Amendments

4.2 Entrance Test

The Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%, provided that a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers) / Differently-abled category in the entrance examination conducted by the Universities.

4.3 Interview

For the selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview / viva voce shall be given.

11.4 Research Publications:

The Ph.D candidates shall publish atleast 2 (two) research papers relevant to their area of research as first author in a National / International journals as listed by the UGC.

13.3 List of Examiners:

The Supervisor shall submit along with the thesis a panel of 10 (ten) Examiners with their designation, years of experience, area of specialization, email address, Phone/ Mobile number, etc. Of the 10 (ten) Examiners, 4 (four) shall be within the State from other Universities and Colleges excluding Madurai Kamaraj University and its affiliated Colleges. Another 6 (six) shall be from other States not more than one examiner from each State. The Research Supervisors may also provide Foreign Examiners from different countries. The Examiners shall preferably be given at the level of Professors / Associate Professors as prescribed.

Research and Publication Ethics

The UGC has introduced a 2-credit course for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled "**Research and Publication Ethics** (**RPE**)" to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work from the academic session 2020-2021. Please visit our Website for further details about the course plan.

6. Guidelines for approval of Research Centres

The recognition fee for research centres has been enhanced from Rs.20,000/- to Rs.25,000/- and a review shall be made once in three years. The revised recognition fee of Rs.25,000/- and visiting fee of Rs.5,000/- shall be paid along with applicable GST. The approved Research Centres shall pay Annual renewal fee of Rs.10,000/- as per Ph.D regulations of Madurai Kamaraj University 2016.