

LATEST STRUCTURE OF PAPER-III
To be Implemented from JUNE 2010 UGC-NET

- SECTION - I: Essay writing – two questions with internal choice on general themes and contemporary, theoretical or of disciplinary relevance may be given. The candidate is expected to write up to 500 words for each question of 20 marks (2 Q X 20 M = 40 Marks). In case the questions are based on electives, the choices should have questions from each elective; otherwise all choices should be of general nature, common to all candidates. In case of science subjects like Computer Science and Applications, Environmental Sciences, Electronic Science etc., two questions carrying 20 marks each may be given in place of essay type questions. The questions in this section should be numbered as 1 and 2.
- SECTION - II: Three extended answer based questions to test the analytical ability of the candidate are to be asked on the major specializations/electives. Questions will be asked on all major specializations/electives and the candidates may be asked to choose one specialization/elective and answer the three questions. There is to be no internal choice. Each question will be answered in up to 300 words and shall carry 15 marks each (3 Q X 15 M = 45 Marks). Where there is no specialization/elective, 3 questions may be set across the syllabus. The questions in this section should be numbered from 3 to 5.
- SECTION-III: Nine questions may be asked across the syllabus. The questions will be definitional or seeking particular information and are to be answered in up to 50 words each. For science subjects as mentioned in Section-I, short numerical/computational problems may be considered. Each question will carry 10 marks (9 Q X 10 M = 90 Marks). There should be no internal choice. The questions in this section should be numbered from 6 to 14.
- SECTION-IV: It requires the candidates to answer questions from a given text of around 200 – 300 words taken from the works of a known thinker/author. Five carefully considered specific questions are to be asked on the given text, requiring an answer in up to 30 words each. This section carries 5 questions of 5 marks each (5 Q X 5 M = 25 Marks). In the case of science subjects, a theoretical/numerical problem may be set. These questions are meant to test critical thinking, ability to comprehend and apply knowledge one possesses. Questions in this section should be numbered as 15 to 19.

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SECTION	TYPE OF QUESTIONS	TEST OF	No. of Questions	WORDS		MARKS	
				Per Answer	Total	Per Question	Total
I	Essay	Ability to dwell on a theme at an optimum level	2	500	1000	20	40
II	Three analytical/ evaluative questions	Ability to reason and hold an argument on the given topic	3	300	900	15	45
III	Nine definitional / short answer questions	Ability to understand and express the same	9	50	450	10	90
IV	Text based questions	Critical thinking, ability to comprehend and formulate the concepts	5	30	150	5	25
TOTAL			19	-	2500	-	200