CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY

Extract from the University Regulations

Chapter XXXIII-A

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ARTS AND SCIENCE (Ph.D.)

1. Any Master of Arts and Science or Master of Science (Tech.) of the University of Calcutta, or (subject to the sanction of the Syndicate) any Master of Arts or Science or Master of Science (Tech.) of any other University recognised by this University for this purpose, may apply to the Registrar for registration for the Ph.D. degree in the subject within the purview of the Regulations in which he has obtained the degree of Master of Arts or Science, as the case may be, or in an allied subject.

2. The applicant shall state in the application for registration his qualifications and indicate the subject which he proposes to investigate. The application must be supported by a certificate in a form to be prescribed by the Syndicate from a teacher recognised by the University for this purpose, under whose guidance he intends to carry out the work. The Syndicate may exempt a candidate from production of the certificate in special cases.

3. Every application shall be placed before a Ph.D. Degree Committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty concerned, Head of the Department in the particular subject, and two experts in the subject to be appointed by the Syndicate in consultation with the relevant Executive Committee. The Syndicate will grant the application for registration for the Ph.D. degree after considering the recommendation of the said Ph.D. Degree Committee.

4. On his application being granted by the Syndicate the applicant shall be registered and shall work for two years under a teacher recognised by the University for the purpose and prepare a thesis for the degree. He may, not later than one year after his registration, be permitted to change the
subject or scope of his research with the approval of the Ph.D. Degree Committee.

5. The candidate for the Ph.D. degree shall submit three type-written or printed copies of his thesis embodying the results of research and affording evidence of originality shown by him by the discovery of new facts or by a critical survey of facts or relations between facts discovered by others.

The candidate must produce along with the thesis a certificate from the teacher under whom he has worked, stating that he has fulfilled the requirements of the Regulations relating to the nature and prescribed period of research work.

Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Syndicate may, in special cases, after considering the recommendation of the Ph.D. Degree Committee, permit a candidate for the Ph.D. degree to submit a thesis prepared independently or under the guidance of a person having special knowledge in the subject or under the guidance of one of the University teachers recognised above provided that the candidate concerned has carried on research work for a period of at least two years after he has passed the M.A. or M.Sc. Examination. The candidate shall for this purpose submit an application to the Registrar which shall not be entertained unless two Doctors in any Faculty or two members of the Faculty concerned of this University or unless two members of the relevant Council of Post-Graduate Teaching of this University have testified to the satisfaction of the Syndicate that in habits and character the candidate is a fit and proper person for the Ph.D. degree. After the permission to present the thesis for the Ph.D. degree has been granted by the Syndicate the candidate shall be enrolled as a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in a register for such candidates.

6. The candidate may also submit in support of his thesis the contents of any work he may have previously published but he shall not submit as his thesis any work for which a Degree of Distinction has been conferred on him in this or any other University. He will not, however, be precluded from incorporating any such work in a thesis covering a wider field, provided he indicates in a written statement the work so incorporated.
7. Every candidate shall forward with his thesis a fee of Rs. 200. No candidate who fails to pass or present himself for examination shall be entitled to claim a refund of his fee.

8. After considering the recommendation of the Ph.D. Degree Committee, the Syndicate shall refer the thesis to a Board of three Examiners including the teacher, if any, under whom the candidate has worked.

If the thesis is approved by the Board of Examiners, they will furnish the Syndicate with a report indicating in what respects the thesis affords evidence of originally.

9. After the thesis has been approved by the Board of Examiners, the candidate shall be asked to appear at an oral examination, and also in the case of a Science subject at an oral or a practical examination or both, in respect of the subject of his thesis to be held by at least two Examiners of whom the teacher, if any, under whom he worked will ordinarily be one.

The Examiners may also ask questions beyond the subject of the thesis in order to satisfy themselves that the candidate has adequate knowledge of the particular branch of Arts or Science on which he has submitted his thesis.

10. If the Examiners are satisfied with the oral or practical examination, they shall submit a report to the Syndicate approving the work of the candidate.

If the candidate fails to satisfy the Examiners at the oral or practical examination, the Syndicate may on the recommendation of the Examiners, permit him to appear again at the oral or practical examination after six months but within a period not exceeding one year following the date of his failure. The fee on re-entry shall be half the fee originally paid.

11. If the Syndicate, after considering the report of the Examiners, are satisfied that the candidate is worthy of the Degree of Ph.D., they shall cause his name to be published with the title of the subject of his thesis.

12. A diploma under the seal of the University and signed by the Vice-Chancellor will be given to each successful candidate at the next Convocation held for conferring degrees.

13. Notwithstanding anything contained in the above Regulations, if the thesis of a candidate, originally presented
for admission to the D.Litt. or D.Sc. degree under the provisions of Chapters XXXIV and XXXIII, respectively, is not recommended by the Board of Examiners concerned, but is on the other hand adjudged by them to be of sufficient merit to justify his admission to the Ph.D. degree, the thesis shall, if the candidate so elects, be deemed to be a thesis presented and approved for the Ph.D. degree for the purpose of Sections 8 and 9 above. Such a candidate shall, unless specially exempted by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Board of Examiners, be asked to appear at an oral or and practical examination, as the case may be, to be conducted by a Board of Examiners to be specially constituted by the Syndicate for the purpose. The Examiners may ask questions beyond the range of the subject of the thesis.

The provision of Sections 10, 11 and 12 will apply to these candidates.

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N.B.—Ph.D. Registration fee—Rs. 50.
Last dates for submission of applications of the thesis—
31st January,
30th April,
31st July,
15th November,