**PhD International Relations**

**University of Management and Technology, Lahore**

**Admission Process**

The screening of prospective candidates will be based on;

a) Previous academic record – all details, documents should be attached with admission form – minimum eligibility criteria set by HEC should be fulfilled.

a) Admission Test – 100 marks -- 70% score in the test is required to qualify for the interview.

c) Interview – 50 marks

**Admission Test**

**Objective:** A Diagnostic test that aims to evaluate candidates’ ability in the following areas;

1. Reading comprehension, critical, analytical ability
2. Research Orientation and Writing ability
3. Knowledge of the subject and research methods in Social Sciences

Total marks 100 – Time Allowed: 2.5 hrs.

The test consists of three separate sections. Section 2 Part B will be conducted separately.

Time Allocation: 1 hr 45 min for Section 1, Section 2 Part A and Section 3 (MCQs)

45 minutes for Section 2 Part B (Subjective)

**Section 1**

Reading Comprehension, Critical, Analytical Ability   (20 marks)

One or two reading passages will be given (content related to IR / related fields)

20 MCQs testing the aforementioned skills will be given on these passages.

**Section 2**

Research Methodology , Research Orientation and Writing ability (30 marks)

This section will be further divided into two parts ;

Part A - 10 MCQs testing knowledge of Social Research Methods - 10 marks

Part B – Write down a tentative research proposal that includes your original research idea , how you plan to explore it , why is it worth exploring. 20 marks

**Section 3**

Knowledge of the Subject (50 marks)

This section will include 50 MCQs from key areas of the subject- marks break up is as follows;

* International Relations Theory – 25
* Foreign Policy of Pakistan – 10
* Current Affairs – 5 to 10
* Modern World History / Basic International Relations – 5 to 10

**Interview – 50 marks.**

Successful candidates will appear in the interview to be taken by Dept. Graduate Committee.

Each member of the committee will assess the candidate and decide his/her score after mutual consultation.

**Some Basic Guidelines**

**IR Theory**

Candidates are expected to be familiar with a range of theoretical perspectives in IR including;

* Realism – all variants
* Liberalism – all variants
* The English School
* Constructivism
* Marxism / Neo Marxism
* Critical Theory
* Post Structuralism
* Feminism
* Post colonialism
* Great Debates in IR Theory

**Research Methods**

Candidates are expected to be familiar with;

* Major Types of Social Research
* Components of a research proposal / dissertation
* Difference between Qualitative and quantitative approaches
* Qualitative and Quantitative Sampling