

INFORMATION BULLETIN

University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test

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1. Introduction

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India (GOI), has established **National Testing Agency (NTA)** as an independent, autonomous and self-sustained premier organization under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, registered as a self-reliant and self-sustained premier testing organization.

Some of the objectives, inter alia, include:

- (i) To conduct efficient, transparent and international standard tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission.***
- (ii) To undertake research on educational, professional and testing system to identify gaps in the knowledge systems and take steps for bridging them.***
- (iii) To produce and disseminate information and research on education and professional development standards.***

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has entrusted the responsibility of conducting UGC-NET to NTA. UGC-NET is a test to determine the eligibility of Indian nationals for ‘**Assistant Professor**’ and ‘**Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor**’ in Indian universities and colleges.

Selection of candidates for the following Fellowships of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment/ Minority Affairs shall also be made on the basis of UGC-NET from the cycle of June 2020 onwards:

- National Fellowship for Scheduled Students
- National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes
- Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority candidates

UGC-NET June 2020 shall be conducted in subjects given at **Annexure III**, at selected cities spread across the country (**Annexure I**).

2. UGC-NET June 2020(Candidates aspiring for the Fellowships listed at para-1 shall also apply for this Test)

2.1 Mode of Examination: The Examination shall be conducted as Computer Based Test (CBT) only.

2.2 Pattern: The Test will consist of **two** papers. Both the papers will consist of objective type, multiple choice questions. **There will be no break between papers.**

Paper	Marks	Number of Questions	MCQ	Total duration
I	100	50	The questions in Paper I intends to assess the teaching/ research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, reading comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate.	03 hours (180 minutes) without any break. All the questions are compulsory.
II	200	100	This is based on the subject selected by the candidate and will assess domain knowledge.	

Note:

1. For each correct response the candidate will get 2 marks.
2. There is no negative marking for incorrect response.
3. No marks will be given for questions Unanswered/Marked for Review.
*If a question is found to be incorrect/ambiguous during the key challenge, only those candidates who have attempted the question and chosen one of the correct answer would be given the credit. Only for dropped question(s), if any, marks will be given to all the candidates.

2.3 Examination Centres (Cities):

The Centres (Cities) where the Test shall be conducted are given at **Annexure-I**. **It is mandatory for candidates to select the States/Cities (any four of their choice) while filling Online Application Form of UGC-NET June 2020**. Effort will be made to allot Centre of examination to the candidates in order of the City choice opted by them in their Application Form. **However, due to administrative reasons, a different city of nearby area may be allotted.**

2.4 States/Union Territories:

The List of States/Union Territories and their codes are given at **Annexure-II**.

2.5 Subject and Syllabus of Test:

The List of UGC-NET subjects for June 2020 and their Codes are given at **Annexure-III**. The candidates may note that the syllabus has been modified and the new syllabus applicable from June 2019 onwards has also been notified through a public notice on NTA website.

Updated syllabi for all NET subjects can be downloaded from the UGC website: <https://www.ugcnetonline.in/syllabus-new.php>.

National Testing Agency will not provide the copy of syllabus to any candidate.

2.6 Schedule of Examination:

Dates of Examination	Between 15 June 2020 to 20 June 2020	
	First Shift	Second Shift
Timing of Examination	09.30 am- 12.30 pm	02.30 pm- 5.30 pm
Duration of Examination	03 hours	
Entry into the Examination Centre*	7.30 am - 8.30 am	12.30 pm -1.30pm pm
Entry in the Examination	8.45 am- 9.00 am	1.45 pm- 2.00 pm
Instructions by the invigilators	9.15 am -9.25 am	2.15 pm- 2.25 pm
Test Commences	9.30 am	2.30 pm
Test Concludes	12.30 pm	5.30 pm

***Candidates are advised to report at the Examination Center, at least 2 hours before the commencement of the examination. Candidates will not be permitted to enter into the Examination Center after 8.30 am in First Shift and after 1.30 pm in Second Shift.**

In case any candidate furnishes false information, appears in more than one shifts/dates of the CBT, the candidature is liable to be cancelled and the result will not be declared in such a case.

3. Important Instructions

- (i) The eligibility for '**Assistant Professor**' or for '**Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor**' will depend on the performance of the candidate in both the papers of UGC-NET in aggregate. However, the candidates qualifying **exclusively for Assistant Professor will not be considered for the award of JRF**. Candidates appearing in UGC-NET should thoughtfully select in the Application Form whether they are applying for '**Assistant Professor**' or '**Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Assistant Professor**'. Candidates who qualify the Test for eligibility for Assistant Professor will be governed by the rules and regulations for recruitment of Assistant Professor of the concerned universities/colleges/State governments, as the case may be.
- (ii) The candidates who qualify for the award of **JRF** are eligible to pursue research in the subject of their post-graduation or in a related subject and are also eligible for Assistant Professor. The universities, institutions, IITs and other national organizations may select the JRF awardees for full time research work in accordance with the procedure prescribed by them.
- (iii) **Junior Research Fellowship:** Candidates qualifying for the award of **JRF** will be eligible to receive fellowship of UGC under various schemes, subject to their finding placement in universities/IITs/Institutions. The validity period of the offer will be **three years** w.e.f. the date of issue of JRF Award Letter. However, for those candidates who have already joined M. Phil. / Ph.D., the date of commencement of Fellowship shall be from the date of declaration of NET result or date of their joining, whichever is later.