

Instructions for the candidate for the Research Ability Test

1. The “**Research Ability Test**” is of **total 50 marks** and **one hour (01) duration**.
2. The candidate has to write a research proposal on a topic related to main discipline (or the discipline in which he/she has obtained the Post Graduate degree).
3. The research proposal should include **five domains** viz., (1) **Introduction and Problem Statement** (2) **Review of Literature & Literature Gap** (3) **Aims, Objectives, Research Questions/ Hypotheses** (4) **Methodology and Sources of Data** (5) **Ethical Considerations/Implications/ Justification/Relevance of the Study**. Each domain carries 10 marks. The answer sheet for the said test will be provided by the University and for each domain adequate space will be available.
4. The candidates are required to give a title to the research proposal as per the contemporary guidelines of writing title of a research proposal.
5. There is no explicit word limit for the research proposal and its specified components; the writing should however be limited to the space provided for each component. No additional answer-sheet will be provided.
6. The candidate may use blue/black ballpoint pen only and do not use pen of any other colour or highlighters and sketch pen
7. **The candidate should not make any specific sign/symbol or other types of self-identity disclosing pattern/words/phrases on the answer-sheet. If such identity disclosing special symbols/signs/pattern or use of highlighter/sketch pen is noted, the candidature will be cancelled, and the answer-script will not be evaluated.**
8. Separate space for rough work will be provided at the end of the answer-sheet. Candidates should use this space- for any rough work (if needed).
9. Candidates will not be allowed to move out of the examination hall before the end of the examination.
10. Candidates are required to submit the answer-sheet to the invigilator once the examination is over.
11. If any candidate is found using any unfair means, disciplinary action will be taken as per the university rules.
12. **Admit Card will be available for download from 07th to 14th January 2024.**