

SLET COMMISSION, Assam

(NE Region)

Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar

Guwahati - 781 014



INFORMATION BROCHURE

OF

STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST

(SET)

1. Concept of STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (SET)

In order to maintain a uniform standard of graduate and post graduate teaching through-out the Country, the Government of India through its notification in 1988 stated that only those candidates would be considered eligible for a post of lecturer, who besides fulfilling the minimum academic qualifications for it, also qualify in a comprehensive test, National Eligibility Test (NET), to be conducted for the purpose. Accordingly, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has been conducting the eligibility Test (NET) for lecturership on Humanities and Social Science subjects. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been conducting the eligibility test (NET) for lecturership in the Science subjects. UGC simultaneously asked the Govt. of the States and Union Territories about their option to conduct their own test or alternatively adopt the UGC-CSIR test. In case they opt to conduct a test equivalent to UGC-CSIR then these should be accredited by the UGC. In response to this, many States opted to conduct their own test i.e. State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) for lecturers. Similarly a proposal was put forward for constituting the North East State Level Eligibility Test (NESLET) on 26.6.2000 to conduct such a test for the aspirant candidates of the North East Region. It was subsequently constituted as SLET Commission Assam (NE Region). The name of the Test has again been modified as SET (STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST).

Its member States at present are Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Tripura.

2. Location

SLET Commission Office is located at
2nd Floor, B. K. B. Auditorium
Gauhati University Campus
Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar, Guwahati-781 014
Assam

3. Recruitment Rules

It is also decided that the qualified candidates in the SET will be governed by the rules and regulations of recruitment of lecturer of the Universities and Colleges as the case may be.

4. Eligibility to sit for SET

Any Indian National who obtained Master Degree or equivalent Degree with atleast 55% marks (without rounding up) is eligible to sit in the SET. However the Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ persons with disability (PWD) category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding up) in Master Degree or equivalent Degree are eligible for this test.

Candidates who have appeared or will be appearing at the final (or 4th Semester) of their Master Degree Examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examination has been delayed, may also apply and appear at this Test. However such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of pass certificate only after they have passed the Master's Degree examination or equivalent with the required percentage of marks. Such candidates must obtain the Master Degree within two years from the date of holding the concerned SET with required percentage of marks failing which they shall be treated as disqualified. **Candi-**

dates are advised to appear in the subject of their Master Degree only. The candidates whose Master Degree subject is not covered in the list of subject in item 5(i) may appear in a related subject.

Candidates who qualify in the Test are eligible to apply for the post of lecturer within the jurisdiction of the Member-States of this SLET Commission. They will be given a pass-certificate and the validity period of certificate is forever.

5. (i) Subject of Test

At present the test will be held in the subjects mentioned below :

(The code number to be used for the subjects is also shown against each)

| Name of Subjects | Subject Code |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Assamese | 01 |
| English | 02 |
| Economics | 03 |
| Education | 04 |
| History | 05 |
| Philosophy | 06 |
| Political Science | 07 |
| Geography | 08 |
| Manipuri | 09 |
| Bodo | 10 |
| Bengali | 11 |
| Hindi | 12 |
| Anthropology | 13 |
| Sanskrit | 14 |
| Sociology | 15 |
| Commerce | 21 |

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|----------------------|----|
| Chemical Science | 31 |
| Life Science | 32 |
| Mathematical Science | 33 |
| Physical Science | 34 |

(ii) Test Centres

It is endeavoured to make atleast one centre in each constituent University of the SLET Commission with a minimum 25 candidates. If the number falls short of this in a centre, then the candidates of that centre will be attached to the nearest centre.

| Name of Centres | Centre Code |
|---|-------------|
| Gauhati University | 01 |
| Dibrugarh University | 02 |
| Tezpur University | 03 |
| Assam University | 04 |
| Manipur University | 05 |
| Rajib Gandhi Central University, Itanagar | 06 |
| Tripura University | 07 |
| Sikkim Govt. College | 08 |
| Mizoram University | 09 |

(The particulars of the Co-ordinators cum Officers-in-charge of the SET Centres with their address are furnished in the last page)

(iii) Change of Test Centres

Application for change of Test centre on plain paper will be received by the SLET Commission office within 07 (working) days of last date of submission of forms. The centre change fees is Rs. 300/- per candidate. The application for change of centre must be forwarded

by the Co-ordinator of the original centre along with the candidate's Application Form, Attendance Slip and Admit Card. No request for change of centre will be accepted by the SLET Commission after the specified date.

(iv) Design and syllabi of test

Presently, the Commission has accepted the syllabi of the NET conducted by the UGC and the CSIR. Syllabus will be provided along with the application form.

6. Scheme of test

(i) The Test will consists of three papers. All the three papers will have only objective type questions of the following forms :

(a) Multiple-Choice

(b) Matching

(c) Assertion and Reasoning

(d) True and False

The test will be held on a day in two separate sessions.

| Session | Paper | Marks | Number of Questions | Duration |
|---------|-------|-------|---|--|
| First | I | 100 | 60 out of which 50 question (to be attempted) | 1½ Hours (09.00 A.M. to 10.15 A.M.) |
| First | II | 100 | 50 questions (all are compulsory) | 1½ Hours (10.30 A.M. to 11.45 A.M.) |
| Second | III | 150 | 75 questions (all are compulsory) | 2½ Hours (01.00 P.M. to 3.30 P.M.) |

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) objective type 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 50 objective type compulsory questions based on the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry 2 marks.

Paper-III shall consist of 75 objective type compulsory questions from the subject selected by the candidate. Each question will carry 2 marks. All questions of Paper-II and Paper-III are compulsory, covering entire syllabus (including all electives, without options).

The candidate will have to mark the answers to questions on the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet provided along with the Test Booklet.

(ii) Procedure & criteria for declaration of result :

This will comprise of following steps :

Step I :

Minimum marks to be obtained in SET for considering a candidate for the eligibility for lectureship :

The candidates are required to obtain following minimum marks separately in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III as given for consideration of results :

| Minimum Marks (%) to be obtained | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| CATEGORY | PAPER - I | PAPER - II | PAPER - III |
| GENERAL | 40 (40%) | 40 (40%) | 75 (50%) |
| OBC (Non-creamy layer) | 35 (35%) | 35 (35%) | 67.5 (45%) rounded of to 68) |
| PWD/SC/ST | 35 (35%) | 35 (35%) | 60 (40%) |

Step II :

Amongst those candidates who have cleared step I, a general merit list will be prepared subjectwise. Another merit list subjectwise and category-wise will also be prepared. In preparing these list, the aggregate marks of all the three papers secured by such candidates will be the basis.

Step III :

15% of the candidates came under consideration as per step I will be worked out subjectwise and category-wise, and the result will be finalised as per formula below:

- (i) Top candidates of the general merit list will be selected (equal to 15% of the general category) serially subjectwise irrespective of category.
- (ii) Top 15% of the other candidate subjectwise and category-wise will be selected from the list prepared subjectwise and category-wise excluding those included in the general category.

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria decided by SLET Commission (Moderation/Steering Committees) is final and binding.

- (iii) **For Persons with Disability (Visually Challenged candidates)** thirty minutes extra time shall be provided separately for Paper-I and Paper-II. For Paper-III, forty five minutes extra time shall be provided. They will also be provided the services of a amanuensis who would be graduate in a subject other than that of the candidate. **Those Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged)** who are not in a position to write in their own hand-writing can also avail these services. For such facility, candidate shall have to make prior request (at least one

week before the date of SET) in writing to the Co-ordinator of the concerned Test Centre. Extra time and facility of amanuensis would not be provided to other **Persons with Disability (Physically Challenged)** candidates.

- (iv) The candidates will be allowed to carry the carbon printout of OMR (Response Sheets) and Test Booklets with them on conclusion of the Test
- (v) There will be no negative marking.
- (vi) The Answer Key of Paper I, II and III will be available in the SLET Commission's website after 7 (seven) working days of the Test. Feedback if any, from the candidate for Answer-Key will be received upto 15 (fifteen) days from the date of uploading in the website. Feedback received after this stipulated date will not be considered.
- (vii) The candidates who get the qualifying marks can get their marks in the SLET Commission's website after 7 working days from the date of declaration of result.
- (viii) **Publication of Advertisement**
All notifications will be published in the Employment News, in a local News paper and in SLET Commission's website : www.sletne.org.
- (ix) **Unfairmeans/misconduct**
Any candidate resorting to unfairmeans or misconduct is liable to forfeit the right to continue in the Test. (Details are stated in SLET regulation No.-01)

7. Legal dispute

The jurisdiction of court for all legal disputes relating to SET will be subject to Guwahati only. The decision of the Steering Committee will be final in regard to any dispute regarding SET.

8. Rates of Fees for SET and cost of Application form are furnished in the last page-15.

(i) Mode of payment of fees

The payment of Test fee is to be made in cash in any Branch of State Bank of India through Bank Challan supplied by the SLET Commission along with the Application Form.

(ii) Candidate claiming fee concession without attested valid SC/ST/OBC (non creamy)/PWD certificate will summarily be rejected.

Persons authorised to issue the above 8(ii) certificate- Deputy Commissioner, Addl. D.C., Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar, any organisation authorised by the Govt.

9. Enclosures to be attached with the Test (Application) Form :

- (i) Bank Challan showing payment of the prescribed fee.
- (ii) One pass-port size coloured photograph to be pasted on the Test (Application) form signed across by the candidate.
- (iii) One pass-port size coloured photograph duly attested and signed across by the candidate to be pasted on the attendance slip and another copy of passport size coloured photograph to be pasted to the admission card after being duly attested and signed by the candidate (Photograph should be from the same negative)
- (iv) Duly attested M.A./ M.Sc./ M.Com. certificate

and Marksheet only.

- (v) Attested copy of SC / ST / OBC* alongwith non-creamy layer certificate / PWD category certificate, if applicable, from authorised person. (see at column 8-II)
- (vi) One self addressed post-card as acknowledgement receipt of the Test (application) form.

10. Guideline for filling up the Test (application) form

- (i) Candidate seeking admission to the test must apply on the prescribed Test (application) form collected on cash payment from the centre of Test where they intend to appear. However, the form can be collected from SLET's office at Guwahati also. (No photostat copy of the form will be accepted.)
- (ii) Test (Application) form can also be downloaded along with the Attendance Slip and Admit Card from the website : www.sletne.org. In submitting such downloaded form, the cost of the Application form (Rs. 400/-) must be paid along with the Test fees as mentioned in the page-15.
- (iii) Candidate must fillup the Test (application) form legibly and carefully, in their own handwriting using a ballpoint pen.
- (iv) Leave a block blank between words while filling the Test (application) form.
- (v) Write M for Male and F for Female.
- (vi) Test (application) form must accompany the attendance slip, admission card (complete in all respect) along with Bank Draft.
- (vii) Write GEN for General, SC for Schedule Caste, ST for Schedule Tribes, OBC for Other Backward

* Without non-creamy layer certificate candidates will be treated as General candidate and shall pay exam fees of General candidate.

Classes (Non-creamy layer), PH for Physically Handicapped and VH for Visually Handicapped.

- (viii) **Candidates who have appeared or will be appearing in their Final or 4th Semester Master Degree examination should fill-up the portion given at the bottom of the Test (application) form and the same should be forwarded by the Head of the concerned department.**

11. Age limit and number of chances

- (i) There is no age limit.
- (ii) A candidate can avail any number of chances.

12. General Information :

- (a) A candidate should note that his/her candidature is provisional. The mere fact that an admission card has been issued to the candidate will not imply that the Commission has finally accepted his/her candidature. Candidates may note that their candidature will be deemed final upon verification of eligibility conditions.
- (b) Commission may change the centres or date of the test without assigning any reason.
- (c) Candidates should submit their Test (application) forms in their respective centre only. **The form submitted in the centre other than his/her concerned centre will be rejected.**
- (d) Test (application) forms received after the last date will not be entertained.
- (e) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- (f) In all matters the decision of the Commission shall be final.

- (g) The use of Calculators & Log Tables is not permitted. Cellular Phone, Pager etc. are not allowed in Test Hall.
- (h) Candidate who do not appear in Paper-I will not be permitted to appear in subsequent papers.
- (i) Candidates will not be allowed to write any question from test booklet on admission card etc.
- (j) Candidates are to collect personally their Admit Cards from their respective centres. The Admit Cards will not be sent through post to the individual candidates.
- (k) Test (Application) forms once sold cannot be returned and the fees paid will not be refunded.
- (l)(i) The Provisional Pass Certificate will be issued after 20 working days from the date of announcement of SET result
- (ii) The candidate may collect the Provisional Pass Certificate personally or through messenger (duly authorised by the candidate) along with the following :
- Mark-sheet of P.G. Final/3rd and 4th Semester. (in original)
 - Caste Certificate/Special Category Certificate. (in original)
 - Admit Card of SET. (in original)
 - If the Provisional Pass Certificate is to be issued through authorised person, the signature of the authorised person should be attested by the candidate in the authority letter with his/her signature which was used in the Admit Card and the Test Form.

- (e) The cost of Provisional certificate is Rs.250/-. Those who have collected their Provisional Pass Certificate, their Original Certificates will be sent (without any cost) to the address for communication as mentioned in their test form through SPEED POST.
- Those who have not collected the Provisional Certificate, the Original Certificate may be collected personally/through authorised person on payment of Rs. 250/- and on submission the documents as mentioned [l(ii) (a), (b), (c)].
- (iii) Loss of SET Admit Card : The application for issue of duplicate Admit Card be submitted personally by the candidate with paper-cut of Newspaper-Advertisement and Police-report on the loss of SET original Admit Card with a fee of Rs. 100/-

13. Check and verify the following before mailing the Test Form :

- Whether you fulfil the eligibility conditions for the test as prescribed under the Heading "CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY"(Column 4)
- Whether you have filled up all the columns of the Test Form correctly and no column has been left blank.
- Whether you have filled the name of the Subject and Centre as well as the respective codes in Columns 5 (ii) and 5 (iii) as shown in this booklet.
- Whether you have filled the community status correctly in Column (8) in the Test Form.

5. Don't forget to sign in the Test Form, Admission Card and Attendance Sheet in specified places.
6. Whether you have submitted all the documents necessary for the Test with the Test Form.

14. How to write your answer in Response Sheet :

Response Sheet (Optical Mark Reader -OMR) has been provided with the question paper for indicating your answer. This Response Sheet (OMR) has serial numbers of questions printed on it. Each question number is followed by 4 CIRCLES marked as (A) (B) (C) and (D). You will have to indicate your answer by completely darkening the appropriate Circle. For example, for a particular question, if you find that out of four given answers the one marked (C) is correct, then on the Response Sheet (OMR) against that particular question number, you will have to indicate your answer by completely darkening the correct Circle by BALL POINT PEN ONLY as follows :



Wrong Methods of Marking Answers :

Please DO NOT indicate your answers by using methods of marking as illustrated below

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Use of Tick Mark | | Use of Mark Line | |
| Use of Cross Mark | | Half Filled Circle | |
| Use of Dot | | Marks Outside Circle | |

Sample Answer : You should mark your Response Sheet (OMR) as given below :

| Question Number | Answer Choices | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
| 3. | | | | |
| 4. | | | | |

Evaluation of Answer : The Response Sheets (OMR) for all the papers will be evaluated through computer.

Fees for the SET :

- (i) Cost of the Application Form : Rs. 400/- inclusive of the cost of Information Brochure and Syllabus.

(ii) Test Fee :

| Category of Candidates | Fees |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. General | Rs. 800/- |
| 2. OBC (non-creamy layer) | Rs. 650/- |
| 3. SC/ST | Rs. 600/- |
| 4. PWD | Rs. 400/- |

N.B. :- If any candidate fails to pay the prescribed amount of Test fees as well as the cost of Test (Application) form, his/ her form will be rejected without any intimation to the candidate

N.B.:- All payments are to be made at any branch of State Bank of India through the challan supplied by SLET along with the Application Form.

**Name and address of Co-ordinators cum
Officers-in-Charge of SET Centres**

| Code No. | Centre | Officer-in-Charge | Address |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 01 | Gauhati University | | SLET Commission Assam (NE Region) Guwahati-14 |
| 02 | Dibrugarh University | Dr. P. K. Baruah | Dept. of Life-Science Dibrugarh University Dibrugarh-786 004 |
| 03 | Tezpur University | Dr. S.K. Dutta | Dept. of Cultural Studies Tezpur University Napaan, Tezpur-784 028 |
| 04 | Assam University | Dr. Roma Prasad Biswas | Dept. of English Assam University Silchar-788 011 |
| 05 | Manipur University | Dr. N.Mahilal Meitei | Dept. of Life Science Manipur University Canchipur, Imphal-795 003 |
| 06 | Rajiv Gandhi University | Dr. R.C. Parida | Dept. of Commerce Rajiv Gandhi University Rono Hills, Doimukh Itanagar-791 112 |
| 07 | Tripura University | Sri M.M. Reang | Dy. Registrar (Academic) Tripura University Surjyamani Nagar PIN-799 130 |
| 08 | Sikkim Govt. College | Dr. M.P. Kharel | Principal Sikkim Govt. College P.O. Tadong Gangtok-737 102 |
| 09 | Mizoram University | Prof. P. Rinawma | Dept. of Geography Mizoram University Chanmari, Aizwal-796 004 |

N.B. The office of the SLET Commission located at the 2nd Floor of B.K.B Auditorium, G.U. will issue and receive the application forms and fees for candidates of Gauhati Centre only