

**DIRECTION**

**No. 36/2021**

**Date :- 22/07/2021**

**Conduction of online M.Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme- Direction 2021**

**Whereas**,University Grants Commission vide its Regulation dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 for minimum standards and procedure for awards of M.Phil. /Ph.D. degree, Regulation 2016 prescribed the criteria for award of M.Phil Degree, recognition of M.Phil. supervisor, procedure of admission, allocation of supervisor, course work , Evaluation and Assessment methods for award of M.Phil. degree published in the Gazette of India Part-III on 05<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

**AND**

**Whereas**, the admission for the M.Phil. programme from the session 2019-20 were to be done as per the UGC Regulation for minimum standards and procedure for award of M.Phil. programme.

**AND**

**Whereas**,in view of above the Board of Deans considered the draft Regulation for conducting online M.Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme 2019 and propose to the Academic Council and Management Council as per the section 74(2) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016.

**AND**

**Whereas**, the meeting of Academic Council and Management Council were not scheduled and admission for the M. Phil. programme for the session 2019-20 were to be made as per the UGC Regulation for minimum standards and procedure for award of M. Phil. Programme,Therefore,the matter has been approved u/s12(7)of the act, by the Vice ó Chancellor,and the action has now been approved by the respective councils,

**AND**

**Whereas**, as per the U.G.C. Regulation 2016 for the minimum standard and procedure for awards of M.Phil. /Ph.D. degree, it was necessary to conduct Online Entrance Test for M.Phil. to facilitate the student for admission to the M.Phil.. Programme from the session 2019-2020.

**AND**

**Whereas**, it is expedient to frame the regulation in respect of conducting Online M.Phil/Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme\_to be conducted by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University ,Amravati,by repealing the rule No.1/2017,as the Maharashtra Public University Act,2016 which has come into force from 1<sup>st</sup> march ,2017,has not prescribed the framing of Rules ,hence Direction are to be prescribed,

**AND**

**Whereas**, due to this,the Direction No.23/2019 has been issued u/s 12(8) of the Act ,and as per Provision in the said section -12(8),the said Direction No.23/2019,Lapsed ,hence fresh Direction is to be issued,

**AND**

**Whereas**, making the Regulation is time consuming process, hence Direction is to be issued u/s 12(8)of the Act,in lieu of Regulation,

**Now**, therefore, I, Dr.Vilas M. Bhale Vice-Chancellor of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under sub-section (8) of section 12 of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 hereby direct as under:-

1. This direction may be called as "Direction for conducting online M.Phil./Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme "Direction 2021"
2. This direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance.

### I. Definitions

- i) "University" means Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.
  - ii) "MPET" means M.Phil./ Ph.D. Entrance Test to be conducted by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.
  - iii) "Designated Agency" means the agency appointed by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati for conduct of Online MPET.
  - iv) "Candidate" means student appearing for MPET.
  - v) "Committee" means the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for the purpose of conducting Online M.Phil./ Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme from time to time.
  - vi) "Question Bank Committee" means a Committee of experts for the preparation of Question Bank, recommended by the MPET Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor.
3. The MPET will be conducted by the University **Once in a year**, and the dates of examination will be as declared by the University.
  4. The University shall publish the advertisement for inviting the application for online MPET test.
  5. The candidate should apply on the University portal. The candidate need to upload the mandatory testimonials and pay the fees through the online payments mode. Candidate will have to pay Rs. 1200/- for Open Category and Rs. 700/- for Reserved Category i.e OBC/SBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SEBC/EWS ( Non-Creamy layer Category only)/SC/ST/Trans-genders/Orphan through the payment gateway provided by the Designated Agency. Candidate belonging to Physically Handicapped (PH)/Visually Handicapped i.e Blind (VH) category are exempted from the payment of fees.
  6. The online applications filled by the candidates shall be scrutinized by the Designated Agency.
  7. Designated Agency will generate roll numbers and admission cards of the candidates.
  8. Designated Agency will provide online admission cards to all candidates within stipulated time period.
  9. The MPET will comprise One Paper with two sections, i.e. **Section A & Section B.**
    - a) **Section A – GENERAL APTITUDE**

This section will be based on General Aptitude and will be common to all candidates. Test for this section will be of 50 multiple choice objective questions with 100 marks. Each question will carry two marks. The medium for this section will be in English and Marathi.
    - b) **Course of Section A**

This section will contain Logical Reasoning, Numerical Ability, Reasoning and Language Aptitude, Aptitude Test, General information on Environment that a common man should know, candidate's awareness of scientific and quantitative reasoning aptitude, analytical approach etc. Questions would be so designed to judge the creativity, analytical ability, reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking, general awareness and research aptitude of a candidate, common elementary computer science, few questions dealing with basic computer awareness and usage.

**c) Section B – SUBJECT SPECIFIC**

This section will be based on specific subject in the relevant faculty. Test for this section will be of 50 multiple choice objective questions with 100 marks. Each question will carry two marks. The medium for this section will be in English and Marathi except subject of languages.

**d) Course of Section B**

The course for Section B shall be as that of prescribed for the respective P.G. programme of the university.

10. It is mandatory to score minimum 50% marks in each section separately for passing the MPET. For OBC/SBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SEBC/EWS ( Non-Creamy layer Category only ) /SC/ST/VH/ Trans-genders(PH- Physically Handicapped /VH-Visually Handicapped i.e Blind ) categories the minimum passing percentage will be 45% in each section separately.
11. The duration of online MPET shall be 90 minutes, i.e. 45 minutes for each Section.
12. The Question Bank Committee will prepare at least 600 questions for Section A. For Section B, the process of preparing questions will be done in accordance with the provision prescribed in clause 48(3)(a) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016. The Preparation and moderation of Question set of Section B will be done by a committee recommended by the Chairman, BOS and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee Comprising Chairman of respective BOS as a chairperson along with three subject expert not below the rank of Associate Professor. The committee should submit at least 600 questions for Section B.
13. The Question Bank Committee will submit the selected questions for Section A & Section B to the Designated Agency for Online MPET.
14. The MPET will be conducted online at examination centers proposed by MPET Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. If required the Online MPET will be conducted in batches and on subsequent days.
15. Designated Agency shall make available sufficient computers with networking and Internet Facility for conduction of Online MPET.
16. The MPET committee shall submit a list of observers and supervisors for the approval of the Vice Chancellor. The approved observers and supervisor will look after the smooth conduct of MPET.
17. The provision for Assistance to the differently abled candidates shall be followed as per the relevant ordinances of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.
18. Designated Agency will make the questions available Online at randomly from the Question Bank to the candidates appearing for MPET at the centre. The MPET Committee shall prescribe standing instructions to appearing candidates for examination, which may be displayed on the website. Chairman MPET committee shall be responsible for smooth conduct of test. No other person than examinee, observers, supervisor and any such person as may be permitted by the Chairman or member of the MPET committee shall be allowed to enter the premises of the Examination Centre.
19. The valuation of answers for both the Sections will be done by the Designated agency. There will be no negative marks for the attempted questions.
20. Passing MPET will be one of the eligibility criteria for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme. Mere appearance in the Entrance Test or securing pass marks at the Entrance Test does not entitle the candidate to be considered for the admission to the M.Phil/Ph.D. Programme unless he/she fulfills the other eligibility conditions. Applicants must fully satisfy themselves about their eligibility as prescribed, before filling in the application form for the admission to the M.Phil/ Ph.D. Programme. It shall be the responsibility of the Candidate, to read carefully the Directions / Ordinances regarding the procedure for the admission to M.Phil/Ph.D. programme.

21. Remuneration for the conduct of MPET Examination will be paid as decided by the University from time to time.
22. The list of the candidate along with their marks will be certified by Designated Agency and will be submitted to Chairman, MPET committee. **Passing Certificate of the successful candidates shall be displayed on University Portal for thirty days** from the date of declaration of result and the candidate shall have to obtain the same by online process only.
23. **No Revaluation and Redressal permitted for MPET Answer Scripts.**
24. The **validity of MPET will be for Five years** from the date of declaration of the result.
25. In case of any grievance from the candidate regarding MPET, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.
26. Rule 1 of 2017 already stand repealed, as well as Direction No.23/2019 already Lapsed.

Dated : 17/07/2021

Sd/-  
(Dr.Vilas M. Bhale)  
Vice-Chancellor

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