Dear Applicant

We are happy to invite you to attend the Interview-cum-Counselling session to be held between 11.00 pm and 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 31 July 2012 in the Computer Laboratory of the Department in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. Please remain present before the PhD (English) Research Committee (PhD RDC) (a) with *nine* copies of a one- or two-page presentation (one each for the members of the PhD RDC, and one for the records) on a topic of your area of interest for research; (b) make an oral presentation lasting not more than three to five minutes on the *this* topic, for the committee would be interested in particular in learning from you why and how you think the research area you have chosen is important and how much of work by way of reading you have already put into it; and (c) answer questions based on the short oral presentation. The PhD RDC will make an assessment of your research potential on the basis of your presentation and your response to questions put on it before taking a final decision on admission. Failure to make a presentation will be taken as a breach of the requirements on your part, leading to your automatic disqualification.

We have a total of *06* seats for which there are *02* Entrance Test passed plus *20* MPhil passed applicants who have qualified for admission. We can offer seats to only *06* students as per the university rules, fully following the state reservation policies. Since the details about the availability of seats was publicised on the Department Homepage on the University website [www.spuvvn.edu](http://www.spuvvn.edu), we see no reason for repeating it here.

There are no vacancies with any of the three recognised PhD guides in the Department and, therefore, the PhD RDC shall collectively allot you to one of the *three* teachers in sister institutions where recognised PhD guides are available. All admissions will be as per the UGC mandate published in the *Gazette of India* on 11 July 2009. The decision of the PhD Research Committee on admissions to the PhD programme shall ordinarily be final. In case of any dispute in this regard, the decision of the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University shall be final and binding.

If you are offered admission by the PhD Research Committee, your admission will be subject to fulfilment of the following Provisions made in Common Rules and Regulations for Admission to PhD 2011 of Sardar Patel University:

1. R.PG.PhD.21 concerning the reservation policies prescribed by the Union and/or State Government

2. R.PG.PhD.24 setting a set of criteria including (i) research area, (ii) availability of vacancy and a guide in a proposed subject area, (iii) a good research proposal of 1 to 2 pages, and (iv) a presentation
3. R.PG.PhD.34 authorising the committee to decide in a formal manner on the allotment of a supervisor for each of the selected research students, depending on the number of students per Supervisor, the available specializations with the supervisors, and the research interest of the student as indicated by the student during counselling-cum-interview session, and in no case shall this allotment be left to the individual student or the supervisor

4. R.PG.PhD.37 mandates research scholars, other than those with an MPhil degree, to undertake coursework consisting of components related to research methodology including quantitative methods, computer application, and review of published research in the relevant field etc for a minimum of three courses of three credits each and clear these within the first two terms/semesters from the date of registration, and the committee shall evaluate this coursework, duly certify it, treating it as pre-PhD preparation

Should you be found wanting in regular work, interaction with the guide by mutual arrangement, irregularity in submission of reports, submissions if any set, or completion of coursework unless you are exempt from it by virtue of an MPhil degree, would constitute a breach of agreement. In case your supervisor brings any such instance to the note of the PhD RDC, the committee would recommend that your registration be cancelled. No plea shall be entertained thereafter.

If you are employed in a college/institution, then we would advise you to seek permission and an NOC in writing from the Principal of your college/institution when you come to attend the class on Monday, 30 July 2012 after your admission.

Good wishes!

J H Khan
Convener, PhD (English) RDC