



उत्तराखण्ड मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय , हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल)
UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, HALDWANI (NAINITAL)

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दिनांक 15/07/2020

विश्वविद्यालय की अगस्त माह में होने वाली परीक्षाओं हेतु अति आवश्यक सूचना

- दिनांक 24 अगस्त 2020 से विश्वविद्यालय की वार्षिक/सेमेस्टर परीक्षाएं आयोजित होनी प्रस्तावित है। परीक्षा का कार्यक्रम तद्विनांक को विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट में जारी किया जा चुका है।
- परीक्षा प्रवेश पत्र परीक्षा दिवस के 15 दिन पहले विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.uou.ac.in में जारी किया जायेगा।
- उत्तराखण्ड मुक्त विश्वविद्यालय के सेमेस्टर/वार्षिक प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत आने वाले समस्त स्नातक/स्नातकोत्तर/व्यवसायिक पाठ्यक्रमों के अन्तिम वर्ष/सेमेस्टर में अध्ययनरत (मुख्य/बैक/सुधार) विद्यार्थियों हेतु लिखित परीक्षाओं का ही आयोजन किया जा रहा है। अन्य वर्ष व सेमेस्टर में अध्ययनरत सभी मुख्य/बैक/सुधार परीक्षार्थियों के लिए सूचना बाद में अलग से जारी की जायेगी।
- कोविड-19 महामारी के संक्रमण को देखते हुए परीक्षा प्रणाली में परिवर्तन किया गया है। परीक्षा केवल दो घंटे की होगी। प्रश्नपत्र के खण्ड क से दो व ख से चार प्रश्नों का ही उत्तर देना होगा।
- कोविड-19 महामारी के संक्रमण को देखते हुए केन्द्र/राज्य सरकार द्वारा दिये गये निर्देशों के अनुपालन में परीक्षार्थी अनिवार्य रूप से मास्क लगाकर ही परीक्षा केन्द्र में प्रवेश करेंगे। परीक्षार्थी सेनेटाइजर का प्रयोग करने हेतु सेनेटाइजर अपने साथ ला सकता है। कोविड-19 महामारी से संबंधित निर्देशों का पालन करने हेतु परीक्षार्थी को परीक्षा समय से 01 घंटा पहले परीक्षा केन्द्र में उपस्थित होना अनिवार्य होगा।
- जो परीक्षार्थी उक्त परीक्षा में सम्मिलित नहीं हो रहे हैं वह परीक्षा प्रारम्भ की तिथि से 15 दिवस से पूर्व ही परीक्षा नियंत्रक को examination@uou.ac.in में ईमेल के माध्यम से सूचना प्रेषित करेंगे।
- परीक्षाओं के आयोजन हेतु यू0जी0सी0/ मानव संसाधन मंत्रालय एवं प्रदेश सरकार के दिशा-निर्देशों की प्रति अवलोकन हेतु सूचना के साथ संलग्न है।
- अतः सभी अध्ययन केन्द्र उक्त परीक्षा के सत्रीय कार्य 15 अगस्त 2020 तक विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा उपलब्ध कराये गये SIS (ऑनलाइन लिंक) में प्रविष्ट करने का कष्ट करें।
- दिव्यांग परीक्षार्थी परीक्षा समय अवधि व लेखन सहायक की सुविधा लेने हेतु परीक्षा दिवस से 07 दिन पूर्व समस्त आवश्यक प्रपत्रों के साथ आवेदन करें, जिससे संबंधित के परीक्षा केन्द्र को व्यवस्था हेतु सूचना प्रेषित की जा सके। अधिक जानकारी के लिए 05946-286022 या examination@uou.ac.in के माध्यम से भी जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
- उक्त परीक्षा से संबंधित जिन परीक्षार्थियों के द्वारा निम्न परीक्षा केन्द्र शहर को परीक्षा देने हेतु चयन किया गया था उन परीक्षा केन्द्र शहरों में मानकों के अनुरूप परीक्षार्थी संख्या कम होने के कारण उन केन्द्रों में परीक्षाएं आयोजित नहीं कराई जा रही हैं। संबंधित परीक्षा केन्द्र शहरों के परीक्षार्थियों को जिन परीक्षा केन्द्र में स्थानान्तरित किया जा रहा है उनका विवरण निम्नवत है-

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8th July 2020

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Conduct of Examinations

Respected Madam/Sir,

The University Grants Commission (UGC) vide letter dated 6th July, 2020 has issued 'UGC Revised Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic'. As per the letter the Universities have been asked to complete the conduct of Terminal Semester(s)/ Final Year examinations by the end of 30th September, 2020.

In addition, the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide Office Memorandum F.No.16-16/2020-UIA, dated 6th July, 2020 has issued instructions for conduct of examinations wherein the MHRD has formulated detailed SOP for conduct of examinations with measures to be taken in view of COVID-19 situation, duly vetted by the Ministry of Health and Family welfare. A copy of the above mentioned Office Memorandum along with detailed SOP for Conduct of Examinations (**Annexure-I**) and UGC Revised Guidelines (**Annexure-II**) are enclosed for necessary action.

Looking forward for your kind cooperation.

With kind regards,

Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To

1. The Vice Chancellors of all Universities
2. The Principals of all Colleges

Copy for kind information to:

1. The Principal Secretary/Secretary to the Governors of all States/Lt. Governors of all Union Territories.
2. The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Higher Education, all State Governments/Union Territories

(Rajnish Jain)

F. No. 16-16/2020-U1A
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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

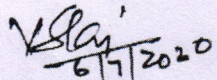
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date the 6th July, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Instructions for conduct of examination –regarding.

A large number of examinations of the Universities, IIT-JEE (Mains & Advance), NEET etc are scheduled to be held in the coming months. In order to ensure safety of the examinees, as also their academic interest, the following action may be taken.

1. Final Term Examinations should be compulsorily conducted as per UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities dated 29.04.2020 which have been again resolved today i.e. 06th July, 2020.
2. All examination may be conducted by 30th September, 2020.
3. Taking into consideration the academic interest of large number of students, MHA has agreed to the request of MHRD and granted exemption for the opening of educational institutions for the purpose of holding examinations/ evaluation work for Final Term Examinations of the Universities/ Institutions.
4. MHRD has formulated detailed SOP for conduct of examinations with precautions to be taken in view of COVID – 19 situation. This has been vetted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. A copy of the same is enclosed to ensure safety of all.
5. Previous instructions regarding "Work From Home" sent vide letter dated 30.06.2020 will not apply to the officers, faculty and non-Teaching Staff who are involved in Examination/Evaluation/Admission work.


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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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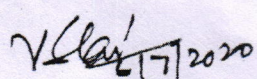
To

1. Prof. D. P. Singh, the Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.
2. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, the Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi.
3. Shri Vineet Joshi, Director General, NTA, Noida, (UP).

Copy to: The Chief Secretaries/Secretary(Education) of States/UTs.

CC:

1. Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Home Secretary, North Block, New Delhi.
2. Ms. Preeti Sudan, Secretary, M/o Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. PS to HRM.


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Guidelines for Conduct of Examinations

Background

Universities and other educational institutions across the country have been closed since 16th March, 2020, as one of the measures to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. In April, 2020, the University Grants Commission (UGC), has issued "*Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 Pandemic and Subsequent Lockdown*". In these guidelines it was proposed to hold the examination from July, 2020 onwards. The Guidelines provided various options for conduct of examinations to be decided finally by the University.

Presently, several universities have already conducted/planned the examinations in online/offline (pen & paper)/ blended (online + offline) mode.

Top ranking universities of the world have opted for the final exams to be done remotely. Like Princeton and MIT (USA); University of Cambridge, Imperial College of London (UK); University of Toronto and McMaster (Canada); University of Heidelberg (Germany); and University of Hong Kong have resorted to the online technology based mode of examinations. International universities like National University of Singapore, University of Adelaide of Australia, Oxford University for Final Semester have scheduled their exams in take home format. Alternative form of assessment like Open Book, Term Paper, Continuous Assessment; Presentations, Assignments, time-limited exams have been preferred as a substitute for exam in select countries of Asia and Europe.

Rationale

In order to safeguard the larger interests of students related to their academic and career progression, particularly those who are in their terminal semester/final year, the institutions are required to chart out a plan for conduct of examinations in online/offline (pen & paper)/ blended (online + offline) mode, after making a comprehensive assessment of their level of preparedness, residential status of the students, status of COVID-19 pandemic spread in different region/ state and all other such factors, to deal with any sort of exigency. The performance in examinations brings in scholarships and awards and translates into better job placement. This would not only give them more confidence and satisfaction, but also ensure merit and lifelong credibility.

Some Concerns

The higher educational institutions should address the following concerns:

1. The implementation of instructions and directives regarding safety and health issues by the central and state government departments.
2. Uncertainty among students regarding modes of teaching learning, completion of courses, examinations, evaluation, declaration of result, academic calendar, admissions, opening of institutions, etc.

3. Anxiety and stress developed during lockdown period and fear of COVID-19 after opening of campuses.
4. Safety measures including sanitisation of premises, thermal screening, ensuring physical distancing, mask wearing, hand washing etc.
5. Preparation for risk assessment and subsequent actions which varies - whether the institution is fully residential, partially residential or non-residential. The higher risk and bigger challenge is faced by non-residential institutions where the students will leave daily and come back next day.
6. Besides students, the risk of serious illness due to COVID-19 is faced by the faculty, counsellors, and other technical and non-teaching staff who face the students regularly.

Standard Operating Procedure for conduct of Examinations

1. The instructions, guidelines and orders issued by the central and state governments concerning the opening of educational institutions and safety and health should be abided by the universities and colleges. However, they may develop more stricter provisions and guidelines, if they find it necessary.
2. In case there is a restriction on movements in certain areas, admit/ identity cards issued to the students should be treated as a pass for the movement of students. State Governments should issue instructions to all local authorities to issue movement passes to invigilators and all personnel engaged in the conduct of examination.
3. Entire examination centre floors and walls, doors, gates, should be sprayed with disinfectant.
4. Fresh mask and gloves to be used by exam functionaries after staff verification is done.
5. Sanitizer bottles should be arranged at the entry gate, examination rooms, staff/observer room, etc. and should be replenished regularly.
6. All liquid handwash bottles should be replenished in restrooms and entry gate whenever required
7. Candidate Seating Area should be thoroughly sanitized (desk and the chair) after every session.
8. All the washrooms should be cleaned and disinfected.
9. All door handles, staircase railing, lift buttons, etc. should be disinfected.
10. Wheelchairs, if present at the examination centres, should be disinfected.
11. All the trash bins should be cleaned.
12. Staff verification and self-declaration as suggested below must be done as soon as they report at the Centre
 - a. Exam functionary must submit self-declaration about health status.
 - b. Thermo gun temperature check must be done at staff entrance point
 - c. If any Examination functionary fails to meet the self-declaration criteria, or thermo gun check, he/she will be asked to leave the examination centre immediately
 - d. Exam functionary needs to wear the mask and gloves at all time
13. Cleanliness and hygienic conditions as per safety and health advisories of the concerned government departments are to be maintained at all places.
14. Proper signages, symbols, posters etc. should be displayed at appropriate place to maintain social distancing.

15. Downloading of 'Arogya Setu' App may be advised for every staff and student of the university and college.
16. Adequate arrangements of thermal scanners, sanitizers, facemasks, and hand gloves at all entry and exit points including the reception area. Wherever possible, students should be given fresh face masks by the Invigilators in the examination room itself.
17. Avoid crowding at entry and exit points.
18. Opening all the gates, of entry and exit, in case HEIs have more than one gate.
19. Senior staff should monitor the entry and exit. There should be proper markings with at least 2 meter distance where students stand while waiting for opening of the college gate. Exit of students should be permitted one by one only.
20. Thermal Screening of students, wearing of face mask, sanitizing of hands etc. be ensured.
21. The Invigilators, while on duty, should be continuously wearing mask, and proper hand gloves.
22. The students should be asked to sanitize their hands before and after signing the Attendance Sheet.
23. Students having symptoms of fever, cough and cold should be either made to sit in a separate room or given a chance to appear on another day.
24. Hand washing stations with facilities of liquid soap should be made available so that every student can wash her/his hand frequently.
25. Keeping in view the physical distancing, institutions should have adequate rooms capacity to meet the proper seating arrangement for examination. Minimum distance between two students should be 2 meters. **Sample seating plan is annexed.**
26. Adequate arrangements for safe drinking water be made on the campus.
27. Adequate supply of water in toilets and for hand washing be ensured.
28. Dustbins must be cleaned and covered properly.
29. Proper sanitization of buses, other transport and official and vehicles of the institution.

30. At the end of the day-

- a. Used gloves and masks should be disposed only in a pedal push covered bin at the Examination Centre and outside the examination room/hall ;
 - b. Safely dispose off all used masks and gloves discarded at the examination centres or outside the examination centre in trash bin bags at suitable place and as per standard guidelines issued by health authority
31. Maintain record of all exam functionaries

- a. Record of all exam functionaries will be maintained in the system for future reference and traceability.
- b. Invigilator records are maintained in the system through staff verification processes.

Name and number of other staff such as Housekeeping, Security Guards, etc will be maintained.

SAMPLE SEATING PLAN

Col.1	Col.2	Col.3	Col.4
Candidate's Roll No.	Candidate's Roll No.	Candidate's Roll No.	Candidate's Roll No.
1	4	7	10
Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
2	5	8	11
Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty
3	6	9	12
Empty	Empty	Empty	Empty