NOTICE – EXAMINATION

Research Aptitude Test for the Ph.D. Aspirants (2025-26_Winter Term)

1. **The Online Research Aptitude Test (RAT)** will be conducted on **Monday, February 09, 2026**, from **11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (1 hour 30 minutes)** for admission to the **Ph.D. Program for the Academic Session 2025–26 (Winter Term)**.

2. The Research Aptitude Test shall be an **SCQ-based online examination** conducted for all Ph.D. aspirants. Candidates who have **qualified NET, GATE, JRF, or M.Phil** are exempted from appearing in the Research Aptitude Test. Such candidates must email self-attested copies of their qualifying certificates to **coe@srmu.ac.in** on or before **February 04, 2026**, to avail the exemption.

3. The Research Aptitude Test question paper shall consist of two sections (A & B) comprising a total of 100 Single Choice Questions (SCQs):

   - **Section A:** 50 SCQs (2 marks each) covering *General Awareness, English Language, Reading Comprehension, Reasoning Ability, Mathematical and Logical Skills, Data Interpretation, and Research Aptitude.*

   - **Section B:** 50 SCQs (2 marks each) based on *subject-specific knowledge.*

   There shall be no negative marking.

4. **The Research Aptitude Test (RAT) will be conducted through the Google Classroom platform. Aspirants are required to strictly adhere to the following guidelines:**

   a) Candidates must download Google Classroom (for examination) and Google Meet (for proctoring) on both laptop and mobile phone. A valid Gmail account is mandatory to access Google Classroom.

   b) The assigned faculty members shall provide the Google Classroom class code to the candidates.

   c) Candidates must ensure uninterrupted internet connectivity on both devices to enable dual login for online examination and proctoring.

   d) Candidates must be available online at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the test. The Google Meet link for verification and attendance shall be shared by 10:30 AM.

   e) The mobile phone must be positioned appropriately to ensure clear visibility of the laptop screen. The candidate's face must be clearly visible through the laptop camera throughout the examination. Failure to comply with the dual-login procedure may result in cancellation of candidature.

   f) Candidates are required to keep their cameras ON throughout the examination, as the session will be proctored and recorded via Google Meet. The use of unfair means is strictly prohibited and shall lead to cancellation of candidature.

   g) Five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled examination time (i.e., 10:55 AM), the Google Form link for the RAT shall be shared in the Google Classroom. In exceptional circumstances, candidates may be permitted to join the classroom up to 11:10 AM.

5. Ph.D. aspirants seeking the benefit of reservation under the UP Reservation Policy must submit their caste certificate (issued by the Tehsildar) to the Admission Cell at admissions@srmu.ac.in. The caste certificate must also be available on the official website http://bor.up.nic.in/ for verification, failing which the candidate shall be treated as a General category applicant.

6. The Research Aptitude Test (RAT) is conducted for screening and short listing candidates for the interview to be conducted by the respective Faculty Research Degree Committee (FRDC). Qualifying the RAT does not guarantee admission, as final enrollment is subject to document verification and approval by the competent authority.

7. As per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018, dated October 16, 2018, the entrance test carries 70% weightage, while the interview carries 30% weightage.

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