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Subject: Student queries on JEE Main Answer Key and Result

Dear Sir,

NTA had declared the JEE Main 2019 percentile score obtained by students for the January session on January 19. While it was a very good achievement by the agency in declaring the scores a good ten or more days early than the announced date, some unanswered questions have been raised by many JEE aspirants on various forums as well as ours. NTA should answer these questions posed by the many students and experts to establish its credibility as a fair institution so that students rest easy knowing that things are being taken care of.

1. Answer key and the challenge facility:

There was no facility in case a student felt all the given answers were wrong. So how could he/she challenge the answer key? Students reportedly have found about 13 questions with all wrong answers. How does the NTA plan to rectify this?

2. Non-disclosure of the final or revised answer key:

The final answer key has not been published after the challenge facility closed on January 17. Ideally this is the protocol followed. Instead the result was directly declared so students have no way of knowing whether any challenges or objections raised have been addressed. Does NTA intend to publish the final or revised answer key at all?

3. Declaration of the raw marks of the students

With no knowledge of the actual marks scored by the students, it is extremely hard to plan and prepare for their next attempt which is in April. It would have been good if students were given their raw scores along with their NTA percentile scores. Will NTA declare the subject wise raw scores anytime?

4. Transparency in the calculation of NTA percentile scores with actual figures/statistic:

NTA has explained the normalization procedure but has failed to follow it up with the exact statistics and the way it has been calculated for each student. There should be some provision to allow students to know what their raw marks are, how their NTA score has been arrived at, and how many students are placed ahead of them.