UGC NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST (NET)

June 2015

It is notified that CBSE will conduct the next UGC-NET for Junior Research Fellowship & Eligibility for Assistant Professor which will be held on 28th June 2015 (Sunday). The candidates who desire to appear in the test may see the detailed notification available on the website www.cbsenet.nic.in from 15th April 2015. The candidates are required to apply online only from 16th April, 2015. The last date for applying online is 15th May 2015 and fee can be paid up to 16th May, 2015.

Important Dates

Submission of online application form	16.04.2015
Last date for Applying Online	15.05.2015
Last date of submission of Fee through online generated Bank challan , at any branch of (Syndicate/Canara ICICI Bank) or through credit/debit card	16.05.2015
Date of Examination	28.06.2015

Time Table

DATES OF EXAMINATION	Paper – 1 28.06.2015 (Sunday)	Paper – 2 28.06.2015 (Sunday)	Paper – 3 28.06.2015 (Sunday)
a) Entry in the Examination Hall	0900 AM (IST)	1045 AM (IST)	0130 PM (IST)
b) Distribution of Test Booklet	0920 AM (IST)	1105 AM (IST)	0150 PM (IST)
c) Seal of the Test Booklet to be broken/opened to take out the Answer Sheet	0925 AM (IST)	1110 AM (IST)	0155 PM (IST)
d) Last entry in the Examination Hall	0930 AM (IST)	1115 AM (IST)	0200 PM (IST)

e) Test commences	0930 AM (IST)	1115 AM (IST)	0200 PM (IST)
f) Test concludes	1045 AM (IST)	1230 PM (IST)	0430 PM (IST)

NOTE: Printout of Online Application Form (Confirmation Page) should NOT be sent to CBSE.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

i) Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree OR equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognised by UGC (list attached page No. 21 to 47) in Humanities (including languages) and Social Science, Computer Science &Applications, Electronic Science etc. (list of subjects of post graduation attached at page No. 18 to 19) are eligible for this Test. The Other Backward Classes(OBC) belonging to non-creamy layer/Scheduled Caste(SC)/Scheduled Tribe(ST)/ persons with disability(PWD) category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination are eligible for this Test.

ii) Candidates who have appeared OR will be appearing at the qualifying Master's degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of Junior Research Fellowship/eligibility for Assistant professor only after they have passed their Master's Degree examination OR equivalent with at least 55% marks(50% marks in case of OBC(Non- creamy layer)/SC/ST/PWD(persons with disability) category candidates. Such candidates must complete their P.G degree examination within two years from the date of NET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as disqualified.

iii) The Ph.D. degree holders whose Master's level examination had been completed by 19th September 1991(irrespective of date of declaration of result) shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) for appearing in NET.

iv) Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their post graduation only. The candidates, whose post graduation subject is not covered in the list of subjects in item No.14 (on page 11), may appear in a related subject.

v) Candidates are neither required to send any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor printout of their Application Form (Confirmation Page) to CBSE. However the candidates, in their own interest, must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the Test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the UGC/CBSE at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

vi) Candidates having post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/ Institute or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree

of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. (www.aiuweb.org)

AGE LIMIT & RELAXATION:

i) Junior Research Fellowship: Not more than 28 years as on 01.06.2015. A relaxation up to 5 years is provided to the candidates belonging to OBC (Non- creamy layer, as per the Central list of OBC available on website: www.ncbc.nic.in) SC/ST/PWD categories and to women applicants. Relaxation will also be provided to the candidates having research experience, limited to the period spent on research in the relevant/related subject of post-graduation degree, subject to a maximum of 5 years, on production of a certificate from appropriate authority. Three years relaxation in age will be permissible to the candidates possessing L.L.M. Degree. Total age relaxation on the above ground(s) shall not exceed five years under any circumstances.

ii) Assistant Professor: There is no upper age limit for applying for eligibility for Assistant Professor.

Junior   Research   Fellowship

Candidates qualifying for the award of Junior Research fellowship 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 is two years w.e.f. the date of issue of JRF Award Letter. However, in case the 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.

EXEMPTION (ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)

i) NET/SLET/SET shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities/Colleges/ Institutions. Provided however, that candidates, who are or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of the Ph. D. Degree) Regulations, 2009, shall be exempted from the requirement of the minimum eligibility condition of NET/SELT/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions.

ii) The candidates who have passed the UGC/CSIR JRF examination prior to 1989 are also exempted from appearing in NET.

iii) For SET Candidates: The candidates who have cleared the States Eligibility Test (SET) accredited by UGC for eligibility for Assistant Professor held prior to 1st Dec 2002, are exempted from appearing in NET, being eligible to apply for Assistant Professor anywhere in India. For SET held from 1st Dec 2002 onwards, the qualified candidates are eligible to apply for

the post of Assistant Professor only in the universities/ colleges situated in the state from where they have cleared their SET

Examination Fee and Mode of Payment

Category	General	Other Backward Classes (Non-creamy layer), as per the Central list of OBC available on website: www.ncbc.nic.in	SC/ST/PwD
Examination Fee	Rs.600/-	Rs.300/-	Rs.150/

i) The candidates may pay the examination fee either by credit/ debit card or through e-challan generated during the online filling of the application form. In case of e-challan the payment should be made in the Syndicate/Canara/ICICI Bank. In case the examination fee is paid through credit/debit card the additional processing charges as following will also be debited from the credit/debit card of the candidate.

Credit card: – 1.20% of the examination fee plus the service tax as applicable.

Debit Card: – 0.75% of examination fee plus the service tax as applicable

ii) After filling all the details for applying online for NET, the candidate will have the option to select the mode of payment of examination fee either by credit/debit card or through e-challan generated during the online filling of the application form indicating their details therein.

iii) The candidates are required to check the status of fee payment at CBSE website (www.cbsenet.nic.in) and if the status is 'OK' the candidate will be able to take the printout of Confirmation Page. In case, the fee payment status is not 'OK' the candidates are advised as following:-

- If the fee is paid through e-challan be depositing cash in above mentioned bank, the candidate should contact immediately the concerned bank to update his/her fee status on the website.
- If the fee is paid through credit/debit card and status is not OK, it means the transaction is cancelled and the amount will be refunded to concerned credit/debit card within a week. Such candidates have to pay the fee once again.

- **Please note that fee submitted by any other mode like money order, demand draft, IPO etc. will be rejected. Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

i) Before submission of the online Application Form, the candidate should read this notification carefully.

ii) On behalf of UGC, the Central Board of Secondary Education announces holding of the National Eligibility Test(NET) on **28th June, 2015(SUNDAY)** for determining the eligibility of Indian nationals for the Eligibility for Assistant Professor only or junior Research Fellowship & Eligibility for Assistant Professor Both in Indian universities and colleges. CBSE will conduct **NET in 84 subjects (listed under item no.14 on page 11) at 89 selected Cities of Examination (listed under item no.15 on page 13)** spread across the country.

iii) The award of JRF and Eligibility for Assistant Professor both OR Eligibility for Assistant Professor only will depend on the performance of the candidate in **all three papers of NET**. However, the candidates qualifying exclusively for Assistant Professor will not be considered for award of JRF. Candidate appearing in NET should clearly specify in the prescribed Application Form whether they are applying for both JRF& Eligibility for Assistant Professor both OR only for eligibility for 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.

iv) The result of the UGC-NET to be held on 28th June, 2015 will be made available on the websites: www.cbsenet.nic.in as and when it is declared. The candidate will not be individually intimated about their result. The candidates who qualify for the award of Junior Research Fellowship 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 whole time research work in accordance with the procedure prescribed by them.

v) Scheduled Caste(SC)/Scheduled Tribe(ST)/Persons with Disability(PWD)/Other Backward Classes(OBC)(Non creamy layer), as per the central list of Other Backward Classes available on National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), Government of India website: www.ncbc.nic.in, candidate will be given such special concessions as may be decided by the UGC.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

i) The candidates must read the conditions of eligibility as given at item no. 3 carefully and must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility for the Test before filling the online application Form.

ii) Submission of Online Application is mandatory. Hard copies of application form will not be accepted by CBSE.

iii) Application Form must be complete in all respects as per the Notification.

iv) All incomplete Application Forms will be rejected.

v) Applications submitted on any other format (including old UGC format) will not be accepted.

vi) Printout of online application(Confirmation Page) should be kept by the candidate for further reference.

vii) No applications can be submitted after the last date(i.e. 15/05/2015).

viii) The Candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Card has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear in the test shall not imply that the Board has finally accepted his/her candidature.

ix) CBSE may change the city of examination or date of examination without assigning any reason.

x) It may be noted that the Admission Card will be uploaded on the website cbsenet.nic.in in the second week of June, 2015. The candidates are requested to ascertain their venue of the test in the mentioned in the Admission Card and appear in the examination only at the designated examination center. No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination center other than that allotted to him/her in the admission card.

xi) The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card also along with their printout of online Admission Card on the day of examination. No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination whose admission card is not issued by the Board.

xii) The candidates should report at the examination center 30 minutes prior to commencement of examination. No candidate will be allowed to enter the examination center/hall after commencement of examination.

xiii) No candidate will be allowed to leave the examination hall/room before 10:45 AM in the 1st session, 12:30 PM in the 2nd session and 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd session.

xiv) The candidate shall have to return the original OMR Sheet of Paper I & II and Paper-III to the Invigilator before leaving the examination hall/room. However, candidates are allowed to carry the Test Booklets of Paper-I, II and III along with duplicate copy (carbon less copy) of OMR Sheet on conclusion of examination.

xv) No TA will be paid to the candidates, on account of appearing at the examination etc.

xvi) The use of calculators of Log Tables is not permitted. Mobile phones, pagers, electronic devices etc. are not allowed in the Examination Hall/Room.

xvii) A candidate who does not appear in paper-I, will not be permitted to appear in paper-II and paper-III.

xviii) Candidates will not be allowed to write any question from the Test Booklet on the Admission Card or on any other paper.

xix) There are no negative marks of incorrect answers.

xx) The captured images of response sheets (OMR sheets) of the candidates appeared in NET June, 2015 and answer keys of all the papers will be displayed on the website cbsenet.nic.in during first week of August 2015 (the exact dates will be notified later in the newspapers) . The candidates, who are not satisfied with the captured response, may challenge by filling online application form on the website www.cbsenet.nic.in and paying a sum of Rs.1000/-per question The challenge of answer keys will also be accepted online only through the link available on the website www.cbsenet.nic.in on payment of Rs.1000/- per question. The fee can be paid by credit/debit card or e-challan. In case the challenge of any candidate regarding captured images of response sheets(OMR sheets) /answer keys is accepted, the fee will be refunded to such candidates. In all other cases the fee once paid will not be refunded. The CBSE's decision on the challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of final answer keys.

xxi) The marks of all the candidates will be uploaded on CBSE website www.cbsenet.nic.in soon after declaration of result. Besides this, CBSE will not issue any marks sheet to qualified/non qualified candidates.

xxii) Further, the candidates, having any grievances with regard to answer key (s) even after declaration of result of NET June, 2015, may send a written request to the Executive Director CBSE, H-149, Sector –63, Noida 201309 (U.P.) supporting his/her stand with standard books/literature along with a Demand Draft of Rs. 5,000/- in favour of Secretary, CBSE payable at Noida/Delhi within one month from the date of declaration of result on NET June, 2015 examination. The envelope should be marked Grievance Regarding Answer Key(s) of NET June, 2015. The request(s) so received will be placed before the Expert Committee(s) for re-examination of the answer key(s) .

xxiii) In case the answer key(s) is/are found to be incorrect, the CBSE will process the result in the light of changed key (s) and qualify the additional candidates for JRF and/or Eligibility for Assistant Professor.

However, the result of previously qualified candidates of JRF and/or eligibility for Assistant Professor shall remain unchanged.

xxiv) There are no negative marks of incorrect answers.

xxv) The marks of all the candidates will be uploaded on CBSE website www.cbsenet.nic.in soon after declaration of result. Besides this, CBSE will not issue any marks sheet to qualified/non qualified candidates.

xxvi) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.

xxvii) The decision of the CBSE shall be final in all matters.

xxviii) All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts only

SCHEME AND DATE OF EXAM

The Test will consist of three papers. All the three papers will consist of only objective type questions and will be held on 28th June, 2015 (SUNDAY) in three separate sessions as under:

Session	Paper	Marks	Number of Question	Duration
First	I	100	60 out of which 50 question to be attempted	1¼ Hours (09:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.) IST
Second	II	100	50 questions all are compulsory	1¼ Hours (11:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.) IST
Third	III	150	75 questions all are compulsory	2½ Hours (02:00 P.M. to 04:30 P.M.) IST

Paper-I shall be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate. 60 (sixty) multiple choice questions of 2 marks each will be given, out of which the candidate would be required to answer any 50 (fifty). In the event of the candidate attempted more than 50 questions, the first 50 questions attempted by the candidate would be evaluated.

Paper-II shall consist of 50 objective type compulsory questions based on the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry 2 marks.

Paper-III will consist of 75 objective type compulsory questions from the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry 2 marks.

All the questions of Paper –II and Paper – III will be compulsory, covering entire syllabus (including all electives, without options).

The candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper –I, Paper -II and Paper –III on the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) Sheet provided along with the test booklet.

The detailed instructions for filling up the OMR sheet are given on page 16 and 17. It may be noted that these instructions to candidates will not be sent to any of the candidate by post.

Check List For Filling The Online Application Form

The candidates are advised to ensure the following pints before filling the Online Application forms:

i) Whether they fulfil the eligibility conditions for the Test as prescribed under the heading '**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY'** and '**AGE LIMIT**'

ii) That they have filled their **CATEGORY**, viz, GENERAL/OBC (non-creamy layer)/SC/ST/ PWD, in the relevant column correctly.

iii) That they have filled their **subject and city of examination and code** in the relevant column correctly.

iv) That the Person with Disability (PwD) candidates have filled the relevant column in The online application form. Only PwD candidates have to fill this column and the others have to leave it blank.

v) Whether they have kept a printout of application form(confirmation page) for their own record

HOW TO APPLY (APPLICATION HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE): *STEPS FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM*

i) Candidate seeking admission to the Test (UGC-NET, June 2015) must apply online only on the CBSE **website**: www.cbsenet.nic.in

ii) Before applying Online, the candidates must possess the scanned images as below:-

- Passport size photograph in JPG format of minimum 4kb to 40 kb. The dimension of the photograph should be 3.5 cm (width) x 4.5 cm (height).
- Signature in JPG format of minimum 4kb to 30 kb. The dimension of the signature should be 3.5 cm (width) x 1.5 cm (height).

iii) After filling all the details for applying online for NET the candidates have to select the option of payment of examination fee either by credit/debit card or through e-challan generated during the online filling of the application form indicating your details therein and follow the process as mentioned under 6 (ii & iii) on page 6.

iv) **The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card along with their printout of online admission card on the day of examination.**

v) Before applying Online, candidates are advised to go through detailed notification available on CBSE website www.cbsenet.nic.in **Please note that Fee submitted through any other mode like Money Order, Demand Draft, IPO etc. will be summarily rejected.**

vi) In other to avoid last minute rush, the candidates are advised to apply early enough. CBSE will not be responsible for network problems or any other problem of this nature in submission of online application during last days

Download Admission Card

It may be noted that the admission card will be uploaded on the website www.cbsenet.nic.in in the first week of June, 2015. No admission cards will be sent to the candidates by post. The candidates should download their admission cards from the website to ascertain their venue of the Test as mentioned in the Admission Card and appear in the examination only at the designated examination center. No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination center other than that allotted to him/her in the admission card.

PROCEDURE & CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF RESULT:

This will comprise of following steps:

Step I: Minimum marks to be obtained in NET for considering a candidate for the award of JRF and eligibility for Assistant Professor:

The candidates are required to obtain minimum marks separately in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper –III as given below

Step II: Amongst those candidates who have cleared step I, a merit list will be prepare subject-wise and category-wise using the aggregate marks of all the three papers secured by such candidates.

CATEGORY	Minimum Marks (%) to be obtained		
	PAPER – I	PAPER – II	PAPER – II
GENERAL	40 (40%)	40(40%)	75 (50%)
OBC (Non-creamy layer) PWD/SC/ST	35 (35%)	35 (35%)	60 (40%)

Step III: Top 15% candidates (for each subject and category), from the merit list mentioned under step II, will be declared NET qualified for eligibility for Assistant Professor only.

Step IV: A separate merit list for the award of JRF will be prepared from amongst the NET qualified candidates figuring in the merit list prepared under step III.

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria decided by UGC/CBSE is final and binding.

Instructions For Use Of Test Booklet And Answer Sheet

The candidates will find the Answer Sheet placed inside the sealed Test Booklet. The seal will be broken/ opened by the candidates on the announcement by the invigilator and the Answer Sheet shall be taken out. Do not open/break the seal before the announcement. The candidates should verify the serial number and series of the Test Booklet with the serial number and series of OMR sheet. In case of any variation, the Test Booklet and OMR sheet should be immediately returned to the invigilator for the replacement with another set of same series available in the examination hall/centre.

1. Side –2 of each Answer Sheet will have a pre-printed Test Booklet Code like A, B, C or D. The candidates are required to check that the Test Booklet Code pre-printed on Side-2 of the Answer Sheet is the same as printed on the Test Booklet.
2. **The Answer Sheet used will be of special type which will be scanned on Optical Scanner. There will be two sides of the Answer Sheet**.

Side 1 This side of the Answer Sheet contains the following columns which are to be filled in neatly and accurately by the candidate with Blue/Black ball point pen only. Use of pencil is strictly prohibited.

1. Roll Number
2. Name of the candidate

III. Father's Name

1. Centre Number
2. Name of the Examination Centre
3. Signature of the candidate

Side 2 This side of the Answer Sheet contains the following columns which are also to be filled in by the candidate with Blue/Black Ball Point Pen only. Use of pencil is strictly prohibited.

1. Roll Number
2. Centre Number

III. Test Booklet Number

1. Signature of the candidate

WRITINGOF PARTICULARS AND RESPONSES ON SIDE –2 WITH BLUE/BLACK BALL POINT PEN ONLY WILL BE FILLED UP AS FOLLOWS:

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING THE RESPONSES IN PEN AND PAPER BASED EXAMINATION

(i) Out of four alternatives for each question, only one circle for the correct answer is to be darkened completely with blue/black Ball Point Pen only. For example Question No. 008 in the Test Booklet reads as follows:

Qutub Minar is situated in

(1)   Delhi
(2)   Mumbai
(3)   Agra
(4) Bengaluru

The correct response to this question is (1) Delhi. The candidate will locate Question No. 008 in the Answer Sheet and darken the circle.

(ii) Use Blue or Black Ball Point Pen to completely darken the appropriate circle, i.e. one circle for each entry.

The answer once marked is not liable to be changed. Use of pencil is strictly prohibited. If any candidate uses the pencil for darkening the answer sheet, his/her answer sheet will be rejected

(iii) A light or faintly darkened circle is a wrong method of marking and liable to be rejected by the Optical Scanner. So, the circle should be properly darkened

(v) If the candidate does not want to attempt any question he/she should not darken the circle given against that question.

(vi) Please do not fold the Answer Sheet and do not make any stray marks on it.

(vii) **ROUGH WORK**

The candidate will not do any rough work on the Answer Sheet. All rough work is to be done in the Test Booklet itself.

(viii) **CHANGING AN ANSWER IS NOT ALLOWED**

The candidates must fully satisfy themselves about the accuracy of the answer before darkening the appropriate circle as no change in answer once marked is allowed. Use of eraser or white/correction fluid on the Answer Sheet is not permissible as the Answer Sheets are machine gradable and it may lead to wrong evaluation.

If more than one circle is darkened or if the response is marked in any other manner except the 'Correct Method' shown above, it shall be treated as wrong way of marking.

Prior to handing over the Answer Sheet soon after the examination is over, the candidate must sign the attendance sheet as a proof thereof. **The examinee is permitted to carry the Test Booklet**