

# RAMA UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH, KANPUR

## CHAPTER-X

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D) DEGREE ORDINANCES

Sec.30(a),(d),(e) **10.1.01.** The provisions of this chapter are in consonance with the University Grants Commission (**Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2016**). In case of any doubt or discrepancy, the provisions of the aforesaid Regulations shall prevail.

**10.1.02** The amount of fee payable under the various provisions of this chapter, shall be determined or revised, as the case may be, by the Executive Council on the recommendations of fee Committee as provided in these Ordinances.

### PART-I

#### ENUMERATION OF GENERAL SEATS

**10.2.01.** At any point of time, total number of Ph.D. seats shall not exceed 08 for a Professor, 6 for an Associate Professor and 04 for an Assistant Professor.

**10.2.02.** Based on the above norm in number of Ph.D. with all supervisors in the Department, a pre determined and manageable number of feasible vacancies depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio (as indicated in 10.2.01), laboratory, library and such other facilities shall be counted on **annual** basis and communicated by the each Head of the Department, in consultation with respective faculty members of the department, to the Registrar through their respective Deans along with broad area/sub-disciplines available for these vacant positions.

**10.2.03.** The subject-wise number of seats for Ph.D. shall be decided will in advance and displayed in the University website and advertisement. The University shall widely advertise the number of available seats for Ph.D. studies and conduct admission on regular basis.

**10.2.04.** These vacant positions shall be classified for each Department as per the reservation policy of the State.

**10.2.05.** The procedure for admission, evaluation and award concerning pursuit of Ph.D. in multi-departmental/ inter-disciplinary departments of the University shall be same as specified for regular departments.

**10.2.06.** There shall be no additional Ph.D. seats in multi-departmental/ inter-disciplinary departments unless regular whole-time teachers are appointed therein. For teachers otherwise associated with these departments, the number of Ph.D. students shall have to be adjusted against the seats for the associated teachers of these departments in their parent departments with no more than two for Professor and one each for Associated/Assistant Professor, respectively.

#### Eligibility

**10.2.07(1)** A candidate for pursuing research for a Doctor of Philosophy Degree of the University must hold a Master's Degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to

the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

**10.2.07(2)** Candidates who have cleared the M.Phil course work with 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale) and successfully completing the M.Phil Degree from Rama University shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph.D. Degree in Rama University in an integrated program.

**10.2.07 (3)** A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidate as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks procedures.

Provided that in exceptional cases a candidate holding a Master's degree in an allied subject may also be considered for admission to Ph.D. Degree by the Research degree Committee (in short RDC):

Provided further that the students appearing for final year or final semester of their post- graduate degree examination will also be eligible to appear for the admission process subject to the fulfillment of minimum eligibility criteria in the final result.

## **PART-II ENTRANCE**

### **PROCEDURE FOR ENTRANCE TEST**

Sec. 30(a)

**10.3.01.(1)** University shall not conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance education mode.

**10.3.01 (2)** Part-time Ph.D. will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned to the extent Ph.D. regulation are met.

**10.3.02.** The University shall admit Ph.D. students only through an entrance test named as "**Common Eligibility Test (CET) for Ph.D.**" An Entrance Test shall be qualifying with

qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.

**10.3.03.** Subject to the provisions contained in clause (i) of section 7 of the Rama University Uttar Pradesh Act, 2013 a “**Common Eligibility Test for. Ph.D.**”(hereinafter referred to as the CET) shall be conducted in specified subjects/disciplines by the University itself.

**10.3.04.** The University shall issue a public notification through its website which will contain the salient features necessary for the purpose, i.e. submission of application, other relevant instructions and anticipated date of the declaration of results thereof etc.

**10.3.05.** A candidate for admission to the Ph.D. degree shall apply to the University on a prescribed form.

**10.3.06.** The syllabus of the CET will be the same as prescribed for National or State Level Eligibility Test/ Junior Research Fellowship (NET/SET/SLET/JRF) examinations conducted by the University Grants Commission, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research or other authorized body.

**10.3.07(1)** A written test shall consist of two papers, both of 100 marks, based on questions with short answers/MCQ. First Paper will consist of Research Methodology. The second Paper shall include subject specific questions. The entrance test shall be qualifying test with minimum 50% as qualifying marks. There shall be no negative marking. The entrance test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance (change of Centre(s), if any, also to be notified well in advance.

**10.3.07(2)** An interview/viva voce shall be organized where the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee.

**10.3.07(3)** The interview/viva voce shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

- A. candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- B. the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/ College;
- C. the proposed area of research can contribute to new /additional knowledge.

The University shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

**10.3.08.** The question papers shall be prepared in two sets by the University.

**10.3.09.** The test Fee including Application Form, prescribed for different categories for CET is as follows-

(a) For General and OBC candidates-Rs. 1500/-

(b) For SC/ST candidates- Rs.1200/-

**10.3.10.** Based on the marks obtained in this entrance test, category-wise merit list shall be prepared and the category-wise result of the successful candidates will be displayed on the website of the University within one month of holding the entrance test.

**10.3.11.** A category-wise Merit Score Certificate will be awarded indicating the last date for admission and dispatched to the candidate by Registered post and through his/her e-mail address and cell-phone, if provided. This certificate will be effective for next two academic sessions from the date of issue. But admission will be subject to availability of seats.

### **PART-III**

## **ADMISSIONS & METHODOLOGY**

### **PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION**

**10.4.01.** A candidate shall ordinarily be permitted to work for the Ph.D. degree in the subject in which he/she holds Master's degree:

Provided that such research work leading to Ph.D. degree in allied subject in the same or other faculty may also be allowed if the Research Degree

Committee on recommendation of the concerned, Dean of the faculty and the Head of Department is satisfied that the candidate possesses the requisite qualification/capabilities to take up the proposed work in multi-disciplinary areas.

### **Course Work**

**10.4.02.** After the acceptance of admission, each candidate shall have to pay the fee as determined by the University for Course Work after which he/she shall be provisionally enrolled as a student to Ph.D. degree.

**10.4.03.** Enrolled students shall undergo a course work for a period of one semester of six months as prescribed by the University.

**10.4.04** (1)The course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation

**10.4.04** (2) the minimum credit requirement in Ph.D. course work shall be a minimum of 08 credits and maximum of 16 credits.

**10.4.04** (3) A minimum of 04 credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology which will cover areas such as quantitative methods, computer applications, research ethics and review of published research in the relevant field, training, field work etc. Other courses shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for Ph.D. degree.

**10.4.04** (4) All courses prescribed for Ph.D. course work shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement duly approved by the authorized academic bodies.

**10.4.04** (5) The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(S) to him/her based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee, as stipulated under sub-clause **10.4.05**.

**10.4.04** (6) All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programmes shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one semester.

**10.4.04** (7) Candidates already holding M. Phil. Degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the Department from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.

**10.4.04** (8) Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the research Advisory Committee and the Department and the final grades shall be communicated to the Institution/College.

**10.4.04** (9) A M.Phil/Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

**10.4.05** Research Advisory Committee and its functions:

- A. There shall be a Research Advisory Committee for each Ph.D. scholar. The research Supervisor of the scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee. This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
- B. To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research:
- C. To guide the research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and Identify the course (S) that he/she may have to do.
- D. To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the research scholar.
- E. A research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six monthly progress report shall be submitted by the Research Advisory Committee to the Institution/College with a copy to the research scholar.
- F. In case the progress of the research scholar is unsatisfactory, the research Advisory Committee Shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the research scholar fails to implement these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the Institution/College with specific reasons for cancellation of the registration of the research scholar.

**10.4.06.** Attendance required to become eligible to appear in the qualifying examination for each paper shall be 80% of all class lectures (separately in theory and practical). In case a student is short of attendance due to illness, participation in sports, extracurricular activities etc. a shortage up to a maximum of 10% may be condoned by the Vice-chancellor on the specific recommendation, of the Convener/Dean.

**10.4.07** The University shall conduct a semester-end qualifying examination, on par with other university examinations, based on the course work in general supervision of the Dean. Ph.D. scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale in the course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the dissertation/thesis.

**10.4.08.** If a candidate fails to qualify the course work examination in first attempt, he will be given only one additional chance to clear the course work examination along with the next regular batch to qualify this examination with the condition that he will deposit the fee as prescribed in ordinance 10.4.02.

**10.4.09.** If found necessary, Course Work may be carried out by doctoral candidates in sister departments.

## **PART-IV**

### **RESEARCH WORK**

#### **Submission Of Synopsis**

**10.5.01.** On successful completion of course work, the student shall interact with Ph.D. supervisors with vacant seats available in his chosen broad sub-discipline and shall submit a synopsis for Ph.D. work along with a list of three proposed supervisors with vacant Ph.D. seat and expertise in the area covered in his synopsis.

**10.5.02.** The synopsis shall be placed before the Research Degree Committee (hereinafter referred to as the RDC), which may be separate for each department and shall consist of-

- (a)** the Vice-Chancellors as Chairperson or his nominee,
- (b)** the Dean of the faculty,
- (c)** the Head of the Department as convener, and
- (d)** two external experts nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

**10.5.03.** The Research Degree Committee (RDC) shall arrange for an interview which may include Presentations, Group Discussions or other modes of appraisal.

**10.5.04.** The candidates, who have successfully completes their course work, shall be required to be present before the RDC for presentation of synopsis. The supervisors may also be invited to attend the RDC meeting. The committee shall satisfy itself that the subject is such which can properly be pursued under the guidance of a supervisor and that

the candidate possesses the requisite qualification and the adequate facilities and equipment for work exist at the department/research Center or Institution concerned.

**10.5.06.** The RDC will ratify and allocate an appropriate Ph.D. supervisor for those candidates whose synopsis has been found suitable and recommend these for approval to the faculty board through the Dean.

**10.5.07.** The Dean of faculty shall place all such recommendations before the Board of Faculty for its approval.

**10.5.08.** In case, the DRC finds that the synopsis is not up to the mark, it shall make specific suggestions for improving the synopsis. The candidate after making the necessary improvements shall revise his/her synopsis accordingly. The revised synopsis is to be submitted within 30 days from the date of the RDC meeting. If RDC is satisfied, it shall report the application to the Academic Council for permission being granted to the candidate.

**10.5.09.** In case, the synopsis is rejected the candidate may submit the new synopsis as a fresh within two months to be placed before the next meeting of the RDC. No further chance will be given after this submission.

**10.5.10 (1)** All proposals approved by RDC shall be forwarded to the Registrar by the Convener who shall place the same before the Admission Committee for final approval for registration as a PH.D student of the University.

**(2)** When the proposal is approved finally by the Admission Committee, the Registrar will issue a notice to the candidate about the confirmation of his admission and intimate the amount of fee (as per the decision of the University ) to be deposited by him up to the stipulated date.

Provided that the Vice-Chancellor, in special circumstances, admit a Ph.D. student in anticipation of approval of Admission Committee.

### **Eligibility Criteria and Allocation of Supervisor**

**10.5.11.** The University shall lay down and decide on annual basis, and decide on annual basis, a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D. seats depending on the number of the available eligible Faculty Supervisors. A Supervisor shall not exceed the number or scholars mentioned in ordinance **10.2.01.**

**10.5.12.** Teachers of the Rama University with at least five research publications in refereed journals and any regular Associate/Assistant Professor of the

university/institution with a Ph.D. degree and at least two research publications in refereed journals.

Provided that in areas/disciplines where there is no or only a limited number of refereed journals, the University may relax the above condition for recognition of a person as Research Supervisor with reasons recorded in writing.

- A Only a full time regular teacher of the Rama University can act as a supervisor. The external supervisor is not allowed. However, Co-supervisor can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other department of the same institute or from other related institutions with approval of the Research Advisory Committee.
- B The allocation of research Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the Department concerned depending on the number of scholar per Research Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the scholar as indicated by them at the time of interview/viva.
- C In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/College.
- D For the Faculty of Medical & Dental Sciences, faculty having M.D./M.S./M.D.S. degree, the qualification shall be as follows.  
“A guide for the Ph.D. Degree shall have not less than fifteen year’s teaching and research experiences after obtaining his postgraduate qualification and shall also have not less than ten years postgraduate teaching experience as a faculty member.”

### **Allocation of Supervisor**

**10.5.13.** The allocation of the supervisor for a selected student shall be finally decided by the RDC with the approval of Vice-Chancellor in a formal manner depending on the number of students per faculty member, of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors, and the research interest of the student as indicated during interview by the student. The allocation of supervisor shall not be left to the individual student or teacher.

**10.5.14. (a)** The Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Deans of the Faculties shall approve a list of qualified supervisors in accordance with the aforesaid ordinances and may add or delete names accordingly.

**(b)** A supervisor shall not be allowed to supervise a candidate who is his/her relative whether by blood or by marriage.

**Explanation-** In this ordinance relative means the relations defined in section 6 of the Companies Act, 1956 and includes the wife’s (or husband’s) brother, wife’s (or husband’s) father, wife’s (or husband’s) sister, brother’s son and brother’s daughter.



**10.5.15.** On recommendation from the RDC through the Dean if the Faculty, the Vice Chancellor may allow a candidate to have co-supervisor for his/her thesis from an allied Department or Institution recognized by the University for this purpose, if the research is of an interdisciplinary nature. The Supervisor shall be from the Department where the candidate is registered:

Provide that if a supervisor is not available in the Department in inter- disciplinary area, RDC may appoint a Supervisor from the other concerned Department of the University.

**10.5.16.** The allocation of the supervisor for an eligible student shall be decided by the Counseling Committee comprising of the Dean, Head of the Department and prospective Supervisors, in a formal manner depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty Supervisors, and the research interest of the student as indicated during the interview by the candidate.

**10.5.17.** No change of supervisor shall ordinarily be allowed, but in special cases, where the Head of the Department is satisfied that the research work of a scholar will suffer-

**(i)** on account of migration, retirement, long leave, or for any other reason, the supervisor may not be available to guide the scholar,

**or**

**(ii)** as the supervisor is not willing to, or not in a position to supervise a scholar,

**or**

**(iii)** due to existence of extra-ordinarily situations necessitating such a change,

The RDC may recommend a change of supervisor to the Vice-Chancellor through the Dean of Faculty who may allow change of the supervisor.

**10.5.18.** The RDC, at discretion, may also decide whether change if supervisor will require fresh registration of the scholar.

## **SUBMISSION OF THESIS**

**10.5.20 (1)** The period of a candidate's studentship shall be counted from the date on which he/she had deposited his/her fees before the commencement of the Course Work, as mentioned in ordinance 10.4.02.

**(2)** Continuation of the registration of candidate in the Ph.D. programme shall depend on his/her satisfactory progress and good conduct. The University reserves the right to cancel the registration of any candidate in the event of his/her conduct and progress being found otherwise.

**(3)** The candidate shall be required to submit a Progress Report every six months to the University through Supervisor.

**(4)** A candidate registered for the Ph.D. Degree shall be required to pursue his/her research at the University/Institution under the supervisor and on the subject approved in not less than thirty six months and not later than 72 months including the period of Course work commencing from the date of approval by RDC and must put in at least 180 days attendance in the department concerned after the completion of the course work.

*Provided* that the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Supervisor, the Head of the Department, and the Dean, grant permission to candidate to reside outside for purpose of collection of research material for his/her thesis or doing experimental research work for a total period of not more than one year provided that such exemption shall not be granted in the first six months.

*Provided* further that the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Supervisor, the Head of the Department, and the Dean, may allow a candidate to work at such centres of research within area of its jurisdiction or such research centres of repute outside its jurisdiction with which a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the University for this purpose and as may be approved by the Academic Council in this behalf in which case the candidate can have a co-supervisor who shall be not below the rank of Professor or Senior Scientist of equivalent rank from the research centre concerned.

**(5)** In special circumstances, a candidate may, not later than one year from the date on which approval was granted to him or next, meeting of the RDC, modify the scheme of the topic with the approval of the Vice-chancellor on the recommendation of the Supervisor, the Head of the Department and the Dean.

**10.5.21.(1)** Duration of the Programme:

- A.** Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.
- B.** The women candidates and persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M.Phil and two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil/Ph.D. for up to 240 days.
- C.** In case a candidate fails to submit his/her thesis in the stipulated period, he/she shall cease to be bonafide student of the University and shall not be entitled to the rights and facilities extended to regular student:

*Provided* that such a candidate may, under special circumstances, be permitted by the Vice-Chancellor, on collective recommendations of the supervisor, Research Advisory Committee and

the Dean of the Faculty concerned, to submit his/her thesis within a maximum period of seven years including his/her period of studentship.

**10.5.21.(2)** A candidate submitting his/her thesis after the expiry of six years period shall have to pay additional fee of Rs. Fifty Thousand only to the University.

**10.5.22 (1)** Ph.D. scholars must publish at least one (1) research paper in refereed journal and make two paper presentation in conferences/seminars before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificates and/or reprints.

**10.5.23.** A thesis already presented for the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) Degree shall not again be accepted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. However, some portion of it may be utilized in the Ph.D. thesis.

**10.5.24 (1)** When the thesis is ready for submission, the scholar shall apply through his/her supervisor stating therein that the thesis is on the point of completion. Such a report be received atleast one month before the completion of the thesis.

**(2)** The Head of Department concerned shall place the application before the Board of Studies, which shall recommend a panel of not less than six external experts of Professor level alongwith their e-mail address, postal address, fax and contract number of each expert in addition to the supervisor who shall also be an examiner. The Supervisor shall be coopted as a member of the Board of Studied for this purpose. Out of this panel, atleast three experts, inclusive of the Supervisor, shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor in accordance with the due procedure to evaluate the thesis. It is to be ensured that at least one examiner-expert shall be from outside the State. It shall be upto the University to have one examiner from outside the country.

**(3)** In the case, the thesis is not submitted within the stipulated time of three months, the panel shall stand lapsed and a fresh panel shall have to be recommended by the Board of Studies.

**(4)** Every effort should be made to ensure that the panel of examiners is representative in terms of the University and that not more than one examiner is chosen from one University.

**10.5.25 (1)** The research scholar shall submit the thesis in four printed or type written, but not published earlier, copies of his/her thesis, and two CDs in PDF format alongwith the three copies of summary and approved synopsis. Published matters may also be incorporated mentioning the sources as part of the thesis.

**(2)** The medium of expression of every thesis shall be normally English but with the approval of the Academic Council and on the recommendation of the concerned Board of Studied, the medium of expression may be Hindi (written in Devanagri script) :

Provided that in case of subject connected with any of the oriental language, the thesis may at the option of the candidate, be presented in that language.

**(3)** In the matter of other type of cases, the Academic Council shall be sole authority to take any decision thereon.

**10.5.26 (iii)** The thesis shall be accompanied by an undertaking from the Research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same institution where the work was carried out, or to any other institution.

- A. that the thesis embodies the work of the candidate himself/herself.
- B. that the candidate worked under him/her for the period required under Ordinances, and;
- C. that he/she has put in the required attendance in the department during that period.

## **PART-V**

### **EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT**

**10.6.01.** On receipt of the thesis along with the certificates and the fee mentioned above, the thesis shall be sent within two weeks to examiners selected for the purpose after receiving their consent. In no case, the maximum time for all this process shall exceed two months.

**10.6.02(1)** If the examiners consider the thesis to be of sufficient merit, they may recommend that the thesis be accepted for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

**(2)** On receipt of satisfactory evaluation reports, these shall be laid before the Examination Committee or Sub-Committee thereof constituted for the purpose.

**(3)** If the Committee is satisfied that the reports of the Examiners are unanimous and definite, the candidate shall be required to undergo a viva-voce examination to be conducted by two examiners of whom one shall ordinarily be the supervisor and the other one from amongst the two external examiners, who have evaluated the thesis. If the external examiners evaluating the thesis are from outside the country, another external examiner may be specially appointed for the purpose.

**(4)** The Head of the Department shall preside and conduct the proceedings of the viva-voce examination, but he/she shall not be party to the decision.

**(5)** In case the supervisor is not available, the Head of the Department himself or any senior teacher of Department as recommended by the Board of Studies may act as internal examiner.

**(6)** The Viva-voce examination shall be held at the University Headquarter and will be open to all interested in the subject, where the candidate shall be required to present the main findings of his/her thesis and defend the same.

(7) All the expenditures with regard to the Viva-voce shall be borne by the candidate himself.

(8) After satisfactory Viva-Voce, the Examination Committee or Sub-Committee, as the case may be may recommend that the result of the candidate be declared and the result shall be declared accordingly.

**10.6.03 (1)** If the majority of examiners recommend that the candidate be asked to improve his thesis, the Vice Chancellor may permit the candidate to re-submit his thesis, not earlier than six months and not later than the date to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor in such case.

In case a candidate is allowed to re-submit his thesis, he/she shall have to pay a fresh fee at the time of re-submitting the thesis but it shall not be necessary to produce any certificate e.g. further attendance at the Institution.

**10.6.04(1)** If reports of the examiners show a divergence of opinion between the examiners, the Examination Committee or Sub-Committee thereof constituted for the purpose may direct that the reports be exchanged between them, the examiners being requested to submit a joint report, if possible.

(2) If there is divergence of opinion even after the exchange of reports, a fourth examiner shall be appointed from the panel of examiners already approved whose decision shall be final:

*Provided* that if two examiners recommend the revision of the thesis either originally or after the exchange of reports, the thesis shall be revised and resubmitted. The revised thesis shall ordinarily be examined by the same set of examiners for evaluation after obtaining their consent afresh.

*Provided* further that in case two examiners reject a thesis originally or after the exchange or reports, the thesis shall be finally rejected.

**10.6.05(1)** A printed copy, not used for evaluation and an electronic version on a CD of each accepted thesis shall be lodged with the University Library or Research Centre at which the candidate pursued research where it will be open to public inspection.

(2) The copies of report of examiners of the thesis and viva voce reports, may be given to the candidate on his written request, only in cases where the thesis has been finally accepted for award of the degree.

## **Depository with UGC**

**10.6.06.** Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and conferment of the award of Ph.D. the University shall submit a soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the University Grants Commission within a period of thirty days for hosting the same in the INFLIBNET, accessible to all Institutions/Universities.

**10.6.07.** The University shall host another soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis on its website for general viewing.

**10.6.08.** The University, alongwith the Degree, shall issue a Provisional Certificate certifying to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions to the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016.