

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

DIRECTION NO. 1 of 2021

[REGARDING CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SUMMER 2020 FOR STUDENTS OF NON-TERMINAL SEMESTERS OF ALL UG AND PG PROGRAMMES WITH A BACKLOG OF FAILED SUBJECTS IN PREVIOUS SEMESTERS 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.
9. College's Direction # 6 regarding Summer 2020 Examinations of Terminal Semesters (M.Com. & M.B.A.)
10. RTM Nagpur University's Direction # 32 of 2020 regarding Special Rules for Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations of Failure Students of all Semesters and External Students Direction, 2020
11. RTM Nagpur University's Circular dated 19.12.2020 regarding the Procedures/Modalities for Conducting Summer 2020 Examinations of Failure Students of all Semesters and External Students 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 conducted the 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 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 gave specific instructions regarding the conduct of Practical/Assignment/Workshop/Project/ Dissertation Examinations and vide its Direction No.20 of 2020 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.

Accordingly, G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur, being an autonomous college, and as such 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, issued its own Direction # 6 for conducting of Summer 2020



Examinations of regular students of terminal semesters of its autonomous M.Com. and M.B.A. programmes and conducted the said examinations as per the given schedules and declared their results too.

Further, owing to the continuance of Covid-19 situation and related restrictions, the Summer 2020 Examinations of students of non-terminal semesters (of both UG/PG programmes) having a backlog of failed subjects could not be held.

As per its Direction # 32 of 2020 and Circular dated 19.12.2020, the RTM Nagpur University has notified its procedures/modalities for conducting Summer 2020 Examinations of Failure Students of all Semesters and External Students Direction, 2020 through offline/online/mixed mode.

Being an autonomous college, G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur, too, vide its notice dated 06.01.2021 sought from the concerned students/parents their preferences/consent for online or offline mode for the Summer 2020 Examinations.


However, the majority of students (over 95%) expressed their unwillingness to report to the college for offline examination and preferred an online mode of examination.

Accordingly, this special Direction called the **DIRECTION REGARDING CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SUMMER 2020 FOR STUDENTS OF NON-TERMINAL SEMESTERS OF ALL UG AND PG PROGRAMMES WITH A BACKLOG OF FAILED SUBJECTS IN PREVIOUS SEMESTERS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19** is being issued.

1. This Direction shall be applicable to the regular students of all UG and PG programmes who have some backlog of failed subjects of earlier previous semesters.
2. The examination of each course/subject, including practical examination/viva voce etc. wherever applicable, of these 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 fees.
5. The online examinations of backlog papers shall be conducted tentatively in the first fortnight of February 2021.
6. Students shall be given the link of online examination on their registered mobile phone 10 minutes 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 40 MCQ'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. The Internal Assessment marks obtained by students earlier shall remain unchanged.
13. The results shall be declared before 28.02.2021.
14. Any other instructions/guidelines issued by the UGC, State Government and the RTM Nagpur University after the issuance of this Direction with respect to the conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations of regular students of autonomous UG/PG programmes with a backlog of failed subjects in previous semesters, 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.
15. 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 into existence and presently only for the purpose of the conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations of regular students of non-terminal semesters with a backlog of failed subjects in previous semesters of autonomous UG/PG programmes in the college.
16. This Direction has been approved by the college's Academic Council and the Governing Body.
17. This Direction shall not be applicable to those students who have already appeared in the Terminal Semester examinations of PG programmes of M.Com. and M.B.A. in Summer 2020 as per the college's Direction No.6 of 2020. These students, if having any backlog of failed subjects, shall appear for their Supplementary Examination in Winter 2020 whenever it is held in whichever mode i.e. either online or offline mode.


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