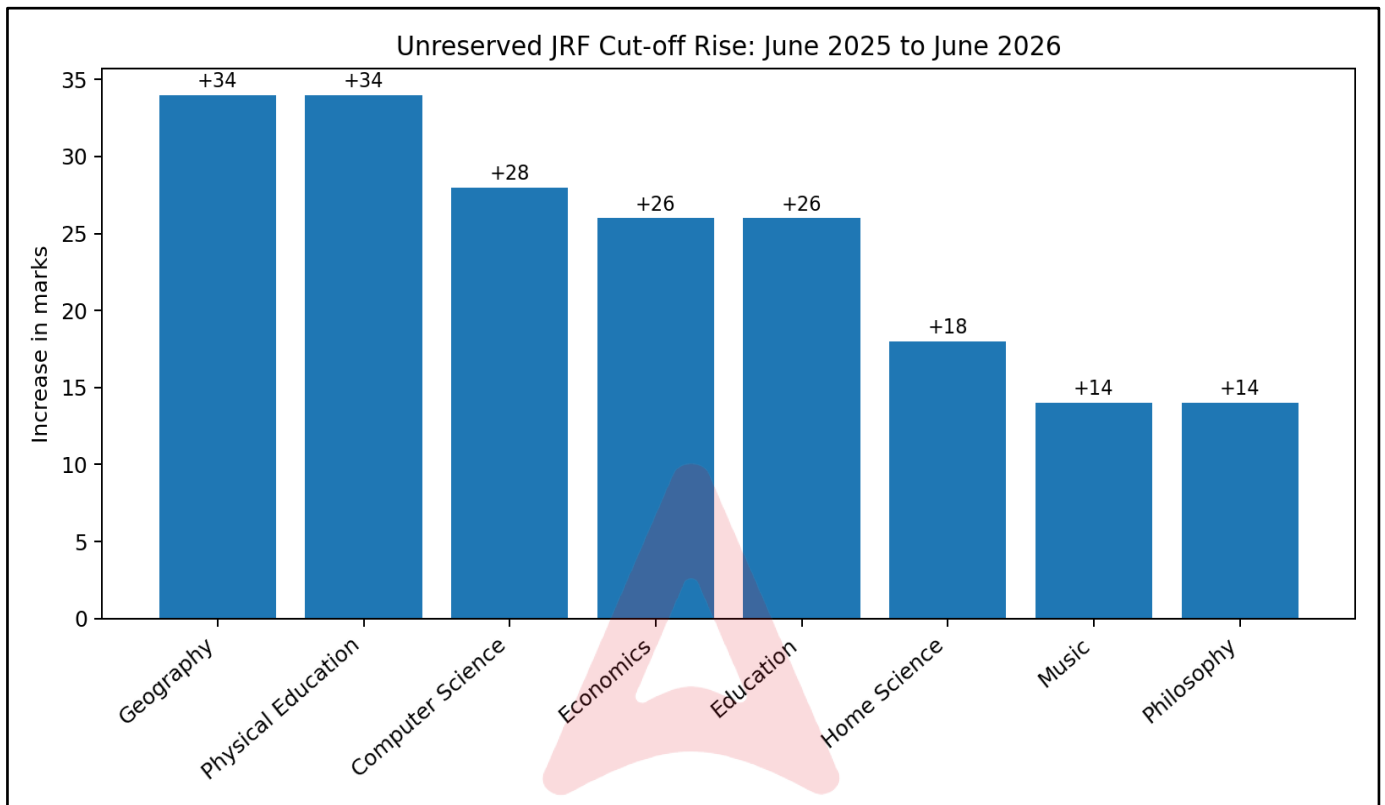


UGC NET JRF CUT-OFF TREND ANALYSIS

June 2025 → December 2025 → June 2026



UGC NET JRF CUT-OFF TREND (UNRESERVED CATEGORY)

June 2025 vs June 2026 – Strong Upward Movement Across Key Subjects

SUBJECT	JUNE 2025 JRF CUT-OFF	DEC 2025 JRF CUT-OFF	JUNE 2026 JRF CUT-OFF	INCREASE IN JRF CUT-OFF (JUNE 2025 → JUNE 2026)
 Computer Science	186	192	214	↑ +28 marks
 Economics	198	232	224	↑ +26 marks
 Education	206	208	232	↑ +26 marks
 Geography	216	224	250	↑ +34 marks
 Home Science	202	212	220	↑ +18 marks
 Music	222	228	236	↑ +14 marks
 Philosophy	222	228	236	↑ +14 marks
 Physical Education	206	208	240	↑ +34 marks

2. Geography: 42 Similar Questions and a 34-Mark Rise

Geography recorded the strongest movement among the highlighted subjects: its Unreserved JRF cut-off increased from 216 in June 2025 to 250 in June 2026, a rise of 34 marks.

According to the question-paper comparison supplied for this analysis, 42 questions in the UGC NET Paper 2 Geography examination held on 22 June 2026 were exactly similar to questions from the UGC NET Paper 2 Geography examination held on 9 January 2025, Shift 1.

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 22nd June 2026

Q.54

Which is largest reservoir of fresh water in the world ?

- (1) Caspian Sea
- (2) Lake Tanganyika
- (3) Lake Baikal
- (4) Lake Konstanz

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 9th Jan 2025 (Shift 1)

Q.122

Which is largest reservoir of fresh water in the world ?

- 1. Caspian Sea
- 2. Lake Tanganyika
- 3. Lake Baikal
- 4. Lake Konstanz

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 22nd June 2026

Q.57

Which of the following pair of soil structures is suitable for cultivation ?

- (1) Granular & Blocky Structure
- (2) Columnar Structure & platy Structure
- (3) Clayey & Columnar Structure
- (4) Platy & Clayey Structure

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 9th Jan 2025 (Shift 1)

Q.127

Which of the following pair of soil structure is suitable for cultivation ?

- 1. Granular & Blocky Structure
- 2. Columnar Structure & Platy Structure
- 3. Clayey & Columnar Structure
- 4. Platy & Clayey Structure

3. Physical Education: 16 Similar Questions and a 34-Mark Rise

Physical Education shows an equally striking increase. The Unreserved JRF cut-off moved from 206 in June 2025 to 240 in June 2026 — again a 34-mark rise.

The comparison supplied for this analysis reports 16 questions in the 22 June 2026 Physical Education paper as exactly similar to questions from the UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education paper held on 7 January 2026, Shift 2.

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 29th June 2026

Q.51 Which players are keen to find out if the drills they have practiced helped them improve their skills during a competitive game ?

- (1) The goal oriented
- (2) The ego oriented
- (3) The task oriented
- (4) The performance oriented

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 7th Jan 2026 (Shift 2)

Q.84 Which players are keen to find out if the drills they have practiced have helped them improve their skills during a competitive game?

1. The goal oriented
2. The performance oriented
3. The ego oriented
4. The task oriented



Key Takeaway: UGC NET Physical Education (29th June 2026, Q.51) is similar to UGC NET Physical Education (7th Jan 2026 Shift 2, Q.84), testing the same concept with identical wording and options.

Music and Philosophy: An Unusually Identical Three-Session Pattern



An especially interesting observation is that **Music** and **Philosophy** have exactly the same **Unreserved JRF cut-off** in all three reported sessions:

Subject	June 2025 JRF Cut-off	Dec 2025 JRF Cut-off	June 2026 JRF Cut-off
 Music	222	228	236
 Philosophy	222	228	236



Both subjects therefore follow the same sequence:
222 in June 2025, 228 in December 2025 and 236 in June 2026.



This is a notable numerical pattern in the dataset, although it should not be interpreted as evidence that the subjects have identical difficulty or candidate profiles.

What Can We Expect in the Re-Exam?



Expect PYP-based preparation to remain valuable, but do not assume exact questions will repeat.



Prepare recurring concepts deeply enough to handle changed wording and application-based questions.



Treat the latest June 2026 cut-off as a benchmark, not a guaranteed safe score.



Build a score buffer above the latest observed JRF level wherever possible.



Combine PYP revision with core-concept revision and full-length timed tests.



Subjects that experienced sharp increases should be prepared with extra attention to accuracy and competition.

Subject	Category	Dec 2025	June 2025	June 2026
Computer Science	EWS	182	172	200
Computer Science	OBC(NCL)	176	172	200
Computer Science	SC	168	158	188
Computer Science	ST	166	160	182
Computer Science	UNRESERVED	192	186	214
Economics	EWS	220	186	216
Economics	OBC(NCL)	216	184	212
Economics	SC	202	166	204
Economics	ST	198	162	192
Economics	UNRESERVED	232	198	224
Education	UNRESERVED	208	206	232
Education	EWS	200	198	226
Education	OBC(NCL)	196	194	222
Education	SC	182	186	212
Education	ST	178	184	206
Geography	UNRESERVED	224	216	250
Geography	EWS	212	208	242
Geography	OBC(NCL)	212	208	240
Geography	SC	198	196	228
Geography	ST	186	190	222
Home Science	UNRESERVED	212	202	220
Home Science	EWS	202	192	208
Home Science	OBC(NCL)	200	188	206
Home Science	SC	192	182	194
Home Science	ST	182	176	194
Music	UNRESERVED	228	222	236
Music	EWS	212	216	226
Music	OBC(NCL)	212	204	224
Music	SC	204	206	216
Music	ST	182	200	216
Philosophy	UNRESERVED	228	222	236
Philosophy	EWS	214	212	230
Philosophy	OBC(NCL)	216	214	224
Philosophy	SC	210	200	218
Philosophy	ST	198	188	204
Physical Education	UNRESERVED	208	206	240
Physical Education	EWS	190	194	216
Physical Education	OBC(NCL)	198	194	216
Physical Education	SC	180	180	188
Physical Education	ST	182	186	184

Subject	Category	Dec 2025	June 2025	June 2026
EVS	EWS	182	166	182
EVS	OBC(NCL)	180	164	178
EVS	SC	166	158	164
EVS	ST	166	156	156
EVS	UNRESERVED	190	174	194
Hindi	EWS	202	210	190
Hindi	OBC(NCL)	198	208	190
Hindi	SC	188	194	178
Hindi	ST	178	182	168
Hindi	UNRESERVED	208	218	198
History	EWS	206	174	182
History	OBC(NCL)	206	172	182
History	SC	196	164	168
History	ST	192	160	164
History	UNRESERVED	216	180	190
Law	EWS	210	194	194
Law	OBC(NCL)	202	190	190
Law	SC	196	178	180
Law	ST	182	176	174
Law	UNRESERVED	218	200	204
Management	EWS	206	208	204
Management	OBC(NCL)	202	206	202
Management	SC	190	200	194
Management	ST	190	194	190
Management	UNRESERVED	220	218	214
Political Science	EWS	206	238	214
Political Science	OBC(NCL)	202	236	212
Political Science	SC	192	222	202
Political Science	ST	186	218	194
Political Science	UNRESERVED	214	244	222
Psychology	EWS	224	240	192
Psychology	OBC(NCL)	218	238	192
Psychology	SC	208	228	180
Psychology	ST	208	220	176
Psychology	UNRESERVED	234	248	204
Sanskrit	EWS	190	218	200
Sanskrit	OBC(NCL)	184	212	196
Sanskrit	SC	170	204	184
Sanskrit	ST	170	196	174
Sanskrit	UNRESERVED	198	224	206

UGC NET GEOGRAPHY

JUNE 2026

**42 QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO
AN EARLIER PAPER — DID THIS
DRIVE THE **JRF CUT-OFF**
UP BY **34 MARKS**?**

**BIG STORY
EXPOSED!**

**42
QUESTIONS
SIMILAR**

UGC NET
GEOGRAPHY PAPER
JANUARY 2025

1. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
2. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
3. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
4. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____

UGC NET
GEOGRAPHY PAPER
JUNE 2026

1. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
2. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
3. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____
4. _____
A) _____ B) _____ C) _____ D) _____

JRF CUT-OFF SURGE

DEC 2025

216

JUNE 2026

250

**+34
MARKS**



INVESTIGATION

A deeper look
into the paper
similarities



DATA ANALYSIS

Year-wise cut-off
trends that
tell the story



IMPACT REVIEW

What it means
for aspirants
and future exams



EXPERT OPINION

Insights from
educators and
subject experts

**UNCOVERING THE TRUTH.
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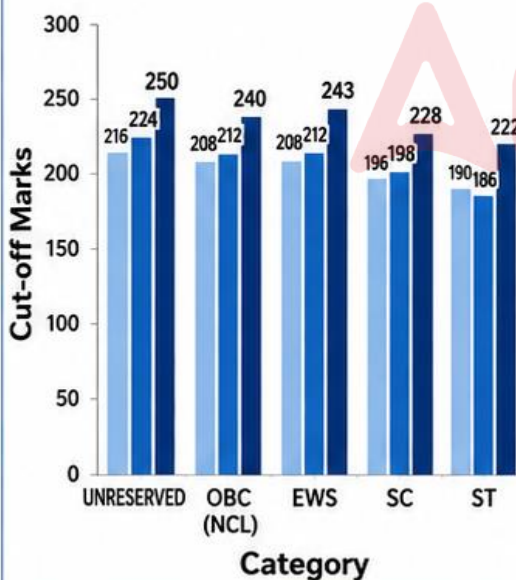


UGC NET Geography (Subject Code: 080) – Cut-off Scores

Year	Subject	Sub Code	Category	JRF Cut-off	Assistant Professor Cut-off	PhD Only Cut-off
June 2025	Geography	080	UNRESERVED	216	192	164
June 2025	Geography	080	OBC(NCL)	208	178	150
June 2025	Geography	080	EWS	208	176	144
June 2025	Geography	080	SC	196	166	142
June 2025	Geography	080	ST	190	160	138
Dec 2025	Geography	080	UNRESERVED	224	194	164
Dec 2025	Geography	080	OBC(NCL)	212	176	150
Dec 2025	Geography	080	EWS	212	176	148
Dec 2025	Geography	080	SC	198	162	140
Dec 2025	Geography	080	ST	186	156	136
June 2026	Geography	080	UNRESERVED	250	220	188
June 2026	Geography	080	OBC(NCL)	240	204	172
June 2026	Geography	080	EWS	243	200	164
June 2026	Geography	080	SC	228	190	164
June 2026	Geography	080	ST	222	182	160

JRF Cut-off

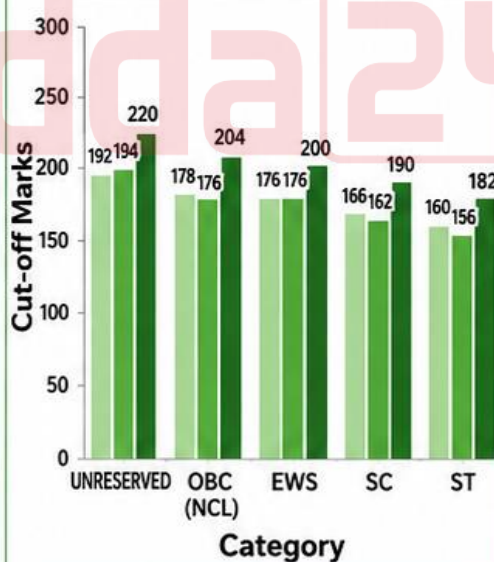
June 2025 Dec 2025 June 2026



JRF cut-off is the highest across all categories. June 2026 shows an increase in cut-off for all categories compared to previous sessions.

Assistant Professor Cut-off

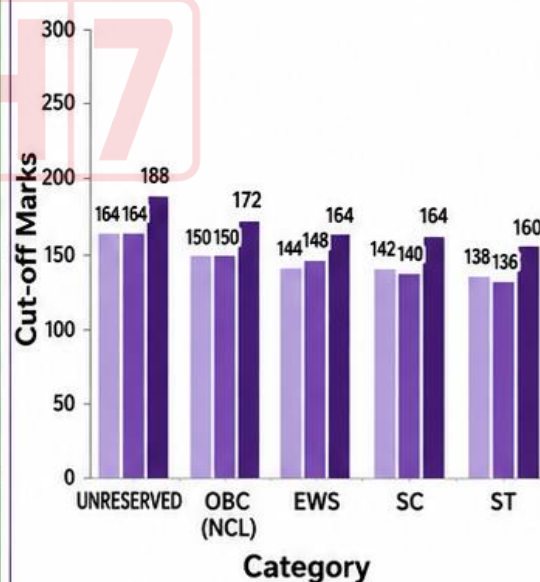
June 2025 Dec 2025 June 2026



Assistant Professor cut-off remains moderate but increases steadily in June 2026 across all categories.

PhD Only Cut-off

June 2025 Dec 2025 June 2026



PhD Only cut-off is the lowest among all, with a noticeable increase in June 2026 for most categories.

CATEGORY-WISE JRF CUT-OFF MOVEMENT

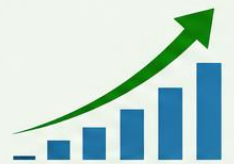
UGC NET GEOGRAPHY (SUBJECT CODE: 080)



Category	June 2025 (JRF Cut-off)	Dec 2025 (JRF Cut-off)	June 2026 (JRF Cut-off)	Rise vs June 2025
 UNRESERVED	216	224	250	+34 ↗
 OBC (NCL)	208	212	240	+32 ↗
 EWS	208	212	243	+35 ↗
 SC	196	198	228	+32 ↗
 ST	190	186	222	+32 ↗



The **EWS category** records the **largest increase** over June 2025 at **35** marks, followed by the Unreserved category at **34** marks. OBC (NCL), SC and ST each rise by **32** marks.

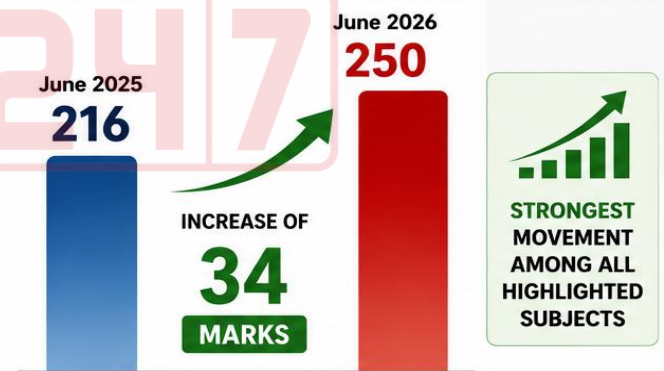


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UGC NET GEOGRAPHY (UNRESERVED JRF CUT-OFF)



SIMILARITY INDEX

UGC NET PAPER 2 GEOGRAPHY
9 JANUARY 2025 (SHIFT 1)



9 January 2025
(Shift 1)

EXACTLY

42

QUESTIONS

SIMILAR

UGC NET PAPER 2 GEOGRAPHY
22 JUNE 2026



22 June 2026



42 out of the total questions were exactly similar between the two examinations.



While the **42 similar questions** likely provided an advantage to well-prepared candidates, it is one of the key factors that may have contributed to the **34-mark increase** in JRF cut-off.

42 SIMILAR QUESTIONS IN UGC NET GEOGRAPHY

June 2026 Paper 2 vs January 2025 Paper 2 (Shift 1)

Qs no June 2026	UGC NET Paper 2 Geography Held on 9th Jan 2025 Shift 1_ Similar Qs No	Qs no June 2026	UGC NET Paper 2 Geography Held on 9th Jan 2025 Shift 1_ Similar Qs No
54	January 2025 (Q.122)	101	January 2025 (Q.137)
57	January 2025 (Q.127)	102	January 2025 (Q.126)
60	January 2025 (Q.109)	104	January 2025 (Q.115)
65	January 2025 (Q.91)	107	January 2025 (Q.89)
69	January 2025 (Q.111)	110	January 2025 (Q.103)
70	January 2025 (Q.90)	113	January 2025 (Q.129)
71	January 2025 (Q.98)	115	January 2025 (Q.79)
72	January 2025 (Q.132)	116	January 2025 (Q.133)
76	January 2025 (Q.96)	119	January 2025 (Q.118)
78	January 2025 (Q.53)	120	January 2025 (Q.100)
79	January 2025 (Q.66)	122	January 2025 (Q.77)
82	January 2025 (Q.102)	124	January 2025 (Q.94)
87	January 2025 (Q.92)	128	January 2025 (Q.61)
89	January 2025 (Q.51)	130	January 2025 (Q.121)
91	January 2025 (Q.55)	131	January 2025 (Q.131)
94	January 2025 (Q.139)	132	January 2025 (Q.56)
95	January 2025 (Q.65)	135	January 2025 (Q.88)
96	January 2025 (Q.57)	136	January 2025 (Q.62)
97	January 2025 (Q.119)	141	January 2025 (Q.143)
99	January 2025 (Q.117)	142	January 2025 (Q.144)
100	January 2025 (Q.63)	145	January 2025 (Q.142)



TOTAL 42
SIMILAR QUESTIONS

These **42** questions in the
June 2026 Geography Paper 2
are **exactly similar** to the questions
from January 2025 Paper 2 (Shift 1).

EXACTLY SIMILAR QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 22nd June 2026

Q.65

Arrange the following bands of electromagnetic spectrum in ascending order of their wave lengths.

- A. X-rays
- B. Near Infrared rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Visible Rays
- E. Radio Waves

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) B-C-A-E-D
- (2) A-B-C-E-D
- (3) A-B-D-C-E
- (4) A-D-B-C-E

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 9th Jan 2025 (Shift 1)

Q.91

Arrange the following bands of electromagnetic spectrum in ascending order of their wave length.

- A. X - rays
- B. Near Infrared rays
- C. Microwaves
- D. Visible Rays
- E. Radio waves

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- 1. B, C, A, E, D
- 2. A, B, C, E, D
- 3. A, B, D, C, E
- 4. A, D, B, C, E

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 22nd June 2026

Q.70

The term 'ecosystem' was first used by—

- (1) Lindeman
- (2) E. P. Odum
- (3) F. R. Fosberg
- (4) A. G. Tansley

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Geography – 9th Jan 2025 (Shift 1)

Q.90

The term 'Ecosystem' was first used by-

- 1. Lindeman
- 2. E.P. Odum
- 3. F.R. Fosberg
- 4. A.G. Tansley

UGC NET PHYSICAL EDUCATION

CUT-OFF ANALYSIS

JRF CUT-OFF **JUMPS 34 MARKS**
IN JUNE 2026!



16 SIMILAR QUESTIONS
MAY HAVE MADE
THE DIFFERENCE!



**CUT-OFF
TRENDS**

June 2025 vs
Dec 2025 vs
June 2026



**16 SIMILAR
QUESTIONS**

Matched with an
Earlier Paper



**CATEGORY-WISE
COMPARISON**

JRF, Assistant Professor
& PhD Only Cut-offs



KEY FACTORS
Behind the Cut-off
Increase

34
MARKS SURGE

**WHAT CAUSED
THE JUMP?**



DATA. ANALYSIS. INSIGHTS.
EVERY NUMBER TELLS A STORY!



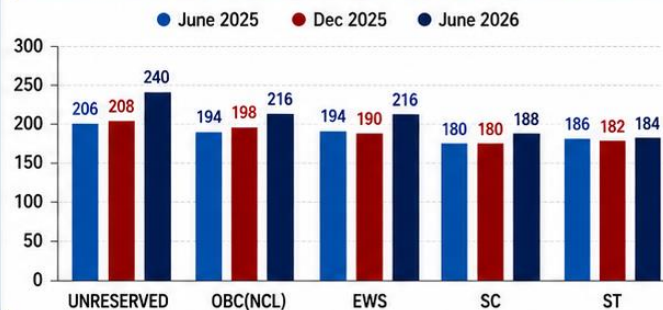
Stay Ahead.
Analyze Better.
Prepare **Smarter.**

UGC NET PHYSICAL EDUCATION CUT-OFF ANALYSIS

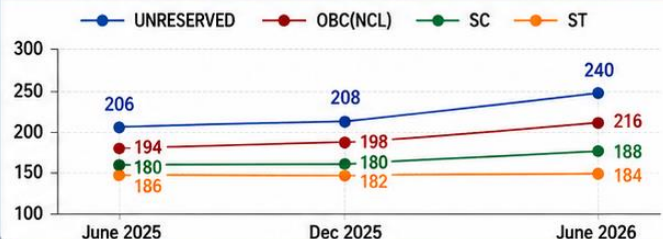
JRF Cut-off Jumps 34 Marks in June 2026!



JRF CUT-OFF COMPARISON (BY CATEGORY)



JRF CUT-OFF TREND OVER TIME (BY CATEGORY)



Year	Subject	Sub Code	Category	JRF Cut-off	Assistant Professor Cut-off	PhD Only Cut-off
June 2025	Physical Education	047	UNRESERVED	206	178	152
			OBC(NCL)	194	160	138
			EWS	194	160	138
			SC	180	150	132
			ST	186	150	132
Dec 2025	Physical Education	047	UNRESERVED	208	176	150
			OBC(NCL)	198	156	138
			EWS	190	160	138
			SC	180	146	130
			ST	182	146	130
June 2026	Physical Education	047	UNRESERVED	240	192	158
			OBC(NCL)	216	166	142
			EWS	216	168	140
			SC	188	152	132
			ST	184	152	132



JRF CUT-OFF CHANGE (JUNE 2025 vs JUNE 2026)				
UNRESERVED	OBC(NCL)	EWS	SC	ST
206 → 240	194 → 216	194 → 216	180 → 188	186 → 184
↑ +34	↑ +22	↑ +22	↑ +8	↓ -2

- ### KEY TAKEAWAYS
- ✓ Unreserved JRF Cut-off increased by 34 marks.
 - ✓ All categories witnessed a rise except ST.
 - ✓ Assistant Professor & PhD Only cut-offs also saw a significant increase.
 - ✓ High paper difficulty and repeated questions may have contributed to the surge.

CAN WE SAY THE 16 QUESTIONS CAUSED THE 34-MARK INCREASE?



**ANSWER:
NOT CONCLUSIVELY.**

The 16-question similarity and the 34-mark increase are an **important data point**, but the available figures do not **establish a direct cause-and-effect relationship**.

JRF cut-offs can move because of several factors, including paper difficulty, candidate performance, the overall score distribution, normalization and the number of JRF slots.

Therefore, repeated questions should be presented as a **possible contributing factor** rather than the sole proven explanation for the increase.

**16
SIMILAR
QUESTIONS**

**34
MARK
INCREASE**

FACTORS THAT CAN INFLUENCE JRF CUT-OFFS



Paper Difficulty



Candidate Performance



Overall Score Distribution



Normalization Process



Number of JRF Slots



Other Exam Dynamics



In conclusion, the 16 similar questions could have **positively impacted scores**, but the **34-mark increase** in JRF cut-off is likely the result of **multiple interacting factors**.

16 SIMILAR QUESTIONS

IN UGC NET PHYSICAL EDUCATION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – Shift 2



UGC NET Paper 2
Physical Education
June 2026
(Shift 2)

UGC NET Paper 2
Physical Education
Held on 7th Jan 2026
(Shift 2)



Similar Question Number

51

Que No. 84

54

Que No. 126

59

Que No. 83

60

Que No. 81

72

Que No. 116

82

Que No. 59

83

Que No. 112

96

Que No. 135

97

Que No. 58

106

Que No. 136

118

Que No. 125

122

Que No. 119

124

Que No. 88

126

Que No. 115

128

Que No. 67

129

Que No. 106

132

Que No. 122

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 29th June 2026

Q.51

Which players are keen to find out if the drills they have practiced helped them improve their skills during a competitive game ?

- (1) The goal oriented
- (2) The ego oriented
- (3) The task oriented
- (4) The performance oriented

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 7th Jan 2026 (Shift 2)

Q.84

Which players are keen to find out if the drills they have practiced have helped them improve their skills during a competitive game?

1. The goal oriented
2. The performance oriented
3. The ego oriented
4. The task oriented

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 29th June 2026

Q.54

Which international federation won the IOC climate action award for the year 2024 ?

- (1) The International Hockey Federation
- (2) World Sailing
- (3) The International Basketball Federation
- (4) The International Cricket Council

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 7th Jan 2026 (Shift 2)

Q.126

Which International Federation won the IOC climate action award for the year 2024?

1. World Sailing
2. The International Basketball Federation
3. The International Hockey Federation
4. The International Cricket Council

Q.59

An increase in the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity provides the most important longer term adjustment to altitude exposure. Which factors accounts for this adaptation ?

- A. Initial decrease in plasma volume.
- B. Initial increase in plasma volume.
- C. Increase in erythrocytes.
- D. Increase in hemoglobin synthesis.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) A, B and C Only
- (2) B, C and D Only
- (3) A and C Only
- (4) A, C and D Only

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 7th Jan 2026 (Shift 2)

Q.83

An increase in the blood's oxygen carrying capacity provides the most important longer-term adjustment to altitude exposure which factors account for this adaptation?

- A. Initial decrease in plasma volume
- B. Increase in erythrocytes
- C. Increase in hemoglobin synthesis
- D. Initial increase in plasma volume

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- 1. A, B, C only
- 2. B, C, D Only
- 3. A, C only
- 4. B, D only

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 29th June 2026

Q.60

Match List - I with List - II.

List - I

- A. Control variable
- B. Moderator variable
- C. Extraneous variable
- D. Dependent variable

List - II

- I. A kind of independent variable such as age, sex that cannot be manipulated.
- II. A factor that could possibly influence the results and that is kept out of the study.
- III. A factor that could affect the relationship between the independent variables but that is not included (or) controlled.
- IV. The effect of the independent variable, also called the yield.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III
- (2) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV
- (3) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (4) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV

SAME QUESTION

UGC NET Paper 2 Physical Education – 7th Jan 2026 (Shift 2)

Q.81

Match the LIST-I with LIST-II

LIST-I		LIST-II	
Types of variable		Meaning	
A.	Extraneous Variable	I.	A factor that could possibly influence the results and that is kept out of the study.
B.	Dependent Variable	II.	A kind of independent variable such as age, sex that cannot be manipulated.
C.	Control Variable	III.	A factor that could affect the relationship between the independent and dependent variables but that is not included or controlled.
D.	Moderator Variable	IV.	The effect of the independent variable.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- 1. A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
- 2. A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- 3. A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
- 4. A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II