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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Subject: Display of Provisional Answer Keys and Question Papers with recorded responses for the Answer Key Challenge of the Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2026.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has conducted the **Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2026** on 17 and 18 July 2026 in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode across 224 cities at 352 centres for 1,87,739 registered candidates. The Provisional Answer Key(s), along with the Question Papers with recorded responses, are now available on the website <https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/> for candidates to raise challenges. The procedure for challenging the Answer Key is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

Candidates who are not satisfied with the Provisional Answer Key may challenge the same by paying a non-refundable processing fee of **Rs. 200 (Rupees Two Hundred only)** per question challenged. The duration for the Answer Key Challenge is as follows:

Examination	Duration of Answer Key Challenge	Last Date of Payment
Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2026	16.08.2026 to 18.08.2026 (up to 11:00 PM)	18.08.2026 (up to 11:00 PM)

The processing fee may be paid through Credit Card, Debit Card, Net Banking or UPI up to 18.08.2026 (11:00 PM). No challenge shall be entertained without receipt of the processing fee, and no challenge shall be accepted through any other mode.

The challenges submitted by candidates will be verified by a panel of subject experts. If a challenge is found to be correct, the Answer Key will be revised and applied to the responses of all candidates accordingly. The result will be prepared and declared on the basis of the revised Final Answer Key. **No individual candidate will be informed about the acceptance or non-acceptance of his or her challenge.** The Answer Key finalised by the experts after the challenge process shall be final.

Candidates are advised to visit the official NTA website <https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/> for the latest updates.

For any further clarification relating to the Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2026, candidates may contact 011-40759000 or 011-69227700, or write to csirnet@nta.ac.in.

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ANNEXURE-I

Procedure for Challenge of Provisional Answer Key(s) of Joint CSIR-UGC NET June 2026

1. Visit the website <https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/>
2. Click on '**Challenge(s) regarding Answer Key**'.
3. Log in with your **Application Number and Password**, enter the **captcha** as displayed, and **submit**.
4. Click on '**View Question Paper**' to view your marked/recorded responses. To view or challenge the answer keys, click on '**Click to view / Challenge Answer Key**'.
5. The Question IDs are displayed in sequential order. Please **locate your question by its Question ID**.

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Question Number : 10 Question Id : 459982557.1 Question Type : MCQ Option Shuffling : No Display Question Number : Yes
Is Question Mandatory : No Single Line Question Option : No Option Orientation : Vertical
A process is used to separate substances in chemical mixtures. What is this process known as?
1. Distillation
2. Filtration
3. Chromatography
4. Crystallisation
Options :
459982557.1
459982558.2
459982559.3
459982560.4

6. The ID shown next to the question under the column '**Correct Option(s)**' denotes the most appropriate answer key to be used by NTA.
7. To challenge any option, **select one or more of the Option IDs given in the columns** by clicking the corresponding check box.
8. To upload supporting documents, click on '**Choose File**' and **upload**. All supporting documents must be combined into a single PDF file (maximum size 500 KB).
9. After selecting the Option ID(s) for challenge, scroll down and click on '**Submit and Review Claims**' to move to the next screen. Please ensure that all the required option(s) are selected before proceeding.
10. A **summary** of all the Question IDs and Option(s) you have challenged will be displayed.
11. To revise your selection, click on '**Modify Claim**'. Once all the Option IDs for challenge have been selected, proceed further.
12. On clicking '**Save Claim and Pay Fee**', you will be directed to the payment gateway.
13. Click on '**Pay Now**' to proceed with the payment. No modification is permitted after successful payment.
14. Select the mode of payment and pay the non-refundable processing **fee of Rs. 200** for each question challenged, through Debit Card, Credit Card, Net Banking or UPI.
15. **Challenges will be considered only after successful payment of the requisite fee**. No challenge will be accepted without payment.
16. **As this is a one-time facility, candidates are advised to submit their challenge carefully. No further opportunity to challenge will be provided after final submission or successful payment.**
17. In case of any difficulty, please contact 011-40759000 or 011-69227700, or email csirnet@nta.ac.in



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Quick Step Guide

Stage	Action
Step 1	Visit https://csirnet.nta.nic.in/ and click on 'Challenge(s) regarding Answer Key'.
Step 2	Log in with your Application Number and Password.
Step 3	Click on 'View Question Paper' to view, print or download your response sheet.
Step 4	Click on 'View / Challenge Answer Key' to view or challenge the provisional answer key.
Step 5	Select the appropriate Option(s) for challenge and upload supporting documents (single PDF, maximum 500 KB) using 'Choose File'.
Step 6	Click on 'Save your Claims'.
Step 7	Click on 'Modify your Claims' (if required), or 'Save Challenge & Pay Fee' to proceed.
Step 8	Click on 'Pay Now' and make the payment (Rs. 200 per question).
Step 9	Claims are saved after successful payment.

Note: The challenge facility is available only once. Candidates are advised to review their selections carefully before making payment, as no modification or further challenge will be permitted after successful payment.