Eligibility for the Programme

- a. The following are eligibility criteria for admission to the PhD programme:
- i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8- semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55 percent marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorised by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution. A relaxation of 5 per cent marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Differently- Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75 per cent marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5 per cent marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS)

and other categories of candidates. Candidates admitted after a 1 year/2 semester master's degree after a 4-year bachelor's degree will be required to undergo a one year course work on general and specific research methodology.

- ii. Candidates who have completed the MPhil programme with at least 55 per cent marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorised by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the PhD programme. A relaxation of 5 per cent marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates.
- iii. A pass in the Entrance Test and Interview conducted by CHRIST (Deemed to be University). Entrance Test for those students who qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/ UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/ SLET/ GATE/ CEED and similar national level tests approved by the University may be exempted.
- b. Professional qualification in Chartered Accountancy /Cost Accountancy/Company Secretary as awarded by the respective Statutory Institutes of India will be considered as equivalent to Master's Degree for the purpose of enrolment for PhD in Commerce, Management and/or related disciplines as approved by the Regulatory Authority concerned.
- c. No candidate will ordinarily be permitted for admission to PhD programme in a Subject/Faculty different from the one in which the candidate has obtained the Master's Degree. However, permission to pursue in a different Subject/Faculty may be considered by the DC in special cases with conditions as may be prescribed.