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KARNATAKA EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY
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NOTIFICATION
KARNATAKA STATE ELIGIBILITY TEST (KSET) – 2023 FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Government of Karnataka has directed Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to conduct Karnataka State Eligibility Test-2023 (KSET-2023) for Assistant Professor. Accordingly (KEA) has invited online applications from the eligible candidates for the KSET-2023 examination scheduled on **26th November 2023** (Sunday).

1) Notification date	:	11-09-2023
2) Submission of online application commences from	:	11-09-2023
3) Last date for submission of online application	:	30-09-2023
4) Last date to pay the fees	:	03-10-2023
5) Date of Examination	:	26.11.2023

CANDIDATES CAN APPLY FOR KSET-2023 IN “ONLINE” MODE ONLY. THE APPLICATION IN ANY OTHER MODE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FORM MAY BE DONE BY ACCESSING KSET WEBSITE OF KEA <http://kea.kar.nic.in>

CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO GO THROUGH THE NOTIFICATION CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING THEIR ONLINE APPLICATION.

- The details of KSET – 2023 Test Centers for 41 subjects is furnished in page number 06.
- Candidates who qualify the KSET - 2023 are governed by the recruitment rules and regulations stipulated for the post of Assistant Professors of concerned Universities / Colleges / Institutions (Government/ Aided /Private) of Karnataka State.
- Candidates belonging to Schedule Caste (SC), Schedule Tribe (ST), Persons with Disability (PWD), OBCs [Cat- I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB] should be as per the backward classes listed in Government of Karnataka web site: <https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/>.

(I) CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

1. Candidates who have secured at least 55% of marks (without rounding off) for general category and 50% for Schedule Category (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Persons with Disability (PWD), Transgender, OBCs i.e., Cat-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA and IIIB, in Master’s Degree OR equivalent examination from universities / institutions recognized by UGC New Delhi, in the subjects opted for KSET.

2. Candidates who are pursuing their Master's Degree (First or Second Semester) or equivalent course or candidates who have appeared for their Master's Degree (Final Year) examination and whose result is still awaited or candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and for those who clear the KSET, eligibility certificate will be issued only on production of proof for having passed the Master's degree or equivalent examination securing at least 55% marks (50% in case of SC, ST, OBC i.e., Cat- I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, Transgender and PWD candidates) **within two years** from the date of **KSET result**, failing which they will be treated as disqualified.
3. Candidates shall appear for KSET in their relevant subject of their post-graduation only, in case the candidate did not find the subject of his/her post-graduation in the list of KSET subjects, the candidate may appear in UGC-NET / UGC-CSIR NET which is held twice a year.
4. The Ph.D. degree holders whose Master's level examination had been completed by 19th September, 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result), shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) for appearing in KSET.
5. Candidates other than general category are required to mention their reservation status in the online application form. **The category certificates issued by the competent authorities on or before the last date for submission of online application form.[for SC, ST, CAT-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA and IIIB & Transgender candidates only].** In case their ineligibility is detected due to invalid certificate by the KSET authority at any stage, their candidature will be cancelled without prior notice and they shall be liable for legal action.
6. Other state candidates will not be eligible for reservation. Hence, in the Masters Degree examination, if they have scored the required minimum 55% or above, fixed for 'GENERAL (UR)' category as per the qualifying criteria, then only they are eligible to register for admissions through KEA Please note that SC/ST/OBC eligibility criteria are applicable to Karnataka SC/ST/OBC candidates only.
7. Candidates should note that their candidature is provisional. The mere fact that admission to the examination will not imply that the KEA has finally accepted his/her candidature. Candidates may note that candidature will be deemed final only upon fulfilling of eligibility conditions.
8. Candidate who **became eligible in Previous KSETs are not eligible to apply again in the same subject.** If any candidate found to be eligible in previous KSET tests and reappearing on same subject in current KSET, their candidature will be cancelled and the previous eligibility is withdrawn through de-notification.
9. Candidates with post-graduate diploma/certificate awarded by Indian University/Institute or foreign degree/diploma/certificate awarded by the foreign University/ Institute should in their own interest, ascertain the equivalence of their diploma/degree/certificate with Master's degree of recognized Indian universities from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi(www.aiu.ac.in).

(II) AGE LIMIT:

There is no upper age limit to apply for KSET.

(III) EXEMPTION:

1. KSET shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities / Colleges / Institutions of Higher education (Government/Aided/Private) in Karnataka State.
 - a) NET/SET/SLET shall remain the minimum eligibility condition for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professors in Universities/Colleges/ Institutions. In this regard, exemption from NET/SET/SLET will be governed by UGC regulations and amendments notified in the Gazette of India for time to time.
 - b) The candidates who have passed the UGC-NET/CSIR JRF examination prior to 1989 are also exempted from KSET examination.
 - c) **For SET candidates:** The candidates who have cleared the States Eligibility Test (SET) accredited by UGC for eligibility for Assistant Professor held prior to 1st June 2002, are exempted from appearing in KSET, being eligible to apply for Assistant Professor anywhere in India. For SET held from 1st June 2002 onwards, the qualified candidates are eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor only in the Universities/ Colleges situated in the state from where they have cleared their SET.

(IV) EXAMINATION FEE AND MODE OF PAYMENT:

i. Examination fees

Category	Fee (in Rs.)
General, Cat-IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB & other State Candidates	1,000/-
Cat-I, SC,ST, PWD & Transgender Candidates	700/-

ii. Mode of payment:

The payment has to be made in the “**Computerized Post Office**” branches only. Fee relaxation will be given to Cat-I, SC, ST, Transgender candidates and also for PWD candidates of more than 40% of disability and those who are holding a disability certificates issued by District Health Officer.

Please Note:

1. Fee submitted by any other mode like Money Order /Demand Draft/IPO etc., will NOT be accepted.
2. Fee once paid will NOT be refunded under any circumstances.

(V) SCHEME AND DATE OF TEST:

The test will be consisting of two papers. Both the papers will consist of only objective type Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs). The test will be held on 26th November 2023, in two separate sessions as mentioned below:

Session	Paper	Max. Marks	Number of Question	Duration
First	I	100	50 Compulsory questions	1 Hour (10.00 AM to 11.00 AM)
Second	II	200	100 Compulsory questions	2 Hours (12.00 PM to 2.00 PM)

Paper-I: Shall consist of 50 objective type compulsory questions each carrying 2 marks. The questions which will be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate.

Paper – II: Shall consist of 100 objective type compulsory questions each carrying 2 marks which will be based on the subject selected by the candidate.

The candidate will have to mark the responses for questions of Paper-I and Paper – II on the Optical Marks Reader (OMR) Sheet provided along with the test booklet.

(VI) PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF KSET RESULT:

(Qualifying criteria for UGC-NET to be implemented for KSET, is as per UGC Guidelines / Competent Authority / University are final and binding).

This will comprise the following steps for considering a candidate for the eligibility for Assistant Professors.

The candidates are required to obtain minimum marks in aggregate of all two papers i.e. Paper – I & Paper – II for eligibility for Assistant Professor as given below:

CATEGORY	MINIMUM MARKS (%) TO BE OBTAINED	
	PAPER - I	PAPER - II
GENERAL [GM]	40% Aggregate marks in all the two papers taken together	
SC / ST/ CAT-I / II A/ II B / IIIA / III B / PWD/ TRANSGENDER	35% Aggregate marks in all the two papers taken together	

Step 1: The number of candidates to be qualified (total slots) for Eligibility for Assistant Professors shall be equal to 6% of the candidates appeared in both the papers (Paper I and Paper II) of KSET.

Step 2: The total slots arrived, amongst those candidates who have appeared in two papers and cleared step I, a merit list will be prepared subject-wise and category – wise using the aggregate marks of all the two papers secured by such candidates.

In order to be considered for 'Eligibility for Assistant Professor', the candidate must have appeared in both the papers and secured at least 40% aggregate marks taken together for General (Unreserved) category candidates and at least 35% aggregate marks taken together for all candidates belonging to the reserved categories (viz., Cat-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB, SC, ST, PWD, TRANSGENDER) (belonging to Non-Creamy Layer). The merit list will be prepared based on the marks earned by the candidates. Prepare slots according to the UGC formula. The assistant professor's qualification result will be published in compliance with the state government's reservation policy.

The method of disclosure of the result shall be in accordance with the rules of the KSET, the relation of which is final to the KEA decision.

Step 3:

According to UGC's directive, 6% of the appearing candidates are to be declared qualified for Eligibility for Assistant Professor only [Appearing means appeared in all two papers of SET]. The reservation policy prevalent in the State is to be used to compute the category-wise qualifying slots available for eligibility for Assistant Professor.

The subject-wise and category-wise distribution of qualifying slots will be calculated by using the formula mentioned below:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{No. of Slots in a Subject} \\ \text{For General} \\ \text{(Unreserved) Candidates} \end{array} = \frac{\text{No. of General (UR) candidates who} \\ \text{have Secured 40\% or more marks in} \\ \text{aggregate in the subject}}{\text{Total No. of General (UR) candidate} \\ \text{who have Secured 40\% or more} \\ \text{marks in Aggregate over all subjects}} \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Total No. of slots available} \\ \text{under General (UR)} \\ \text{Category} \end{array}$$

Hence, the category should be correctly entered in the online application form. (Change of category, subject, center etc. will not be allowed online application form).

It may be noted that the above qualifying criteria decided by UGC is final and binding.

(VII) SYLLABUS AND QUESTION PAPER FOR KSET:

- a) **Syllabus:** Syllabi for all the KSET subjects can be downloaded from the KEA website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>.
- b) In case of any discrepancy found in the Kannada translation of a question booklet the question in English version shall be taken as final.

(VIII) SUBJECTS:

Subjects & Syllabus of KSET: All questions of Paper – II will be compulsory, covering entire syllabus of Paper – II. The list of 41 subjects for which examination will be conducted by KEA along with their respective codes and the medium of question paper setting is given below:

Subject Code	Subject	Medium of Question Paper
01	Commerce	English & Kannada
02	Kannada	Kannada
03	Economics ^(I)	English & Kannada
04	English	English
05	Political Science	English & Kannada
06	History	English & Kannada
07	Sociology	English & Kannada
08	Geography	English & Kannada
09	Hindi	Hindi
10	Management ^(II)	English & Kannada
11	Tourism Administration and Management	English & Kannada
12	Education	English & Kannada

13	Library & Information Science	English
14	Mass Communication & Journalism	English & Kannada
15	Psychology	English & Kannada
16	Social work	English & Kannada
17	Criminology	English & Kannada
18	Law	English & Kannada
19	Sanskrit	Sanskrit
20	Physical Education	English & Kannada
21	Folk Literature ^(III)	English & Kannada
22	Urdu	Urdu
23	Public Administration	English & Kannada
24	Computer Science & Applications	English
25	Physical Sciences ^(IV)	English
26	Mathematical Sciences ^(V)	English
27	Chemical Sciences ^(VI)	English
28	Life Sciences ^(VII)	English
29	Environmental Sciences	English
30	Home Science	English
31	Electronic Science	English
32	Earth Sciences ^(VIII)	English
33	Archaeology ^(IX)	English & Kannada
34	Anthropology	English & Kannada
35	Marathi	Marathi
36	Philosophy	English & Kannada
37	Women Studies ^(X)	English & Kannada
38	Linguistics	English & Kannada
39	Performing Arts	English & Kannada
40	Music	English & Kannada
41	Visual Arts	English & Kannada

(IX) Note: Candidates should possess Masters Degree or any other equivalent examination from Universities / Institutions recognized by UGC New Delhi in the subject opted for KSET.

- (I) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Economics / Co-operation & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Economics"**.
- (II) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree / PG Diploma in Management & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Management"**.
- (III) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in folklore, Kannada, Janapada, Kannada Janapada, Janapadasahithya, & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Folklore"**.
- (IV) The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their two-year master's degree in Physics/Electronics/Atomic & Molecular Physics/Classical Dynamics/ Condensed matter Physics/Electromagnetic/ Experimental Design/Nuclear, Space & Particle Physics /Quantum Physics /Thermodynamics, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Material Science and other related subjects can take KSET under **"Physical Sciences"**.
- (V) The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their two-year master's degree in Pure Mathematics / Statistics / Applied Mathematics, Mathematics with computer science & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Mathematical Sciences"**.

- (VI) The candidates who have completed/ appearing in their two-year master's degree in Chemistry / Chemical Sciences / Analytical Chemistry / Inorganic Chemistry / Organic Chemistry / Physical Chemistry / Medicinal Chemistry / Applied Chemistry / Nuclear Chemistry / Environmental Chemistry / Marine Chemistry / Pharmaceutical Chemistry / Bio-organic Chemistry & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Chemical Sciences"**.
- (VII) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Biochemistry / Biology / Biotechnology / Biodiversity & Taxonomy / Botany / Genetics / Microbiology / Physiology/ Zoology / Fishery science / Animal Biology / Marine Biology / Applied Genetics & other related can take KSET under **"Life Sciences"**.
- (VIII) The candidates who have completed/appearing in their two-year master's degree in Geology / Applied Geology / Geo-physics / Meteorology / Oceanography / Physical Geography / Earth Science / Earth & Atmospheric Science / Earth Science Resource Management / Marine Geology / Petroleum Geology / Geo-informatics / GIS / Applied Geochemistry / Geography & other related subjects can take KSET under **"Earth Sciences"**.
- (IX) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Archeology, Ancient History and Archeology, History and Archeology, Epigraphy, Culture and Archeology & other related subjects can also take KSET under **"Archeology"**.
- (X) The candidates who have completed / appearing in their two-year master's degree in Women Studies. The candidates with Master's Degree in Humanities (including languages) and Social Sciences are eligible to appear in subject **"Women Studies"**.

Note: Please note that students who have passed post graduate examination in more than one subject can appear for KSET only in one subject at a time. Subject once selected is final and will not be allowed for change of subject under any circumstances.

(X) **Test Centers:**

- (I) For The following **18** Subjects mentioned in **"Part A"** Examination will be conducted in 08 centers across Karnataka. The details are furnished **"Part-A"**.

PART A

Sl. No.	Subject Code	Subject	Exam centre
01	01	Commerce	1. Bengaluru 2. Bellary 3. Vijayapura 4. Davangere 5. Dharwad 6. Kalaburgi 7. Mangalore 8. Mysuru
02	02	Kannada	
03	03	Economics ^(I)	
04	04	English	
05	05	Political Science	
06	06	History	
07	07	Sociology	
08	09	Hindi	
09	10	Management ^(II)	
10	12	Education	
11	13	Library & Information Science	
12	16	Social work	
13	20	Physical Education	
14	24	Computer Science & Applications	
15	25	Physical Sciences ^(IV)	
16	26	Mathematical Sciences ^(V)	
17	27	Chemical Sciences ^(VI)	
18	28	Life Sciences ^(VII)	

- ii) For The following **23** Subjects mentioned in “**Part B**” examination will be conducted only in Bengaluru center. The details are furnished “**Part-B**”.

PART B

Sl. No.	Subject Code	Subject	Exam Centre
1	08	Geography	BENGALURU
2	11	Tourism Administration and Management	
3	14	Mass Communication & Journalism	
4	15	Psychology	
5	17	Criminology	
6	18	Law	
7	19	Sanskrit	
8	21	Folk Literature ^(III)	
9	22	Urdu	
10	23	Public Administration	
11	29	Environmental Sciences	
12	30	Home Science	
13	31	Electronic Science	
14	32	Earth Sciences ^(VIII)	
15	33	Archaeology ^(IX)	
16	34	Anthropology	
17	35	Marathi	
18	36	Philosophy	
19	37	Women Studies ^(X)	
20	38	Linguistics	
21	39	Performing Arts	
22	40	Music	
23	41	Visual Arts	

NOTE: 1. PLEASE NOTE THAT TEST CENTRE ONCE SELECTED IS FINAL AND CHANGE OF CENTER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. CANDIDATE HAS TO SELECT BENGALURU CENTER ONLY FOR 23 SUBJECTS MENTIONED IN “PART B”.

XI) HOW TO APPLY :

Candidates seeking admission to KSET- 2023 must apply online by visiting KEA website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>

To avoid any kind of inconvenience or last-minute rush or unforeseen difficulties, candidates are advised to submit Online Application Form without waiting for the last date. KEA will not be responsible for network problems or any problem of this nature in submission of online application during the last day.

Candidates should register (sign up for registration) giving required details. Candidates then proceed to enter their candidature details, educational and KSET-2023 exam details. While mentioning the educational qualification candidate should mention their PG course as Passed or appearing as the case may be.

Note: Candidate should take the final print of the application form of KSET-2023 and preserve with them; further they should produce the same whenever it is required.

Note: All Scanned copies must be in JPEG format only. The online application system will not allow to upload files smaller/larger than the mentioned sizes.

- a. The payment for KSET examination has to be made in the “**Computerized Post Office**” branches only.
- b. Admission ticket should be downloaded from the KEA Website. No hard copy of admission ticket will be issued by KEA. Candidates should compulsorily bring the valid Photo ID to the examination center without fail along with the admission ticket.

XII) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :

1. Admission ticket has to be downloaded from the KEA Website, check the details printed on it. Confirm the exam center.
2. Read the instructions downloaded along with the admission ticket.
3. There are no negative marks for incorrect answers.
4. Mere appearing for KSET-2023 does not confer any right on the candidate for determination of merit / admission.
5. Candidates will NOT be allowed to carry ANY Modern Electronic Equipments, Gadgets, Pagers, Mobile Phones, Bluetooth, Markers, White Fluid, Calculator, Wireless sets, bits of paper, books / note etc. into the Examination Hall. The candidate (s) found in possession of any of these items in the examination hall will be treated as unfair means and his / her result will not be declared.
6. There will not be any counter at the examination hall to keep above items, hence candidates should not carry any items listed in item 6 above.
7. **The candidates are not allowed to wear / carry any type of wrist watch in the examination hall / room.** Candidates are informed to check the Bell Timings for Caution Bells at different intervals.
8. Candidates should wear half sleeve dresses and appear for the examination, dresses which cover the ear, head are prohibited in the examination.
9. Wearing Jewellery of any type is prohibited during the examination (except mangala soothra).
10. The candidate should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Ticket has been issued and the candidate is allowed to appear for the examination shall not imply that KEA has finally accepted his / her candidature.
11. **Along with the KSET -2023 Admission Ticket candidate has to carry any one valid Photo Identity Card like Driving License/ Passport / Aadhar Card / PAN Card etc.**
12. The candidates have to follow the instructions given by the invigilators in the examination hall / room. The candidates, who will not follow the instructions, will be treated as unfair means and his / her result will not be declared.
13. Read the instructions given in the Admission Ticket carefully.
14. No candidate will be allowed to appear at the examination centre other than that allotted to him / her in the admission ticket.
15. Any candidate writes / shades anything other than the required entries on the OMR Answer Sheet, which may result in disclosing the candidate identity, or use of abusive language or employ any other unfair means, such as change of marking answers by scratching or using white fluid, such candidate's are liable for disqualification.
16. The question paper in few subjects will be printed both in English and Kannada Language. In case of any discrepancy in the English and Kannada Versions, the English version will be taken as final.

17. For PWD candidates 20 minutes compensatory time shall be provided for Paper-I- and 40- minutes extra time shall be provided for Paper – II separately. Such of those (PWD) candidates seeking services of scribes have to visit KEA Website for more information regarding to avail the scribe benefits.

XIII) EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS :

1. The detailed instructions for the candidates will be uploaded on the KEA website <http://kea.kar.nic.in>. Candidates may please see the instructions regarding use of text booklets, OMR sheet and specimen copy of OMR sheet from the KEA website. It may be noted that instructions to candidates will not be sent to the candidates either by post or by email.
2. There is no provision for re-evaluation or re-totaling.
3. The KSET-2023 Provisional Key Answer will be displayed on the KEA website (<http://kea.kar.nic.in>) after the test is over to provide an opportunity to the candidates to challenge the Provisional Key Answer. The candidate will be given an opportunity to make a challenge, offline against the Provisional Key Answer by submitting application form paying a sum of Rs.300/- per question (payable in favor of KEA which is refundable in any case challenge is successful.)
- 4. The KEA decision on the challenges shall be final and the result will be declared on the basis of Final Answer keys which will be notified on the KEA website.**
- 5. No grievance with regard to KSET answer key(s) after declaration of result of KSET 2023 will be entertained.**
6. The decision of the KEA Authorities shall be final in all matters.
7. KEA Authority will not issue any marks sheet to qualified / non-qualified candidates.
8. Any changes in notification are subject to UGC Regulations in time to time.
9. All legal disputes pertaining to this test shall fall within the jurisdiction of High Court of Karnataka only.

XIV) THE KSET QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ATTESTED COPIES (Gazetted) TO THE KEA OFFICE, BENGALURU.

The candidates should send the following documents with printout of their online application form in separate A4 size papers.

1. Application Form.
2. Xerox copy of Post office Challan.
3. 10th / SSLC Marks card is a must for verification of candidate name, parent's name and Date of Birth.
4. Category certificates of SC, ST, Cat-1, II A, II B, III A and III B. (only Karnataka candidates)
5. PWD certificates [Medical Certificate with 40% or more disability]. Persons with Disability (PWD) candidates should attach the copy of Medical Certificate issued by District Civil Surgeon.
6. Transgender candidates should submit Transgender Certificates obtained from District Magistrate.
7. All Semesters / Year Masters Degree marks card.

8. Proof of qualifying examination certificate and PG Degree Marks Card. (For those who are appearing for Masters Degree exam, may submit the same after passing the qualifying examination).

XV) CONTACT DETAILS :

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