

**NOTIFICATION FOR  
MAHARASHTRA STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (MH-SET) FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

**to be conducted on  
Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015**

**by  
SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY  
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## **Important Dates**

<b>Commencement of Online Form Submission</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015</b>
<b>Last date for Applying Online &amp; generation of filled Bank Challan for Fee</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June, 2015</b>
<b>Last date for submission of Fee through online generated Bank Challan, at any branch of HDFC Bank or Bank of Maharashtra.</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015</b>
<b>Date of Examination</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015</b>

**NOTE: PRINTOUT OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM SHOULD NEITHER BE SENT TO ANY CO-ORDINATING CENTRE NOR TO SET DEPARTMENT, SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY, PUNE.**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the guidelines of the U.G.C., the Government of Maharashtra, Higher & Technical Education & Employment Department vide Resolution No. UGC-1391/2066/VS-4, date: July 14 1994 have nominated the Savitribai Phule Pune University as the State Agency for conducting the State Eligibility Test (SET). The U.G.C. has accredited the SET unit, Savitribai Phule Pune University as the State Agency for the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of Goa.

### **2. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**

- a) The candidates must have Master's Degree recognized by U.G.C. Candidates having 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 Master's degree of recognized Indian Universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi ([www.aiuweb.org](http://www.aiuweb.org))
- b) The candidates other than SC/ST/OBC/SBC/DT/NT category, who have secured at least 55% marks (without gracing or rounding off) in Master's or equivalent examination, are eligible for this test. OBC/SBC/DT/NT [belonging to non-creamy layer] and SC/ST/PH/VH (PH-Physically Handicapped. VH-Visually Handicapped i.e. Blind) category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without gracing or rounding off) in Master's or equivalent examination are eligible for this test.
- c) **The candidates who are studying in the first year of two years Masters Course or in first two semesters of a four semester's course of Master's Degree are not eligible to appear for this test.**

- d) Candidates who have appeared OR will be appearing at the qualifying (final) master's degree examination and whose result is still awaited OR candidates whose examinations have been delayed may also apply for this Test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible to apply for the SET Examination. Such candidates who clear SET Examination will be issued the certificate after they have passed their Master's Degree examination or equivalent examination with at least 55% marks (50% in case of SC/ST/PH/VH and OBC/SBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D) [belonging to non-creamy layer] category candidates) and submit their P.G. Mark sheet within two years from the date of declaration of result of the SET examination.
- e) The candidates of other States belonging to reserved categories shall be treated as Open category, as per rules of Maharashtra Government.
- f) Candidates can appear for SET in the subject of their Post Graduation only.
- g) Candidates should note that their candidature is provisional. Their candidature will be deemed final upon verification of eligibility condition with reference to the claims made in their application or as may be called for, from time to time.
- h) To apply for the SET there is no upper age limit.
- i) As per the U.G.C. rules the candidates who have passed M.Sc. (by Research) are not eligible to appear for the SET.
- j) The MH-SET State Agency will not issue any mark sheet to qualified/not qualified candidates. The SET Unit will issue certificate to qualifying candidates only.

**3) EXEMPTION (ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR)**

- a. Exemption from SET will be as per decisions taken by the U.G.C. and State Government from time to time.

#### 4. SUBJECTS

Presently the MH-SET is being conducted in the following subjects.

SR.NO	CODE NO.	SUBJECT
01	01	MARATHI
02	02	HINDI
03	03	ENGLISH
04	04	SANSKRIT
05	05	URDU
06	10	HISTORY
07	11	ECONOMICS
08	12	PHILOSOPHY
09	13	PSYCHOLOGY
10	14	SOCIOLOGY
11	15	POLITICAL SCIENCE
12	16	DEFENCE & STRATEGIC STUDIES
13	17	HOME SCIENCE
14	18	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE
15	19	JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION
16	20	SOCIAL WORK
17	21	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
18	30	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE
19	31	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
20	32	PHYSICAL SCIENCE
21	33	CHEMICAL SCIENCE
22	34	LIFE SCIENCE
23	35	EARTH, ATMOSPHERIC, OCEAN & PLANETARY SCIENCE
24	36	GEOGRAPHY
25	37	COMPUTER SCIENCE & APPLICATION
26	38	ELECTRONIC SCIENCE
27	39	FORENSIC SCIENCE
28	50	COMMERCE
29	51	MANAGEMENT (including Business Administration/ Marketing/ Marketing Management/Industrial relations and personnel management)
30	60	LAW
31	70	EDUCATION
32	71	PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The candidates are allowed to appear for **only one** subject from the above list.

Candidates have to appear for SET in the subject of their Post Graduation only. However, candidates whose post graduation subject is not covered in the list of subjects in Item No.4 may appear in a related subject as per the guidelines of U.G.C. (NET).

## 5. CENTERS

The MH-SET will be conducted at the following 15 centers only:

Mumbai, Pune, Kolhapur, Nashik, Jalgaon, Aurangabad, Nanded, Amravati, Nagpur, Goa, Solapur, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Ahmednagar and Dhule.

## 6. a) APPLICATION FORM

Application form is available only on University website <http://setexam.unipune.ac.in> Candidates are neither required to send any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility nor printout of their application form to any Co-ordinating Centre in the States of Maharashtra and Goa or to MH-SET Department, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

## b) FEES

The examination fees including processing fee are as under

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| i) OPEN   | Rs. 550/- |
| ii) • SC/ST/PH/VH                                       |           |
| • OBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SBC<br>(Non Creamy Layer) | Rs. 450/- |

**The candidates of other States belonging to reserved categories shall be treated as Open category, as per rules of Maharashtra Government.**

**The examination fees should be paid by a Challan at any branch of HDFC Bank OR Bank of Maharashtra. Please note that fee submitted by any other mode like money order, demand draft, IPO etc. will be rejected. Examination fees once paid cannot be refunded.**

## 7. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

- a) **The SET will be conducted in Objective Mode.** The test will consist of three papers. All the three papers will consist of only objective type questions and will be held on the day of Examination in two separate sessions as under.

Session	Paper	Number of Multiple Choice Questions	Marks	Duration
First	I	60 out of which 50 questions are to be attempted	50 x 2 = 100	1 <sup>1/4</sup> hours (10.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.)
First	II	50 questions all of which are compulsory	50 x 2 = 100	1 <sup>1/4</sup> hours (11.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)
Second	III	75 questions all of which are compulsory	75 x 2 = 150	2 <sup>1/2</sup> hours (02.00 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.)

- b) **Paper-I** shall be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate. Sixty (60) multiple choice questions of two marks each will be given, out of which the candidate would be required to answer any fifty (50). **In the event of the candidate attempting more than fifty questions, the first fifty questions attempted by the candidate would be evaluated.**

**Paper-II** shall consist of fifty (50) objective type compulsory questions based on the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry two marks.

**Paper-III** will consist of 75 objective type compulsory questions from the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry two marks.

All questions of Paper-II and Paper-III will be compulsory, covering entire syllabus (INCLUDING ALL ELECTIVES, WITHOUT OPTIONS).

The Candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper-I, Paper-II & Paper-III on the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) Sheet provided along with the Test Booklet.

The detailed instructions for filling up the OMR sheet are given on page 11. It may be noted that these instructions to candidates will not be sent to any of the candidate by post.

- c) The candidate shall have to return the original OMR sheet of Paper-I and II together and Paper-III to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall/room. However, candidates are allowed to carry the Test Booklet of Paper-I, II and III along with duplicate copy of OMR sheet (carbonless copy) on conclusion of examination.
- d) There will be no negative marking.
- e) The syllabus of Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III for all subjects is available on website <http://setexam.unipune.ac.in> Please ignore the instruction given for Paper III under syllabus of respective subject. **The MH-SET State Agency will not send the syllabus to individual candidates.**

## **8. PROCEDURE & CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF RESULT**

This will comprise of following steps:

### **Step I:**

**Minimum marks to be obtained in each paper separately for considering a candidate for eligibility for Assistant Professor:**

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

CATEGORY	MINIMUM MARKS TO BE OBTAINED		
	PAPER-I	PAPER-II	PAPER-III
GENERAL	40 (40%)	40 (40%)	75 (50%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SC/ST/PH/VH</li><li>• OBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SBC (Non Creamy Layer)</li></ul>	35 (35%)	35 (35%)	60 (40%)

### **Step II:**

Amongst those candidates who have cleared step I, a merit list will be prepared subject-wise and category-wise using the aggregate marks of all the three papers secured by such candidates.

### **Step III:**

Top 15% candidates (for each subject and category), from the merit list mentioned under step II, will be declared SET qualified for eligibility for Assistant Professor.

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria decided by UGC is final and binding.

## **9. PROVISIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (INCLUDING VISUALLY CHALLENGED CANDIDATES)**

- Thirty minutes compensatory time shall be provided for Paper – I and Paper – II separately. For paper – III, Forty Five minutes compensatory time shall be provided. These candidates, on their request, will also be provided the services of a scribe who would be a graduate in a subject other than that of the candidate.
- The Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged) candidates who are not in a position to write in their own hand-writing can also avail these services of scribe by making prior request (at least one week before the date of MH-SET) in writing to the concerned Center Superintendent. Compensatory time and facility of scribe would not be provided to other Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged) candidates.
- The candidate has the discretion of opting for his/her own scribe or has to request the concerned Center Superintendent for the same in writing at least one week in advance of the test. In such instances the candidate is allowed to meet the scribe a day before the examination so as to verify whether the scribe is suitable or not. Those candidates who opt for their own scribe have to produce the scribe before the concerned Center Superintendent along with his/her certificates of educational qualifications at least one day before the test.

Visually Handicapped (Blind)/Physically Handicapped candidates should produce Medical Certificate issued by Civil Surgeon whenever demanded.



## 10. ADMISSION CARD

Admit Card will be provided online to all candidates 10 days prior to the date of the SET on the same website from where the candidate had submitted his/her SET application form online. Candidate shall enter his/her Login ID and password for getting his/her Admit Card. *Admit card will not be sent to the candidates by post.*

Candidates have to download and get a printout of ADMIT CARD. Candidate must carry admit card and also one additional photo identity such as a driving license, college/university identity card, PAN card, voter Id or Adhar Card to the examination centre on the Day of the Examination.

**Candidates are also requested to approach Contact Person of the Centre opted by him/her for assistance required, if any.**

## 11. HOW TO APPLY (APPLICATION HAS TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE)

### STEPS FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- i) Candidate seeking admission to the Test (MH-SET, August 2015) must apply online only on the SET website: <http://setexam.unipune.ac.in>
- ii) Before applying Online, the candidates must possess the scanned images as below:-
  - Passport size photograph in JPG & JPEG format of maximum 50 kb.
  - Signature in JPG & JPEG format of maximum 30 kb.
- iii) After filling all the details for applying online for MH-SET the candidates have to make payment through challan generated during the online filling of the application form indicating your details.
- iv) **The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card along with their printout of online admission card on the day of examination.**
- v) Before applying Online, candidates are advised to go through detailed notification available on SET website (<http://setexam.unipune.ac.in>). **Please note that Fee submitted through any other mode like Money Order, Demand Draft, IPO etc. will be summarily rejected.**
- vi) In order to avoid last minute rush, the candidates are advised to apply early enough. MH-SET State Agency will not be responsible for network problems or any other problem of this nature in submission of online application during last days.

## 12) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- i) The candidates must read the conditions of eligibility as given at item no. 2 carefully and must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility for the Test before filling the online application Form.
- ii) Submission of Online Application is mandatory. Hard copies of application form will not be accepted by any Co-ordinating Centre in States of Maharashtra and Goa or by MH-SET Department, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.
- iii) Application Form must be complete in all respects as per the Notification.
- iv) All incomplete Application Forms will be rejected.
- v) **Applications submitted on any other format (including old MH-SET format) will not be accepted.**
- vi) Printout of online application form should be kept by the candidate with them for further reference.
- vii) **No applications can be submitted after the last date (i.e. 27/06/2015).**
- viii) The Candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Card has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear in the test shall not imply that the MH-SET has finally accepted his/her candidature.
- ix) The candidates are required to bring a photo identity card also along with their printout of online Admission Card on the day of examination. **No candidate will be allowed to appear in the examination whose admission card is not issued by the MH-SET State Agency.**
- x) The candidates should report at the examination center 30 minutes prior to commencement of examination. No candidate will be allowed to enter the examination center/hall after commencement of examination.
- xi) No candidate will be allowed to leave the examination hall/room before 12:30 PM in the 1<sup>st</sup> session and 4:30 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session.
- xii) The candidate shall have to return the original OMR Sheet of Paper I & II and Paper-III to the Invigilator before leaving the examination hall/room. However, candidates are allowed to carry the Test Booklets of Paper-I, II and III along with duplicate copy (carbon less copy) of OMR Sheet on conclusion of examination.
- xiii) No TA will be paid to the candidates, on account of appearing at the examination etc.
- xv) The use of calculator and Log Tables is not permitted. Mobile phones, pagers, electronic devices etc. are not allowed in the Examination Hall/Room.
- xvi) A candidate who does not appear in paper-I & II, will not be permitted to appear in paper-III
- xvii) Candidates will not be allowed to write any question from the Test Booklet on the Admission Card or on any other paper.
- xviii) There are no negative marks of incorrect answers.
- xix) The Answer keys of all the papers will be displayed on the website <http://setexam.unipune.ac.in> after the examination (the exact dates will be notified later on the website). The candidates, who are not satisfied with the answer keys may challenge online only through the link available on the website (<http://setexam.unipune.ac.in>) on payment of Rs.1000/- per question. The fee can be paid by challan. In case the challenge of any candidate regarding answer keys is accepted, the fee will be refunded to such candidates. In all other cases the fee once paid will not be refunded. **The MH-SET State Agency's decision on the challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of final answer keys.**
- xx) The marks of all the candidates will be uploaded on SET website <http://setexam.unipune.ac.in> soon after declaration of result. Besides this, the MH-SET State Agency's will not issue any marks sheet to qualified/non qualified candidates.

- xxi) Further, the candidates, having any grievances with regard to answer key (s) even after declaration of result of MH-SET August, 2015, may send a written request to the Registrar & Member Secretary (SET), Savitribai Phule Pune University, Ganeshkhind, Pune 411007 supporting his/her stand with standard books/literature along with a Demand Draft of Rs. 5,000/- in favour of Finance & Accounts Officer, Savitribai Phule Pune University payable at Pune within one month from the date of declaration of result of MH-SET August, 2015 examination. The envelope should be marked Grievance Regarding Answer Key(s) of MH-SET August, 2015. The request(s) so received will be placed before the Expert Committee(s) for re-examination of the answer key(s).
- xxii) In case the answer key(s) is/are found to be incorrect, the MH-SET State Agency will process the result in the light of changed key (s) and qualify the additional candidates for Eligibility for Assistant Professor. However, the result of previously qualified candidates shall remain unchanged.
- xxiii) There are no negative marks of incorrect answers.
- xxiv) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- xxv) The decision of the MH-SET State Agency shall be final in all matters.
- xxvi) All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Pune Courts only.
- xxvii) Candidate must sign the attendance sheet in each session (i.e. morning and afternoon) in absence of candidate's signature, on attendance sheet his/her O.M.R. (Answer-sheet) will not be checked.
- xxviii) Smoking, Taking Tea/Coffee/Alcoholics etc. or any refreshments in the examination hall/ room are prohibited.

### **13) CHECK LIST FOR FILLING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**

The candidates are advised to ensure the following points before filling the Online Application forms:

- i) Whether they fulfill the eligibility conditions for the Test as prescribed under the heading '**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**'
- ii) That they have filled their **CATEGORY**, viz, GENERAL/OBC/DT(A)/NT(B)/NT(C)/NT(D)/SBC (non-creamy layer), SC/ST/ PWD, in the relevant column correctly.
- iii) That they have filled their **subject and Center of examination and code** in the relevant column correctly.
- iv) That the Person with Disability (PWD) candidates have filled the relevant column in the online application form. Only PWD candidates have to fill this column and the others have to leave it blank.
- v) Whether they have kept a printout of online application form (confirmation page) for their own record.

14. **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING THE RESPONSES WITH PEN AND PAPER BASED EXAMINATION**

- (i) Out of four alternatives for each question, only one circle for the correct answer is to be darkened completely with blue/black Ball Point Pen only. For example Question No. 008 in the Test Booklet reads as follows:  
Qutub Minar is situated in

- (1) Delhi  
(2) Mumbai  
(3) Agra  
(4) Bengaluru

The correct response to this question is (1) Delhi. The candidate will locate Question No. 008 in the Answer Sheet and darken the circle (1) as shown below:

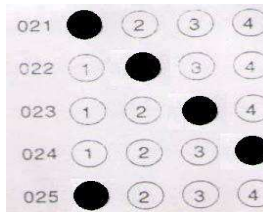
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- (ii) Use Blue or Black Ball Point Pen to completely darken the appropriate circle, i.e. one circle for each entry.

The answer once marked is not liable to be changed. Use of pencil is strictly prohibited. If any candidate uses the pencil for darkening the answer sheet, his/her answer sheet will be rejected.

- (iii) A light or faintly darkened circle is a wrong method of marking and liable to be rejected by the Optical Scanner. So, the circle should be properly darkened.  
(iv) The Correct way of marking is shown below.

**Correct Method**



- (v) If the candidate does not want to attempt any question he/she should not darken the circle given against that question.  
(vi) Please do not fold the Answer Sheet and do not make any stray marks on it.  
(vii) **ROUGH WORK**  
The candidate will not do any rough work on the Answer Sheet. All rough work is to be done in the Test Booklet itself.  
(viii) **CHANGING AN ANSWER IS NOT ALLOWED**  
The candidates must fully satisfy themselves about the accuracy of the answer before darkening the appropriate circle as no change in answer once marked is allowed. Use of eraser or white/correction fluid on the Answer Sheet is not permissible as the Answer Sheets are machine gradable and it may lead to wrong evaluation.  
(ix) Prior to handing over the Answer Sheet soon after the examination is over, the candidate must sign the attendance sheet as a proof thereof. **The examinee is permitted to carry the Test Booklet.**

**WARNING:**

1. PERSONS REMOVING PAGES FROM THE TEST-BOOKLET DURING EXAMINATION, IMPERSONATING OR TRYING TO APPEAR IN THE SEAT ALLOCATION PROCESS THROUGH FORGED MEANS WILL BE DEALT WITH AS PER LAW.
2. CANVASSING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF SEATS OR INFLUENCING STAFF BY UNFAIR MEANS WORLD LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES INCLUDING DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATES.

## **15. UNFAIR MEANS/MISCONDUCT**

Any candidate found guilty of using unfair means or of misconduct of any nature in the Examination hall/room shall be liable to be disqualified for future SET examinations.

- a) Any candidate who creates disturbance of any kind during the course of the examination or otherwise misbehaves in or around the examination centre or refuses to obey the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or any other official on examination duty or changes his seat with any other candidate will be deemed to have committed misconduct. Such a candidate shall forfeit the right to continue with the examination.
- b) If any candidate, appearing in SET is found to have in his possession or access to papers/books or notes which may possibly be of help to him/her or is found giving or receiving assistance or copying from any paper/book or note, or helping other candidate(s) to copy from his/her answer-sheet/test booklet or writing questions set in the question paper on any other paper, or using or attempting to use any other unfair means, a report about the same in the sealed cover shall be forwarded to the Member Secretary (MH-SET) .

The report of the invigilator Staff supported/endorsed by the Superintendent/Observer shall be treated as conclusive proof to establish a charge of unfair means against the candidate. In such a case, the candidate shall earn disqualification from appearing in the SET.

- c) Each candidate shall have to produce his/her admit card on demand by the Coordinator Invigilator/Examination Superintendent/Observer.
- d) The candidates shall have to abide by any instructions that may be announced by the Superintendent/Invigilator in the examination hall/room. Important instructions for marking the responses with pen and paper based examination.

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