UGC (SERO), HYDERABAD

The Terms of Reference of the NET Review Committee are given as under please:

"The University Grants Commission has appointed an Expert Committee to carry out a comprehensive review of the various pedagogic, academic, technical and administrative issues related to the National Eligibility Test being carried out by the UGC twice a year. The Committee would work within the existing regulatory framework (laid down by "UGC Regulation on minimum qualification for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education 2010" as amended from time to time). The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the NET Review Committee are as under:

1. Scheme of Examination:
(i) Principal objective/purpose of the scheme;

(ii) Format of examination (MCQ or conventional questions); and

(iii) Medium of examination beyond Hindi & English.

2. Subject & syllabii:

(i) Number of subjects to be covered;

(ii) Policy on multiple eligibility or interchangeable eligibility in cognate discipline;

(iii) Process for deciding syllabii; and

(iv) Revision of syllabii.

3. Developing Question Banks:

(i) Policy for selection of experts;
(ii) Protocol for Question Banks; and
(iii) Measures for confidentiality, credibility & efficiency.

4. Evaluation:

(i) To examine evaluation procedure(s);

(ii) Measures to reduce subjectivity;

(iii) Mechanism for review of question papers & dispute resolution; and

(iv) Need of negative marking and its weightage.

5. Selection Criteria:

(i) Cut-off marks, percentiles or only basic qualifying marks;

(ii) Selection criteria for JRF; and

(iii) Determination of subject-wise number of JRF and category-wise and subject-wise cut-offs.

6. Eligibility:

(i) Review existing eligibility in terms of marks in qualifying examination;

(ii) Age limit; and

(iii) Number of attempts.

7. Organizational issues:

(i) Reorganization of NET;

(ii) Infrastructure & manpower; and

(iii) Delegation of certain existing functions of NET to other agencies.

8. Research & Development Unit:

(i) Measures to institute an ongoing research & development in the test; and

(ii) To ensure regular learning & improvement.

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