Section A and Section B for incorrect answers.

## 2 Section-Wise Breakdown

The JEE Main 2026 exam consists of three papers, each tailored to specific programs. Below is a detailed breakdown of each paper, including question distribution and key topics.

### 2.1 Paper 1: B.E./B.Tech

- **Subjects:** Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics
- **Total Questions:** 75 (25 per subject)
- **Total Marks:** 300 (100 per subject)

- **Structure:**
  - Section A: 20 MCQs per subject (4 options, +4 for correct, -1 for incorrect)
  - Section B: 5 NVT questions per subject (mandatory, +4 for correct, -1 for incorrect)
- **Duration:** 3 hours (4 hours for PwD)

Subject	Section A (MCQs)	Section B (NVT)	Total Questions	Total Marks
Physics	20	5	25	100
Chemistry	20	5	25	100
Mathematics	20	5	25	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>300</b>

## 2.2 Paper 2A: B.Arch

- **Subjects:** Mathematics, Aptitude, Drawing
- **Total Questions:** 77
- **Total Marks:** 400
- **Structure:**
  - **Mathematics:** 25 questions (20 MCQs, 5 NVT, +4/-1 marking)
  - **Aptitude:** 50 MCQs (+4/-1 marking)
  - **Drawing:** 2 questions (100 marks, evaluated manually, no negative marking)
- **Duration:** 3 hours (4 hours for PwD)
- **Mode:** CBT for Mathematics and Aptitude; pen-and-paper for Drawing

Section	Questions	Marks	Marking Scheme
Mathematics	25 (20 MCQs, 5 NVT)	100	+4/-1
Aptitude	50 MCQs	200	+4/-1
Drawing	2	100	No negative marking
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>400</b>	

## 2.3 Paper 2B: B.Planning

- **Subjects:** Mathematics, Aptitude, Planning
- **Total Questions:** 100
- **Total Marks:** 400
- **Structure:**
  - **Mathematics:** 25 questions (20 MCQs, 5 NVT, +4/-1 marking)
  - **Aptitude:** 50 MCQs (+4/-1 marking)
  - **Planning:** 25 MCQs (+4/-1 marking)

- **Duration:** 3 hours (4 hours for PwD)
- **Mode:** CBT

Section	Questions	Marks	Marking Scheme
Mathematics	25 (20 MCQs, 5 NVT)	100	+4/-1
Aptitude	50 MCQs	200	+4/-1
Planning	25 MCQs	100	+4/-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>400</b>	

### 3 Marking Scheme

The marking scheme for JEE Main 2026 is consistent across all papers, with variations in the Drawing section of Paper 2A:

- **Correct Answer (MCQs and NVT):** +4 marks
- **Incorrect Answer (MCQs and NVT):** -1 mark
- **Unattempted Questions:** 0 marks
- **Drawing (Paper 2A):** Evaluated out of 100 marks, no negative marking

Response Type	MCQs	NVT	Drawing (Paper 2A)
Correct Answer	+4	+4	Evaluated (100 marks)
Incorrect Answer	-1	-1	No negative marking
Unattempted	0	0	0