9.1 The programme shall be of 6 months duration and shall comprise three theory papers. Examination in respect of Papers 1st and 2nd shall be arranged by the concerned Dean of the Faculty.

Pre-Ph. D programme

Paper 1st: Recent Advances in the subject

This paper shall be common to all the scholars from a Department, a group of Departments or a Faculty (wherever possible). The syllabus for the same shall be drafted by DRCs based on recent advances in the subject/s.

Paper 2nd: Methodology:

Based on understanding of the principle and application of techniques to the research in the concerned subject/faculty/ discipline/area of research.

Paper 3rd: Specialized paper:

This paper shall be based on the topic of research of the student. The syllabus for this paper shall accordingly be drafted by the individual supervisor and approved by DRC. This paper shall be set and evaluated by the concerned supervisor.

9.2 Each paper shall carry 100 marks and the candidate/s shall be required to obtain at least 50% marks to secure a pass in each paper.

9.3 Examination of all the three papers shall be held at the end of 6 months by the respective Deans in accordance with the calendar issued by the Dean Research.

9.4 In case a candidate fails to qualify all the three papers he/she shall not be registered for Ph.D. programme. However, he/she shall be provided one more chance, within six