

Syllabus - AAFT PET (PhD Entrance Test)

Objective: The main objective is to assess the research capabilities of the candidates. The test aims at assessing the general aptitude, communication skills and research aptitude. Candidates are expected to possess and exhibit cognitive abilities, which include comprehension, analysis, evaluation, understanding the structure of arguments, deductive and inductive reasoning. The candidate should also depict the understanding of the subject applied for.

AAFT PET Entrance Exam – Structure – The candidate aspiring to pursue the PhD program from AAFT University will have to appear for the AAFT PhD Entrance Test. The admission of the candidate will be subject to qualifying the AAFT PET. The Candidate must appear for written test (Paper – I & Paper – II) and Personal Interview. The language of the Entrance Exam will be English. The Structure of the Exam is as mentioned below:

Paper	Components	Questions	Weightage
Paper – I (General Paper)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Aptitude • Communication & Reading Comprehension • General Aptitude • Logical Reasoning • Data Interpretation • Information and Communication Technology 	50 MCQ's (Multiple Choice Questions) each carrying one marks	50 Marks
Paper – II (Specialization)	The question will be specific to the program/ Subject of the applicant for e.g. Management, Journalism and Humanities.	50 MCQ's (Multiple Choice Questions) each carrying one marks	50 Marks
Total		100 Marks	

Note:

- The candidate must clear both the papers and personal interview separately.
- There will be negative marking for the wrong answers (for every 1 wrong answer 0.5 marks will be deducted)

Paper – I - Syllabus

Subject: General Paper

The paper will be common to all the candidates irrespective of their streams / Specialization.

1. Research Aptitude

- Research: Meaning, Types, and Characteristics, Approaches of Research. Methods of Research: Experimental, Descriptive, Historical, Qualitative and Quantitative methods. Steps of Research. Thesis and Article writing: Format and styles of referencing. Research ethics.

2. Communication & Reading Comprehension

- Communication: Meaning, types and characteristics of communication. Effective communication: Verbal and Non-verbal, Inter-Cultural and group communications, Barriers to effective communication. A passage of text be given. Questions be asked from the passage to be answered.

3. General Aptitude

- General Aptitude - Number series, Letter series Fraction, Time & Distance, Ratio, Proportion and Percentage, Profit and Loss, Interest and Discounting, Averages etc.

4. Logical Reasoning

- Analogy, Blood Relations, Causes and effect, Coding Decoding, Decision making, verbal reasoning, Venn diagram.

5. Data Interpretation

- Sources, acquisition, and classification of Data. Quantitative and Qualitative Data. Graphical representation (Bar-chart, Histograms, Pie-chart, Table-chart, and Line-chart) and mapping of Data. Data Interpretation. Data and Governance.

6. Information and Communication Technology

- ICT: General abbreviations and terminology. Basics of Internet, Intranet, E-mail, Audio and Videoconferencing. Digital initiatives in research. Application of ICT in research.