QUALITIES OF PH.D. AT A GLANCE

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ABSTRACT

As we are aware, Ph.D. is the highest degree in the field of Education in general. Now-a-days, qualification of Ph.D. is mandatory, if one who wishes to get faculty position either in College/University. Ph.D. degree is not merely memorization (or) only an examination orientation but it is purely knowledge orientation. Ph.D. is not for time-passing and/or for commercial but it should be meaningful and purposeful. In particular, the Research Supervisor/Guide must possess a valid Ph.D. Qualification from a recognized University as per the UGC regulations unless they are ineligible to guide Ph.D. candidates. It has been noticed, in some Universities Research Supervisors are guiding Ph.D. Candidates without Ph.D. qualification in their profile unfortunately. Therefore, the author hopes, in future, all University Authorities / Officers / Research Supervisors / Research Guide and also Researchers will definitely follow the traditions of esteemed Indian Education system since Ph.D. is a dignified degree as accepted universally.

INTRODUCTION

As we are aware, Ph.D. is the highest degree in the field of Education in general. One who wish to pursue his/her Ph.D. in the particular discipline he/she must possess Post-Graduate qualification in the same discipline with minimum 55% of marks under 10+2+3 pattern (or) 11+1+3 pattern compulsorily. Now-a-days, qualification of Ph.D. is mandatory, if one who wishes to get faculty position either in College/University. Because of the reasons, every faculty member who is working as Lecturer without Ph.D. qualification, he/she himself/herself enrolled as Ph.D. scholar either in full-time/part-time mode in the University, where he/she wants to pursue their Ph.D.

Even though, at present Universities have restrict the registration of a candidate in Ph.D. either full-time/part-time in order to offer quality in Ph.D. Quality may be defined in various aspects, like consent from the Guide / Supervisor, limitations of number of candidates may be registered under a Guide at a time, duration of Ph.D., passing of course...
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work during Ph.D., by the candidate, publications to be produced during the period, title chosen for the study, scanning of periodical progress of the Ph.D. Candidate, field work, collection of genuine data, statistical applications, reference and reviews, submission of Synopsis also Ph.D. Thesis and Viva-voce examination etc., because

- Ph.D. degree is not merely memorization (or) only an examination orientation but it is purely knowledge orientation.
- Ph.D. is not for time-passing and/or for commercial but it should be meaningful and purposeful.
- In particular, even though the Research Supervisor/Guide has a vast experience in the field of teaching and extensive knowledge in research in their own interest they must possess a valid Ph.D. Qualification from a recognized University as per the UGC regulations unless they are ineligible to guide Ph.D. candidates. In some Universities Research Supervisors are guiding Ph.D. candidates without Ph.D. qualification in their profile unfortunately. Then, how can it is possible to maintain quality in research as to refer a proverb, “Law maker should not be a Law breaker”.

ABOUT VIVA – VOCE EXAMINATION

- Ph.D. viva-voce examination is a major final stage of the Ph.D. Programme and is nothing but a cross-examination between the candidate and on the Thesis what he/she has submitted. Accordingly, candidate must behave gently as a student during viva-voce examination. Seriousness with common nervousness must be employed by means of examination fear. Every related person must keep it mind before registering for their Ph.D.
- Viva-voce examination is neither a family function nor marriage celebration, Khadhani Vizha or Shastiyapthapoorthi Vizha or any other public function but it is nothing but a cross-examination as already pointed out.
- The Candidate is not expected to bring their friends, relatives or students to the viva-voce examination hall, who are studying in a College/University under the Ph.D. Scholar who appear for Viva-voce Examination.
- Only Academicians, Education experts in the particular field of Ph.D. of the candidate, P.G/U.G students of the particular University where the candidate do his/her Ph.D. and appear for the Viva-voce Examination will be permitted to the Viva-voce Examination hall because it is an examination.
- Ph.D. candidate must realize that they may be a Lecturer/Assistant Professor in some College/University, but in this particular scene, he/she is just an examinee but not a faculty member in the University where he/she undergoes his/her Ph.D., and appear for viva-voce examination.
- The candidate must never forget it, as the Ph.D. is the highest qualification in a University as on date.
- The University Authorities/Officers also had such type of major responsibilities to ensure and scan the regularities during viva-voce examination. It is to be enforced strictly without any relaxation/exemption.
CONCLUSION

Therefore, the author hopes, in future, all University Authorities / Officers / Research Supervisors / Research Guide and also Researchers will definitely follow the traditions of esteemed Indian Education system and keep discipline and decorum of the University where the candidate serving physically as a faculty member and also working for his/her Ph.D. since Ph.D. is a dignified degree as accepted Universally.