

## **Rules for the Online Ph.D. Entrance Examination (RGPV) 2020-21, Bhopal**

The eligibility and admission criteria for the Ph.D. degree program for the academic session 2020-21 shall be governed by new Ph.D. Ordinance No.11 of RGPV applicable from 02.05.2019.

### **1. Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. programme**

- 1.1 Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a relevant Master's degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade from a University, a deemed University or any other University incorporated under a law and recognized by University Grants Commission of India (UGC).
- 1.2 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of UGC from time to time, or for those who had obtained their relevant Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks.
- 1.3 A candidate who has not completed Master's Degree, is permitted to appear in the entrance test for the Ph.D. programme. However, such candidates shall be required to submit a certificate of passing the Master's Degree along with the marks/grades obtained at the time of interview for admission into Ph.D. programme.

### **2. Procedure for admission**

- 2.1 Admission into the Ph.D. programme shall be through an Entrance Test and subsequent interview conducted by the University.
- 2.2 Reservation shall be applicable as per the reservation policy of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- 2.3 The admission into the Ph.D. programme shall be on the basis of marks obtained by the candidate in the Entrance Test and subsequent interview, the weightage of these components shall be 85% and 15%, respectively. All candidates, other than those mentioned at point no. 2.4 below are compulsorily required to appear in the Entrance Test. Only those candidates shall be called for the interview who have scored at least 50% marks in the Entrance Test. Candidates who have qualified NET/SLET/GATE examination conducted by Central Government/ State Government of Madhya Pradesh agencies shall be awarded additional marks, which shall be 10% of the marks scored by the candidate in the Entrance Test; however, to qualify for the interview these candidates shall be required to score at least 50% marks in the Entrance Test, without adding these additional marks. The Entrance Test shall be subject specific, the syllabus for which is available on Annexure- A.
- 2.4 Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) holders of UGC/CSIR, Teacher Fellow Ship Holders of Central Government or State Government of Madhya Pradesh and Teachers selected under QIP programme of Central Government or State Government of Madhya Pradesh are exempted to appear in the Entrance Test.

These candidates shall have first preference in the admission process. These candidates shall be required to appear in the interview like any other candidates mentioned at point 2.3 above. Relative merit of these candidates shall be decided by the marks obtained by them in the Interview.

- 2.5 Based on available vacancies and the reservation policy, selection and final merit list shall be declared, in which first preference shall be given to the candidates listed at point 2.4. The remaining vacancies shall be filled after adding marks obtained by the candidate in different criteria as mentioned at point 2.3.
  - 2.6 The interview shall be conducted in the University premises. The venue and time for the interview shall be notified by the University.
  - 2.7 At the time of interview, the candidate is expected to discuss his/her research area of interest and choice of supervisors and co-supervisors (if any). During the interview the Interview Board shall assess the subject knowledge and research aptitude of the candidate.
3. The number of seats available for admission to Ph.D. programme shall be notified in due course of time.

#### 4. Entrance Examination

- 4.1 The duration of Online Ph.D. Entrance Examination (RGPV) 2020 will be of 02 hours (120 minutes).
  - 4.2 Each question paper will consist of 60 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and each question will carry one mark. There will be no negative marking.
  - 4.3 On-Screen scientific calculator will be available to the candidates to solve the numerical problems.
  - 4.4 The result of the examination will be flashed on the screen instantly as soon as examination paper will be submitted by the candidate.
  - 4.5 **New Ph.D. Ordinance No.11** (Ordinance for Doctor of Philosophy) of RGPV (effective from 02.05.2019) which is available on RGPV website may be referred for further **information**.
5. Registrar, RGPV reserves all the rights to cancel/ alter/ amend/add any rule related to the process of examination.
6. No TA/DA shall be payable to the candidates for appearing in the Online Examination.

#### 7. Junior Research Fellowship of RGPV

- 7.1 A candidate securing first rank in final merit list (after adding marks of entrance test and interview as per point 2.3 above) in each branch shall be awarded full time fully residential junior research fellowship by RGPV, of an amount applicable as per JRF Scheme of UGC. The fellowship will be awarded to the next candidate in the order of merit in case when a candidate securing higher rank refuses to accept the terms and conditions of the fellowship.