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Pre-Ph.D Entrance Test – 2015 (As per UGC Regulation-2009 and Ordinance for Ph.D. Degree Programme of VMOU, Kota)

Online Applications for Pre-Ph.D. Entrance test is available. Students can pay Pre-Ph.D. Entrance Fee via online mode (Debit Card/Net Banking/Internet Mobile Payment Service/E-mitra.) Candidates needn't to send any printed version of their form/documents. **Successful candidates will undergo Pre-Ph.D. Course Work of 06 months to be held at VMOU, Kota Campus. 75% attendance is mandatory during the Ph.D. Course Work.**

Important dates for Ph.D. Entrance Written Examination

Online Application Starting Date	:	**12-02-2015**
Online Application Last Date	:	**11-03-2015**
Date of Written Examination	:	**26-04-2015**

Important Guidelines

(A)   *Conditions for Eligibility:*

- All the Candidates willing to join the programme will have to qualify the entrance test and should ensure that they fulfill the following conditions: Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks in the relevant subjects (without rounding off) in Master's Degree from the universities/institutions recognized by UGC/AICTE/NCTE are eligible to apply for this programme.*

  *The Candidates must qualify the Masters Degree Examination in the concerned subject on or before last date of submission of application.

- A relaxation of 5 % marks (without rounding off) in Master Degree (relevant subject) will be given to the candidates belonging to SC/ST categories of Rajasthan.

- The Weightage of 10 marks will be given to the following candidates in the final merit (writen test and interview) who have:

  (i)   Qualified UGC/CSIR NET (JRF) examination /SET/GATE (with a valid score)/Teacher Research Fellowship holder.

  or

  (ii)   Passed M.Phil. Course with a minimum of 65% marks from any recognized university.

  or

(iii) A permanent University/College Teacher who is **appointed by RPSC/equivalent/duly constituted selection committee,** working in UGC scale and having a minimum five years teaching experience on regular basis.

(B) *Entrance Examination Fee & Mode of Payment:*

The candidates have to pay an amount of Rs. 2000/- (Two thousand only) as Pre-Ph.D. Entrance test fee. The candidates can pay Pre-Ph.D. Entrance test fee via online mode (Debit Card/Net Banking/Internet Mobile Payment Service/E-Mitra.) **Fee once deposited will not be refundable.**

(C) *Subjects:*

The Ph.D. Entrance Test of 2015 will be conducted in the following subjects:

S.No.	Subjects*	No. of Seats**
1.	Commerce	02
2.	Economics	04
3.	Education	08
4.	English	01
5.	Hindi	01
6.	History	04
7.	Lib. and Inf. Science	04
8.	Management	04
9.	Political Science	08
10.	Public Administration	02
11.	Botany	03
12.	Journalism	03
13.	Geography	04
14.	Chemistry	02
15.	Sociology	01
16.	Zoology	02
17.	Law	02
18.	Special Education	02

* Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their Post Graduation only.

** The University has right to change seats at any point of time.

(D)   *General Instructions for Ph.D. Entrance Test:*

1. **The Ph.D. Entrance Test will be held at Kota only.**

2. **Time Allotment of Ph.D. Entrance Written Test: Total 02 Hrs.**

3. **Admit card to be downloaded from the University website: www.vmou.ac.in, available about a week before the date of written Examination. Candidates should bring with them a valid ID.**

4. The test would comprise of objective written test (MCQ) of 100 marks (40+60) and interview of 20 marks. Total Marks 120.

5. **Written Exam:**

     Written Exam: 100 marks (The Written Examination would comprise of objective type question (MCQ).

   - Part I :   40 Marks 40 questions

   - Part II :   60 Marks 60 questions

- **Part I** **will be of 40 marks (each question one mark).** This part will be compulsory for all the candidates. It will test the General Awareness/Research Aptitude of prospective researchers, in the following sections:

   A.   Language Comprehension and vocabulary. (Hindi/English) **(10 Questions)**

   B.   Information and Communication Technology Awareness. **(10 Questions)**

   C.   General Research Aptitude. **(10 Questions)**

   D.   General Knowledge of Indian Higher Education System **(10 Questions)**

- **Part II** **will be of 60 marks (each question one mark).** It will be subject specific, which intends to test the subject mastery and subject specific research aptitude of prospective researchers. Syllabus of Ph.D. Entrance Test will be according to UGC-NET/SLET/CSIR/ICAR.

- Question paper will be bilingual (Hindi and English).

- There will be NO Negative Marking in the written examination.

- The aggregate qualifying marks in written examination for general candidate will be 50 and for SC/ST candidate it will be 45 marks.

6. **Interview**

   (i) The candidates declared qualified in the written examination would compulsorily attend an interview to be conducted by the Research Board Committee. They are expected to discuss their tentative area of research. Interview will be of 20 marks.

   (ii) The qualifying percentage in written examination as well as in the interview for general candidate will be 50% and for reserved candidate it will be 45%. However the final selection will be based on the merit in each subject as per the available seats.

   (iii) The candidates have to bring the original certificates with one set of zerox (from 10th to PG in relevant subject) at the time of Interview. Failing to the same, they will not be allowed to participate in the Interview.

7. In case of tie between successful candidates in any subject in the final merit, it will be resolved by comparing the P.G. marks. If the tie is not resolved then further the marks obtained by the candidates in U.G. will be compared to determine the final merit.

8. The number of students shall be decided by the university. The University shall follow the rules of the reservation policy in granting such admissions.

9. In case of in-service candidates, 'No Objection Certificate', from the employer will have to be submitted at the time of admission.

10. Candidates on jobs must ensure that they will get leave from their employer to complete the six months course work as the university does not offer Ph. D. programme through distance mode.

11. **Allocation of Supervisor**: The allocation of the supervisor of the selected student shall be done by the Research Board Committee keeping in view the number of vacant seats available with the faculty members, and the available specialization among the faculty supervisors.

12. **All the information relating written examination, result, interview, course work etc. shall be uploaded on University website. Candidates should frequently visit the website for updated information.**

(E)   *Course work*

After having been admitted to the Ph.D. programme, each student shall be required to undertake course work for six months wherein 75% regular class attendance mandatory the course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation as mentioned in UGC-2009 notification. It shall include three modules, module-I and II (Common) on research methodology including quantitative methods and computer applications and module-III shall be an intensive review of available literature/research techniques, recent trends, etc. relating to the proposed area/subject of research.

Six month Pre-Ph.D. Course Work Classes shall take place at Vardhman Mahaveer Open University Campus, Kota wherein 75% attendance is mandatory.

The Scheme of Pre-Ph.D. Course Work examination:

S.No	Mode of Evaluation	Max.Marks
	I. Continuous Assessment (CA)	**200 Marks**
1.	Assessment Module I,II, III	50 Marks
2.	Presentation of a research proposal	25 Marks
3.	Review of five research papers	50 Marks
4.	Review of five articles	25 Marks
5.	Book review of book	10 Marks
6.	Annotated bibliography of any two books	10 Marks
7.	Writing of 30 References and bibliography in APA, MLA and Chicago format	30 Marks
8.	**II. Term end Examination (TEE)**	**100 Marks**
9.	Part –A : Module I and Module II	40 **Marks**
10	Part –B : Module III	60 **Marks**

Candidates after Course Work completion shall obtain Mark-sheet and certificate issued from the Controller of Examination, VMOU, Kota, that he/she has successfully completed the course work.

(F)   *Registration and Synopsis Submission through Supervisor -*

(a)   The selected candidates who successfully completed the Coursework from the University shall apply for Ph.D. registration in the prescribed Performa.

Application for Ph.D. registration should be along with the proposed research work including the theme and methodology to be followed, objectives and importance/relevance of the proposed work, bibliography and other details. The Registration process shall be initiated only when synopsis is submitted.

(b)   The synopsis would be submitted, with in a period of three months from the date of the completion of course work. It shall have to be submitted through the concerned School. Dates shall be notified from the Research Department.

(c)   In the event of failure to take admission by the stipulated date, Candidate's claim for admission will automatically come to an end for which no petition whatsoever will be admissible.

Admission of any candidate can be cancelled on the following or the other similar grounds;

    i.   failure to pay the prescribed fee;

   ii.   attendance less than 75% in Pre-Ph.D. Course Work.

  iii.   unsatisfactory performance of research-work;

  iv.   failure to submit Continuous Assessments.

   v.   any act of indiscipline;

  vi.   non-completion of course-work in two attempts,

 vii.   defiance/violation of rules/directives/instructions/ordinances at any level;

(G)   *Details of Ph.D. Fee*

Tuition Fee	Rs. 25,000/- per year
Registration Fee	Rs. 5,000/-
Library Caution Money	Rs. 1,000/-
Library Fee	Rs. 3,000/-
Laboratory fee for research	Rs. 3,000/-
Thesis Submission & Evaluation Fee	Rs. 10,000/-
Re- Registration Fee (For Extension of One year respectively)	Rs. 10,000/-

Fee once deposited will not be refundable.

Syllabus of Ph.D. Entrance Test

Part I

The main objective of this part is to assess the research potential of the candidate. Therefore, the test is aimed at assessing the general / research aptitude as well as their awareness. The candidates are expected to possess and exhibit cognitive abilities (which include comprehension, analysis, evaluation, understanding the structure of arguments and inductive and deductive reasoning).They are also expected to have a general awareness and knowledge of sources of information.

The Part I will consist of 40 objective type questions in the form of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) under following sub-heads:

- Language Comprehension and vocabulary.
- Information and Communication Technology Awareness:

    ICT: Meaning, advantages, disadvantages and uses

    General abbreviations and terminology

    Basics of internet and e-mailing

    Social Networking and Search engines

    Latest Software for Data Interpretation for Research purposes

- General Research Aptitude

    Research: Meaning, characteristics and types

    Methods of research

    Research ethics

    Methods of Writing Bibliography and References

    Paper, article, workshop, seminar, conference and symposium

    (Basics of Research Report writing)

- General Knowledge of Indian Higher Education System

    Structure of the institutions for higher learning and research in India

    Formal and Distance education

    Professional / Technical and General Education

    Latest policies, commissions and latest trends in Indian Higher Education System

Part II

Part II will also have 60 marks multiple choice objective type questions dealing with the core of respective subjects.

Note: The syllabus will be the same as that of UGC/CSIR NET examination available on the UGC/CSIR websites.

UGC website link:http://www.ugc.ac.in/inside/syllabus.html

CSIR website link: http://www.csirhrdg.res.in/mcs_netexam_notice.htm

Note: The subject specific syllabi for core papers and elective papers would be as per the latest UGC-NET syllabus. The core papers intend to **test the subject/concept mastery** of the candidate in the respective subject.