COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF KEY FEATURES

HAT-General (MS/MPhil or equivalent) and HAAT-Subject (PhD or equivalent)

HAT-General for MS/MPhil or equivalent	HAAT-Subject for PhD or equivalent
Standardized aptitude-based test aligned with international GRE General testing standards.	Standardized Composite Test (Aptitude 30% + Achievement 70%).
100 MCQs covering: i. Verbal Reasoning ii. Analytical Reasoning iii. Quantitative Reasoning	**100 MCQs covering the following Competency Areas:** i. Academic Communication Competence (15%) ii. Critical Thinking and Analytical Reasoning (10%) iii. Quantitative and Data Literacy (05%) iv. Subject Matter Competence (55%) v. Research Competence (15%)
Five categories covering all academic disciplines.	**Coverage of 89 academic disciplines for PhD Subject Tests.**
Validity is 2 Years from the test date.	Validity is 2 Years from the test date.
Applicable to all public and private sector universities operating in Pakistan.	Applicable to all public and private sector universities operating in Pakistan.
Nationwide district-level outreach.	Nationwide division-level outreach.
Centralized and standardized item bank with psychometric quality assurance.	Centralized and standardized item bank with psychometric quality assurance.
National merit lists and percentile-based ranking system.	National merit lists and percentile-based ranking system.
Candidates must complete online registration through ETC portal.	Candidates must complete online registration through ETC portal.
Tests are conducted quarterly.	Tests are conducted quarterly.