

Pre-Registration Qualifying Entrance Examination for Ph.D. Programme,
(Written Test-Physical Mode only) September 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

[NET/SET/GATE– **Qualified Candidates in the relevant discipline are exempted** from clearing the Entrance Exam. They need not apply for the examination]

Faculty	Disciplines
Arts	1.Tamil 2.English 3.Women's Studies 4.History 5.Economics 6. Social Work 7. Library & Information Science
Science	1.Mathematics 2.Computer Science 3.Physics 4.Chemistry 5.Biotechnology 6.Microbiology 7.Nanoscience & Technology 8. Bioinformatics 9.Bioelectronics & Biosensors 10. Oceanography & Coastal Area Studies 11. Zoology 12. Botany 13.Geology 14.Energy Science 15. Biomedical Science 16. Materials Science 17. Marine Biology 18. Nutrition & Dietetics
Management	1.Management 2.Commerce 3.Corporate Secretaryship 4. Management [Banking and Finance] 5. International Business 6. Management [Logistics Management]
Education	1. Education 2.Special Education 3.Physical Education

Eligibility Criteria (Minimum Marks in the Qualifying Degree)	1. Candidates who have passed through 10+2+3+2/11+1+3+2/10+3+3+2 pattern alone can apply
	2. 50 % of marks for SC/ST/OBC (non creamy layer) / Person with Disability
	3. 55 % of marks for all Other Candidates
	4. M.Ed.(Education / Special Education)/M.A. Education is essential for Ph.D. in Education
	Mere clearing of this Entrance Examination, without fulfilling other eligibility requirements will not entitle the candidate with any valid claim.
	It is the responsibility of the candidate to choose the right discipline considering all relevant factors.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

	Submission of application through ONLINE mode only		
1.	Opening Closing	29.07.2026 28.08.2026	10.00 a.m. onwards 05.00 p.m.
2.	Date of Examination (University Campus, Karaikudi only)	20.09.2026	10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
3.	Interview	20.09.2026	2.30 p.m. onwards
4.	Application Fee	Rs.1000/-	

PATTERN OF ENTRANCE EXAM

The Entrance Examination for Ph.D. Programme is Compulsory for all the Candidates (except NET/SET/GATE qualified) irrespective of possessing or not possessing M.Phil degree.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION (In English Medium)

(For all candidates seeking admission in all disciplines except Ph.D. in Tamil Literature)

S. No.	Area of Test	No. of MCQs	Marks
1.	Test of Research Methodology	75	150
2.	Test of Relevant Subject Knowledge	75	150
Total		150	300

(For candidates seeking admission to Ph.D. in Tamil Literature)

S. No.	Area of Test	No. of MCQs	Marks
1.	Test of Research Methodology (Tamil Medium)	75	150
2.	Test of Subject Knowledge in Tamil	75	150
Total		150	300

The question paper will be in MCQ (Multiple Choice Questions) pattern. The Standard of Question paper in Subject Knowledge will be at PG Level.