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PhD Entrance Test Syllabus

Architecture

1. The Entrance Test consists of two components

Research Aptitude – This section is common for all disciplines, and the syllabus is available separately on the website.

Subject-Specific – This section assesses knowledge related to Research Proposal writing.

2. For the Subject-Specific component, candidates must upload a PDF containing the Research Proposal (**as outlined below in Annexure**) to a Google Drive folder link on the day of the PhD Entrance Test.

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PhD research proposal template

NAME:

APPLICATION ID:

PROPOSED TOPIC:

Proposed title

NOTE: Please remove all the text in grey before finalizing the document.

Provide a concise and descriptive proposed title for your research proposal.

Introduction (300-500 words)

- *Context and background of the research proposal. .*
- *Importance of the research area.*
- *Key issues and challenges.*
- *Research gaps and justification for the study.*
- *Research aims and objectives.*

Literature review (1000-1500 words)

- *Overview of relevant theories, models, and key studies.*
- *Critical analysis of previous research findings.*
- *Identification of research gaps.*
- *How your research will build on existing knowledge.*

Research methodology (1000-1500 words)

- *Research design (qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods).*
- *Data collection methods (surveys, interviews, experiments, case studies, etc.).*
- *Sampling techniques and justification.*
- *Data analysis approach.*
- *Ethical considerations.*
- *Scope and limitations of the study.*

Expected outcomes and relevance (300-500 words)

- *Theoretical contributions (e.g., new insights or frameworks).*
- *Practical implications (e.g., industry or policy relevance).*
- *Contribution to academic knowledge.*
- *Future research directions.*

Proposed research plan and timeline

Present the research timeline in table format.

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Duration (months)</i>
<i>xx</i>	<i>yy</i>	<i>zz</i>
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<i>Total</i>	<i>Entire PhD duration</i>	<i>3 Years</i>

Publication data

If a candidate has a research publication (journal, conference, book chapter), he/she has to mention it in the following format below.

<i>Title of publication</i>	<i>Journal name</i>	<i>Volume & issue no.</i>	<i>Month & year of publication</i>	<i>ISSN / ISBN</i>	<i>Scopus/Web of science/ Google scholar/etc.</i>	<i>Provide the weblink to arrive at the journal paper</i>
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References

Follow a consistent reference style (APA). Ensure all cited sources are included.