

Department of English
Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad

Sample Papers and Guidelines¹
(For Admission Test)

¹ These guidelines are not exhaustive, and in any case, the rules and directions in the official university calendar will prevail.

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History of Department

At the Department of English, we proudly offer a variety of courses on English language, linguistics and literature. Fall 2020 witnessed our first intake of BS English Programme and we intend to comprehensively roll out MPhil and PhD programmes in both disciplines of Literature and Linguistics during the incoming sessions. The faculty of English is eminent for being foreign qualified and also for their excellence in teaching and research. Offering courses and degrees in English Literature, Linguistics and Language is, though, not a new phenomenon in Pakistan, but here at QAU, this is for the very first time that English department has emerged, on academic strata, as the most famed center of excellence for the research, criticism, teaching and study.

English is one of the mostly admired degree subjects in the subcontinent including Pakistan and above all, students value it as enormously engaging, interesting and intellectually fulfilling. It helps students to acquire such skills and intellectual traits which are widely sought after by top ranked employers of both public and private sectors. Having a resource of great English faculties, we care very much about attracting the brightest students from any background and from anywhere across Pakistan. The course we offer define our vision. Early innovations being introduced by our faculty continue to shape our teaching. Our academics are committed teachers who are eager to encourage and direct your study. We are unique in offering a serene balance of courses on English language, linguistics and literature for our BS English degree programme.

Located in the Social Sciences Block - II of Quaid-i-Azam University, the Department of English marks 2011 as a departing point when it enrolled its first batch of students for MSc degree programme in Linguistics. The year 2020, despite having witnessed a dive down trend in academic activities across the globe due to COVID-19 pandemic, promised us an unprecedented growth and accomplishment in terms of our renewed status as a full-fledged Department of English. We have also enriched our resource center (Library) with a massive collection of material on English language, linguistics and literature. The Library is ideal for in-depth resources for research, and there are ample spaces perfect for private study. Many of its collections can also be accessed online. We run tours throughout the year and subject specific research skills classes to help you navigate the collections.

Head of Department's Message

Welcome to the Department of English, a place to explore a rich variety of subject areas in the fields of language, linguistics, and literature. Established in February 2011 as the Department of Linguistics and renamed the Department of English in 2020, we now run degree programmes in BS (Linguistics and Literature), MPhil (Linguistics), MPhil (Literature), PhD (Linguistics) and PhD (Literature). Our passionate and internationally renowned academic team, engaged in producing research of national and international significance, provides an intellectually stimulating environment and necessary tools to undergraduate and postgraduate students to appreciate literature across historical, cultural and national boundaries. From classical texts to postcolonial literatures, from folk literature to global literature, from popular genres to digital humanities and film studies, our department offers an exciting range of courses in the respective disciplines. Through various theoretical approaches and literary genres, students are not only encouraged to explore literary works in terms of social relevance and aesthetic value but also trained to think and write critically. Similarly, our curiosity-driven modules in core and applied linguistics not only help you to explore the complexities of human communication but also prepare you to master the research methods and data analysis skills required to pursue your research degree in specific fields of linguistics.



Our faculty work in such areas as phonetics and phonology, critical pedagogy, language in education, teacher training, sociolinguistics, critical discourse analysis, anthropological linguistics, applied linguistics, language disorders, corpus linguistics, postcolonial studies, film and literature, masculinity studies, feminism, gender and sexuality studies, Pakistani anglophone writings, Arab anglophone writing, Middle East literature, contemporary Muslim popular genre, posthumanism and transhumanism.

QAU's English Department is known for its ethnic and linguistic diversity, which allows students to connect with people across barriers of culture and language, thereby, fostering a spirit of collaboration, tolerance and inclusivity.

MPhil Sample Papers and Directions

Directions

The applicants must have to their credit:

1. First Division in MA / MSc or in BA/BSc or at least 60% marks in BS (Hons) and all other 4-5 years Degrees;
2. Shall not have obtained third division in BA/BSc or MA or MSc;
3. In case of 3rd division in FA/FSc, the candidate should have obtained 1st division in both BA/BSc and MA/MSc; or at least 60% marks in BS (Hons) and all other 4-5 years Degrees;

No Objection Certificate from the employer is required to be attached with Admission Data Summary Sheet and routed through Proper Channel in case of in-service applicants;

The are following are not eligible for admission to MPhil programme:

1. Those who have been rusticated or expelled from any university or College for misconduct or use of unfair means in the examinations or any offence involving moral turpitude;
2. Those who were admitted earlier to MPhil programme but later were declared to have been ceased to be students of the university;

The applicants much provide official certificate showing percentage of marks obtained in MSc/BS Hons /4-5 years programme.

MPhil English Linguistics

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M Phil English Admission Test (Sample Paper)
Max Time: 1 hour Date: ----- Max Marks: 40

Applicant's Name: Tracking ID:

Attempt any ONE question

Q1. In your opinion, what are some of the most significant linguistics theories that have shaped our understanding of human language and /have enabled us to make meaning of our surroundings?

OR

Q2. What are some of the basic functions of our language? How do you foresee the future of language in the current scientific world? Elaborate your response with academic references to support your opinion/ understanding.

MPhil English Literature

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Applicant's Name: Tracking ID:

Attempt any ONE question

Q1. 1. We now live in a world, articulated differently by states and by media in different regional and national contexts, in which fear often appears to be the source and ground for intensive campaigns of group violence, ranging from riots to extended pogroms. Elaborate in view of the critical debates on the issue.

OR

2. 'Virtuality is an image or space that is not real but appears to be' (Nicholas Mirzoeff). How do postmodern texts present the relationship between 'reality' and 'representation'?

PhD Sample Papers and Directions

Directions

The following is criteria for admission in PhD English linguistics and PhD English literature programs:

1. **Principles and Purposes.** The minimum requirement for admission to a PhD program shall be completion of the MPhil/ MS English degree.
2. **Completion of Prior Degree.** Prior to entry into a PhD program, the student shall have been awarded his or her MS/ MPhil English or equivalent degrees.
3. **Minimum GPA Requirement.** For admission in PhD programs, a minimum CGPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0) in the semester system) or First Division (in the annual system) in the most recent degree obtained is required, whether such was degree obtained from Pakistani or foreign universities.
4. **Testing Requirement.** All applicants to PhD programs shall be required to take subject test of English linguistics or English literature for admission to PhD English linguistics and PhD English literature programs respectively with 60% passing scores.
5. **Statement of Purpose.** As part of the application for admission to PhD programs, applicants shall be required to submit a statement of purpose, which shall form an integral part of the application. The admissions committee shall use the information provided to ascertain the preparedness and interest of the candidate in pursuing doctoral studies, and whether the department has the requisite resources to train and supervise the doctoral candidate in the subspecialty he or she is interested in.

PhD English Linguistics

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Applicant's Name: Tracking ID:

Attempt any ONE question

Q1. How has the interplay between linguistic relativity and cognitive science influenced our understanding of language's role in shaping thought processes and cultural perception? Discuss with reference to key studies and theoretical frameworks.

OR

Q2. Evaluate the impact of technological advancements, such as natural language processing and artificial intelligence, on the evolution and preservation of languages. How might these technologies alter linguistic research and communication in the future? Support your answer with examples and scholarly references.

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