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Rule No. 2 of 2016

**Rules for conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)
for Registration of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2016**

WHEREAS, it is expedient to frame the rules in respect of conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for registration of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy to be conducted centrally by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University and Designated Agency appointed by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

The Management Council is hereby pleased to make the following rules:

1. These rules may be called “Rules for Conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for registration of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2016.”

2. These rules shall be applicable to the candidates appearing for Ph.D. Entrance Test for registration of Ph.D. Degree of this University under the provisions of relevant Ordinance.

3. These rules shall come into force with effect from the session 2016-17.

I. Definitions

i) “University” means Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

ii) “PET” means Ph.D. Entrance Test to be conducted centrally 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 PET.

iv) “Candidate” means student appearing for PET.

v) “Committee” means the committee constituted by Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor for the purpose of conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for registration of Ph.D. Degree from time to time.

vi) “Question Bank Committee” means a Committee of experts for the preparation of Question Bank, suggested by the PET Committee and approved by Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor.

4. The PET will be conducted by the University **Once in a year**, during the Winter Examination phase of the University. The dates of examination will be decided by the University.

5. The University shall be the authority for calling application forms from candidates desirous to appear for Online PET.
6. All application forms will be filled only Online on Designated Agency's website and printed forms along with testimonials and Demand Draft drawn in favour of "**Registrar, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati**" payable at Amravati will be received by the office of the Designated Agency, shall scrutinized by Designated Agency and a statement shall be prepared showing all the particulars of the applicant. Designated Agency will publish the list of all eligible candidates of PET.
7. Designated Agency will generate Roll Numbers and Admission Cards of the candidates.
8. Designated Agency will provide only Online Admission Cards to all candidates within time period
9. The PET will comprise One Paper with two sections, i.e. **Section A & Section B.**

a) Section A – GENERAL APTITUDE

Paper I will be based on General Aptitude and will be common to all candidates. Test for this paper will be of 50 multiple choice objective questions with 100 marks. Each question will carry two marks. The medium for Paper I will be in English and Marathi.

b) Paper Course

Course of Paper I 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 uses.

c) Section B – SUBJECT SPECIFIC

Paper II will be based on specific subject in the relevant faculty. Test for this paper will be of 50 multiple choice objective questions with 100 marks. Each question will carry two marks. The medium for Paper II will be as that of prescribed for the specific subject opted by the candidate in the concerned faculty.

d) Paper Course

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

10. It is mandatory to score minimum 50% marks in each Paper separately for passing the PET. For SC/ST/PH categories the minimum passing percentage will be 45% in each Paper separately.

11. The duration of Online PET shall be ninety minutes, i.e. 45 minutes for each Section A & B.
12. The Question Bank Committee will prepare questions for Section A. For Section B, the process of preparing questions will be done in accordance with the provision prescribed in clause 32(5)(a) of M.U.Act, 1994. The Preparation and moderation of Question set of Section B will be done by a committee recommended by the Chairman, BOS and approved by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. The Committee Comprising Chairman of respective BOS as a chairperson along with three subject expert not below the rank of Associate Professor nominated by Chairman of respective Board of Studies. From amongst these question sets, the question bank committee will prepare questions for Section B.
13. The Question Bank Committee will submit 10 times more questions of the question paper for both Section A & Section B for preparation of Question Bank. The Question Bank will be submitted to Designated Agency for Online PET after moderation by the Ph.D. Entrance Test Committee.
14. Designated Agency will make the questions available Online at random from the Question Bank to the candidates appearing for PET at the centre.
15. The PET will be conducted online at examination centers proposed by PET Committee and approved by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. If required the Online PET will be conducted in batches and on subsequent days.
16. PET committee shall make available sufficient computers with networking and Internet Facility for Online PET.
17. PET committee shall submit a list of Supervisors for approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The approved Supervisor will look after the smooth conduct of PET.
18. There will be no provision to provide/permit a 'writer' in PET, except for blind candidates.
19. The valuation of answers for both Section A & B will be done by software developed by Designated agency. The valuation of answers will not be made by negative marking system.
20. Passing PET will not be exclusive criteria for registration of Ph.D. Degree, since it is regulated as per the provisions of relevant Ordinance. 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 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 Ph.D. Programme. It shall be the responsibility of the Candidate, to read carefully the rules / conditions regarding the procedure for the admission and award of Ph.D. degree as mentioned in Part B of the relevant ordinance.

21. The **validity of PET will be for three years** from the date of declaration of that PET result.
22. Chairman and other committee members of PET committee and other required ministerial staff will be paid remuneration as may be decided by the Management Council from time to time.
23. The list of marks obtained by the candidate will be certified by Designated Agency and will be submitted to Chairman, PET committee. **Passing Certificate of the successful candidates shall be displayed on the concerned website for thirty days** from the date of conduct of PET and the candidate shall have to obtain the same by Online process only.
24. Chairman, PET committee shall be responsible for smooth conduct of test. No other person than examinee, supervisor and any such person as may be permitted by the Chairman or member of the PET committee shall be allowed to enter the premises of the Examination Centre.
25. The PET Committee shall prescribe standing instructions to appearing candidates for PET, which may be displayed on the website.
26. Candidate will have to procure a Demand Draft of Rs. 1000/- for Open Category and Rs. 650/- for Reserved Category (SC/ST/DT/NT/OBC) in favour of “**Registrar, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati**”. Candidates may also remit the prescribed fees by cash at the University Cash Counter.
27. In case of any grievance from the candidate regarding PET, the decision of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor shall be final.
28. **No Revaluation and Redressal permitted for PET Answer Scripts.**
29. No Ph.D. Aptitude Test (PAT) shall be conducted by the University henceforth, under the provisions of Rule No. 6 of 2010, Rule No. 3 of 2011 and No Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) shall be conducted by the University henceforth, under the provisions of Rule No. 8 of 2012 (amendment). Therefore, Rule No 6 of 2010, Rule No. 3 of 2011 and Rule of 8 of 2012 (amendment) shall stand repealed, with effect of this rule.
