

Exam Pattern of UGC NET

The paper is conducted by UGC to test the eligibility of candidates for JRF Scholarship and lectureship. The exam pattern of UGC NET is changed this year as earlier the exam consists of one theoretical and two objective question papers but from this year the exam pattern of UGC NET has three objective type papers. There are no negative marking in the examination.

The exam pattern of UGC NET consist three objective type papers and the examination is scheduled in three sessions. The first paper contains 60 objective type questions and they have to attempt 50 questions from this paper. Second paper contains 50 questions and each question is to be attempted. Third paper consists of 75 questions and in this paper also, there are no alternative questions to choose. Every question in this paper is of same marks and each is of 2 marks.



In the new exam pattern of UGC NET, students can attempt all the questions as there is no negative marking for wrong answers. The first and second portions of the paper are of 100 marks in total and 75 minutes are given to finish this section.

The third portion of the paper is of 75 questions of equal marks and there are 150 minutes to finish the paper.

In the new exam pattern of UGC NET, the first paper is common for all the students and questions in the paper is based on the teaching and research aptitude. For the second and third paper, the students have to choose the subjects according to their choices.

Cut off marks in the exam pattern of UGC NET is simple and straight. Candidates have to secure 40% marks in the first paper and second paper whereas in third paper they have to secure 50% marks to cross the cut off in the new exam pattern of UGC NET whereas the cut off differs for OBC and SC/ST candidates.

The cut off marks for different categories are described in a tabulated format below:

Category	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3

General	40%	40%	50%
OBC	35%	35%	45%
SC/ST/PH	35%	35%	40%

The above criteria are for the examination is only for the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and the cut off for the lectureship will be decides by the UGC prior to the examination. The examination will be highly challenging and candidates are needed to compete with lakhs of students to get a good rank in the examination.

In the new exam pattern of UGC NET, exam is conducted online and candidates have to choose the remaining question papers, i.e. second paper and third paper from the subject of their choices or as in their master degree. Candidates who are appearing for the paper needed to have a Master degree in any department.

The UGC NET exam in conducted every year in the month of February and the notifications for the examination is given in the month of December. The examination form and other details for the examinations are available in the month of January.