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Ref.No.BU/S2/S3/S4/SCAA-Exam Reform-QP Pattern/2021

Date : 02.11.2021

From

To

Registrar i/c.

The Principals of all affiliated Colleges/  
The Directors of all affiliated Management Institutions.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: SCAA Meeting 2021 – Examination Regulations 2021 - Examination Reforms and Pattern of Question Papers – Process of Examination and Assessment from the Academic year 2021-2022 onwards - reg.

Ref: This office letter Ref.No.BU/S2/S3/S4/SCAA/Modification of Pattern of Exam/2021. dated :13.09.2021

In continuation of this office letter in the reference, I am, by direction, sending herewith a detailed **Examinations Regulations 2021** for the Process of Examination and Assessment under the Choice Based Credit System blended with Outcome Based Education for Affiliated Colleges and Management Institutions for the students admitted from the Academic Year 2021-2022.

Therefore, the Principals of Colleges and the Directors of Management Institutions affiliated to Bharathiar University are hereby requested to strictly adhere the Examination Regulations 2021 for all the UG/PG degree programmes for the students admitted from the Academic year 2021-2022.



Yours faithfully,

*R. Rangaraj*  
REGISTRAR i/c. 02/11/21

**Encl: Examination Regulations 2021 – 5 Pages**

- Copy to:
1. The Controller of Examinations i/c.
  2. The Director i/c., SDE, BU
  3. All AR/DR's, Registrar Office
  4. The PRO i/c., BU – with a request to upload in the University Website.

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## Examination Regulations 2021

### Process of Examination and Assessment

#### Choice Based Credit System Blended with Outcome Based Education

#### Affiliated Non-autonomous Colleges

### 1.0 Process of Examination and Assessment under CBCS Blended with OBE

- 1.1 The course of study in UG and PG programmes shall be based on the pattern of CBCS with continuous internal assessment (CIA) and comprehensive external examination (CEE) for each of the core / elective / ancillary / language / practical papers.
- 1.2 The odd semester classes shall commence in June / July and those of even semester in December. CEE shall be held as the end semester University examinations. The examination of the odd semester shall be scheduled in November / December and that of the even semester in April / May.
- 1.3 Each candidate in a UG programme shall earn a minimum of 140 credits, which include credits for language papers / ancillary / core / elective / practical papers and extension activities. Each candidate in a PG programme shall earn a minimum of 90 credits, which include credits for core / elective / supportive / practical papers.
- 1.4 There shall be a provision for earning additional credits by the candidates who opt for non-scholastic courses, viz., online SWAYAM/MOOC, value added and certificate courses each having at least 2 credits.
- 1.5 The non-scholastic courses shall not be considered for computing the CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average).

### 2.0 Components for Internal Assessment and Distribution of Marks for CIA and CEE

- 2.1 Tests, assignments and seminars shall be the components for continuous internal assessment. A maximum of 40 percent marks in the case of the total 75 / 150 marks and 50 percent marks in the case of the total 50 / 100 / 200 marks shall be allotted under continuous internal assessment in each theory paper offered by the Department. [Refer Clause 2.2]
- 2.2 The distribution of marks for CIA and CEE theory (core / elective) subjects is as given under:

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks for		Components for CIA			
		CIA	CEE	Tests	Assignment	Seminar	Others*
Theory (Core / Elective)	50	25	25	10	05	05	05
Theory (Core / Elective)	75	30	45	15	05	05	05
Theory (Core / Elective)	100	50	50	30	10	05	05

\*Components for 'others' may include the following:

Class Participation, Case Studies Presentation, Field Work, Field Survey, Group Discussion, Term Paper, Workshop / Conference Participation, Presentation of Papers in Conferences, Quiz, Report / Content Writing, etc.

2.3 The distribution of marks for CIA and CEE for practical (core / elective) subjects is as given under:

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks for		Components for CIA		
		CIA	CEE	Tests	Observation Note	Record Note
Practical (Core / Elective)	50	25	25	15	05	05
Practical (Core / Elective)	75	30	45	20	05	05
Practical (Core / Elective)	100	50	50	30	05	15

2.4 The Distribution of Marks for CIA and CEE for project / dissertation is as given under:

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks for		
		CIA	CEE	
			Evaluation	Viva-voce
Project	100	50	30	20
Project	150	60	60	30
Project	200	100	60	40

2.5 Three tests (Test 1, Test 2 and Test 3) for continuous internal assessment for each core / elective / supportive papers offered in a semester shall be conducted in the following manner:

- Test 1 and Test 2 may be the unit-based tests
- Test 3 may be the model test.
- 25% weightage to each of Test 1 and 2, and 50% weightage to Test 3
- It is mandatory for every student to attend at least one test in every subject.

2.6 The average of two or three assignments for continuous internal assessment for each core / elective papers offered in a semester shall be taken as the marks for the assignment component.

2.7 At least one seminar / one component in 'others' category shall be considered to arrive at the marks for seminar / others component.

### 3.0 Modalities for Implementing Internal Assessment Scheme

3.1 Marks of the students for each of the internal assessment components shall be uploaded in the prescribed web portal within the dates specified by the Office of the Controller of Examinations in each semester.

3.2 Each student in a UG programme shall secure a minimum of 30% out of the maximum marks in the internal assessment. (That is, 15 marks out of 50 marks / 9 marks out of 30 marks)

3.3 Each student in a PG programme shall secure a minimum of 50% out of the maximum marks in the internal assessment. (That is, 25 marks out of 50 marks / 15 marks out of 30 marks)

3.4 There shall be a provision for reappearance for improving the marks in the internal assessment within the duration of the semester (in case of non-attainment of minimum of 9 / 15 / 25 marks) before the stipulated date of uploading the marks in the portal.

3.5 Internal Redressal Committee within the department shall function as a redressal cell to deliberate upon and redress the grievances of the students relating to internal assessment.

#### 4.0 Award of Degree

- 4.1** A candidate who secures a minimum of 40% of marks in the internal assessment as well as in the end semester University examination and a minimum aggregate of 40% marks in both continuous internal assessment and end semester University examination in each paper shall be deemed to have passed the course for the award of the degree in UG programme.
- 4.2** A candidate who secures a minimum of 50% of marks in the internal assessment as well as in the end semester University examination and also a minimum aggregate of 50% marks in both continuous internal assessment and end semester University examination in each paper shall be deemed to have passed the course for the award of the degree in PG programme.
- 4.3** A candidate who secures a minimum of 7.5 out of 10 CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) and above in aggregate comprising both continuous internal assessment and end semester University examination shall be deemed to have passed the examination in FIRST CLASS WITH DISTINCTION, provided the candidate has passed all the examinations prescribed for the course in the first appearance.
- 4.4** A candidate who secures a minimum of 6.0 out of 10 CGPA and above comprising both continuous internal assessment and end semester University examination in aggregate shall be deemed to have passed the examination in FIRST CLASS.
- 4.5** A candidate who clears all the papers prescribed for the course in the FIRST APPEARANCE shall be eligible for Ranking/Distinction.

#### 5.0 Pattern of Question Paper for Comprehensive External Examination (CEE)

##### 5.1 Practical Subjects

The pattern of question paper may not be common for all the disciplines. Various patterns exist for science laboratory courses. A maximum of 25 / 45 / 50 marks out of 50 / 75 / 100 marks shall be allotted for each of the practical papers in the end semester examination. The respective Boards of Study shall decide on the pattern of question paper as per their requirements.

##### 5.2 Pattern of Question Paper – (for core – theory, ancillary and elective subjects)

A maximum of 50 / 45 out of 100 / 75 marks shall be allotted for each of the core, ancillary and elective papers. The question paper for each of the core, ancillary and elective papers shall consist of three sections. While Section A shall contain 10 objective type questions, Section B and Section C shall contain questions of descriptive nature. Internal choice (either / or type) shall be given in Section B and Section C. In Section A, there shall be two questions each with four multiple choices from each of the five units. In Sections B and C, there shall be two questions with internal choice (either/or type) from each of the five units.

##### **Case I: Maximum of 50 Marks in Comprehensive External Examination**

The question paper for each paper shall consist of three sections. While Section A shall contain 10 objective type questions, Section B and Section C shall contain questions of descriptive nature. Internal choice (either / or type) shall be given in Section B and Section C. In Section A, there shall be two questions each with four multiple choices from each of the five units. In Sections B and C, there shall be two questions with internal choice (either/or type) from each of the five units. There shall be some flexibility to have minor changes in the pattern as approved by the Boards of Study

**The composition of the question paper for a maximum of 50 marks**

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 50

Section A – (10 x 1 = 10)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *one* mark

Q. No.1. – Q. No. 10 - Objective questions with four multiple choices

Section B – (5 x 3 = 15)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *three* marks

Q. No. 11 – Q. No. 15 - Questions for Short Answers with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)

Section C – (5 x 5 = 25)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *five* marks

Q. No. 16 – Q. No. 20 - Questions for Long Answers with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)

**Case II: Maximum of 45 Marks in Comprehensive External Examination**

The question paper for each paper shall consist of three sections. While Section A shall contain 10 objective type questions, Section B and Section C shall contain questions of descriptive nature. Internal choice (either / or type) shall be given in Section B and Section C. In Section A, there shall be two questions each with four multiple choices from each of the five units. In Sections B and C, there shall be two questions with internal choice (either/or type) from each of the five units. There shall be some flexibility to have minor changes in the pattern as approved by the Boards of Study

**The composition of the question paper for a maximum of 45 marks**

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 45

Section A – (10 x 1 = 10)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *one* mark

Q. No.1. – Q. No. 10 - Objective questions with four multiple choices

Section B – (5 x 2 = 10)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *two* marks

Q. No. 11 – Q. No. 15 - Questions for Short Answers with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)

Section C – (5 x 5 = 25)  
 Answer *All* the questions  
 Each question carries *five* marks

Q. No. 16 – Q. No. 20 - Questions for Long Answers with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)

**5.3 Pattern of Question Paper for Comprehensive External Examination – (for supportive subject)**

The question paper for each of the supportive papers shall consist of two sections. While Section A shall contain 5 short answer type questions / 10 objective type questions, Section B shall contain long descriptive answer type questions. Internal choice (either / or type) shall be given in Section B. In Section A, there shall be one short answer type question / two objective type questions question from each of the five units. In Section B, there shall be three questions with internal choice (either/or type) from all the five units.

The respective Boards of Study shall follow one of the following patterns of question papers as per their requirements.

**Pattern I: Composition of the question paper for a maximum of 25 marks:**

Time: One Hour 30 Minutes

Max. Marks: 25

Section A – (5 x 2 = 10)  
Answer *All* the questions  
Each question carries *two* marks

Q. No. 1 – Q. No. 5

Section C – (3 x 5 = 15)  
Answer *All* the questions  
Each question carries *five* marks

Q. No. 6 – Q. No. 8 - Questions with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)

**Pattern II: Composition of the question paper for a maximum of 25 marks:**

Time: One Hour 30 Minutes

Max. Marks: 25

Section A – (10 x 1 = 10)  
Answer *All* the questions  
Each question carries *one* mark

Q. No. 1 – Q. No. 10 – Objective questions with four multiple choices

Section C – (3 x 5 = 15)  
Answer *All* the questions  
Each question carries *five* marks

Q. No. 11 – Q. No. 13 - Questions with internal choices (either (a) or (b) type)