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S.No.	Frequently Asked Questions	Replies
1.	Where can I get the answer-keys of UGC-NET?	<p>University Grants Commission (UGC) conducted the UGC-NET till June 2014. The answer keys of the all NET subjects of UGC-NET examinations from June 2012 to June 2014 are available on the UGC website www.ugcnetonline.in.</p> <p>The conduct of UGC-NET was outsourced to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) from December 2014 to June 2018. Thereafter, it has been outsourced to National Testing Agency (NTA) from December 2018 onwards. For UGC-NET conducted from December 2014 onwards, the answer-keys may be obtained from the concerned body or may be accessed from their websites if uploaded there.</p>
2.	Where can I get the question papers of past UGC-NET?	<p>University Grants Commission (UGC) conducted the UGC-NET till June 2014. The question papers of UGC-NET from December 2004 to June 2014 are available on the UGC websites www.ugcnetonline.in and www.ugc.ac.in</p> <p>The conduct of UGC-NET was outsourced to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) from December 2014 to June 2018. Thereafter, it was outsourced to National Testing Agency (NTA) from December 2018 onwards. For UGC-NET conducted from December 2014 onwards, the question papers may be obtained from the concerned body or may be accessed from their website if uploaded there.</p>
3.	What is the validity of UGC-NET certificate?	<p>The validity of UGC-NET certificate of Eligibility for Assistant Professor/Lectureship is forever.</p>
4.	<p>a) Are the candidates with Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) eligible to appear in NET?</p> <p>b) My Master's degree is from a foreign university. Kindly advise me regarding my eligibility for appearing in NET.</p>	<p>a & b) It is mentioned in the Notification / Information Bulletin of UGC-NET that the candidates with post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/ Institute or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign university/ institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with corresponding Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities(AIU), New Delhi (website:www.aiu.ac.in). In case of Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from a foreign university, the candidates should ascertain the equivalence of their LL.M. degree with corresponding Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Bar Council of India, New Delhi.</p> <p>In case, such candidates still appear in the UGC-NET without ascertaining the said equivalence, they stand to be disqualified even after provisionally qualifying the UGC-NET in the event of required equivalence not having been accorded.</p>

	c) Is post-graduate diploma / certificate from a recognized Indian university a valid course for NET?	c) No, as far as universities are concerned, only Master's degrees are valid for appearing in NET.
5.	What is my rank on all India basis in UGC-NET?	Rank is not assigned in UGC-NET.
6.	Has UGC reduced the percentage of qualifying candidates from top 15% to 6%?	<p>No, it is clarified that the earlier qualifying criteria for UGC-NET involved qualifying top 15% of those candidates in each subject and category, who obtained the minimum required marks in Paper-I, Paper-II & Paper-III. This was applicable till UGC-NET held on 22.01.2017.</p> <p>From UGC-NET held from November 2017 onwards, the qualifying criterion was modified as per which 6% of the total candidates who appear in the UGC-NET examination are declared qualified. In effect, the number of qualifying candidates does not decrease.</p>
7.	Are candidates belonging to the backward category in their state, eligible for relaxation / concessions in age, eligibility conditions, fee and qualifying cut-off marks in UGC-NET?	The National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for Junior Research Fellowship and Eligibility for Assistant Professor is a national level examination. Hence, only the candidates falling in the non-creamy layer and whose category is included in the central list of Other Backward Classes (OBC) maintained by National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) and as uploaded on their website www.ncbc.nic.in , are eligible for these relaxations / concessions.
8.	What is the procedure for obtaining the duplicate JRF Award Letter / NET Certificate of Eligibility for Lectureship / Assistant Professor in case of loss of the original.	<p>UGC has issued JRF Award Letters and NET certificates till December, 2018 UGC-NET. In case of loss of original JRF Award Letter and / or NET Certificate of Eligibility for Lectureship / Assistant Professor, the candidate can apply for a duplicate NET Certificate / JRF Award Letter by producing the following documents:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Application of the candidate stating the details along with his/her date and Roll Number in NET. Self-attested copy of FIR regarding loss of the relevant document(s). A demand draft of Rs. 100/- drawn in favour of 'Secretary, University Grants Commission'. High School / Matriculation Certificate for Date of birth Post Graduation Mark Sheet & Degree Category Certificate (if any) <p>As all NET Certificates of Eligibility for Assistant Professor are being issued electronically, the candidate should provide his/her E-mail Id with contact / mobile number.</p> <p>From June 2019 UGC-NET onwards, the JRF Award Letters and NET certificates are being issued by NTA. The candidates may approach NTA for their JRF Award Letters and NET certificates from June, 2019 UGC-NET onwards.</p>
9.	I obtained my MA degree in Political Science. Can I appear for NET in Public Administration?	For latest and detailed eligibility conditions please refer to the Information Bulletin / Notification on the website of NTA, as per which the candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their post-graduation only. The candidate whose post-graduation subject is not included in the list of NET subjects, may appear in a related subject. In such a situation, the candidate should go through the

	<p>I possess an M.Com degree. Can I appear for NET in Management?</p> <p>In general, has the candidate got to appear for NET in the subject of his / her post-graduation only? In which subject should he / she appear in case NET is not conducted in the subject of his / her post-graduation.</p>	<p>syllabi of subjects in which UGC-NET is conducted, uploaded on the UGC website www.ugcnetonline.in and appear in a subject that is closest to the subject of post-graduation of the candidate. However, the suitability of any candidate for a teaching position lies within the jurisdiction of the appointing authority.</p>
10.	<p>Am I eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor in 'Population Studies' having also cleared NET in the same subject while my M.Sc. degree is in Statistics / Mathematics / Geography ?</p> <p>In general as far as subjects of interdisciplinary nature are concerned can a candidate be appointed to the post of Assistant Professor in a particular subject if his / her Master's degree is not exactly in that subject but in a related subject.</p>	<p>It is mentioned in the Information Bulletin / Notification of UGC-NET that:</p> <p><i>The candidates with Master's Degree in Geography (with specialization in Population Studies) or Mathematics/ Statistics are also eligible to appear in the subject "Population Studies" (Code 015).</i></p> <p>However, suitability of a candidate for any teaching position is within the purview of the appointing authority as mentioned in reply to FAQ 9.</p>
11.	<p>I have cleared the UGC-NET held on say, 22.01.2017 for Eligibility for Assistant Professor. What is the date of my eligibility for the post of Assistant Professor?</p>	<p>The date of eligibility for the post of Assistant Professor is the date of declaration of NET result, which in this case is 29th May, 2017 OR the date of completion of Master's degree or equivalent examination with required percentage of marks within two years from the date of declaration of NET result, i.e. by 28th May, 2019, whichever is later.</p>
12.	<p>Is there negative marking in UGC-NET?</p>	<p>No, negative marking is not there in UGC-NET.</p>
13.	<p>What are the subjects in which NET is conducted?</p>	<p>NET in various subjects is being conducted in disciplines falling under Humanities including languages, Social Sciences and some Science subjects through UGC-NET. The Joint CSIR-UGC Test is conducted under the auspices of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in disciplines falling under the basic sciences. For Agriculture related subjects, ICAR-NET is conducted by Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (under Indian Council of Agricultural Research). The candidates may go through the respective websites for these three examinations in order to learn about the subjects in which NET is conducted.</p>

14.	<p>Can a candidate qualified in UGC-NET be appointed on a teaching position in an agricultural university?</p> <p>Similarly, a candidate who has cleared the Joint CSIR-UGC Test or the ICAR-NET is eligible for teaching in a traditional university, say, University of Delhi?</p>	<p>National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted under the auspices of the three bodies, viz. UGC, CSIR and ICAR are mutually recognized. Nevertheless, suitability of a candidate for any teaching position lies within the jurisdiction of the appointing authority.</p>
15.	<p>Will I receive my JRF Award letter / certificate of Eligibility for Lectureship / Assistant Professor for the Joint CSIR- UGC Test from UGC?</p>	<p>For candidates qualified for JRF under the UGC scheme in the Joint CSIR-UGC Test held from December 2016 to June 2019, the JRF Award Letters and NET e-certificates of Eligibility for Assistant Professor have been issued by UGC. The NET e-certificates of candidates qualified only for Lectureship / Assistant Professor have also been issued by UGC. While the JRF Award Letters are issued by UGC through speed post, the NET e-certificates are uploaded on the UGC website www.ugcnetonline.in.</p>
16.	<p>My NET e-certificate of Eligibility for Assistant Professor is not getting downloaded from UGC website www.ugcnetonline.in. How can I download it?</p>	<p>In case your NET e-certificate is not getting downloaded, you can log on to the UGC website www.ugcnetonline.in and click on the relevant link out of the following as per your examination:-</p> <p>Click here to download e-certificate of UGC-NET for June 2010 and December 2010.</p> <p>Click here to download e-certificate of UGC-NET from June 2011 onwards</p> <p>Click here to download e-certificate of Joint CSIR-UGC Test (from December- 2016 onwards)</p> <p>And then follow the instructions therein sequentially.</p>
17.	<p>Are professional qualifications, viz. Chartered Accountancy (CA) / Company Secretary (CS) / Indian Cost & Works Accountancy (ICWA) valid qualifications to appear in NET?</p>	<p>The University Grants Commission in its meeting held on 18th February, 2021 has resolved that CA/CS/ICWA qualification be considered equivalent to PG Degree.</p> <p>The candidates having CA/CS/ICWA qualification have also to fulfill eligibility criteria as stipulated in the Information Bulletin/Notification of UGC-NET.</p>
18.	<p>Is my Master's degree obtained through distance mode valid for appearing in UGC-NET?</p>	<p>Regarding degrees acquired through distance mode, the programme and tenure should be approved by the Distance Education Bureau of UGC. The year-wise recognition status of universities / institutions approved to offer education through distance mode along with the approved programmes is available on the UGC website, www.ugc.ac.in/deb.</p>
19.	<p>In case, a candidate commits an error in filling his / her name or in the name of his/her parent(s) or in his / her date of birth while</p>	<p>UGC has issued JRF Award Letters and NET certificates till December, 2018 UGC-NET. The candidate should submit an application to Head, NET Bureau, University Grants Commission, University of Delhi South Camus, Benito Juarez Marg, New Delhi - 110 021, with complete details of UGC-NET along with self-attested copies of the following documents / certificates:</p>

	applying for NET, what is the mechanism for getting the error rectified?	<p>i) Covering letter stating the nature of request along with his/her date and Roll Number in NET.</p> <p>ii) High School / Matriculation Certificate for Date of birth</p> <p>iii) Post Graduation Mark Sheet & Degree</p> <p>iv) Category Certificate (if any)</p> <p>v) Aadhaar Card/PAN Card/Passport/Voter ID Card</p> <p>From June 2019 UGC-NET onwards, the JRF Award Letters and NET certificates are being issued by NTA. The candidates may approach NTA for correction in their JRF Award Letters and NET certificates from June, 2019 UGC-NET onwards.</p>
20.	In case of loss of JRF Award Letter/NET Certificate of Eligibility for Assistant Professor, what is a procedure for getting a duplicate JRF Award Letter/NET Certificate issued?	<p>UGC has issued JRF Award Letters and NET certificates till December, 2018 UGC-NET. The candidate should submit an application to Head, NET Bureau, University Grants Commission, University of Delhi South Campus, Benito Juarez Marg, New Delhi - 110 021, with complete details of UGC-NET along with self-attested copies of the following documents / certificates:</p> <p>i) Covering letter stating the nature of request along with his/her date and Roll Number in NET.</p> <p>ii) Self-attested copy of FIR regarding loss of the relevant document(s).</p> <p>iii) A demand draft of Rs. 100/- drawn in favour of 'Secretary, University Grants Commission'.</p> <p>iv) High School / Matriculation Certificate for Date of birth</p> <p>v) Post Graduation Mark Sheet & Degree</p> <p>vi) Category Certificate (if any)</p> <p>NET Certificates are being issued through electronic mode since June, 2010 UGC-NET. Hence, duplicate NET Certificates are not required to be issued for UGC-NET held in June, 2010 and thereafter.</p>
21.	Where can I get the syllabi of UGC-NET subjects?	The syllabi of UGC-NET subjects are available on the UGC websites www.ugc.ac.in and www.ugcnetonline.in .
22.	When was NET introduced?	NET was introduced by UGC and CSIR in the year 1989.
23.	How can I get my NET certificate verified from UGC?	<p>UGC has issued JRF Award Letters and NET certificates till December, 2018 UGC-NET. Genuineness of NET certificates of Eligibility for Assistant Professor issued to the candidates can only be got verified from UGC by the appointing authorities, i.e. the universities / colleges / institutions / State Public Service Commissions / Public Sector Undertakings / Central Government Bodies etc. UGC does not entertain such requests from the candidates or other individuals.</p> <p>From June 2019 UGC-NET onwards, the JRF Award Letters and NET certificates are being issued by NTA. The appointing authorities may approach NTA for verification of JRF Award Letters and NET certificates from June, 2019 UGC-NET onwards.</p>
24.	Does the State Eligibility Test (SET) conducted prior to June 2002 confer all India eligibility upon the qualifying candidates for the post of Assistant Professor?	<p>The candidates who have cleared the State Eligibility Test (SET), earlier known as State Level Eligibility Test (SLET), accredited by UGC for eligibility for Assistant Professor held prior to 1st June, 2002, are exempted from appearing in NET, being eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor anywhere in India.</p> <p>For SET held from 1st June 2002 onwards, the qualified candidates are eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor only in the</p>

		universities/ colleges situated in the state from where they have cleared their SET.
25.	Is there a maximum limit on the number of attempts for appearing in NET?	There is no cap on the number of attempts for appearing in NET for Eligibility for Assistant Professor. However, as far as Junior Research Fellowship is concerned, there is an upper age limit for applying as specified in the concerned Information Bulletin / Notification of NET.
26.	What is the minimum qualification for appearing in UGC-NET? Is there any relaxation for the reserved category / Persons with disability (PWD) category / Transgender candidates?	General/Unreserved/General-EWS candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree or equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognized by UGC (available on the website: www.ugc.ac.in in Humanities and Social Science (including languages), Computer Science and Applications, Electronic Science etc. are eligible for this Test. The Other Backward Classes (OBC) belonging to Non-Creamy Layer/Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Persons with Disability (PwD)/Third gender / category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination are eligible for this Test.
27.	The result of final year examination of Master's Degree is awaited, OR The Candidate is in First year / Second year / Final Year of Master's Degree. Is he/she eligible to fill the online application form of UGC-NET?	Those who are pursuing their Master's degree or equivalent course or candidates who have appeared for their qualifying Master's degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of JRF/eligibility for Assistant Professor only after they have passed their Master's Degree OR equivalent examination with at least 55% Marks [50% marks in case of OBC(Non Creamy layer)/SC/ST/PWD/Transgender candidates]. Such candidates must complete their Master's degree or equivalent examination within two years from the date of NET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as disqualified.
28.	Is there any age limit for appearing in UGC-NET?	(i) Junior Research Fellowship: The candidates are advised to visit the Information Bulletin / Notification of concerned UGC-NET for getting exact information in this respect. (ii) Eligibility for Assistant Professor There is no upper age limit to apply in the UGC-NET for Eligibility for Assistant Professor.
29.	Is the reservation policy of Government of India followed in preparing the result of UGC-NET?	Yes, the result of UGC-NET is prepared on the basis of reservation policy of Government of India.
30.	What are the contact numbers and correspondence address of NET Bureau, UGC?	Contact Numbers: 011-24112276; 011-24115426 Correspondence Address: Head NET Bureau University Grants Commission University of Delhi South Campus Benito Juarez Marg New Delhi - 110021