

UGC NET ENGLISH GUIDELINES

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- **The National Testing Agency (NTA)** conducts the UGC NET (University Grants Commission -National Eligibility Test) exam **twice a year** to select candidates to be appointed as **Assistant Professors** in various disciplines in colleges and universities across India.
- If those meritorious candidates who had opted for UGC NET cum JRF (Junior Research Fellowship) while applying are declared eligible for JRF, they can pursue research in their area of specialisation availing the UGC scholarship in colleges and universities in the country.

What is included in UGC NET syllabus?

- **The NET syllabus for Paper 1 (Teaching and Research Aptitude) is common for all candidates, irrespective of their chosen discipline.**

It includes the following ten units:

1. Teaching Aptitude

2. Research Aptitude

3. Comprehension

4. Communication

5. Mathematical Reasoning and Aptitude

6.Logical reasoning

7.Data interpretation

8.Information and Communication Technology

9.People, Development and Environment

10.Higher Education System

NET ENGLISH PAPER 2

Unit –I : Drama

Unit –II : Poetry

Unit –III : Fiction, short story

Unit –IV : Non-Fictional Prose

NOTE: The first four units must also be tested through comprehension passages to assess critical reading, critical thinking and writing skills. These four units will cover all literatures in English.

Unit –V : Language: Basic concepts, theories and pedagogy. English in Use.

Unit –VI : English in India: history, evolution and futures

Unit –VII : Cultural Studies

Unit –VIII : Literary Criticism

Unit –IX : Literary Theory post World War II

Unit –X : Research Methods and Materials in English

What is the UGC NET exam pattern?

- **Paper 1** of UGC NET exam tests a candidate's knowledge and aptitude for both **teaching and research**. This paper is common for all candidates, irrespective of their area of specialisation. There are **50 questions in Paper 1, which must be answered within 1 hour**.
- **Paper 2** tests a candidate's knowledge in his/her subjects of specialisation. This paper consists of **100 questions, which must be answered in 2 hours**.
- Every correct answer carries **2 marks**. There is **no negative marking for wrong answers**.

- General category candidate is required to score atleast 40% marks and for Reserved Category 35%.
- **Not** all candidates who scores the minimum mark will be eligible.
- On the other hand, **Top 6% of candidates will be selected for eligibility of NET Lectureship.** Simultaneously, a separate list for JRF would be prepared.A separate merit list for the award of JRF will be prepared from amongst the NET qualified candidates figuring in the above merit list prepared.
- For lectureship, the aggregate cut off marks for General category is between 54 and 60, for OBC NCL it is 49–56, for SC/ST it is 45–54 and for EWS it is 48–58 (for all subjects)

FOCUS AREA

BRITISH LITERATURE

LITERARY THEORY

LITERARY CRITICISM

1ST PAPER - 30/50

2ND PAPER - 53/100

85/150

UGC NET Age Limit and Relaxation

- **JRF: Candidate should not be more than 31 years**
- **There are a few relaxations as well.**

- **Candidates (including women applicants) belonging to OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD/Transgender categories are provided a relaxation of up to five years.**
- **Candidates with the degree Master of Laws (L.L.M.) are provided with three years of relaxation in age.**

- **Candidates who have served in the armed forces are provided with a relaxation of up to five years which is subject to the length of service in the armed forces up to the first day of the month in which the UGC NET examination is to be held.**
- **Assistant Professor: There is no upper age limit for candidates to apply for UGC NET (Assistant Professor).**
- **Exam fees- General -1000**
- **OBC - 500**
- **SC/ST - 250**

Mistakes to avoid while writing UGC NET exam

- Do not neglect any of the two papers as it is important to pass in both to qualify.
- Do not restrict yourself to limited sources of information during preparation. It is important to read as widely as possible.
- **Do not spend too much time on a difficult question. Answer all the easy questions first and then come back to the ones which take more time.**
- Do not be overconfident or be in a hurry to mark the answers. Read every question carefully, at least twice, before marking the answer.

- **Do not skip answering any question. As there is no negative marking, it is safe to guess the answer for questions you aren't sure of.**
- **Do not forget to revise the answers, particularly those involving mathematical calculations.**

HOW TO START YOUR PREPARATION

Be passionate, SAY NO TO DISTRACTIONS, DO SMART WORK

- **WHAT TO STUDY**

 - **Create an outline of literature**

 - **Clarity**

 - **Understanding previous question papers**

- **HOW TO STUDY**

 - **Memorization techniques, critical analysis**

- **POSITIVE STRESS**

 - **Mock tests, Revisions, Discussions**

THANK YOU