

# RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB

## Ph.D. Entrance Test May 2026

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE STUDENTS

1. The Ph.D. Entrance Test shall be held on 26.05.2026.
2. **Paper shall start at 10:00 am. The candidate should report by 9:00 am positively in the Multi-Purpose Hall (Academic Block) and the Admit Card shall be provided in the University itself. (The candidates are required to get latest Two Passport size photograph at the time of Entrance Test).**
3. **For Non- JRF candidates, question paper shall consist of 70 marks and it shall be of 3:00 hours duration.**
4. The question paper shall comprise following four parts:
  - (a) Part-I - Research Methodology (20 MCQs) for 20 marks;
  - (b) Part-II - It shall comprise of three questions on Research Methodology out of which the candidate shall attempt two (2) of 7.5 marks each. This part shall have total maximum 15 marks.
  - (c) Part-III - This paper shall have three questions out of prescribed syllabus for Ph.D. in Law and Ph.D. in Social Sciences and English Language and Literature. Out of which candidate shall attempt any two (2) questions of 10 marks each. This part shall have total 20 marks.
  - (d) Part-IV - Essay of intent of 15 marks on any Research Topic of the choice of the candidate on the prescribed criteria.  
Each parameter contain 3 points 3x5=15 marks
    - (i) Research Methodology
    - (ii) Contribution/Impact on the existing knowledge
    - (iii) Current status of research in the proposed field
    - (iv) Issues identified in present research
    - (v) Understanding on the proposed topic

The qualifying marks of the test shall be 50% for the General Category. Provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/Specially Abled Persons (SAP).
5. **For the JRF candidates who are to write the essay of Intent of 70 marks, the time duration is one (1) hour. The paper for JRF candidates shall start at 10:00 am.**
6. **SAP Candidates shall be given 30 Minutes additional time for attempting the question paper.**
7. Candidate should not write their name or any identification mark anywhere in the answer script "Disclosure of Identity in the answer script is prohibited and any violation shall be dealt with as per University Rules."
8. Candidates must adhere to the instructions as specified on the respective question papers.
9. In case of any query or help candidates may email at [examination@rgnu.ac.in](mailto:examination@rgnu.ac.in) or they may call at 0175-2391283.
10. **The candidates are advised to produce a valid photo ID proof in original i.e. Aadhar Card, Voter Card or Driving License etc. in the examination Centre.**

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