

1. Concept of STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (SET)

In order to maintain a uniform standard of graduate and post graduate teaching through-out the Country, the Government of India through its notification in 1988 stated that only those candidates would be considered eligible for a post of lecturer, who besides fulfilling the minimum academic qualifications for it, also qualify in a comprehensive test, National Eligibility Test (NET), to be conducted for the purpose. Accordingly, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been conducting the eligibility Test (NET) for lecturership on Humanities and Social Science subjects. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been conducting the eligibility test (NET) for lecturership in the Science subjects. UGC simultaneously asked the Govt. of the States and Union Territories about their option to conduct their own test or alternatively adopt the UGC-CSIR test. In case they opt to conduct a test equivalent to UGC-CSIR then these should be accredited by the UGC. In response to this, many States opted to conduct their own test i.e. State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) for lecturers. Similarly a proposal was put forward for constituting the North East State Level Eligibility Test (NESLET) on 26.6.2000 to conduct such a test for the aspirant candidates of the North East Region. It was subsequently constituted as SLET Commission Assam (NE Region). The name of the Test has again been modified as SET (STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST).

Its member States at present are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura.

2. Location

SLET Commission Office is located at
2nd Floor, B. K. B. Auditorium
Gauhati University Campus
Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar, Guwahati-781 014
Assam Phone No. 0361-2132163

3. Recruitment Rules

It is also decided that the qualified candidates in the SET will be governed by the rules and regulations of recruitment of lecturer of the Universities and Colleges as the case may be.

4. Eligibility to sit for SET

Any Indian National who obtained Master Degree with atleast 55% marks is eligible to sit in the SET. However in the case of SC/ST candidate the minimum requirement of mark is 50% on the subject he/she opts to appear. Those candidates who have even secured 54.99% marks in case of General candidates (or 49.99% marks in case of SC/ST candidates) in Master Degree examination are not eligible for this Test. There is no provision of rounding up of marks to make it 55% (50% for SC/ST).

Candidates who have appeared or will be appearing at the final (or 4th Semester) of their Master Degree Examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examination has been delayed, may also apply and appear at this Test. However such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of eligibility certificate only after they have passed the Master's Degree examination or equivalent with the required percentage of marks. Such candidates must obtain the P.G. Degree within two years from the date of hold-

ing the concerned SET with required percentage of marks failing which they shall be treated as disqualified. **Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their post-graduation only.** The candidates whose post-graduation subject is not covered in the list of subject in item 6(ii) may appear in a related subject.

Candidates who qualify in the Test are eligible to apply for the post of lecturer within the jurisdiction of the Member-States of this SLET Commission. They will be given a pass-certificate and the validity period of certificate is forever.

5. Nature of question papers :

The SET will be conducted in a objective mode from 2012 onwards. The Test will consists of three papers. To evaluate the General Aptitude of the candidates, there will be one common paper (Paper-I) for all and it will contain 60 questions of 2 marks each, and the candidates will have to answer 50 questions only.

The Second and Third paper will be on the subject concerned. The second paper will have 50 compulsory questions of 2 marks each.

For Third paper, there will be 75 compulsory questions of 2 marks each

In all the papers, there will be four types of questions, viz.

- (a) Usual multiple choice
- (b) Matching
- (c) Assertion and Reasoning
- (d) True and False

6. Test :

(i) Medium of Test

Except for the language paper, the medium of the test will be English. The medium of language paper will be the language concerned.

(ii) Subject of Test

At present the test will be held in the subjects mentioned below :

(The code number to be used for the subjects is also shown against each)

Name of Subjects	Code Used
Assamese	01
English	02
Economics	03
Education	04
History	05
Philosophy	06
Political Science	07
Geography	08
Manipuri	09
Bodo	10
Bengali	11
Hindi	12
Anthropology	13
Sanskrit	14
Sociology	15
Commerce	21
Chemical Science	31
Life Science	32
Mathematical Science	33
Physical Science	34

(iii) Test Centres

It is endeavoured to make atleast one centre in each constituent University of the SLET Commission with a minimum 25 candidates. If the number falls short of this in a centre, then the candidates of that centre will be attached to the nearest centre.

Name of Centres	Code Used
Gauhati University	01
Dibrugarh University	02
Tezpur University	03
Assam University	04
Manipur University	05
Rajib Gandhi Central University, Itanagar	06
Tripura University	07
Sikkim Govt. College	08
Mizoram University	09

(The particulars of the Co-ordinators cum Officers-in-charge of the SET Centres with their address are furnished in the last page)

(iv) Change of Test Centres

Application for change of Test centre on plain paper will be received by the SLET Commission office within 30 (working) days of last date of submission of forms. The centre change fees is Rs.300/- per candidate. The application for change of centre must be forwarded by the Co-ordinator of the original centre along with the candidate's Attendance Slip and Admit Card. No request for change of centre will be accepted by the SLET Commission after the specified date.

(v) Design and syllabi of test

Presently, the Commission has accepted the syllabi of the NET conducted by the UGC and the CSIR. Syllabus will be provided along with the application form.

1. The SET will be conducted in objective mode from SET 2012 onwards. The Test will consist of three papers. All the three papers will consists of only objective type questions and will be held on the day of Test in two separate sessions as under :

Session	Paper	Number of Questions	Marks	Duration
First	I	60 out of which 50 questions are to be attempted	50%2=100	1¼ Hours (9.00 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.)
First	II	50 questions all of which are compulsory	50%2=100	1¼ Hours (10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.)
Second	III	75 questions all of which are compulsory	75%2=150	2½ Hours (01.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.)

2. The candidates are required to obtain minimum marks separately in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper -III as given below

Minimum marks (%) to be obtained			
Category	Paper-I	Paper-II	Paper-III
General	40 (40%)	40 (40%)	75 (50%)
OBC	35 (35%)	35 (35%)	67.5 (45%) rounded off to 68
PH/VH/ SC/ST	35 (35%)	35 (35%)	60 (40%)

Only such candidates who obtain the minimum required marks in each Paper, separately, as mentioned above, will be considered for final preparation of result.

However, the final qualifying criteria for eligibility for Lectureship shall be decided by **steering committee** before declaration of result.

3. The syllabus of Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III will remain the same.
4. The candidates will be allowed to carry the carbon printout of OMR (Response Sheets) with them on conclusion of the examination.
5. There will be no negative marking.

(viii) Publication of Advertisement

All notification will be published in the Employment News, in a local News paper and in SLET Commission's website : www.sletne.org.

(ix) Unfairmeans/misconduct

Any candidate resorting to unfairmeans or misconduct is liable to forfeit the right to continue in the Test. (Details are stated in SLET regulation No.-01)

7. Legal dispute

The jurisdiction of court for all legal disputes relating to SET will be subject to Guwahati only. The decision of the Steering Committee will be final in regard to any dispute regarding SET.

8. Rates of Fees for SET and cost of Application form is furnished in the last page-14.

(i) Mode of payment of fees

The payment of Test fee is to be made by a single Bank Draft to be drawn on State Bank of India,

Gauhati University Branch-(No. 2060) in favour of "Member Secretary, SLET Commission, Gauhati University Campus". The candidates should mention their name, subject code and centre code on the reverse side of the Bank Draft. However candidates appearing in Gauhati University Centre may pay the Test fees in cash in SBI, GU Branch.

(ii) Candidate claiming fee concession without attested valid SC/ST/OBC/VH/PH certificate will summarily be rejected.

Persons authorised to issue the above 8(II) certificate- Deputy Commissioner, Addl. D.C., Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar, any organisation authorised by the Govt.

9. Enclosures to be attached with the Test (Application) Form :

- (i) Single Bank Draft of the prescribed fee.
- (ii) One pass-port size coloured photograph to be pasted on the Test (Application) form signed across by the candidate.
- (iii) One pass-port size coloured photograph duly attested and signed across by the candidate to be pasted on the attendance slip and another copy of passport size coloured photograph to be pasted to the admission card after being duly attested and signed by the candidate (Photograph should be from the same negative)
- (iv) Duly attested M.A./ M.Sc./ M.Com. certificate and Marksheet.
- (v) Attested copy of SC/ST/OBC/VH/PH certificate, if applicable, from authorised person. (see at column 8-II)
- (vi) One self addressed post-card as acknowledgement

receipt of the Test (application) form.

10. Guideline for filling up the Test (application) form

- (i) Candidate seeking admission to the test must apply on the prescribed Test (application) form collected on cash payment from the centre of Test where they intend to appear. However, the form can be collected from SLET's office at Guwahati also. (No photostat copy of the form will be accepted.)
- (ii) Test (Application) form can also be downloaded along with the Attendance Slip and Admit Card from the website : www.sletne.org. In submitting such downloaded form, the cost of the Test (Application) form must be paid along with the Test fees as mentioned in the page-14 through a Bank Draft drawn in favour of Member Secretary, SLET Commission, Assam payable at SBI, GU Branch (No. 2060).
- (iii) Candidate must fillup the Test (application) form legibly and carefully, in their own handwriting using a ballpoint pen.
- (iv) Leave a block blank between words while filling the Test (application) form.
- (v) Write M for Male and F for Female.
- (vi) Test (application) form must accompany the attendance slip, admission card (complete in all respect) along with Bank Draft.
- (vii) Write GEN for General, SC for Schedule Caste, ST for Schedule Tribes, OBC for Other Backward Classes, PH for Physically Handicapped and VH for Visually Handicapped.
- (viii) Candidates who have appeared or will be appearing in their Final or 4th Semester Master

Degree examination should fill-up the portion given at the bottom of the Test (application) form and the same should be forwarded by the Head of the concerned department.

11. Age limit and number of chances

- (i) There is no age limit.
- (ii) A candidate can avail any number of chances.

12. General Information :

- (a) A candidate should note that his/her candidature is provisional. The mere fact that an admission card has been issued to the candidate will not imply that the Commission has finally accepted his/her candidature. Candidates may note that their candidature will be deemed final upon verification of eligibility conditions.
- (b) Commission may change the centres or date of the test without assigning any reason.
- (c) Candidates should submit their Test (application) forms in their respective centre only. **The form submitted in the centre other than his/her concerned centre will be rejected.**
- (d) Test (application) forms received after the last date will not be entertained.
- (e) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- (f) In all matters the decision of the Commission shall be final.
- (g) The use of Calculators & Log Tables is not permitted. Cellular Phone, Pager etc. are not allowed in Test Hall.
- (h) Candidate who do not appear in Paper-I will not

- be permitted to appear in subsequent papers.
- (i) Candidates will not be allowed to write any question from test booklet on admission card etc.
 - (j) Candidates are to collect personally their Admit Cards from their respective centres. The Admit Cards will not be sent through post to the individual candidates.
 - (k) Test (Application) forms once sold cannot be returned and the fees paid will not be refunded.
 - (l) (i) The Provisional Pass Certificate will be issued after 20 working days from the date of announcement of SET result
 - (ii) The candidate may collect the Provisional Pass Certificate personally or through messenger (duly authorised by the candidate) along with the following :
 - (a) Mark-sheet of P.G. Final/3rd and 4th Semester. (in original)
 - (b) Caste Certificate/Special Category Certificate. (in original)
 - (c) Admit Card of SET. (in original)
 - (d) If the Provisional Pass Certificate is to be issued through authorised person, the signature of the authorised person should be attested by the candidate in the authority letter with his/her signature which was used in the Admit Card and the Test Form.
 - (iii) Loss of SET Admit Card : The application for issue of duplicate Admit Card be submitted with paper-cut of Newspaper-Advertisement and Police-report on the loss

- of SET original Admit Card with a fee of Rs. 100/-
- (iv) The Original Certificate may be collected personally/through authorised agent on payment of the fee of Rs. 250/- and on submission of the documents as mentioned at [(1)(ii)(a),(b),(c)] above. It can also be sent through SPEED POST if required. Candidates who collect the Provisional Pass Certificate are to pay the fee of Rs. 250/- only for the original Pass Certificate and they are not required to submit again the documents mentioned above.

13. Check and verify the following before mailing the Test Form :

1. Whether you fulfil the eligibility conditions for the test as prescribed under the Heading “CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY”
2. Whether you have filled up all the columns of the Test Form correctly and no column has been left blank.
3. Whether you have filled the name of the Subject and Centre as well as the respective codes in Columns 6 (ii) and 6 (iii) as shown in this booklet.
4. Whether you have filled the community status correctly in Column (8) in words in the Test Form.
5. Don't forget to sign the Test Form, Admission Card and Attendance Sheet.
6. Whether you have submitted all the documents necessary for the Test with the Test Form.

14. How to write your answer in Response Sheet :

Response Sheet (Optical Mark Reader -OMR) has been provided with the question paper for indicating your answer. This Response Sheet (OMR) has serial numbers of questions printed on it. Each question number is followed by 4 CIRCLES marked as (A) (B) (C) and (D). You will have to indicate your answer by completely darkening the appropriate Circle. For example, for a particular question, if you find that out of four given answers the one marked (C) is correct, then on the Response Sheet (OMR) against that particular question number, you will have to indicate your answer by completely darkening the correct Circle **BY BALL POINT PEN ONLY** as follows :

**Wrong Methods of Marking Answers :**

Please **DO NOT** mark your answers by using methods of marking as illustrated below



Sample Answer : You should record your Response Sheet (OMR) as given below :

Question Number	Answer Choices			
1.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
3.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
4.	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

Evaluation of Answer : The Response Sheets (OMR) for all the papers will be evaluated through computer.

N.B. :- If any candidate fails to pay the prescribed amount of Test fees as well as the cost of Test (Application) form, his/ her form will be rejected without any intimation to the candidate

Fees for the SET :

- (i) Cost of the Application Form : Rs. 300/- inclusive of the cost of Information Brochure and Syllabus.

(ii) Test Fee :

<u>Category of Candidates</u>	<u>Fees</u>
1. General	Rs. 600/-
2. OBC	Rs. 500/-
3. SC/ST	Rs. 450/-
4. PH/VH	Rs. 250/-

N.B.:- All payments are to be made through **BANK DRAFT** in favour of **MEMBER-SECRETARY, SLET COMMISSION (N E Region)** payable at the **S.B.I., Guwahati University Branch (SBI Code No. 2060)**.

**Name and address of Officers-in-Charge of
SET Centres**

Code No.	Centre	Officer-in-Charge	Address
01	Gauhati University	<i>To be announced</i>	
02	Dibrugarh University	Dr. P. K. Baruah	Dept. of Life-Science Dibrugarh University Dibrugarh-786 004
03	Tezpur University	Dr. S.K. Dutta	Dept. of Cultural Studies Tezpur University Napaam, Tezpur-784 028
04	Assam University	Dr. Devajyoti Biswas	Dept. of Mathematics Assam University Silchar-788 011
05	Manipur University	Dr. G.P. Prasain	Dept. of Commerce Manipur University Canchipur, Imphal-795 003
06	Rajiv Gandhi University	Dr. R.C. Parida	Dept. of Commerce Rajiv Gandhi University Rono Hills, Doimukh Itanagar-791 112
07	Tripura University	Sri M.M. Reang	Dy. Registrar (Academic) Tripura University Surjyamani Nagar PIN-799 130
08	Sikkim Govt. College	Dr. M.P. Kharel	Principal Sikkim Govt. College P.O. Tadong Gangtak-737 102
09	Mizoram University	Prof. P. Rinawma	Dept. of Geography Mizoram University Chanmari, Aizawal-796 004

N.B. The office of the SLET Commission located at the 2nd Floor of B.K. Auditorium , G.U. will issue and receive the application forms and fees from the candidates of Gauhati Centre only

SYLLABUS

HISTORY

Note :

There are Three Papers for each of the subjects. Paper-I on Teaching and Research aptitude, Paper -II and Paper-III based on the syllabus of concerned subjects. Details are furnished below :

PAPER -I

Subject : General Paper on Teaching & Research Aptitude

The test is intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. They are supposed to possess and exhibit cognitive abilities like comprehension, analysis, evaluation, understanding the structure of arguments, evaluating and distinguishing deductive and inductive reasoning, weighing the evidence with special reference to analogical arguments and inductive generalization, evaluating, classification and definition, avoiding logical inconsistency arising out of failure to see logical relevance due to ambiguity and vagueness in language. The candidates are also supposed to have a general acquaintance with the nature of a concept, meaning and criteria of truth, and the source of knowledge.

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