A. Structure of the Test Paper
The Test Paper, carrying a weighting of 60 marks, will be divided into four sections as follows:

1. 10 objective-type, multiple choice questions testing candidate’s general knowledge and research aptitude, patterned after NET/NET-JRF Paper I. (10 marks)

2. 15 objective-type, multiple choice questions based on the History of English Language and Literature, patterned after NET/NET-JRF Paper II. (15 marks)

3. 05 short-answer questions out of eight, patterned after Section-II of NET/NET-JRF Paper III, with each to be answered in not more than 40 words. (20 marks)

4. 01 long-answer question out of four, patterned after Section-III of NET/NET-JRF Paper III, to be answered in not more than 300 words. (15 marks)

B. Syllabus for the Entrance Test
The syllabus for the PhD (English) Entrance Test Paper will thus be the same as that of NET/NET-JRF Examination conducted by the UGC.

Section-1
This section will be aimed at assessing the teaching and general/research aptitude of the examinees besides their awareness. They will be expected to possess and exhibit cognitive abilities including comprehension, analysis, evaluation, understanding of the structure of arguments and deductive and inductive reasoning. They will also be expected to provide evidence of their general awareness and knowledge of sources of information, awareness of interaction between people, environment and natural resources and their impact on quality of life. (10 marks)

Given below are the details:

1. Teaching Aptitude
   Teaching: nature, objectives, characteristics and basic requirements; Learners’ characteristics; Factors affecting teaching; methods of teaching; teaching aids; Evaluation systems

2. Research Aptitude
   Research: meaning, characteristics and types; Steps of research, methods of research, and research ethics; Paper, article, workshop, seminar, conference and symposium

3. Reading Comprehension
   A passage is set with questions to be answered
4 Communication
Communication: nature, characteristics, types, barriers and effective classroom communication

5 Reasoning (including Mathematical)
Number series, letter series and codes; Relationships and classification

6 Logical Reasoning
Understanding the structure of arguments; Evaluating and distinguishing deductive and inductive reasoning; Verbal analogies: word analogy, applied analogy; verbal classification; Reasoning logical diagrams; simple diagrammatic relationship, multi-diagrammatic relationship; Analytical reasoning

7 Data Interpretation
Sources, acquisition and interpretation of data; Quantitative and qualitative data; Graphical representation and mapping of data

8 Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
ICT: meaning, advantages, disadvantages and uses; General abbreviations and terminology; Basics of Internet and e-mailing

9 People and Environment
People and environment interaction; Sources of pollution; Pollutants and their impact on human life, exploitation of natural and energy resources

10 Higher Education System: Governance, Polity and Administration
Structure of the institutions for higher learning and research in India; formal and distance education; professional/technical and general education; value education; governance, polity and administration; concept, institutions and their interactions.

Section-2
This will have 15 objective-type questions on some of the following topics based on the History of English Literature. (15 marks)

Topics
(a) Chaucer to Shakespeare; (b) Jacobean to Restoration Periods; (c) Augustan Age: 18th Century Literature; (d) The Romantic Period; (e) Victorian Period; (f) Modern Period; (g) Contemporary Period; (h) American and other non-British Literatures; and (i) Literary Theory and Criticism.

Sample Questions
1 Sissy Jupe is a character in
   (A) Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland
   (B) Dickens’ Hard Times
   (C) Dickens’ Christmas Carols
   (D) George Eliot’s Middlemarch

2 The words, “beaded bubbles winking at the brim” occur in
   (A) Ozymandias
   (B) Ode to a Nightingale
   (C) Hero and Leander
   (D) Dejection: an Ode
A researcher is generally expected to
(A) study the existing literature in a field
(B) generate new principles and theories
(C) synthesis the ideas given by others
(D) evaluate the findings of a study

Section-3
Eight analytical/evaluative questions will be set on some of the major texts in English Literature. The candidates will be required to answer any five of these eight questions. There will be no internal choice. (20 marks)

Topics
(a) Chaucer to Shakespeare; (b) Jacobean to Restoration Periods; (c) Augustan Age: 18th Century Literature; (d) The Romantic Period; (e) Victorian Period; (f) Modern Period; (g) Contemporary Period; (h) American and other non-British Literatures; and (i) Literary Theory and Criticism.

Sample Questions
1. Describe the sources of Eliot’s allusions in *The Wasteland*.
2. Examine Aristotle’s concept of truth in literature.

Section-4
Five essay topics will be set covering English Language and Literature. The topics will be the same as those set on any NET-JRF/NET-L/SLET paper. The candidates will be required asked to write an essay on any one of those four topics set. There will be no internal choice. (15 marks)

Sample Questions
1. Write a note on Deconstruction as a critique of structuralism.
2. Examine the view that the meaning of a creative work is lost in translation from regional language into English.

Note: Examinees will be required to write the answers in the test paper itself. No separate answer sheet will be issued to them.

C. Requirements for Eligibility
1. Applicants should have secured at least 50% marks in the External Examination at the MA (English) (70 x 8 = 560) in order to be eligible for taking the Entrance Test.
2. They also need to secure at least 50% marks at the PhD (English) Entrance Test, i.e. 30 out of 60 on the Entrance Test to qualify for consideration for admission.
3. However, applicants may please note that merely fulfilling the minimum eligibility provisions does not automatically ensure a secured admission.

D. Stages in the Admission Process
1. Stage-1: The University will issue an advertisement calling for applications for admission to our PhD (English) programme from interested candidates who have secured a minimum of 50% marks on an average in the External Examination at MA in English (70 x 8 = 560 marks).
Stage-2: The Department of English will conduct the PhD (English) Entrance Test on behalf of the University between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on Thursday, 21 July 2011 in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Sardar Patel University for applicants with only an MA in English as those with UGC NET-JRF/NET-L/GSET/MPhil are exempted from taking the Entrance Test.

Stage-3: Results of the PhD (English) Entrance Test will be declared on Monday, 25 July 2011 and the University will make public the combined merit of each of the candidates qualifying the test based on computation of 40% of the total marks (560) secured by an applicant at the External Examination at MA in English, plus the actual marks secured by an applicant out of 60 on the Entrance Test/60% marks in the External Examination at MPhil (English) (70 x 4 = 280), thus accounting for 100 marks. The merit list thus prepared will be notified on the Homepage of the University website <www.spuvvn.edu> and on notice-board in the Department.

Stage-4: Interview-cum-Counselling session will be held between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on Friday, 29 July 2011 in the Computer Laboratory of the Department in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building for all the applicants who are found qualified thus, wherein each of the qualifying applicants shall:

(a) appear, bringing with him/her seven copies of the presentation, (one each for the members of the PhD RDC, and one for the records) on a topic of his/her area of interest for research.

(b) shall make an oral presentation lasting not more than three minutes on the topic of his/her area of interest for research, focussing on why and how he/she thinks the research area chosen is important and how much of work he/she has already put into it thus far.

(c) answer questions based on the short oral/PowerPoint presentation asked by any of the members of the PhD RDC who might wish to do so.

Note: The applicants are instructed in advance to take this very seriously as the PhD RDC will make an assessment of their research potential on the basis of their presentations and their response to questions put on it before taking a final decision on admission. An applicant’s failure to make a presentation will be taken as constituting a breach of the requirements on his/her part, thus leading to his/her automatic disqualification.

E. Core Committee for Admission
The Core Committee for the PhD (English) Entrance Test will consist of the Head of the Department of English as the Convenor and include all the members of the PhD Research Committee in the Department as members. It will perform the following functions as per the directives from the University:

1 Scrutinize all the applications received from the University Office and sort these out on the basis of the groups of eligible applicants: (a) applicants with UGC NET-JRF/NET-L/GSET who are exempted from taking the Entrance Test, (b) applicants with MPhil who are also exempted from taking the Entrance Test, and (c) freshly passed students with an MA in English who must take the Entrance Test.

2 It will despatch by post/courier admit card to the permanent postal address supplied by an applicant in his/her application. However, the committee shall not be held responsible for not
supplying this in person, and if it refuses entry to any candidate who fails to produce the admit card when he/she comes to take the Entrance Test.

3 It will set/get the Entrance Test set for the PhD (English) Entrance Test, and will conduct the PhD (English) Entrance Test between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm on Thursday, 21 July 2011.

4 It will evaluate/get the answerscripts of the PhD (English) Entrance Test evaluated and prepare the final merit list taking into account 40% marks of the total marks obtained in the External Examination only (70 x 8 = 560) at MA (English), plus the actual marks secured by each of the examinees out of 60 in the PhD (English) Entrance Test/60% marks in the External Examination at MPhil (English) (70 x 4 = 280), thus accounting for the final scores out of 100. Similarly it will use the rank, if available, in case of those applicants who have cleared NET/GSET.

5 It will thus compile the merit list and display it on the notice board in the Department as well as on the university website <www.spuvvn.edu>.

6 It will hold a personal interview-cum-counselling session for all of the qualifying candidates.

**G. Division of Vacancies**

1 There are a total of 3 seats available with recognised guides in the Department and a total of 6 seats available with recognised guides elsewhere on the PhD (English) (Full-/Part-time) Programme in the July 2011 intake. The division of these 9 seats is as follows as per existing rules for PhD admissions after the implementation of the UGC Regulations 2009:

2 40% for applicants with NET-JRF/NET-L/GSLET etc qualification, based on rankings, if any for deciding the merit (04).

3 30% for applicants with MPhil (English) from this or any other university, established by law and recognised by the UGC, with at least 50% marks in the External Examination at MA and MPhil (03).

4 30% for applicants qualifying in the PhD (English) Entrance Test conducted by the Department of English, Sardar Patel University (02).

5 The ongoing SAP-DRS Programme (Phase-II) of the UGC makes it necessary for us to adhere to the following division of seats on merit basis as per the university rules: (A) 70% for SPU; 10% for OUG; and 20% for OTG on both State-aided and Self-financed Programmes. Of the 70% seats for SPU, 48% are for Open; 07% for SC; 15% for ST; 27% for SEBC; and 03% for PH. The same set of criteria applies to the 10% OUG and 20% OTG seats.

6 The Break-up for 9 seats as per existing rules on reservations is as follows:

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Note: Any seat that remains unfilled due to non-availability of candidates from OUG/OTG or from reserved categories would automatically stand converted to Sardar Patel University Open as per the rules existing in the university today.
H. Criteria Used for Admission
The PhD RDC will take into account (1) the available vacancies, (2) the available specialisation/s, and (3) the applicant’s research interest as was evident in his/her presentation and the research supervisors’ current research interest, to decide finally on (a) the wording and focus of each of the accepted research topics, and (b) the allocation of a research supervisor to each one of the applicants selected for admission, ensuring strict observance of the reservation policy of the University and the Government of Gujarat in the entire process.

It will offer preferential admissions to those with NET-JRF, MPhil, NET-L, GSET followed by those who have qualified in the Entrance Test (in that order), purely on the basis of their final merit standing. Finally, the PhD RDC will list the candidates selected and recommend to the University that they be granted admission to the PhD (English) programme.

I. Important Note
The decision of the PhD Research Committee on admissions to PhD programme shall be final ordinarily, but in case of any dispute arising out of it, the decision of the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University shall be final and binding for all concerned.

Source: http://www.spuvvn.edu/pgd/english/courses.html