



DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY

GUIDELINES FOR DIBRUGARH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ADMISSION TEST (DURAT), 2017

1. The Dibrugarh University Research Admission Test (DURAT) shall be conducted by a Board, to be called DURAT Board, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years. The Dean, Research and Development and the Deputy Registrar (Academic) shall be the Chairperson and Member Secretary respectively.
2. DURAT would be conducted annually, generally in the month of November. The final schedule of the Test would be notified in advance by the Office of the Deputy Registrar (Academic), Dibrugarh University.
3. The Application procedure of the DURAT including the Schedule is prescribed in the Detailed Notification.
4. DURAT shall be conducted to select eligible candidates for admission to the M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes of Dibrugarh University. The number of seats available in the Subject concerned shall be ascertained by the Departmental Research Committee concerned.
5. A candidate intending to appear in the **DURAT 2017** shall be required to obtain at least **55% marks OR equivalent grade point in the Masters degree**, in which he/ she intends to appear in the DURAT.
6. Candidates belonging to the reserved categories of SC/ST/ OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and the Differently Abled Persons, shall have 5% relaxation in the marks or an equivalent relaxation of grade in the qualifying degree.
7. The DURAT shall be conducted in a single paper which shall comprise of two parts- (a) 50% on Research Methodology/ Research Aptitude (Group A) and (b) 50% from Core Course Components of the subject concerned (Group B). The paper shall carry 100 marks and the duration of examination shall be of two and half hours.

The pattern of the Question Papers shall be as below-

- i. Objective Type Multiple Choice = 50% from Group A and 50% from Group B.
There will be negative marking of 25% of allotted mark against each incorrect response.
 - ii. Descriptive Type= 50% from Group A and 50% from Group B.
8. The DURAT Board shall recommend to the Vice Chancellor the panel of Paper-setters, Moderators, Tabulators and Examiners for approval.
 9. The minimum marks for qualifying the DURAT shall be **50**. However, the University shall declare the merit list of the qualified candidates only against the seats available in the subject concerned.
 10. The DURAT score shall be valid for the current academic session only.
 11. Any matter not covered above shall be considered in compliance with the Dibrugarh University Examination Ordinance (amended upto date).

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THE QUESTION PAPER PATTERN and CONDUCT OF THE TEST

1. The DURAT shall be conducted in a single paper which shall comprise of two parts- (a) 50% on Research Methodology/ Research Aptitude (Group A) and (b) 50% from Core Course Components of the subject concerned (Group B). The paper shall carry 100 marks. The duration of the DURAT shall be of two and half hours.

2. The pattern of the Question Papers shall be as below:

i) There shall be Objective Type Multiple Choice Questions for 50 Marks containing 25 questions. Each question shall carry 2 marks. 12/13 questions shall be set from Group A, i.e, from Research Methodology/Research Aptitude and 12/13 questions from the Group B, i.e, the Core Course Components of the subject concerned.

The internal option of each question in the Group A is 4(four)

There will be negative marking of 25% of allotted marks against each incorrect response.

ii) A total of 50 marks of the Question paper shall contain Descriptive Type questions. These shall be distributed as below-

1. Group A (Research Methodology/ Research Aptitude) = 25 marks

Two Essay Type Questions of 10 marks each (10x2) = 20 marks
These questions should have at least one internal option

One ***short note or short answer*** type Question = 5 marks

2. Group B (Core Course Components of the subject) = 25 marks

Two Essay Type Questions of 10 marks each (10x2) = 20 marks
These questions should have at least one internal option

One ***short note or short answer*** type Question = 5 marks

3. The candidates shall be required to write their answers of Group A and Group B in two separate Answer Scripts.

a) The questions of the Group A shall have to be attempted in the **Response Sheet** within ***the first hour of the Test*** and shall be required to return to the Invigilators(s) present on duty.

b) The questions of the Group B shall have to be attempted in the **Answer Script** within ***stipulated duration of the Test*** and shall be required to return to the Invigilator(s) present on duty.
