

Ph.D. Entrance Test Syllabus for MIT School of Government

The PET (Ph.D. Entrance Test) for the Ph.D. programme in Governance and Public Policy consists of two parts:

- Part I: Research Methodology (50 marks) and
- Part II: Subject Specific (Related to the branch, for 50 marks)

Total Marks for Ph.D. Entrance Test: 100 Marks

SYLLABUS PART I: Research Methodology (50 Marks)

UNIT I Social Science Research: Meaning, Objectives and Scope of Social Science Research, Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, Identification and Formulation of a Research Problem, Review of Literature, Formulating Objectives and Hypotheses, Research Design for Social Science Enquiry

UNIT-II Methods and Tools of Data Collection: Survey Method, Case Study and Comparative Method, Observation and Interview Schedules, Questionnaire Design, Sampling Techniques and Sample Size, Sources of Secondary Data

UNIT III Data Analysis and Communication of Research: Basics of Data Processing and Statistical Analysis, Interpretation and Report Writing, Meaning and Objectives of Communication, Academic Writing and Citation, Written & Verbal Communication as Tools of Scholarship

UNIT IV Ethics in Research: Philosophy and Ethics in Social Science Research, Research Integrity and Intellectual Honesty, Scientific Misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP), Publication Ethics and Redundant Publication

References:

1. C. R. Kothari, Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques, New Age International Publishers.
2. Ranjit Kumar, Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners, SAGE Publications India.
3. Partha Pratim Ray, A Guide to Research and Publication Ethics.
4. Krishna Kumar, Research Methodology in Social Sciences, DPH Publishing.

PART II: Politics and Policy (50 Marks)

UNIT I. Foundations of Political Theory and Governance: State, Sovereignty, Power, Authority and Legitimacy, Major Political Ideologies and Their Relevance to Governance, Theories and Models of Democracy, Comparative Political Institutions

UNIT II. Indian Constitution, Government and Federalism: Constitution of India – Philosophy and Salient Features, Union and State Government Structures, Centre-State Relations and Cooperative Federalism, Decentralisation and Local Self-Government (73rd/74th Amendments)

UNIT III. Public Policy and Administrative Systems: Public Policy – Nature, Actors and the Policy Cycle (Agenda-Setting, Formulation, Implementation, Evaluation), Theories and Approaches to Public Administration, Governance, Good Governance and Accountability Mechanisms, Administrative Reforms and e-Governance

UNIT IV. State, Society and Development Governance: State, Market and Civil Society Interface, Social Justice, Rights-Based Approaches and Inclusive Governance, Development Administration and Sustainable Development Governance, Globalisation, Federalism and Emerging Governance Challenges

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1. Rajni Kothari, Politics in India, Orient Blackswan.
2. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, Oxford University Press.
3. Rumki Basu, Public Administration: Concepts and Theories, Sterling Publishers.
4. M. Laxmikanth, Indian Polity, McGraw Hill Education.
5. Subrata Mitra, Politics in India: Structure, Process and Policy, Routledge.
6. Bidyut Chakrabarty and Prakash Chand, Public Administration in a Globalizing World: Theories and Practices, SAGE Publications India.