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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q1. What is the selection process for admission to PhD?

Answer: Based on the information provided by the applicant, the eligible candidates will be called for Research Aptitude Test (RAT). The RAT qualified candidates would be required to give the presentation of their research plan to the Research Committee on a later date communicated by the concerned college of the university.

Q2. What is RAT?

Answer: The Research Aptitude Test (RAT) judges an applicant on the basis of his/her quantitative, analytical, language and research skills. The question paper is divided in two parts viz. Part A and Part B. Part A of the RAT will be designed to assess the research aptitude of the candidate and consists of multiple choice type questions. Part B of the RAT is designed to assess the subject specific knowledge of the candidate and consists of descriptive type questions.

Q3. What is the purpose of presentation of research plan?

Answer: University attaches high importance to applicant's motivation and research capability. Therefore it is natural to examine the applicant's motivation for a research career, either in academia or in industry.

Q4. How do I crack RAT?

Answer: The syllabus, scheme of examination, and sample/model test paper for all subjects are available on the university's website that can be referred for preparation for the RAT.

Q5. Can I get exemption from RAT? If yes, shall my application be considered straight for registration?

Answer: M.Phil (Regular), UGC-CSIR NET, SLET qualified applicants are exempt from appearing in the RAT. Such candidates are called directly for presentation of their research plan before the Research Committee.

Q6. How often the RAT is conducted?

Answer: Normally, the university conducts RAT twice a year provided there are sufficient no. of applications.

Q7. How shall I get information about the RAT after submitting my application?

Answer: Once the schedule for the RAT is finalised, it'll be released on the university's website. The university may also e-mail/SMS the RAT schedule to individual applicants also. However, it is in the interest of the applicant to remain in touch with the university for the purpose.

Q8. How much time it takes to complete PhD?

Answer: One can submit his/her thesis on completion of two years of registration. The maximum time allowed to complete PhD is five years.

Q9. Is there scope to do interdisciplinary research?

Answer: Yes, in fact most of the research work done these days is interdisciplinary in nature.

Q10. Can I apply even if I don't have a guide of my own?

Answer: The University has requisite manpower and shall allot a supervisor to the candidate from its own pool of guides after a candidate has qualified the RAT.

Q11. Am I supposed to pay for the services of the guide?

Answer: No

Q12. Can I submit my application even if I have not decided on my topic of research?

Answer: The applicant is required to present his/her research plan after qualifying the RAT and is given adequate time to finalise the topic of research in consultation with his/her guide.