

**Entrance Examination-2026
PhD in Educational Studies**

1. Weightage and Themes for the entrance examination

The overall examination will be of 70 marks which is divided as –

Section A: Education in India – 20 marks

Section B: Research Methodology – 20 marks

Section C: Disciplinary understanding – 30 marks

2. Syllabus

Section A: Education in India

Education in India will focus on perspectives from policy, curriculum and pedagogical perspectives at school and higher education levels. A historical and critical understanding of reforms and initiatives in education would be assessed. The questions may be set to test the awareness of students regarding the education sector.

This section will have 4 questions of 20 marks each. Students would be required to answer any 1 out of 4 questions (20 X 1 = 20 marks).

Section B: Research Methodology

This section will focus on tools, techniques and methods taught at the post-graduate level. This section may also include questions related to popular and contemporary methodologies suitable for diverse educational settings. Questions would cover a range of tools and methods to provide suitable grounds for students from different disciplinary backgrounds.

This section will have 4 questions of 20 marks each. Students would be required to answer any 1 out of 4 questions (20 X 1 = 20 marks).

Section C: Disciplinary understanding

Disciplinary understanding will draw on the insights that students gather from the discipline of their post-graduation and interests. The entrance examination (2026-27) will focus on specialisation and relevant disciplines like Education, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, Political Science, History, Public Policy, Development Studies, Labour studies, Gender Studies or any other liberal arts subject(s). A critical analysis of educational issues and problems from the disciplinary lens would be expected from students. Prospective students may refer to the details of specialisations with relevant disciplinary qualifications mentioned in the admission notification.

This section will consist of questions from disciplines and areas mentioned above. Each question will carry 15 marks. The number of total questions in this section may be between 10-12 to allow wider choice. Students would be expected to answer 2 questions ($15 \times 2 = 30$ marks).