



A One Day Workshop
on
Strategies to Ace
UGC-NET/SET-English
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About Vellore Institute of Technology
Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College by Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan. VIT attracts students from all 29 states of India and more than 41 different countries because of its academic excellence. VIT was established with the aim, to provide quality higher education on par with international standards. VIT has been constantly ranked among the best Universities and is aspiring to emerge as a global leader. VIT has already been ranked by major International rankings agencies such as Shanghai ARWU Ranking, QS, Times Higher Education, US News, RUR, and others. VIT sets the record, as Seven of the subjects made their way to the prestigious Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings (WUR) by Subject in 2021. Seven subjects of VIT are within the top 450 QS World University Rankings by Subject. VIT has national accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Govt. of India with an A++ grade. VIT published the highest number of research publications in India in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 as per Elsevier's (Scopus) database. There has been significant growth in the 'h' index since 2015. VIT has established some

of the states of art laboratories in collaboration with industries and Govt. of India. VIT has ten research centres in futuristic areas and has 300+ global academic partnerships in operation.

About the School of Social Sciences and Languages

The School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL) was established in the year 2009 as a separate school. The prime focus of the School is to impart futuristic education in subjects such as Commerce, Economics, Finance and Accountancy, Business and Corporate Law, Psychology, Sociology, History, Music, and Indian and Foreign languages such as English, French, German, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Arabic apart from Tamil and Hindi. The School has four departments- Commerce, Social Sciences, English, and Languages and it offers B. Com, Commerce, Banking and Capital Markets, Financial Technology and Business Process Services, MSW, and Ph.D. programs. The School has 135 committed faculty members employed in the University as a whole to make every VIT student employable. It imparts the required soft skills and provides opportunities to learn foreign languages too. To inculcate ethical and moral values in the students, SSL offers a unique course, Ethics, and Values. It also has

industry collaborations with TCS, NSC, and ACCA-UK.

About the Department

The Department of English serves as the flagship of the School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL) with 52 faculty members. It offers various English courses to all undergraduate and postgraduate students thereby enhancing their English proficiency. The Department also maintains a strong research profile by offering Ph.D Programme in Transdisciplinary frontiers. Further the department strengthen itself by organizing International and National conference, seminars, workshops, and guest lectures periodically.

About the Workshop

UGC-NET conducted by NTA (National Testing Agency) is considered as one of the toughest exams in India. Aspiring to pass the UGC NET/ SET is often a strategic career move for those in India looking to enter the world of higher education and advanced research. Many aspirants, especially those who hail from rural regions are in a fix about preparation for these tests and clueless about Where to start? What to study? and how to study? Keeping this in mind, the workshop is titled as **“Strategies to Ace UGC-NET/SET-English”** that

shall offer expert guidance with an emphasis on strategies to effectively tackle the exam and prepare for success.

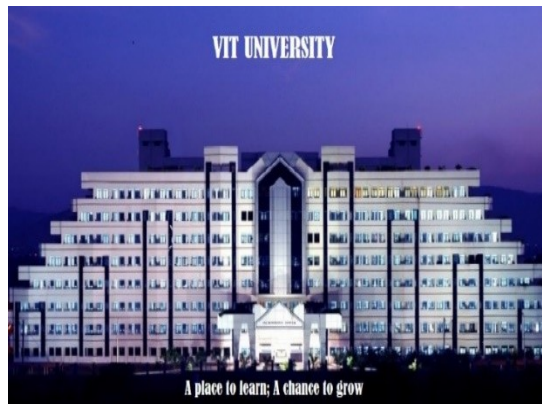
Objectives of the Workshop:

To help aspirants

- Understand the weightage of different units in Paper 1 (General) and Paper 2 (Subject-specific).
- Focus on units like *Literary Criticism*, *Theory*, and *Cultural Studies*, which often carry the more weightage
- Analyze unseen poetry/prose passages using critical theory.

Who would benefit from the workshop?

- ✓ Post-graduate students aspiring to become Assistant Professors in universities
- ✓ Researchers looking to qualify for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)
- ✓ Individuals preparing for the NET or SET exam in different subject areas



Resource Person: Dr. Kalyani Vallath



Dr. Kalyani Vallath is a distinguished educational entrepreneur, scholar, editor, and teacher in English Studies whose work is marked by innovation, accessibility, and social engagement. She founded Total English Solutions and later Vallath Education to extend quality English education to students across India, particularly those in remote regions. She has compiled several books, multi-volume encyclopedias of British, American, and Indian literature tailored to Indian learners. Her pedagogy emphasizes alternative education, multiliteracies, and multimodality, complemented by an eclectic teaching style that blends performance, humour, and emotional engagement. A recipient of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Doctoral Fellowship, she conducted research at the University of British Columbia and earned her Ph.D from the University of Kerala, and

she serves as Associate Editor of the journal *Littercrit*. Dr. Vallath has founded initiatives such as the NGO E-ProF, the Cultural Studies Research Forum, and Vallath Repertory. Besides, she actively participates in national and international conferences, workshops, and socio-cultural movements, and has been widely honoured for her contributions to education, entrepreneurship, and women's leadership, leaving a lasting impact on English literary education in Kerala and beyond.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is Mandatory
- Registration & Payment Link: <https://events.vit.ac.in/>
- Registration starts from: 10/01/2026
- Last Date for Registration: 27/01/2026
- Registration fee:
 - PG Students - INR 500 + GST
 - Research Scholars - INR 500 + GST
 - Faculty - INR700 + GST
- Amount once paid will not be refunded.
- Registration fee includes workshop kit, lunch, and refreshments.
- Participants will receive a certificate at the end of the workshop.

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