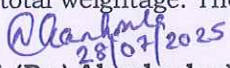# NOTICE – EXAMINATION

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

1. The Online Research Aptitude Test (RAT) will be conducted on **Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (1 hour 30 minutes)** for admission to the Ph.D. program for the 2025–26 session (Summer Term).

2. **An SCQ-based Online Research Aptitude Test will be conducted for all Ph.D. aspirants. Candidates who have qualified in NET, GATE, JRF, or M.Phil must email their respective certificates to coe@srmu.ac.in by July 31, 2025, to be exempted from the Research Aptitude Test.**

3. The Research Aptitude Test question paper will be divided into two sections, A and B, comprising a total of 100 single-choice questions. Section A will include 50 single-choice questions (2 marks each) covering general awareness, English language, reading comprehension, reasoning, mathematical and logical skills, data interpretation, and research aptitude. Section B will consist of 50 single-choice questions (2 marks each) related to subject-specific topics. There will be no negative marking.

4. The Research Aptitude Test (RAT) will be conducted through the Google Classroom platform. Please follow the guidelines below for the Research Aptitude Test:

    a) Please download both the Google Classroom app (for examination) and the Google Meet app (for proctoring) on your laptop and mobile phone. A Gmail account is required to log in to Google Classroom.

    b) Assigned faculty members will provide the class code to join the Google Classroom.

    c) Please ensure uninterrupted internet connectivity on both the laptop and mobile device to enable dual login for simultaneous proctoring and online examination.

    d) Please be available online 30 minutes prior the RAT, as the assigned faculty members will share the Google Meet link by 10:30 AM for verification and attendance.

    e) Please ensure that the mobile phone is positioned correctly to provide a clear visibility of the laptop screen. Additionally, make sure your face is clearly visible by properly adjusting the laptop camera during the examination. The candidature of any aspirant may be cancelled if they fail to follow the dual login procedure (i.e., simultaneous login from both the laptop and mobile phone).

    f) The aspirants are required to keep their cameras on throughout the entire session, as it will be proctored via Google Meet and recorded by faculty members. Therefore, the use of unfair means is strictly prohibited and may result in the cancellation of candidature.

    g) Five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled examination (i.e., 10:55 AM), the assigned faculty members will share a link to the Google Form in the Google Classroom for the RAT. In exceptional circumstances, candidates will be permitted to join the classroom until 11:10 AM.

5. All Ph.D. aspirants who wish to avail the benefits 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 to claim admission under the reservation policy. Additionally, the caste certificate must be available on the website http://bor.up.nic.in/ for verification; otherwise, the aspirants will be considered 'General' candidates.

6. The Research Aptitude Test (RAT) is conducted to screen and shortlist candidates for further interviews regarding final selection by the respective Faculty Research Degree Committee (FRDC). Qualifying the Research Aptitude Test does not imply that the candidate is entitled to get enrollment in the Ph.D. program, as final admission is subject to verification of documents.

7. As per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) (2nd Amendment) Regulations, 2018, dated October 16, 2018, the entrance test accounts for 70% of the total weightage. The remaining 30% is based on performance in the interview.

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