



SIDO KANHU MURMU UNIVERSITY, DUMKA

GUIDELINES GOVERNING ENTRANCE TEST FOR ADMISSION IN THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME OF THE UNIVERSITY

Applications fulfilling the eligibility criteria as in Regulations 1(a)* or 1(b)** seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme of the University shall be required to take a qualifying examination to be conducted in the beginning of each academic year. The purpose of the qualifying examination is to identify those candidates who are qualified and have the aptitude to work towards the Ph.D. degree. This examination shall test the basic competency of the applicant across a broad range of relevant topics. A candidate must submit the application form to register himself/herself with the respective University Department. The candidates found eligible shall be issued the 'Admit Card' by the concerned University Department.

The qualifying examination Entrance test shall be of three hours duration carrying 100 marks and shall consist of the questions categorized into the following two areas (Section A & Section B) in which relevant topics shall be identified as under:

Section A shall carry 50 marks and all questions, are compulsory and each carrying 1 mark, shall be set from the topics as under to test the communicative skill and analytical ability of the candidate.

Section A: Section A will consist of 50 objective type questions and will include research methodology, general awareness/knowledge, reasoning, analytical ability and language proficiency.

Section B: Section B will consist of 10 short answer type questions with the subject specialization paper (subject domain). All questions will be compulsory, each question will carry 5 marks.

Duration and Type of questions: The Ph.D. entrance exam will be of 3 hours duration and questions will be of MCQ and short answer type.

Marking: There is no negative mark for wrong answer. In objective type answers, full marks will be allotted for correct answers.

Doctor of Philosophy

Duration – 2 to 5 years.

Level – Doctorate

Type – Degree

Eligibility – Post graduate with 55% marks for general and OBC candidates and 50% for SC/ST candidates.

A master degree is required to gain admission to a doctoral programme through entrance examination

Subjects of study – Section 'A'

Research Methodology

- i. Data collection process, sources types and tools.
- ii. Data classification & tabulation
- iii. Documentation skills
- iv. What is ISBN/ISSN
- v. Data surfing
- vi. Hypothesis
- vii. Index
- viii. Reference
- ix. Survey
- x. Statistical methods
- xi. Reasoning XII Analytical ability
- xii. Language proficiency

Questions from subject concern will be asked from the syllabus of P.G. level.

(a): Any person who holds the Master's degree of a recognised university (three years of Bachelor degree followed by two years of Master degree) and has secured a first class award or high second class or post-graduate degree or diploma of another University or Institute recognised by this university as equivalent there to in the subject recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) may apply for entrance test as a candidate in his/her own subject/Faculty for the Ph.D. degree in the Faculties of Science, Social Sciences, Humanities and Commerce.

(b): However, a candidate shall be exempted from the Entrance Test if he/she meets any one of the following criteria:

- i) Holds an M.Phil. degree or any other equivalent degree recognised by this University.
- ii) Has cleared the NET/SLET/JET/GATE examinations.
- iii) Holds regular appointment as lecturer in the University Departments/Colleges of this University.
- iv) Holds the post of Scientist in any National level research laboratories and has published at least two research papers in refereed journals, Holds research visa (applicable only foreign national) issued as per guidelines of HRD Ministry of the Government of India.

Selection will be made strictly in accordance to the reservation policy of UGC. The qualifying marks will be 50 for general candidates and 5% less for ST/SC candidates.