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About BITS Pilani

BITS Pilani is a Deemed to be University, offering on-campus programmes to around 16,000 students across its campuses in Pilani, Goa, Hyderabad and Dubai. The University has been recognized as an Institute of Eminence by MHRD, Govt. of India. It is India's highest ranked non-Government Institute as declared in QS Asia 2020 and QS India 2020. In QS Asia University Rankings 2020, BITS Pilani is the only non-Government Institute from India in the top 200 with a rank of 175 in Asia and a rank of 15 in India. The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020 has ranked BITS Pilani at 351-400 in four subjects: Electronics & Electrical Engg., Computer Science, Mechanical Engg., and Chemical Engg.; at 451-500 in Engineering & Technology and at 501-550 in Chemistry. In Mechanical Engg and Computer Science, it is the highest ranked non-Government Institute in India.

Having pioneered several curricular and pedagogic attributes, BITS Pilani has a vision to be amongst the top research led Institutes in the country. Over the last five years, the Institute has invested over Rs. 200 crore towards promoting research, laboratory infrastructure, and student fellowships. Centres of research excellence are being created for greater collaboration and impact. The Institute has secured more than Rs 160+ crores as research grant through more than 550 sponsored projects in the last 5 years. State of the art facilities have been developed to support cutting edge research, led by students and around 800 faculty, leading to 10800+ Scopus indexed publications with over 1,00,000 citations and 85+ patents being filed till date.

PhD Admissions (1st Semester 2020 – 2021)

Applications are invited for 1st Semester admissions to the PhD programme (Full time and/or Part time) starting August 2020 in Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani in the following Departments:

- Engineering: Chemical, Civil, Computer Science, Electrical & Electronics, Mechanical
- Science: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
- Pharmacy
- Economics & Finance, Humanities & Social Sciences, Management



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Department openings with regard to Full and Part time student admission are tabulated below:

DEPARTMENTS	BITS PILANI CAMPUS					
	Pilani		Goa		Hyderabad	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Biological Sciences	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chemical Engg.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chemistry	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Civil	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	No
CSIS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
EEE	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Humanities & Social Sciences	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Economics & Finance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	NA
Mathematics	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Mechanical	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pharmacy	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	Yes
Physics	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Yes - A department does intend to admit students under specific scheme

No - A department does not intend to admit students under specific scheme

NA - Department does not exist in the specific campus

Information on specific Departments and related research activities is available on the Department website of respective campuses. Candidates are requested to visit the relevant website and if needed, further contact the concerned Head of Department (HOD) for details.

Full-time Students: Preferably individuals who would like to pursue Ph.D. in-house, residing on campus.

Part-time Students: Preferably individuals working in organizations providing basic facilities and environment for research.



Minimum eligibility criteria for admissions

- M.E./M.Tech./M.Pharm./MBA/M.Phil. or an equivalent Degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination
- M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination
- For admissions to Humanities and Social Sciences, candidates with an M.A. degree and a minimum of 55% aggregate may apply.

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Meeting the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission into the PhD programme. In addition, Departments may set specific admission criteria for shortlisting. Candidates admitted with qualifications like M.Sc., B.E., B.Pharm. etc., will be required to do course work on admission to the programme.

Shortlisted candidates will have to appear for an admission test, which may comprise of a written exam and/or interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be called to attend the admission test.

Candidates will be shortlisted based on an order of preference (starting with the first) provided by them in the application form. An application not short-listed based on the first preference of a candidate would then be considered for admission based on his / her second preference and so on (only if subsequent preferences are indicated in the application form). **It may be noted that the final decision on admitting candidates to the PhD programme will be taken by the Admission Committee and will be binding to all.**

Financial assistance

Full-time PhD students admitted into the PhD programme are eligible to be considered for an Institute fellowship of Rs. 28,000/- or 31,000 per month in the first year based on their intake qualifications.

Students admitted with M.E./M.Tech./M.Pharm./MBA/M.Phil. or an equivalent Degree are eligible to receive an Institute fellowship of Rs. 31,000/-. Students admitted with M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree are eligible to receive an Institute fellowship of Rs. 28,000/-.



These students on successful completion of coursework will receive Rs. 31,000/- from the Semester following the one in which the course work is completed. Higher fellowship may be made available in subsequent years. Consideration for Institute fellowship will be as per Institute norms. It will be obligatory on the part of every admitted Full time student to undertake 8 to 10 hours (per week) of work as assigned to him/her by the institute.

Important Dates

ACTIVITY	DATE
Admission Portal Open	3 rd June 2020
Last Date for filling application form online	30 th June 2020
Declaration of shortlisted candidates (on BITS admission website)	TBA*
Test/Interview	TBA
Announcement of admission offers to PhD Programmes (on BITS admission website)	TBA
Reporting of selected students in respective campus	TBA
Registration	TBA

*To be announced

The Institute also reserves the right to change the above deadlines. Candidates will be informed well in advance should there be such a change.



Application Process

1. The Admission portal to apply online opens on 3rd June 2020.
2. Interested and eligible candidates should apply through the prescribed application form available online at <https://www.bitsadmission.com/phd/index.aspx>. Hard copy of the application form is not required to be sent. Candidates are advised to take a printout of the filled form and retain it for further reference.
3. Candidates will need to register online prior to filling the application form. A registered mobile number and email ID will be required to generate a username and password essential for filling the application form.
4. While filling the application form online, candidates are required to give preferences of the campus or campuses to which they wish to apply for. Please refer to Department openings with regard to Full and Part-time student admission prior to filling the application form.
5. The completed application form along with the prescribed application fee should be submitted online by the prescribed deadline. Detail on modes of Fee Payment will be available while applying online. Campus preference and priority cannot be changed once the application form is submitted.
6. Deadline for submission of the completed application form online is 5.00P.M. on 30th June 2020.
7. A non-refundable application fee of Rs. 2600/- is payable at the time of submission of the online form.
8. A candidate can submit only one application form for PhD admission. However, if a candidate discovers any mistake in the form to be submitted by him, there will be an edit option which will be made available before the final submission of the application form, which he/she can make use of to incorporate necessary changes. This option will be available only till the deadline for submission of the form, i.e. 5.00 P.M. on 30th June 2020.



WRITTEN TEST DETAILS

A. Candidates shortlisted for test in any of the following Departments:

Biological Sciences/Chemistry/Mathematics/Physics will have to write two tests. Test-I will be common to all disciplines and Test-II will be discipline specific. The details of the tests are as follows:

Test-I question paper consists of **30** multiple-choice type questions pertaining to General Science, Quantitative Reasoning & Analysis and Research Aptitude. The duration of Test – I will be 1 hr. Each correct answer will be awarded two marks. 0.5 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer.

Test-II will be subject-based and will consist of 70 multiple-choice type questions covering the prescribed syllabus of relevance to the candidate as given on Page 7. Each correct answer will be awarded two marks. 0.5 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer.

Candidates with M.Phil. / M.E. / M.Tech. or with National level fellowships like CSIR NET-JRF, DBT-JRF, UGC NET-JRF etc. are exempted from taking the above test.

B. Candidates shortlisted for Test in any of the following Departments:

Humanities & Social Sciences/Economics will have to write two tests. Test-I will be common to both disciplines and Test-II will be discipline specific. The details of the tests are as follows:

Test-I will comprise of the following components:

S.No	Component	Number of Questions	Time (minutes)
1.	Reading Comprehension (2 Passages)	5 Questions for each passage (10 questions in total)	20
2.	Logical Reasoning	10 questions	10
3.	Analytical Reasoning	15 questions	15
4.	General Awareness	15 questions	15



Test-II for candidates shortlisted in Humanities & Social Sciences will be discipline specific and subjective in nature.

Candidates with a M.Phil. degree or with fellowships like CSIR NET-JRF, DBT-JRF, UGC NET-JRF etc. are exempted from taking the above test

C. All Candidates shortlisted for the PhD programme in the Department of Management will be required to take a written test of duration 1 hr. The nature of the written test will be application based in the areas of general management to test basic technical knowledge, research aptitude and research orientation.

D. Candidates with a B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree, if shortlisted, will be required to take a written test.

Based on the test results, there may be shortlisting of candidates for Interview.

All notices/shortlists will be put on admission website <https://www.bitsadmission.com/phd/index.aspx>. Candidates are advised to check this website regularly. No written communication will be sent to candidates.



Syllabus for Test

A. Biological Sciences

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Subject	Content	Reference Books
Genetics	Laws of inheritance and genetic interaction, Genetic mapping in Virus, Bacteria, & Eukaryotes, Gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, Control of gene expression in prokaryotes eukaryotes and Viruses., Population and evolutionary genetics	Principles of Genetics – Robert H. Tamarin, 7th edition, Tata McGraw–Hill, 2002.
Molecular Technique	Restriction endonucleases, Vectors and cloning, Blotting technique, PCR, Sequencing	Principles of Gene Manipulation- R. W. Old & S. B. Primrose, 7 th Edition
Biological Chemistry	Chemistry of Biomolecules, Enzymes, Vitamins & Coenzymes, Bioenergetics and biological oxidation, Metabolism of Biomolecules, Photosynthesis	Principle of Biochemistry- Lehninger, Macmillan Worth Publication, 3rd edition
Microbiology	Fundamentals of Microbiology, A survey of the microbial world, Host-Microbe interaction, Microbes and Human disease, Environmental and applied microbiology	Microbiology-An introduction (8th edition)- Tartora, Funk & Cane-Pearson publishing house.
Ecology	Abiotic factors, Ecosystem ecology and energy flow, Community ecology and population ecology, Regional Ecology (Terrestrial and Aquatic), Regional Ecology (Terrestrial and Aquatic)	Concepts of Ecology by E J Kormondy Fundamentals of ecology by E. P. Odum
Plant Physiology	Transport and translocation of water and solutes, Essential elements and their function, Plant development and PGRs, Ascent of sap and translocation in phloem, Movement in plants	Plant physiology, 3rd edition by Salisbury & Ross- CBS Publisher and Distributor.
Bio-Physics	Chemical properties of basic unit of life, energy forces, bonds., Conformation of Biomolecules, Biological membranes and Biomechaniques, Physiochemical techniques to study biomolecules, X-ray crystallography, NMR, molecular modeling.	Biophysical chemistry by Cantor and Schimmel. Biophysics by Rodney Cotteril.
Developmental Biology	Model systems- Vertebrates, Invertebrates and Plants, Axis and germ layers, The mesoderm and early nervous system, Morphogenesis and cell differentiation, Organogenesis, germ cells and sex.	Principles of Development – Lewis Wolpert-Oxford University Press, 2nd edition
Cell Biology	Preview of cell, cellular membranous systems, Transport, Mitochondria, Chloroplast, energy transducing organelle, Golgi, Nucleus, Cytoskeletal network, Cell growth & proliferation, Cell Immunity	Cell and Molecular Biology- Philip Sheeler & Donald E. Bianchi. 3rd edition, John Wiley Publication.
Animal Physiology	Digestive and Respiratory system, Circulatory system, Excretory system, Nervous and Endocrine system, Body Immune system	Animal Physiology by Sherwood et al, 1st edition- Thomson Publication. Animal Physiology by Sherwood et al, 1st edition- Thomson Publication.



B. Chemistry

Subject	Content	Reference Books
Physical Chemistry	<p>Basic principles and applications of quantum mechanics, angular momentum, hydrogen atom, atomic structure, chemical bonding, variational and perturbational methods, pure rotational spectroscopy, vibrational spectroscopy, vibrational-rotational spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy, electronic spectroscopy, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, electron spin resonance spectroscopy, mass spectroscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy</p> <p>Concepts and laws of thermodynamics, entropy, free energy, calculation of changes in thermodynamic properties, partial molar properties, ideal and real gases, ideal and non-ideal solutions, electrolytic solutions, colligative properties, phase equilibria, chemical equilibria, electrochemistry and applications, kinetic theory of gases, statistical thermodynamics</p> <p>Chemical kinetics, rate laws, order and molecularity, determination of reaction mechanism, Arrhenius equation, theory of reaction rates, concept of catalysts, elementary reactions, consecutive elementary reactions, unimolecular reactions, polymerization kinetics, photochemical processes, quantum yield, enzyme kinetics, thermodynamic and kinetic control, physical and chemisorption, molecular interactions, self-assembly and transport processes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donald A. McQuarrie, 'Quantum Chemistry', University Science Books (First Indian Edition 2003, Viva Books Private Limited). 2. Ira N. Levine, 'Quantum Chemistry', Pearson Education Inc. (2000) (First Indian Reprint, 2003). 3. P.W. Atkins and R.S. Friedman, 'Molecular Quantum Mechanics', 3rd Ed. OUP (1997). [4th ed. Has come out]. 4. F.L. Pillar, 'Elementary Quantum Chemistry', 2nd ed., McGraw Hill (1990). 5. John P. Lowe, 'Quantum Chemistry', 2nd ed., Pearson Education Inc. 6. Ira N. Levine, Physical Chemistry, Tata McGraw Hill, 2002, 5th edition 7. Donald A. McQuarrie & J. D. Simon, 'Molecular Thermodynamics', Viva Book Pvt Ltd., New Delhi, 2004 8. R. C. Srivastava, S K Saha, A K Jain, 'Thermodynamics', 2004
Inorganic Chemistry	<p>VSEPR Model, VB Theory, Ionic Crystal Structure, Structure of Complex Solids, Electronegativity, Acid-Base Chemistry, Chemistry in Aqueous and Non-Aqueous Solvents, Periodicity, Chemistry of transition metals, Redox chemistry.</p> <p>Character Table and its Applications in Infrared and Raman spectroscopy and in Bonding; Coordination Chemistry: Bonding - Valence Bond, Crystal Field, and Molecular Orbital theories; Complexes - Nomenclature, Isomerism, Coordination Numbers, Structure, Electronic Spectra, Magnetic Properties, Chelate Effect; Reactions - Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions, Kinetics, Mechanisms; Organometallic Chemistry: Structure and Reaction of Metal Carbonyls, Nitrosyls, Dinitrogen, Alkyls, Carbenes, Carbynes, Carbides, Alkenes, Alkynes, and Metallocenes; Catalysis by Organometallic Compounds; Stereochemically Non-Rigid Molecules. Bio-inorganic chemistry; metalloenzymes; metalloproteins; role of alkali and alkaline earth metal</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemical Application of Group Theory, F. A. Cotton, 3rd edition, John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 2011. 2. J. A. Cowan, "Inorganic Biochemistry An Introduction", Wiley-VCH, 2nd edition 3. Inorganic Chemistry – Principles of Structure and Reactivity, Huheey, J. E.; Keiter, E. A.; Keiter, R. L.; Medhi O. K.; 4th Edition, Pearson. 4. Concise Inorganic Chemistry, Lee, J.D. 5th Edition, Wiley India Edition. 5. Inorganic Chemistry, Shriver, D.F.; Atkins, P.W.; Overton T. L., Rourke, J. P.,



	ions, iron, copper, zinc, molybdenum etc. in life processes; Basic concepts in electronic, magnetic and photonic materials and nanomaterials.	Weller, M. T., Armstrong, F. A. 4th edition, Oxford.
Organic Chemistry	<p>Structure and Reactivity of Organic Compounds: IUPAC nomenclature of organic compounds, Reactive intermediates (carbocations, carbanions, free radicals, carbenes, benzyne and nitrenes), Aromaticity (Benzenoid and non-benzenoid compounds), Aliphatic & Aromatic Nucleophilic and Electrophilic Substitutions, Addition Reactions (carbon-carbon and carbon-hetero-multiple bonds) Elimination Reactions, Neighboring Group Participation</p> <p>Chemistry of Organic Compounds: Chemistry of functional groups, Structure, property and reactions of five and six membered heterocyclic (O, N and S) compounds, Organometallic compounds in organic synthesis, Natural products (carbohydrates, alkaloids, terpenes, amino acids).</p> <p>Stereochemistry of Organic Compounds: Stereochemistry (isomerism, chirality, origin of optical activity, stereochemistry of cyclic compounds, resolution), Selectivity (chemo-, regio-, and stereoselectivity), Conformations and configurational analysis of acyclic and cyclic compounds, Resolution and other asymmetric induction methods, Name reactions and rearrangements.</p> <p>Retrosynthetic Analysis: Disconnection approaches, Protecting Groups, Umpolung of reactivity, Ring synthesis and synthesis of Heterocyclic compounds</p> <p>Pericyclic Reactions and Photochemistry: Orbital symmetry, Electrocyclisation, Cycloaddition, Sigmatropic rearrangements and other related concerted reactions, Principles and applications of photochemical reactions in organic chemistry</p> <p>Spectroscopy of Organic Compounds: Structural elucidation of organic compounds using UV, IR, NMR (^1H & ^{13}C), Mass Spectrometry</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March Jerry, Advanced Organic Chemistry, John Wiley & Sons, 4th edition, 1992. 2. Morrison and Boyd, Organic Chemistry, Prentice & Hall, 6th edition, 1992. 3. William Kemp, "Organic Spectroscopy", Macmillan, 3rd ed. 1991. 4. J. Clayden, N. Greeves, S. Warren, P. Wothers, Organic Chemistry, Oxford University Press. 5. Raj K Bansal, heterocyclic Chemistry, fifth edition (TB), New Age International publishers. 6. I. L. Finar, Organic chemistry Vol. 2, 5th Ed.; Pearson 7. Stuart Warren, Designing Organic Syntheses: A Programmed Introduction to the Synthon Approach, John Wiley and sons Ltd., 1978. 8. W. Graham Solomons and Craig B. Fryhle, 'Organic Chemistry', 8th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York, 2004. 9. F. A. Carey, Organic Chemistry, 5th Edition, Tata McGraw-Hill Publications Company Ltd., 2003. 10. P. A. Bruice, Organic Chemistry, 3rd Edition, Reason Edution, Inc. 2001.
Analytical Chemistry	<p>Instrumental methods of analysis: Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, EPR), IR Spectroscopy, Mass Spectrometry, Ultraviolet and visible spectroscopy, fluorescence spectroscopy, chromatography and other separation techniques, Structure Resolution by combination of techniques.</p> <p>Chemical experimentation: Chemical Experimentation: Functional group identification and synthesis of organic compounds, Chromatography techniques (TLC & HPLC), Separation and qualitative analysis of mixture of organic Compounds. Acid base titrations, Complexometric titrations, Study of kinetics of chemical reactions, Determination of partition function, Adsorption isotherm, Synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials</p>	<p>William Kemp, "Organic Spectroscopy", Macmillan, 3rd ed, 1991</p> <p>Vogel's textbook of practical organic chemistry 5th edition</p>



C. Mathematics

Subject	Content	Reference Books
Algebra	Permutations, combinations, pigeon-hole principle, inclusion-exclusion principle, derangements. Fundamental theorem of arithmetic, divisibility in congruences, Chinese Remainder Theorem, Euler - function, primitive roots. Groups, subgroups, normal subgroups, quotient groups, homomorphisms, cyclic groups, permutation groups, Cayley's theorem, class equation, Sylow's theorem. Rings, ideals, prime and maximal ideals, quotient rings, unique factorization domain, principal ideal domain, Euclidean domain. Polynomial rings and irreducibility criteria. Fields, finite fields, field extensions, Galois Theory.	Topics in Algebra by I.N. Herstein, Vikas Publishing House Pvt Ltd.
Analysis	Elementary set theory, finite, countable and uncountable sets, real number system as a complete ordered field, Archimedean property, supremum, infimum. Sequences and series, convergence, limsup, liminf. Bolzano Weierstrass theorem, Heine Borel theorem. Continuity, uniform continuity, differentiability, mean value theorem. Sequences and series of functions, uniform convergence. Riemann sums and Riemann integral, improper integrals and Riemann Stieltjes integral. Monotonic functions, types of discontinuity, functions of bounded variation. Lebesgue measure, measurable sets, measurable functions, Riemann and Lebesgue integral and their properties. Differentiations, functions of bounded variations, spaces, different modes of convergence, metric spaces, compactness, connectedness. Normed linear spaces, spaces of continuous functions as examples	Principle of Mathematical Analysis by W. Rudin, McGraw hill Publishers. Measure Theory and Integration by G. D. Barra, Willey Eastern.
Topology	Topological spaces; special topologies, subspaces, product spaces and quotient spaces, continuity and homeomorphisms, connectedness and compactness, fundamental groups of surfaces	Topology by J.R. Munkres, Pearson Education publication. Introduction to Topology and Modern Analysis by G.F. Simmons, McGraw hill Publishers.
Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)	Existence and uniqueness of solutions of initial value problems for first order ODEs, singular solutions of first order ODEs, system of first order ODEs. General theory of homogeneous and non-homogeneous linear ODEs, variation of parameters, Sturm-Liouville boundary value problems, Green's function.	Differential Equations by G.F. Simmons. Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems, 8th Edition, with ODE Architect CD by G. Krantz, Wiley.
Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)	Lagrange and Charpit's methods for solving first order PDEs, Cauchy problem for first order PDEs. Classification of second order PDEs, general solution of higher order PDEs with constant coefficients, method of separation of variables for Laplace, Heat and Wave equations	Elements of Partial Differential Equations by I.N. Sneddon, McGraw hill Publisher.



Linear Algebra	Vector spaces, subspaces, linear dependence, basis, dimension, algebra of linear transformations. Algebra of matrices, rank and determinant of matrices, linear equations. Eigenvalues and eigenvectors, Cayley-Hamilton's theorem. Matrix representation of linear transformations. Change of basis, canonical forms, diagonal forms, triangular forms, Jordan forms. Inner product spaces, orthonormal basis. Quadratic forms, reduction and classification of quadratic forms.	Linear Algebra by K. Hoffmann and R. Kunze, Prentice hall of India Pvt Ltd. Linear algebra and matrix theory by J. Gilbert and L. Gilbert, Brooks Cole. Introduction to linear algebra by G. Strang Wellesley Cabridge Press.
Complex Analysis	Algebra of complex numbers, the complex plane, polynomials, power series, transcendental functions such as exponential, trigonometric and hyperbolic functions. Analytic functions, Cauchy-Riemann equations. Contour integral, Cauchy's theorem, Cauchy's integral formula, Liouville's theorem, maximum modulus principle, Schwarz lemma, open mapping theorem. Taylor's series, Laurent's series, calculus of residues. Conformal mappings, Mobius transformations.	Complex Variables and Applications by James Brown, R. V Churchill.
Numerical Analysis	Computer arithmetic and errors, numerical solutions of algebraic equations, method of iteration and Newton-Raphson method, rate of convergence. Solution of systems of linear algebraic equations by using Gauss elimination and Gauss-Seidel methods. Finite differences, Lagrange, Hermite and spline interpolation, numerical differentiation and integration. Numerical solution of ODEs using Picard, Euler, modified Euler and Runge-Kutta methods.	Applied Numerical Analysis by Gerald and Wheatley 6/E, Pearson Education.
Probability	Sample space, discrete probability, independent events, Bayes' theorem. Random variables and distribution functions (univariate and multivariate); expectation and moments. Independent random variables, marginal and conditional distributions. Characteristic functions. Probability inequalities (Tchebycheff, Markov, Jensen). Modes of convergence, weak and strong laws of large numbers, central limit theorems (i.i.d. case).	Introduction to Probability and Statistics: Principles and Applications for Engineering and the Computing Sciences by J. Susan Milton. Schaum's Outline of Probability and Statistics by Murray R Spiegel, John J. Schiller, R. Alu Srinivasan.
Optimization	Modeling with linear programming, general L.P. solution, The simplex method, duality and post optimal analysis, transportation model and its variants, goal programming and integer linear programming, non linear programming algorithms.	Operations Research: An Introduction by Hamdy A Taha 8/E, Prentice Hall India/Pearson Education.
Operations Research	Queuing systems: Poisson queuing systems, Reliability: reliability and hazard rate function of series and parallel systems, inventory systems: single item inventory models, simulation and game theory, network models and deterministic dynamic programming.	Operations Research: An Introduction by Hamdy A Taha.
Advanced Calculus	Functions of several variables, directional derivative, partial derivative, and derivative as a linear transformation, inverse and implicit function theorems.	Thomas's Calculus (11th Edition) by George B. Thomas, Maurice D. Weir, Joel Hass and Frank R. Giordano, Pearson Publication.



D. Physics

Subject	Content	Reference Books
Modern Physics	Special Theory of Relativity, Particle-like Properties of Waves, Wave-like Properties of Particles, Heisenberg Uncertainty Relation, Bohr's Model of Hydrogen-like Atoms, Schrodinger Equation, Particle in One-dimensional Potential, Particle in One-dimensional Potential, Many Electrons Atoms, Physics of Molecules, Nuclear Transformations	R. Eisberg & R. Resnick, Quantum Physics of Atoms, Molecules & Solids, WSE, 2nd ed., 1985 Arthur Beiser, Concepts of Modern Physics, Tata McGraw-Hill, 6th ed., 2005
Thermodynamics & Properties of Matter	Thermometry, Thermal Expansion, Heat, Work and the First Law of Thermodynamics, Second Law of Thermodynamics, Heat Engines and Entropy, Kinetic Theory, Phase Transformations, General Properties of Matter	Zemansky & Dittman, Heat & Thermodynamics, 6th ed., McGraw-Hill, 1981
Classical Mechanics	Constraints, Generalized Coordinates, D'Alembert's principle, Lagrange's Equations of Motion, Two-body Central force motion, Rigid Body Kinematics, Rigid Body Dynamics, Hamilton's Equations of Motion	H Goldstein, Classical Mechanics, Pearson Education, 3rd ed., 2002
Electromagnetic Theory	Electrostatics in Free Space, Electrostatics in Matter, Magnetostatics in Free Space, Magnetostatics in Matter, Faraday's Law of Electromagnetic Induction, Maxwell's Equations, Conservation Laws, Electromagnetic Waves, Electromagnetic Potentials, Fields and Radiations	D. J. Griffiths, Introduction to Electrodynamics, Pearson Education, 3rd ed., 1999
Quantum Mechanics	Schrodinger Equation, Eigenvalues, Eigenfunctions, Eigenfunction Expansion, Dirac Notation, Operator Methods, Harmonic Oscillator, Angular Momentum, Central Force Problem, The Hydrogen Atom, Spin, Identical Particles, Time Independent Perturbation Theory	Richard L. Liboff, Introductory Quantum Mechanics, Pearson Education, 4th ed., 2003 Stephen Gasiorowicz, Quantum Physics, John Wiley & Sons Inc., 3rd ed., 2003
Methods of Mathematical Physics	Vector Analysis, Curvilinear Coordinates, Matrices and Vector Spaces, Functions of Complex Variables, Ordinary Differential Equations, Sturm-Liouville Theory and Special Functions, Elements of Partial Differential Equations	Mathew Jon & R. Walker, Mathematical Methods of Physics, Pearson Education, 2nd ed., 1970 Arfken & Weber, Mathematical Methods for Physicists, Academic Press, 6th ed., 2005
Statistical Physics	Elements of Probability Theory, Elementary Kinetic Theory, Microcanonical, Canonical & Grand Canonical Ensembles and Their Applications, Quantum Statistics of Ideal Bose Gases, Quantum Statistics of Ideal Fermi Gases	Pathria R K, Statistical Mechanics, Elsevier, 2nd ed., 1996



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Solid State Physics	X-ray Diffraction and Crystal Structure, Lattice Dynamics, Free Electron Theory of Metal, Electron in Periodic potential, Energy Bands, Semiconductors, Superconductivity	Kittel C., Introduction to Solid State Physics, WSE, 7th ed., 1995
Optics & Spectroscopy	Geometrical Optics, Interference, Diffraction, Polarization, Crystal Optics & Lasers, Atomic & Molecular Spectroscopy	Ghatak, A K, Optics, Tata McGraw-Hill, 3rd ed., 2005 Banwell C N, Fundamentals of Molecular Spectroscopy, Tata McGraw-Hill, 4th ed., 1994
Nuclear & Particle Physics	Nuclear Properties and Nuclear Models, Fission & Fusion, The Quark Model, Elementary Particles, their Classification and Interactions, Particle Accelerators, Conservation Laws of Elementary Particles and Fundamental Interactions	Krane K, Introductory Nuclear Physics, John Wiley & Sons, 1st ed., 1988 Griffiths, D J, Introduction to Elementary Particles, WIE, 1st ed., 1987



E. Humanities & Social Sciences

Subject	Content	Reference Books
Media Studies	Cinematic Art, Cinematic Adaptation, Understanding News, Current Affairs, Mass communication, Advertising, Media Writing, Content Design, Short Film Making	Hartley, J. Understanding News. London: Routledge. 1991 2nd Ed The Oxford Guide to Film Studies. Richard Dyer et al. A&C Black Publishers Ltd. London, 2008 Belch, George E. and Michael A. Belch. 1998. Advertising and Promotion. Sixth Ed. New Delhi: Tata McGraw-Hill.
Communication	Business Communication, Conflict Management, Technical Communication	Lesikar and Flatley. 2005. Basic Business Communication. New Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill 10th ed. The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution, San Francisco: Wiley Company, 2000
Phonetics, Language & Literature	English Language Teaching, English Usage, Phonetics and Language, English Literature: Elizabethans and Augustan, Pre-romantics and Romantics, Victorian Literature, Twentieth Century Literature: Poetry and Drama, Twentieth Century Literature: Prose and Fiction, Indian Writing in English, Applied Linguistics, American Literature, Women's Writing, Postcolonial Literature	The Oxford Companion To English Literature. A Critical History of English Literature (Vol – I & II) by David Daiches. Studying English Literature (A Practical Guide) by Tory Young. Murphy, R. (2012). English grammar in use. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Richards, J. C., & Rodgers, T. S. (2001). Approaches and methods in language teaching. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Nunan, David, & Newbury House Teacher Development. (1999). Second language teaching & learning. Boston, Mass: Heinle&Heinle.
Music	Logic and science working behind music, Schools of musical training, Musical forms and styles	SangeetRatnakar by Sharangdev
Other HSS areas	Test can also be conducted in these subjects depending upon the applications: Sociology, Public Policy, Gender Studies, History, Psychology, Philosophy, Political Science, Professional Ethics, Education	
Digital Humanities	"A Companion to Digital Humanities". Schreibman, S., Siemens, R., Unsworth, J. (Eds). Blackwell Companions to Literature and Culture. Paperback Edition, 2007. (Available freely online at http://www.digitalhumanities.org/companion/) "A Companion to Digital Literary Studies". Schreibman, S., and Siemens, R., (Eds). Blackwell Companions to Literature and Culture. 2008. (Available freely online at http://www.digitalhumanities.org/companionDLS/)	
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Educational Psychology	Educational Psychology, 2nd edition, The Saylor Foundation (https://www.saylor.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Educational-Psychology.pdf)
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Spiritual Intelligence	Zohar and Marshall, Spiritual Intelligence The Ultimate Intelligence, Bloomsbury, 2001. Schuller, Peter A. ,Spiritual Intelligence, Author House, 2003.
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International Relations	John Baylis;(2001). The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relation; Oxford University Press; 2nd Edition. http://bit.ly/XhmCPF https://yfadukypyzy.files.wordpress.com/.../the-globalization-of-world-pol... https://peaceandconflictstudiesblog.files.wordpress.com/.../the-globalizati... Students are also expected to be familiar with NCERT's Contemporary World Politics - http://www.ncert.nic.in/ncerts/textbook/textbook.htm?leps1=0-9
Ecocriticism	Garrard, Greg. Ecocriticism. London: Routledge, 2012. Print. Cheryll Glotfelty and Harold Fromm. Eds. The Ecocriticism Reader: Landmarks in Literary Ecology. Athens :University of Georgia Press, 1996. Print.
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F. Economics

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Principles of Economics	Demand, Supply, Elasticity, Consumer Behavior, Analysis of Production and Cost Analysis, Markets, Basics of Macroeconomics, Economics of Public Goods	Case and Fair, Principles of Economics, Pearson Education, 2012
Fundamentals of Finance & Accounting	Basics of Accounting, Financial Statements and Analysis, Introduction to Securities, markets and analysis, Banking System, RBI, Non-bank financial intermediaries, Markets for Future, Options & Derivatives; Foreign Exchange Markets Capital market theory, Security valuation, Portfolio evaluation measures, Accounting analysis, Strategic analysis, Corporate strategies, Financial analysis, Valuation, Time value of money, Cost of capital, Capital structure, Dividend policy, Capital budgeting decision, Bond valuation, Stock valuation, Working capital management, Introduction to Risk & Derivatives Markets and Futures markets, Determination of forward and futures prices and Interest rate Futures, Hedging Strategies using Interest, Currency, Commodity, Stock and Index Futures, Mechanics of Swap contracts (Equity and Currency), Mechanics of Options Markets, Properties of Stock Options, Trading Strategies Involving Options, Option Pricing, Basic Greek Letters	Horngren, Sundem, and Elliott, Introduction to Financial Accounting, Pearson Education India Ltd. 8th ed. 2004 Bhole L.M, Financial Institution & Market Structure: Growth & Innovation, Tata McGraw Hill, 4th ed. 2004.
Microeconomics	Theory of Consumer Behaviour, Topics in Consumer Theory, Theory of Firm, Theory of Market Structure, General Equilibrium, Welfare Economics, Externalities, Common & Public Goods	Henderson J M and Quandt R E , Microeconomic Theory : A Mathematical Approach , McGraw Hill 3rd ed. 1980.
Macroeconomics	Macroeconomic System- Measurement, I-O System, Flow of Funds, Keynesian System – Demand, Money, Interest , Income, Output, Inflation& Unemployment, Money Supply, Consumption and Investment, Consumption and Investment	Froyen, Richard T Macroeconomics: Theories & Policies Pearson Education, Latest Edition.
Econometrics	Basics of Statistics, OLS, ,k-variable Linear Equation, General Linear Model, Violation of classical Assumptions, Heteroscedasticity, Autocorrelation, Multi co linearity, ARIMA Model, Time Series Analysis, Simultaneous Equation System	Johnston J and John Dinardo, Econometric Methods McGraw Hill International, 4th ed. 1997.
Money Banking & Financial Markets	Fundamentals of Financial Markets, Money and its Functions, Money Markets, Financial Markets and Financial Institutions, Foreign Exchange Markets,	Mishkin, Frederic S, Stanley G Eakins, Financial Markets and Institutions,



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Public Finance – Theory and Practice	Scope of Public Finance, Allocation, Distribution & Public Choices, Equity in Distribution, Public Choice & Fiscal Policy, Public Expenditure – Structure, Growth & Evaluation, Public Revenue, Principles of Taxation, Role of Fiscal Policy in India, Budgeting in India	Musgrave, R.A and Musgrave, P.B Public Finance: Theory and Practice McGraw Hill Book Co. 1999.
Economics of Growth and Planning	Economic Growth Models – Harrod-Domar, Neo-classical, Two sector Models, The Fel’dman Model of Economic Growth, Samuelson Model of Economic Growth, Kaldor’s Model of Income, Population, Environment, Inequality and Development. Issues of Development Economics.	Jones H. G. An Introduction to Modern Theories of Economic Growth, McGraw Hill, Kogakusha Ltd. 1976., Devraj Ray Development Economics OUP, Delhi 1998
International Economics	International Economics, Trade Theories, International Trade – Comparative Advantage, Heckscher –Ohlin (H-O) Model, Modern Theories of International Trade, Commercial Policies; Tariffs, Quotas, FDI, BOP, GATT, WTO, International Monetary System	Salvatore. D. International Economics WSE 9th ed. 2014
Issues in Indian Economy	India’s Economic Growth & Development, Significant Aspects of Indian Economy – Agriculture, Infrastructure, Private & Public Sector, Industrial Growth, Import- Exports, Unemployment, Commercial Banking & Finance, Inflation& Income Growth, Money Supply, Monetary Control, India’s Trade, External Aid, Public Debt	Agarwal. A. N, Indian Economy – Problems of Development & Planning Wishwa Prakashan, A division of New Age International(P) Ltd.,2005



G. Management

Subject	Content	Reference Books
Marketing	Developing Marketing Strategies and Plans, Marketing Research, Creating customer value and customer relationships, Analyzing consumer markets, Analyzing Business Markets, Identifying Market Segments and Targets, Competitive Dynamics, Crafting the Brand position, Creating Brand Equity, Setting Product strategy, Designing and managing services, Developing Pricing strategies and Programs, Designing and Managing Integrated Marketing Channels, Designing and Managing Integrated Marketing Communications	Kotler Philip, Kevin Lane Keller, Abraham Koshy, Mithileswar Jha; "Marketing Management – A South Asian Perspective", Pearson Education India Limited, New Delhi, 14 th Ed., 2013. Malhotra Naresh K. and Dash Satyabhushan, Marketing Research: An Applied Orientation. Pearson Education, 2015, 7th Edition.
Production & Operations Management	Forecasting, Facility Location Planning, Facility Layout Planning, Aggregate Planning, Inventory Management, Statistical Process Control, Production scheduling, Materials Requirement Planning, Just in time and Lean Operations	Heizer, J.; Render, B. and Rajashekhar, J., Operations Management, Pearson Education, India, 9th Edition, 2009.
Finance & Accounting	Concepts and Relevance of Accounting Information in the Business, Golden Rules of Accounting, Journal Entries, Ledger and Trial Balance, Preparation of Financial Statement – Trading, Profit and Loss A/C, Balance Sheet, Cash flow statement. Analysis of Financial Statements – Ratio Analysis	Anthony Robert N., Hawkins David F., Merchant Kenneth A., Accounting: Text and cases, 12th edition-2007, Tata McGraw Hill
HR & OB	Personnel Planning and Recruitment, Selection, Testing and Interviews, Training and Development, Performance Management and Appraisal, Employee Retention, Engagement and Careers Compensation, Benefits and Services, Ethics, Employee Safety and Health, Labour Relations and Collective Bargaining, Personality, Motivation, Perception, Organizational Culture, Group behavior and leadership	Dessler Gary, Varkkey Biju (2015), Human Resource Management, 14th edition. Pearson Education Stephen P. Robbins, Organizational Behavior, 15th edition. Pearson Education