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REVISED FORMAT OF PAPER-III OF UGC-NET

The University Grants Commission has restructured the format of Paper-III for all forthcoming NET examinations. The syllabi of all subjects, however, remain unchanged. Paper-III now consists of four Sections, in all containing 26 questions for the candidates to attempt.

NOTE: The instructions regarding Paper-III in the note given at the beginning of syllabus for each subject should be ignored as they have now become infructuous.

Section I: It requires the candidates to write a critique of a given passage or stanza from a known thinker/writer. Five carefully considered specific questions are to be asked on the given passage, requiring an answer in upto 30 words. It shall carry $5 \times 5 = 25$ marks. In the case of science subjects, a theoretical problem will be set for the candidates to analyse. Five questions will be asked thereon. Questions in this section shall be numbered as 1 – 5.

Section II: Fifteen questions will be asked across the syllabus for Paper-III(A). The questions will be definitional or seeking particular information and are to be answered in up to 30 words each. Each question will carry 5 marks ($15 \times 5 = 75$ marks). There will be no internal choice. The questions in this section shall be numbered from 6 to 20.

Section III: Five extended answers based on analytical/evaluative questions will be asked on the major specializations/electives. Questions will be asked on all major specializations/electives and the candidates will be asked to choose one specialisation/elective and answer the five questions from it. The questions will be set from the syllabus for Paper-III(B). There is to be no internal choice. Each question will be answered in up to 200 words and shall carry 12 marks ($5 \times 12 = 60$ marks). Where there is no specialization/elective, 5 questions will be set across the syllabus for Paper-III. The questions in this section shall be numbered from 21 to 25.

Section IV: Essay writing – One question with internal choice on general themes and contemporary, theoretical or of disciplinary relevance will be given. The candidate would write up to 1000 words. The question should be numbered as 26.

Structure of Revised Format for Paper – III

Serial no.	Question	Test of	Words	Marks
Section 1	Critique	critical ability and ability to apply knowledge one possesses.	$30 \times 5 = 150$	$5 \times 5 = 25$
Section 2	15 definitional specific answer questions	ability of precise understanding and making exact statement.	$30 \times 15 = 450$	$15 \times 5 = 75$
Section 3	5 analytical/ evaluative questions	ability to reason and hold the argument over some length.	$200 \times 5 = 1000$	$5 \times 12 = 60$
Section 4	Essay	ability to expound critically a theme at length with discrimination.	$1000 \times 1 = 1000$	$1 \times 40 = 40$
			2600 words	200 marks