

**Shiksha Mandal, Wardha's
G. S. COLLEGE OF COMMERCE & ECONOMICS, NAGPUR
(AUTONOMOUS)**

DIRECTION NO. 6 of 2020

[REGARDING CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SUMMER 2020 FOR REGULAR STUDENTS OF TERMINAL SEMESTERS OF M.COM. AND M.B.A PROGRAMMES INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS OF BACKLOG COURSES/SUBJECTS OF THESE STUDENTS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19]

REFERENCES:

1. UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown, April 2020.
2. RTM Nagpur University's Circular dt. 15.05.2020 regarding Planning of Examinations and Academic Calendar.
3. Government of Maharashtra's GR dt. 19.06.2020 regarding the planning/regulation of Final Year/Semester UG & PG Examinations.
4. UGC Guidelines dt. 06.07.2020.
5. RTM Nagpur University's Direction # 12 of 2020 regarding Special Rules for the Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations and Declaration of Results of Regular Students and Promotion of Students to Higher Semesters, Direction-2020.
6. Director of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra's letter no. UNI/2020/Baithak/Vishi-1/5640-A dt. 03.09.2020 regarding the planning of Final Year/Semester Examinations in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's decision.
7. RTM Nagpur University's Circular dt. 08.09.2020 regarding the conduct of Practical/Assignment/ Workshop/Project/Dissertation Examinations.
8. RTM Nagpur University's Direction # 20 of 2020 regarding Special Rules for the Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations for Regular/Ex-students of Final Year/Semester of Various Programmes/Courses and Examination of their Backlog Subjects/Papers/and Incidental Matters, Direction, 2020.

G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur has been granted Autonomy by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the RTM Nagpur University w.e.f. the 2018-19 session. As an autonomous college, the college is mandated to conduct all its semester end examinations including the terminal semester end examinations as per the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018.

Accordingly, the college has conducted semester end examinations of its various autonomous UG/PG programmes in Winter 2018, Summer 2019, and Winter 2019 as per its own academic regulations which include the scheme of examination.

However, owing to the outbreak of Covid-19 in the country from March 2020 and the ensuing lockdowns etc., the college could not conduct its Summer 2020 examinations of various semesters of UG/PG programmes.

As per the UGC Guidelines April, 2020 and July, 2020; RTM Nagpur University's circular dt. 15.05.2020 regarding Planning of Examinations and Academic Calendar, and Direction No. 12 of 2020 regarding Special Rules for the Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations and Declaration of Results of Regular Students and Promotion of Students to Higher Semesters, the college issued its own Direction No. 1 of 2020 regarding the Declaration of Results of non-terminal Semesters (IInd & IVth Semesters) in the wake of situation resulting out of Covid-19.

Subsequently, the college declared results of all non-terminal semesters of its various UG/PG programmes i.e. IInd & IVth Semesters of UG programmes and the IInd Semesters of the PG programmes as per the scheme outlined in its own Direction No. 1 of 2020.

However, the Terminal/Final Semester examinations of the TWO autonomous post-graduate programmes of M.Com. and M.B.A. which were required to be conducted by the college in Summer 2020 could not be conducted due to the Covid-19 situation.

Subsequently, Director of Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra vide letter no. UNI/2020/Baithak/Vishi-1/5640-A dt. 03.09.2020 has directed all the non-agricultural universities in Maharashtra to conduct examinations of the final year/semester of various academic programmes within the specified time period.

Accordingly, the RTM Nagpur University vide its circular dt. 08.09.2020 has given specific instructions regarding the conduct of Practical/ Assignment/ Workshop/Project/Dissertation Examinations and vide its Direction no.20 of 2020 has outlined Special Rules for the Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations for Regular/Ex-students of Final Year/Semester of Various Programmes/Courses and Examination of their Backlog Subjects/Papers/and Incidental Matters.

Since, G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur, being an autonomous college, is mandated to conduct its own examinations in consonance with the various guidelines/instructions issued by the UGC, State Government and the RTM Nagpur University from time to time, it is required to issue its own Direction regarding the conduct of Summer 2020 examinations of regular students of terminal semesters of its autonomous M.Com. and M.B.A. programmes.

Accordingly, this special Direction called as **DIRECTION REGARDING CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SUMMER 2020 FOR REGULAR STUDENTS OF TERMINAL SEMESTERS OF M.COM. AND M.B.A PROGRAMMES INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS OF BACKLOG COURSES/SUBJECTS OF THESE STUDENTS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19** is being issued.

1. This Direction shall be applicable to the regular students of Fourth Semester of autonomous M.Com. and M.B.A. programmes who may also have some backlog of failed subjects of earlier semesters.
2. The examination of each course/subject, including practical examination/viva voce etc. wherever applicable, of both programmes shall be conducted through online mode.
3. Examination forms of students appearing for these Examinations shall be invited through online mode.
4. Students shall pay online the stipulated examination and degree fees.

5. The online examinations of backlog papers shall tentatively commence from 27-09-2020 to 04-10-2020 while online examinations of regular Semester-IV papers shall be conducted tentatively between 06-10-2020 to 24-10-2020.
6. Students shall be given the app/link of the online examination on their registered mobile phone half an hour before the commencement of examination on the date of examination.
7. The duration of theory examination of each course/subject shall be that of only ONE HOUR.
8. Each question paper of each examination shall consist of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) only.
9. Each question paper shall have 50 MCQ's covering all different units of the syllabus out of which students shall have to attempt any 40MCQ's. In case students attempt more than 40 MCQ's, only the first 40 MCQ's with correct responses shall be assessed.
10. Each MCQ shall carry 02 Marks.
11. Thus the theory paper of each Semester End Examination (External Assessment) shall be that of 80 Marks.
12. There shall be 20 Marks of Internal Assessment as per the prevalent scheme.
13. Viva Voce of students of both the PG programmes of M.Com. and M.B.A. shall be conducted through online mode as per the schedules finalized by the college.
14. Viva Voce shall be that of 05 minutes for each subject for each student.
15. Project Viva of M.B.A. shall be that of 10 minutes for each student.
16. Project Viva of M.B.A. shall be conducted through online mode by both the Internal and External examiners appointed by Principal and marks for the Project Viva shall be awarded as per the prevalent scheme of examination.
17. The results (along with the results of backlog papers) shall be declared before 31-10-2020.
18. In case the Supplementary Examinations i.e. Winter 2020 Examinations are to be taken through online mode, as hinted by the authorities, the same shall be conducted on the above lines as per time frame decided by the authorities with respect to the External Assessment of 80 marks.
19. The Internal Assessment mark obtained by students in Summer 2020 shall remain unchanged.
20. Any other instructions/guidelines with respect to the conduct of Terminal/Final Semester Examinations issued by the UGC, State Government and the RTM Nagpur University after the issuance of this Direction shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Direction as long as such instructions/guidelines are not inconsistent with the college's mandate of conducting its own examinations under autonomy or the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2018.
21. This Direction being a one-off and special direction necessitated by the Covid-19 situation shall be operative only for the purpose and period for which it has come to existence and presently only for the purpose of the conduct of Summer 2020/Winter 2020 Examinations of terminal semesters of autonomous PG programmes of M.Com. and M.B.A. conducted in the college.
22. This Direction has been approved by the college's Academic Council and the Governing Body.

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