

NID DAT PRELIMS 2026 EXAM PATTERN

The **NID DAT Prelims 2026** is the first stage of the NID entrance exam and tests creativity, observation, and design aptitude.

Exam Mode: Offline

Duration: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 100

Prelims Paper Structure

Section	Question Type	No. of Questions
Part I	Objective (MCQs)	22
Part II	Subjective (Drawing / Design)	4
Total		26 Questions

IMPORTANT SKILLS TESTED

- Creative Thinking
- Observation Skills
- Visualisation Ability
- Drawing Skills
- Design Aptitude
- Logical Reasoning
- Storytelling Ability

👉 The **DAT Prelims score is only used for shortlisting** candidates for DAT Mains.

👉 It does *not contribute to the final merit ranking*.

NID DAT MAINS 2026 EXAM PATTERN

Candidates who qualify Prelims are shortlisted for **NID DAT Mains 2026**.

This stage evaluates practical design skills and hands-on creativity.

DAT Mains Includes:

- Studio Test
- Model Making
- Material Handling
- Design Problem Solving

- Visualisation Exercises
- Personal Interview

The Studio Test is conducted offline and focuses on real-world design ability.

FINAL SELECTION PROCESS FOR NID B. DES 2026

The final merit list is prepared based on:

- ✓ DAT Mains Performance
- ✓ Studio Test
- ✓ Personal Interview

NID Entrance Exam 2026 Selection Stages

1. DAT Prelims
2. Shortlisting for Mains
3. DAT Mains
4. Final Merit List