Boards and NEET – How to tackle the Duo

In this regard a very common question is asked by the aspirants and their parents i.e., “whether the boards and NEET preparation can be done simultaneously” or the same question can be interpreted in other terms as What is the difference between the ideology of Boards and NEET?

To understand the differences or similarities between Boards and NEET, we have to understand the philosophy behind the two examination patterns (i.e., subjective and objective). The study content (syllabi) for boards and competitions are not at all different. However, the difference lies in the nature of examination, pattern of study and of course in the mode of study.

Subjective Vs Objective

The differences in the philosophies of these two formats are vital. Let us take them one by one:

Subjective Format

A subjective examination is a typical examination of knowledge in which the writing abilities of students are also checked along with his/her knowledge. The methodology of writing these exams includes a very large input of memory as only the questions are provided without any clue or hint or options to solve them. That’s why; this format is considered as one of the toughest formats available to test somebody.

The features of this examination include:

- Limited syllabus
- Question paper without hints or solutions
- Limited number of questions
- Limited type of questions
- More or less fixed pattern of paper
- Comparatively less surprises for the students
- Characteristic presence in boards and university exams

In general the syllabus of these examinations is not so wide and one can easily prepare the syllabus in scheduled time with two or more revisions. Further, with the help of previous year question papers a sort of selective study can also be planned in this examination format.

To conclude, we can say, if someone is sharp enough to grasp the trends than he/she can easily excel in this kind of examination through selective study. Some weaker portions can be left and stronger portions can be prepared well while facing this kind of examination. Good writing skills add on to the performance in this kind of format.

Objective Format

This kind of examination is altogether opposite to the subjective one. In reality it is the test of aptitude along with the knowledge. Just imagine, you have to choose the most appropriate answer only from the 4 options given along with the questions. No writing skills required and no memory problem as probable answers are also provided along with the questions. The contrasting features of an objective examination format includes

- Huge syllabus
- Question paper with 4 or 5 appropriate options
• Unlimited number of questions
• Unlimited type of questions
• No pattern fixation is possible
• Always with surprises for the students
• Characteristic presence in competitive examinations

This format is more scientific as compared to the subjective one provided you have temperament and confidence regarding your preparations. The especiality of this kind of format is the huge syllabus with no possibility of revision. The time frame of preparation is sufficient enough only for a single proper reading of content pertaining to the syllabus.

The question part also has a uniqueness in this kind of format i.e., questions can be framed on each and every line of the syllabus content with infinite patterns and number. That’s why a proper reading of each and every line of the syllabus is essential. It is the reason only, why a small prescribed syllabus appears very huge to the aspirant in this format.

To conclude, we can say, a proper reading of each and every line is required while facing this kind of examination. Cramming or mugging of content part is strictly prohibited in this format while the role of long-term memory and a different set of problem-solving skills, is very crucial to get success.

The Tackling

After getting the proper understanding of plus and minuses of both the patterns one can easily tackle boards and NEET simultaneously keeping following advice in mind.

“**In an objective type examination**, it is the study of whole year that matters. Such exams’ has to be given by a cool head. The studies for this type of examination require a gradual relaxation in study hours to get the best results.”

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“**In a subjective examination** the study of last few days or month matters more, as compared to that of the whole year. Such exams, has to be given by a tense head. The studies for this type of examination require a gradual increase in study hours to get the best results.”