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Revised Regulations for Ph D Registration and for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2001

1. Title

These regulations may be called "Revised Regulations for Ph D Registration and for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2001".

2. Definitions

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,

1) "Act," "Statutes," "Ordinances" and "Regulations" mean the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations respectively of the University.

2) "Affiliated College" means a College affiliated to the University in accordance with the provisions of the University Act and Statutes and where instruction is provided in accordance with the provisions of the statutes, ordinances and regulations.

3) "Centre for Research" or "Research Centre" means the institution where the University allows a research scholar to carry out research on the subject approved by the University leading to the Ph. D. degree.

4) "Department" or "School" means the University Department of Study and Research established under the statutes.

5) "Departmental Doctoral Committee" means a Doctoral Committee constituted in a Department/School to scrutinize the applications for registration, interview the candidates and make appropriate recommendations to the University.

6) "Doctoral Committee" means the committee constituted by the University in a Centre for Research other than University departments to scrutinize the applications for registration, interview the candidates and make appropriate recommendations to the University.

7) "Fellowship" means a regular monetary assistance, awarded to a research scholar and includes the National Merit Scholarship, University Scholarship and other assistance offered by approved funding agencies such as NCERT, CSIR, ICSSR and UGC.

8) "Laws of the University" means the Act, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules and Bye-Laws of the University, as the case may be.

9) "Recognized institution" means an institution defined in subsection (19) of Section 2 of the Act.

10) "Registration" means registration for Ph. D degree under these regulations.

11) "Research Scholar" means any full-time or part-time student duly registered for the Ph D degree of the University under these regulations.

12) "Supervising Teacher," "Research Supervisor" or "Research Guide" means a teacher or an expert approved by the Syndicate of the University as a qualified guide to supervise research.

13) "University" means the University as defined in the Act.

14) "Adjudicators" or "Examiners" means the experts appointed by the Syndicate for the evaluation of the thesis.

3. Eligibility

No candidate shall be registered for research leading to the award of Ph. D. degree, except those specifically mentioned in these Regulations, unless he/she has secured a minimum of 55% marks at the approved qualifying post-graduate degree examination and has passed the aptitude test. SC/ST candidate with 45% marks in the qualifying degree examination and a pass in the test shall be eligible to apply for research. Approved college teachers of the state with 5 years of teaching experience at the college level and the University teaching faculty shall also be permitted to do research even if they have only 50% marks at the qualifying degree examination.

4. Test Exemption

The following categories of persons are exempted from appearing for the Entrance Test:

1. Approved college teachers of the state with five years of teaching service at the college level and teachers of the University departments who have completed their probation.

2. Candidates who have become eligible for JRF (not lectureship) in the NET/GATE tests conducted by such bodies as UGC, CSIR and ICAR

3. Regular Scientists in the service of recognized scientific research centres, owned or funded by the Government and officers in managerial positions with M.B.A. or M.Tech. qualifications serving in recognized companies of national/international standing shall also be eligible for exemption from the test provided they have five years of service and occupy positions not below the rank of a lecturer in the college or University Departments.

5. Registration

A candidate shall be required to register himself/herself as a Ph. D. student before the commencement of the course of research Registration for research is subject to the availability of seats under the supervising teacher in the concerned University Department/research centre. Candidates who have qualified themselves in the test shall register for research within five years of their passing the test.

6. Place of Research

Research shall be carried out by a Research scholar in a University Department or in a Department of a College recognized as a Centre for Research or in a recognized institution.

7. Supervision of Research

A research student shall work under a recognized Supervising Teacher who shall ordinarily be on the staff of the institution in which the student is permitted to work. Full-time scholars shall invariably work under the supervision of research guides who are faculty members of the instituion in which they are admitted for research.

8. Recognition as Supervising Teachers

a) To be recognized as a supervising teacher in a particular subject a college teacher must have a Doctorate Degree in the concerned subject. He/she shall have a minimum of 2 years of post-doctoral research experience. He/she shall normally be on the staff of the college/ institution of research and must have at least two research publications in his/her subject published in referred journals of national/international standing.

b) A Scientist in the service of a recognized research institution having a Ph. D. Degree and in the rank of a University Lecturer and above will be eligible to apply for recognition as Research Guide. He

must be permanently employed in his institution and must have a minimum of 5 years teaching/research experience of which two years shall be post-doctoral experience. He should further have two research publications on his subject published in referred journals of national/ international standing.

In both (a) and (b) above, the Boards of Studies of the University Departments/Schools of study and research shall be the competent body to decide on the standing of the journals coming under the concerned subjects/disciplines. The University will prepare a list of such standard journals for the purpose in consultation with Department/ School /Board of Studies concerned (PG Boards of Studies in disciplines where the University does not have a Department/School of its own).

The recognition granted to a scientist or any other person for guidance for research will not permit him/her to induct fresh scholars when he/ she is transferred to a place outside the state or during his period of absence from the centre for more than a year. During such absence from the centre of research, a supervising teacher shall, with the concurrence of the Head of the Dept./Principal and the approval of the University; transfer the supervision of the scholars under him to another supervising teacher/s of the same centre.

9. Research Guides within the University Departments

Teachers of the University Departments/Schools of Teaching and Research in the University do not require any formal recognition as Research Guides in order to supervise research in the concerned Schools/Departments. They can undertake research guidance as part of his/her duty as assigned by the School/Department provided they have the following qualifications:

1. He/she should be a doctorate degree holder and be in a substantive teaching post of the School/Department.

2. A Director/Professor/Reader of a University Teaching and Research Department can guide research even if he/she is without a Doctorate Degree, provided that he/she has ten years of teaching and research experience obtained after post-graduate qualifications.

3. A Lecturer of a rare specialization in an interdisciplinary subject area can be assigned the duty of research guidance even if he/she does not possess Ph D provided he/she possesses M Phil degree and a minimum of five years of research experience.

4. If he/she is a Lecturer in a medical subject in a school of inter-disciplinary specialization the degree of the Doctor of Medicine shall be the minimum qualification for being the research guide in the area of his/her specialization.

In the case of 3 and 4 above the research student being supervised will have a co-guide who will be a regular supervising teacher of the School/Department.

A Lecturer who is doing research under the University for his first Doctorate Degree shall not be permitted to induct candidates for research before the award of his Doctorate Degree.

10. Recognition of Institutions as Research Centers

It shall be competent for the Syndicate to recognize any institution engaged in research or specialized studies as a recognized research centre of the University, in accordance with the following provisions:

1. An institution seeking recognition of the University shall conform to the standards, aims and objectives of the University and its programmes of teaching and research.

2. The institution seeking recognition shall be a reputed academic/ scientific institution or an affiliated college with P.G. Department in the concerned subject. No institution shall be recognized as a research centre if the subject disciplines or inter disciplinary areas in which it seeks recognition do not fall under any of the faculties mentioned in the statutes.

3. The institution seeking recognition shall be housed in its own building with all facilities for research.

4. It must have on the staff of the institution at least two Doctorate Degree holders who satisfy the eligibility conditions for guideship prescribed by the University. Their Doctorate Degree shall be from universities recognized by the UGC or form well-known universities abroad.

5. The institution shall have its own library, laboratory, equipment and exhibition materials conforming to the standard of a good research centre. The library shall have at least 5000 original books (text books/popular books shall not be counted) useful for researchers in the concerned discipline/area of research. It must also have subscribed to at least 10 journals of national and internation standard. Internet facilities are desirable.

6. Applications for recognition as Research Centres shall be made in the prescribed form with the prescribed fee.

The University may, if it is satisfied that the application is in order, appoint an inspection commission to verify the physcial and academic

facilities available at the institution. The University may also seek the views of the Dean of the Faculty concerned before appointing the inspection commission. The commission shall examine whether the institution seeking recognition conforms to the standard, aims and objectives of the University and its programmes of teaching and research and whether it fulfils all the conditons of a standard research institution for recognition. Based on the University rules, the Commission shall prepare a report.

Upon receipt of the report, the Syndicate may grant recognition to the institution as a Research Centre, subject to the provisions of the statutes and rules of the University for such a period and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the order granting recognition.

The Syndicate may cause periodic inspections to be made of the Centres of Research to ascertain whether the terms and conditions imposed on the institutions at the time of granting recognition are fulfilled. It may also ascertain whether the institution is fit to continue as recognized institution. The Syndicate may, by order, withdraw recognition of such institutions either for non-fulfillment of conditions or for finding them unfit for continued recognition. The inspection report of the inspection commission may contain among other things details of fulfilled or unfulfilled conditions, general working of the centre, and its research output.

11. Selection

(a) Registration in the University Department

Applications for admission as research scholars in a University Department of Study and Research received before the prescribed date shall be scrutinized by the Departmental Doctoral Committee of the concerned School/Department. The Committee shall consist of

the Head of the Department as Chairman and all the Supervising teachers of the Department as members. The Committee shall interview all eligible candidates and prepare a list of selected candidates for the required number of vacancies.

The Head of the Department shall forward the applications of the selected candidates along with the recommendations of the Departmental Doctoral Committee and all other relevant documents to the University within one month of the selection. Selected candidates shall join the Department within one month of the receipt of the intimation regarding the registration of candidates from the University. Every scholar so admitted shall work under the supervisor (supervisors in the case of joint supervision) allotted to him/her by the Departmental Doctoral Committee.

(b) Registration in a Department of an affiliated college:

In the case of a candidate intending to join a recognized department of an affiliated college for research the application for admission shall be made to the Registrar which shall be accompanied by the consent letter from the Supervising Teacher and letter from the Head of the Research Centre to the effect that necessary facilities will be provided to the candidate for research. The Doctoral Committee constituted by the Syndicate shall scrutinize the application. The Doctoral Committee shall consist of:

1. The Supervising Teacher (convener) and

2. Two experts nominated by the Syndicate of which one shall be nominated as Chairman. For the disciplines/area of research in which there is a University Department, the Head of the University Department concerned shall be the Chairman of the Doctoral Committee. The Doctoral Committee will meet at a suitable place. The procedure for granting registration shall be as in the case of the University Departments.

(c) Registration in a Recognized Institution:

In the case of a candidate intending to join a Recognized Institution for research, the application for admission shall be made to the Registrar which shall be accompanied by the consent letter from the Supervising Teacher and letter from the head of the Institution to the effect that necessary facilities will be provided. The Doctoral Committee constituted by the Syndicate shall scrutinize the applications. The Doctoral Committee shall consist of the Supervising Teacher (Convener) and two experts nominated by the Syndicate of which one shall be the Head of the University Department (for the discipline in which there is a University Department) who will be the Chairman. The Committee shall meet at a suitable place. The University may grant registration to the selected candidates on the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee as in the case of the University Departments.

12. Part-time Research:

a) The teachers in the affiliated colleges or in the University Departments may generally be registered as Part-time Research Scholars provided they have easy access to the supervising teacher and the materials for research. The Doctoral Committee may examine the eligibility of such persons for registration.

b) In the case of candidates working as research scholar on a part-time basis, other than those in the headquarters of the supervising teacher, they should spend a period of at least three months at a stretch or in instalments of one month every year within the total stipulated period of three years at the research centre before the candidates are allowed to submit the thesis. The Head of the Research Centre should furnish a certificate of attendance showing that the candidate has

satisfied this mandatory requirement before the submission of the thesis. The minimum period of full-time attendance for part-time scholars at the research centre shalll be three months for candidates without M Phil and two months for candidates possessing the M Phil degree. Part-time scholars with M.Ed. M.Sc. (by research) and Master of letters too need spend only two months at the centre of Research.

c) A full-time research scholar may, on request, be allowed to convert his registration as a part-time research scholar and vice-versa on the recommendations of the Supervising Teacher and the Head of the Department, after ascertaining the accessibility of laboratory facilities to the scholar, in the case of Science and Technology subjects. In the case of Science and Technology subjects the request for conversion of registration to part-time can be considered only after a minimum period of one year of full time research.

d) Persons applying for admission to part-time research shall produce along with the application a 'No Objection Certificate' from the employer concerned.

e) Part-time registration or conversion of full-time registration to part-time shall be granted provided that the candidates are regular employees working in recognized scientific/ academic institutions. Approved College teachers of the State, teachers working in Government and aided educational institutions or in institutions run by the University shall also be permitted to do part-time research.

f) Foreign candidates shall be registered for research only if they are on visas issued for research scholars/students and with the necessary clearance from the Government of India.

g) In exceptional cases the syndicate may, on the basis of the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee, allow regular employees who need not be college/university teachers to register for part-time research taking into account their aptitude for research as revealed by their publications, experience and academic credentials

13. Inter-disciplinary Research

Interdisciplinary research is allowed only in the Department/ Schools of the University that are inter-disciplinary in orientation.

14. Supervision of Research Work:

a) Research shall be undertaken by a scholar under the guidance of a recognized supervising teacher(s) who will ordinarily be on the staff of the institution in which the student is permitted to work.

b) A research scholar working under a particular supervising teacher who has retired from service of the institution may continue to work in the same institution under the guidance of the same supervising teacher subject to the discipline of the institution.

c) The number of research scholars under a supervising teacher should not exceed ten whether part-time or full-time, in the case of supervising teachers attached to research centres in affiliated colleges and other institutions as well as the University departments. However, the University departments can allot Teacher Fellows under the FIP, UGC JRF holders, SC/ST candidates and foreign scholars to the Supervising Teachers irrespective of the ceiling of ten, but the total number in such cases is never to exceed twelve in the case of any Supervisor.

d) Ordinarily, no immediate relative shall be the supervising teacher of a research scholar. (Explanation: 'immediate relative' means husband/wife, parents, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, first cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts and in-laws.)

15. Privileges

Candidates who have been registered as research students shall be enrolled as Research Students in the institutions maintained by the University or recognized by the University for the puprose. Such students shall be entitled to all the privileges of the University students except those for which special fees are charged.

16. Joining Report:

A Candidate shall have to sumbmit a joining report through the supervising teacher as soon as he/she joins for research after obtaining registration from the University.

17. Progress Report:

Supervising Teachers who undertake to guide and supervise the work of research students shall send to the Registrar half-yearly reports of progress of the students working under them through the Head of the Department or the institution concerned.

18. Periodical review of the work:

The Department Doctoral Committee shall periodically review the work of research scholars working in the department.

19. Cancellation of registration

The Syndicate may cancel the registration of any research student for unsatisfactory progress or conduct. The Syndicate may also cancel

the registration of full-time research scholars on the recommendation of the Supervising Teacher for their non-attendance at the centre of research beyond the prescribed time limit.

20. Leave

A full –time research scholar shall be eligible to avail himself /herself of a maximum of 30 days leave with fellowship (if applicable) in a completed year, in addition to 20 days of casual leave. In exceptional cases, the Syndicate of the Vice-Chancellor may grant two months leave to a full-time scholar for sufficient reasons. This shall be granted only twice during the research period of the Scholar. However, this period shall not count for fellowhip.

A female scholar shall however, be granted 135 days as maternity leave.

21. Period of Research

The minimum period of research required by a candidate for submission of the thesis from the date of registration shall be two years for M.Phil., M.Ed,. M.Sc.(by research), Master of Letters and M Tech Degree holders if the research is in the subject in which the candidate has taken the above qualifying degree. In all other cases, the minimum period of research required is three years for thesis submission.

The maximum period of research shall, if the period is not specified otherwise, generally be five years for full-time and eight year for part-time research. On expiry of this period a candidate registration will lapse, provided it shall be competent for the Syndicate to extend the period of registration by a maximum period of one year on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee and also on payment of a fee for extension.

22. Discontinuance

A candidate's leave or absence from the center beyond the permitted period, or his failure to pay the fees for research or compliance of rules regarding submission of progress reports for two terms or his failure to seek guidance of the supervising teacher for more than a year shall lead to his/her removal from the rolls.

Research students thus removed from the rolls, if they mean to continue their work, shall be required to re-register themselves submitting an application with the proper recommendations of the Doctoral Committee and paying all arrears of fees, the re-admission fee and the fine. In such cases the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendations of the Supervising teacher and with due justification, can condone the break of research period if he /she so deserves.

Re-registration shall be granted only once and that too, within the maximum period of research permitted. The maximum period of research of such candidate will be same as in the case of others.

23. Deregistration/Registration:

A Candidate can choose to deregister any time after the completion of the minimum period of research (two or three years, as the case may be) required and before the maximum period of research permitted. A Candidate seeking deregistration shall apply for the same. A Candidate granted deregistration shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis any time within a period of five year from the date of deregistration after he/she has paid the required re-registration fee to be fixed by the University. Such Candidates shall be required to satisfy the usual formalities as applicable to them at the time of the submission of the thesis. They shall be required to pay the re-registration fee for a term along with the other fees exacted from the regular research students at the time of the submission of the thesis.

The place of a deregistered candidate shall be treated as a vacancy under the concerned supervisor and the Department shall accordingly assign a fresh research scholar against the vacancy.

24. Restriction on employment:

A full-time research scholar is not allowed to engage himself/herself in any other employment except imparting instruction in an honorary capacity on a topic which forms the subject matter of his research in the institution he is working.

25. Change of the area of Research or title of the thesis:

a) The Vice Chancellor may permit research scholars, based on the recommendations of the Doctoral Committee/Supervising teacher to change the title of their thesis three months before the submission of the thesis, provided that the Supervising teacher has certified that the contents of the thesis have not been changed.

b) In exceptional cases, the Vice Chancellor may also permit a research scholar, based on the recommendations of the Doctoral committee and the Supervising Teacher, to change the topic or area of research on payment of the prescribed fee before one year of the submission of the thesis where the qualifying examination is not insisted and three months before the qualifying examinations in the case of others. A copy of the changed synopsis shall also be forwarded to the Registrar, with the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee.

26. Change of the Supervising Teacher

Normally, a change of the Supervising Teacher is not allowed. However, in the event of death of the supervising teacher or when a supervising teacher leaves the department either permanently or on

leave to distant places from where he/she cannot supervise the work of the scholar shall be allowed by the Syndicate to change the supervising teacher based on the recommendations of the supervising teacher/ Departmental Doctoral Committee.

27. Qualifying Examinations

Candidates from Ph.D. Degree in the faculty of Science, Medicine etc. shall be required to take any time after one year of registration but six months before the submission of the thesis and only those who are successful in the qualifying examination shall be permitted to submit the thesis. Candidates who have passed the M.Phil. examination and whose topic for Ph.D. thesis is closely related to their M.Phil dissertation or is an extension of it and candidates with M.Sc. (by research) shall be exempted from the above requirement.

a) The syllabi for the written and practical parts of the qualifying examination shall cover all aspects of the special subject chosen for research and shall be prepared by the Supervising Teacher and another member nominated by the Syndicate. The Chairman of the concerned Board of Studies (PG) and the Dean of the faculty concerned shall approve the Syllabus. The standard of the syllabi for the qualifying examination shall be higher than that for M.Sc. Degree.

The Schemes of examination shall be as follows:

(i) Written Examination I	3 hours	100 marks
(ii) Written Examination II	3 hours	100 marks
	OR	
Practical Examination		100 marks
(iii) Viva-Voce Test		100 marks
Total		300 marks

b) The Viva-voce test shall be held after the examinations have valued the written papers.

c) The pass minimum for the qualifying examination shall be 50% of the aggregate marks in the written and practical examinations and 50% in the Viva-voce Test.

d) No Candidate shall be permitted to take the qualifying examination more than twice.

28. Submission of the Synopsis:

Three months before the date of submission of the proposed thesis the candidate shall submit through the supervising teacher twelve copies of the Synopsis of the proposed thesis, in about 1500 words together with the title of the thesis. The Synopsis should be accompanied by the application for admission to the Ph.D. Degree and the fee prescribed for the purpose by the University and shall be sent to the Controller of Examinations.

The application for adjudication of the thesis shall be accompanied by a letter from the Supervising Teacher with the recommendations of the Head of the Department in the case of Departments and of the Supervising Teacher, HOD and the Principal of the College in the case of college centers.

29. Panel of Examiners:

A panel of examiners shall be prepared by the supervising teacher and forwarded to the University through the Head of the Department in the case of the University Departments or through the Principal/ Chairman, Board of Studies (P.G.) in the case of other centers and shall be sent along with the synopsis.

The Panel should consist of the names of ten experts of national or international standing, known for their integrity and judgement and having not less than 10 years of teaching/research experience in the subject concerned. The experts shall be from outside the University jurisdiction and possibly from outside the state. The panel shall be approved by the Vice Chancellor/Syndicate.

30. Submission of the thesis:

After completing the prescribed minimum period of research, a candidate shall be eligible to submit his/her thesis. The candidate shall submit four copies of the thesis together with the prescribed fee embodying the result of the research carried out by the candidate to the Controller of Examinations. The thesis shall be submitted within three months from the date of submission of the synopsis. In exceptional cases, where the prescribed fee is paid the Syndicate may, based on the recommendations of the Supervising Teacher and Head of the Department condone a delay upto one year, provided that the candidate shall submit his/her thesis only during currency of his/her registration or during the sanctioned period.

The thesis shall be accompanied by a declaration by the candidate that the thesis has not previously formed the basis of the award of any degree or diploma or other titles except when otherwise provided for in the Regulations of the University. The thesis shall also be accompanied by a certificate from the supervising teacher to the effect that it is a record of bona fide work carried out by the candidate under his/her supervision.

31. Adjudication of the thesis:

a) The thesis shall be adjudicated by a Board of three examiners appointed by the Syndicate from the Panel of Examiners submitted. One of the examiners shall be the Chairman of the Board.

b) The Board of Examiners once appointed to adjudicate the thesis will normally evaluate the revised thesis unless any of the Examiners is not willing to continue in the Board. Substitutes shall be appointed by the Vice-chancellor from the Panel of Examiners already approved by the Syndicate. However, it shall be competent for the Syndicate to appoint fresh set of Examiners to adjudicate the thesis for good and sufficient reasons. The revised thesis shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

c) The examiners shall submit a report on the merit of the work embodied in the thesis and state whether the thesis is recommended for the award of the Ph.D. degree. The Examiners should also indicate in which respect the thesis affords evidence of originality. The Syndicate shall accept the unanimous opinion of the Board of Examiners. If one of the examiners does not recommend the award of the degree, the thesis shall be referred to a fourth examiner and his report shall be accepted. If two examiners are not in favour of recommending the degree, the candidate shall be asked to resubmit the thesis within a period not less than six months.

d) The candidate whose thesis is not recommended for the award of the Ph.D. Degree shall be informed accordingly and shall be supplied with the comments made by the adjudicators. The candidate shall be permitted to resubmit a revised version of the thesis within a period of not less than 6 months from the date of which he/she has been informed of the results of evaluation of the thesis.

e) A Candidate shall not be allowed to submit his/her thesis for more than two occasions, provided that it shall be competent for the Syndicate the Board of Examiners recommend, to permit the candidate to submit his/her thesis for a third time.

f) Normally adjudication shall be completed in a period of six months. Under no circumstances shall the procedures be allowed to extend beyond a year. The appointment of an examiner who fails to give his/her report within five months shall be cancelled and he/she would be advised to send the thesis pack. The thesis shall then be forwarded to a fresh examiner, whose name has already been marked as standby in the panel by the Vice Chancellor.

32. The Public Viva-Voce and Open Defence of Ph.D. Thesis

The thesis recommended by the Board of Adjudicators for the award of Ph.D. Degree shall be defended by the concerned research scholar at the Public Viva-Voce and open defence before the Board specially constituted to the purpose. Invited scholars and enthusiasts interested in the subject shall also attend the Open Defence.

The Constitution of the Board

A three -member board shall be constituted for the conduct of the Open Defence Viva-Voce with a Chairman and two other members

1. The Board shall be presided over by one of the members of the adjudication board nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
2. The Dean of the concerned faculty shall be the second member of the Board.
3. The Supervising teacher shall be the third member of the Board.

The Supervising teachers all convene the Open Defence Viva-voce based on the direction of the Controller of Examinations. The Controller of Examinations shall inform the day, the date, time and venue for the conduct of the Open Defence Viva.

The Mode of Invitation of the Participants and the Conduct of the Viva:

After getting confirmation from the Controller of Examinations, the supervising teacher shall arrange the venue and shall send invitations under Certificate of Posting to atleast 50 people from various institutions interested in the topic. While sending the invitations to the participants for the Open Defence Viva a one-page synopsis of the Ph.D. thesis shall be sent to them along with the invitation. Like wise a copy of the Ph.D. thesis shall be kept in the department Library of the concerned department or the College Library of the recognized Research Centre at least three days in advance for the purpose of reference to those who are interested in the topic.

Conduct of the Viva-voce

The Chairman will conduct the proceedings. The research scholar shall present a summary of his thesis for duration of 45 minutes and the Chairman will ask questions to him/her based on the comments in the adjudication report. Subsequently the participants in the public viva can ask relevant questions related to the topic. The Chairman can disallow questions, which according to him are not relevant to the topic.

The Supervising teacher can support or supplement the arguments of the research scholar in the Open Defence Viva.

The Board of Examiners shall judge the performance of the Candidate in the Open Defence Viva and the result declared at the end of the Open Viva.

The Chairman shall subsequently submit the report to the Controller of Examinations. In the report, it shall be mentioned whether the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy can be awarded or not. If the thesis requires rewriting it shall also be mentioned clearly in the report.

The Syndicate shall consider the report of the Examiners. If the Candidates is adjudged worthy to be awarded the degree, resolution to that effect shall be passed by the Syndicate and the Candidate shall be admitted to the Ph.D. Degree under prescribed conditions.

The Candidate and the supervising teacher shall be supplied with a copy each of the comments made by the examiner on the thesis.

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Registrar