Eligibility Criteria: Candidates with at least 55% marks in M.Sc level from any UGC recognized university are eligible to take the examination. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories as per the UGC norm need to have at least 50% to sit in the examination. Those who have qualified in UGC/CSIR (JRF)/NET/SET/SLET/GATE or have obtained DST INSPIRE Fellowship/Teacher fellowship or have passed equivalent examinations or passed the M.Phil./ M.Tech / M.D/ M.E./ M.Pharm or an equivalent examination would be exempted from the written examination.