

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;

- a) Reading comprehension, critical, analytical ability
- b) Research Orientation and Writing ability
- c) 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