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Direction

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Sub. :- Procedure Norms for Conduction of Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission to Ph.D. Programme- Direction 2026

Whereas, Rule No. 1/2017 was prescribed on the above subject i.e. 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, and the said of Rule No.1/2017 was to be converted in to Regulation, as the Maharashtra Public Universities Act,2016 does not prescribe the framing of Rules. Therefore, the Direction No. 36/2021 was issued U/S 12 (8) of the Act, repealing Rule No. 1/2017,

AND

Whereas, the Direction No 13/2023, 83/2023 and **49/2025** has been issued under Section 12 (8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 for conduct of Online M. Phill/ Ph.D. Entrance Test (MPET) for admission to Ph.D. Programme;

AND

Whereas, University Grants Commission had issued the Regulation "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022; In exercise of the powers conferred by Clauses (f) and (g) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), and in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degree) Regulation, 2016 with its amendments;

AND

Whereas, now University Grants Commission has issued the Regulation "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022 under clause 14 stating that Higher Educational Institutions shall not offer the M.Phil.(Master of Philosophy) programme; thereby it is to be deleted u/s 12(8) of the Act, which is accepted by the Vice-Chancellor u/s 12(7) of the Act on behalf of Academic Council.

AND

Whereas, the earlier Direction No. 41/2025 issued under Section 12 (8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 is lapsed, hence the fresh Direction 27/2026 is to be issued to keep provisions in force with deletion of M.Phil Programme in view of "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulation, 2022.

AND

Whereas, the University Grants Commission has introduced the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) with the objective of transforming higher education through multidisciplinary, flexible, skill-oriented, and outcome-based learning;

AND

Whereas, the Government of Maharashtra, through the Higher and Technical Education Department, has adopted and implemented the provisions of the National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) for Higher Educational Institutions in the State vide Government Resolution No. NEP-2022/CR No. 09/VISHI-3, dated 20th April 2023, and subsequent Government Resolutions issued from time to time for effective implementation of the policy;

AND

Whereas, the Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University has implemented the curriculum and academic reforms in accordance with the provisions of NEP-2020 and the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission and the Government of Maharashtra from time to time;

AND

Whereas, it is necessary to frame and implement regulations in conformity with the academic structure, curriculum framework, credit system, multidisciplinary approach, and other provisions prescribed under NEP-2020 for the effective administration and governance of academic programmes of the University;

AND

Whereas, it is expedient to implement the NEP-2020 based curriculum under Section B of this Direction, for which the Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Academic Council, is empowered under Section 12(7) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016;

AND

Whereas, prescribing the Regulation on above, subject shall take time;

Therefore, I, Dr. Milind Barahate, Vice-Chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, in exercise of powers conferred upon me under Sub-Section (8) of Section 12 of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 hereby direct as under : -

1. ” This Direction may be called as “Direction for procedure of Norms for conduction of online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission to Ph.D. Programme –Direction 2026.”
2. This Direction shall come into force from the date of its issuance.
3. In this Direction, unless the context otherwise requires;
   - i. “University” means “ Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati”.
   - ii. “PET” means “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 PET”.
   - iv. “Candidate” means “student appearing for PET”.
   - v. Committee means “the committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for the purpose of conducting Online Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission to 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 PET Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor”.
   - vii. “Stages” means “Stages of pre and post process, consisting of procedures required to be complied by candidate within time-limit, as well as other deficiencies, etc. “at their end.”
   - viii. “RRC” means “Research Recognition Committee.”
   - ix. “BOS” means “ Board of Studies.”
4. The PET will be conducted by the University once in a year, and the date of examination will be as declared by the University.
5. The University shall publish the advertisement on University web-site for inviting the applications for online PET.

6. The candidate should apply on the University portal. The candidate needs to upload the mandatory testimonials and pay the fees through the online payments' mode. Candidate will have to pay fees as per the Notification published by the University from time to time, for Open Category and for Reserved Category i.e OBC/SBC/VJ(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/EWS (Non-Creamy layer Category only)/SC/ST/Trans-genders/Orphan through the payment gateway provided by the University. Candidate belonging to Physically Handicapped (PH)/Visually Handicapped i.e Blind (VH) category are exempted from the payment of fees.

7. The candidates claiming reservation shall submit the required documents as per Government Resolutions published from time to time.

8. The candidate shall be eligible to appear for PET in the subject in which he/ she pursuing/ completed Master's degree. However, the subject for which PET is not conducted by the University, the candidate shall eligible to appear PET in relevant subject as specified by the concerned Board of Studies of the University. Moreover, in case if RRC feels that topic selected by the candidate falls in interdisciplinary nature then a co-supervisor may be allowed who shall be the Recognized Supervisor of the University.

9. The candidate can apply for PET only in one subject. 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 Directions / Ordinances regarding the procedure for the admission to Ph.D. programme.

10. The online applications filled by the candidates shall be scrutinized by the Ph.D. cell under the supervision of PET committee. The Director Board of Examination and Evaluation is empower to appoint manpower for PET related work as and when required.

11. Scrutiny of applications shall be done online, first based on the report generated by the computer system as per the information filled up /claims made therein by the candidates in their online application. If the candidate fails to submit the required documents and /or found indulged in false claims while submitting the said on-line application form, his/ her applications form shall be rejected without assigning any reason thereof. In such eventuality, the fee shall not be refunded.

12. Designated Agency will generate roll numbers and admission-cards of the eligible candidates only.

13. Designated Agency will provide online admission cards to all eligible candidates within stipulated time period in the students' login.

14. The PET will comprise one Paper with two Sections, i.e. **Section A & Section B.**

Section A – RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This Section will be based on Research Methodology and will be common to all candidates. Test for this Section will be of 50 multiple choice objective questions with 50 marks. Each question will carry one mark. The Question paper for this Section shall be in English and Marathi.

Section-A-Course

This Section will contain Research Methodology. It includes: Types of Research, Research Process, Research Design, Research Problem, Variables and Their Types, Formulation of Hypothesis, Sampling, Tools of Data Collection, Data Analysis, Interpretation of Data, Research Methods (Descriptive or Survey Method, Experimental Method), Research Proposal, Research Report, Bibliography, Hypothesis Testing, Research Paper writing, Research Articles, Patents, Discoveries.

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 50 marks. Each question will carry one mark.

Section- B- Course

The course for Section B shall be the same as that prescribed for the respective Postgraduate Programme under the Discipline-Specific Core (DSC) courses of NEP-2020 of the University. However, in cases where the postgraduate programme is not under NEP-2020, the existing postgraduate course, excluding specialization papers, shall be applicable. The question paper for this section shall be set in accordance with the medium of instruction of the respective subject.

Pattern of Question Paper Setting:

There shall be a single paper for both Section A and B. Question No. 1 to 50, belong to Section A and Question No.51 to 100 belong to section B.

15. It is mandatory to score minimum 50% marks in each section separately for passing the PET. For OBC/SBC/VJ(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/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.
16. The duration of online PET shall be 120 minutes.
17. For smooth conduction of Test, the Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a PET Committee, which shall consist of its Chairman, five Subject Experts, as members, Director, Board of Examination, and Evaluation Ex-officio, as Member, and Assistant /Deputy Registrar Ph.D. Cell, Member-Secretary.
18. PET Committee shall Provide Specific format for setting of Questions Papers in tune with service Provider to the Committee Constituted as per 48(3)(a) by Board of Studies.
19. The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute Paper Setting Cum Moderation Committee for preparation of Question Bank for Section A. The Committee will prepare at least 600 questions for Section A.
20. For Section B, the process of preparing questions will be done in accordance with the provisions prescribed in Clause 48(3)(a) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016. The preparation and moderation of Question sets of Section B will be done by a Committee recommended by the Chairman, Board of Studies (BOS) and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The Committee shall be comprising of Chairman of respective BOS as a Chairperson along with three Subject Experts not below the rank of Associate Professor as members. The Committee shall submit at least 300 questions for Section B. as per the format provided.
21. The University shall handover all the moderated questions for Section A & Section B to the Designated Agency for composing of Question Bank. The PET Committee shall resolve any difficulty related to Section A and for Section B, one Subject Expert if required for moderation of section B to be nominated by respective Chairman of BOS and the members PET Committee.
22. The University shall conduct online examination at the centers proposed by PET Committee and approved by the Vice-Chancellor.
23. Designated Agency shall make available sufficient computers with efficient networking and Internet Facility for conduction of Online PET.
24. The PET 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 PET.
25. The provision for Assistance to the differently abled candidates shall be followed as per the relevant Ordinances of Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

26. Designated Agency shall make the questions available Online by random fetching from the Question Bank to the candidates appearing for PET at the Centre. The PET Committee shall prescribe Standing Instructions to appearing candidates for the Test, which may be displayed on the website. The PET Committee shall be responsible for smooth conduct of Test. No person other than examinee, Observers, Supervisors and any such person as may be permitted by the Chairman of the PET Committee, shall be allowed to enter the premises of the Test Centre.

27. The evaluation of answers for both the sections shall be performed through software. There shall be no negative marking for the questions attempted. However as under clause 15 of this direction for calculating 45% of marks the scheme as under should be implement. If Candidate shall secure 22 marks in any one of the section and minimum 23 in another section in such a cases candidate under benefited categories shall be declared Pass.

28. Passing PET will be one of the eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. Programme. Appearance merely in the Entrance Test and/ or securing pass marks at the Entrance Test does not confer any right to the candidate for grant of admission to the Ph.D. Programme unless he/she fulfills the other eligibility conditions, prescribed.

29. Remuneration to persons involved for conduct of PET shall be paid as prescribed by the University from time to time.

30. The list of the candidates along-with their marks shall be certified by the Designated Agency and shall be submitted to the University. Passing Certificate to the successful candidates and Marksheets of all candidates shall be made available in the candidate's login. Candidates shall have to obtain the same by online process only.

31. No Re-assessment, Retotaling and Redressal is permitted for PET Answer Scripts, or photocopy thereof.

32. The Ordinance No. 20 of 2001 shall be applicable, on amendment of Results due to errors and on unfair means.

33. The validity of PET certificate will be for Five years from the date of declaration of the result.

34. In case of any grievance from the candidate regarding PET, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final. The grievances related to PET at any stage i.e. pre and post stage, should be submitted within 3 days after completion of that particular stage, thereafter no communication shall be entertained.

35. The earlier Direction No. **49/2025** stood lapse.

Sd/-
(Dr. Milind Barhate)
Vice-Chancellor

Dated : 22 /06/2026