

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

**DIRECTION NO. 1 of 2022**

**[REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION OF SUMMER 2022 FOR REGULAR STUDENTS OF ALL EVEN SEMESTERS OF ALL UG AND PG PROGRAMMES AND EX-STUDENTS WITH BACKLOG OF FAILED SUBJECTS OF ALL PREVIOUS SEMESTERS OF ALL UG AND PG PROGRAMMES**

**REFERENCES:**

1. UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown, April 2020.
2. Government of Maharashtra's GR dt. 19.06.2020 regarding the planning/regulation of Final Year/Semester UG & PG Examinations.
3. UGC Guidelines dt. 06.07.2020
4. UGC Guidelines dt. 05.11. 2020
5. 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.
6. College's Direction # 6/2020 regarding Conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations of Terminal Semesters (M.Com. & M.B.A.)
7. College's Direction # 1, 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 Wake of Covid-19.
8. College's Direction # 2, 2021 regarding Conduct of Examination of Winter 2020 for Regular Students of All Odd Semesters of All UG and PG Programmes and Ex-Students with Backlog of Failed Subjects of All Previous Semesters of All UG and PG Programmes in the Wake of Covid-19.
9. NMC's letter dated 14.10.2021
10. College's Direction # 3, 2021 regarding Conduct of Examination of Winter 2021 for Regular Students of All Odd Semesters of All UG and PG Programmes and Ex-Students with Backlog of Failed Subjects of All Previous Semesters of All UG and PG Programmes in the Wake of Covid-19.

A. G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur was 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 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, the college issued its Direction No. 1 of 2020 regarding the Declaration of Results of non-terminal Semesters (II<sup>nd</sup> & IV<sup>th</sup> 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. II<sup>nd</sup> & IV<sup>th</sup> Semesters of UG programmes and the II<sup>nd</sup> Semesters of PG programmes as per the scheme outlined in its own Direction No. 1 of 2020.

  
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- 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.
- B.** Accordingly, G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur issued its Direction # 6 of 2020 for the conduct of Summer 2020 Examinations of regular students of terminal semesters of its autonomous M.Com. and M.B.A. programmes since its UG programmes had not reached the terminal semester stage. As per the scheme of examination, to be conducted in the online mode, each theory paper of 80 marks of one hour's duration consisting of 50 MCQ's covering all different units of the syllabus out of which students were required to attempt 40 MCQ's with each MCQ carrying 2 marks. Internal assessment marks would be as earned by students.
- Accordingly, the terminal semester examinations of M.Com. and M.B.A. were conducted through online mode and the results also were declared.
  - Further, the Direction # 6 of 2020 also provided that in case Winter 2020 Examinations of Odd Semesters for regular students and Supplementary Examinations of ex-students for backlog subjects due in Winter 2020 needed to be taken through online mode owing to the Covid-19 situation, the same would be conducted on the above lines i.e. an online examination of one hour duration adopting an MCQ-pattern.
- C.** Further, as per the Direction # 1 of 2021, the College conducted its Summer 2020 Examinations for students of non-terminal semesters of all its autonomous UG and PG programmes with a backlog of failed subjects in previous semesters in the wake of Covid-19 on the above lines i.e examination of one hour's duration for every subject/course of every programme adopting an MCQ-pattern.
- D.** However, owing to the general criticism from academic and other sections of society that the MCQ pattern has lowered the quality of University examinations, the faculty members and the Management of the college decided that an alternative credible mode of conducting online examination needed to be identified in case off-line examinations are not feasible in view of the Covid-19 situation.
- E.** Thus in order to both restore the stakeholders' faith in Examination System and its credibility which is best explicit in the off line examinations but which cannot be unfortunately held, an alternative of online but full length examination without MCQ's appeared to be the best option especially because all students had become well-versed with the technological part of online teaching-learning and online examinations. So a shift from MCQ pattern paper of One Hour duration to the traditional question paper of full length duration of 2-3 hours wherever applicable was proposed in view of the Covid-19 situation.
- F.** Accordingly, a special new Direction # 2 of 2021 regarding "Conduct of Examination of Winter 2020 for Regular Students of All Odd Semesters of All UG and PG programmes and Ex-Students with Backlog of Failed Subjects of All Previous Semesters of All UG and PG programmes in the Wake of Covid-19" was issued by the College. As per the Direction# 2 of 2021, Winter/2021 examinations were still conducted in online mode but as per the original scheme of examination for each academic programme as detailed in the Academic Regulations of each programme after dispensing. The MCQ pattern was totally dispensed with. The Direction also provided for the conduct of Summer/2021 Examination in the same mode if the Covid-19 situation did not improve. Accordingly, the Summer/2021 Examinations were also held in the same mode as prescribed by the Direction # 2 of 2021. Subsequently, all the answer books received in PDF format were downloaded and evaluated through the regular Spot Valuation Scheme and the results were also declared.
- G.** Subsequently, as Covid-19 persisted and lockdowns/restrictions continued, the College issued its Direction # 3 of 2021 regarding the conduct of Winter/2021 Examinations in online mode but in full-length and descriptive pattern.

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- H. The Direction # 3 of 2021 has also provided that unless the offline examinations become feasible and are allowed by the UGC, State Government and local authorities, the Summer/2022 Examinations shall also be conducted in the online mode as specified in this Direction without the issuance of any fresh Direction.
- I. However, since then the things have improved and the entire country including Maharashtra has opened up dispensing with all Covid-19 restrictions including the wearing of mask. Further, the offline classes have commenced from February 2022 and most even-semester students have attended the classes physically. Further, these students, fully vaccinated now, have also appeared in their Internal Assessment tests including the preliminary examinations leading to S/2022 examinations in physical mode.
- J. Further, the HSC examinations of S/2022 were also conducted in the offline mode.
- K. In view of the above, and since the Covid-19 restrictions are no longer in place, and since the college has been functioning in offline mode since February 2022, and since other autonomous colleges in the city are already in the process of conducting offline examinations, there are no impediments in the conduct of offline examinations for S/2022 in G. S. College of Commerce & Economics, Nagpur (autonomous).
- L. Accordingly, the following Direction is being issued by the College:
1. This Direction would be called the "Direction regarding the Conduct of Examinations of Summer/2022 for Regular Students of All EVEN Semesters of All UG and PG programmes and Ex-Students with Backlog of Failed Subjects of All Previous Semesters of All UG and PG programmes."
  2. This Direction shall be applicable to the regular students of all EVEN semesters of UG/PG programmes as well as to the ex-students with a backlog of failed subjects of all previous semesters of all UG and PG programmes conducted in the college under autonomy.
  3. The examination of each course/subject, including practical examination/viva voce etc. wherever applicable, shall be conducted in the **physical/offline mode only** as per the original scheme of examination as detailed in the Academic Regulations of each UG/PG programme.
  4. In view of the Covid-19 situation which persisted until February, and since most students also could not attend classes owing to not being fully vaccinated, or transport problems, or health issues, or stress-related issues, or death in the family etc., the minimum attendance criteria shall not be insisted upon and all such students with deficient attendance may be allowed to appear in the S/2022 examinations purely on humanitarian grounds subject to the condition that they shall attain the prescribed attendance criteria in the next semester. However, such students shall not be entitled to any marks for attendance which is the part of Internal Assessment.
  5. The relaxation in the attendance criteria is a one-off measure necessitated by extra-ordinary circumstances of Covid-19 and hence it shall not be a precedent for any other examinations beyond S/2022 examinations.
- M. Any other instructions/guidelines with respect to the conduct of S/2022 Examinations received from the UGC and State Government 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.
- N. This Direction is being issued for the conduct of S/2022 examinations of all UG/PG programmes in **offline mode only** as per the original scheme of examination as detailed in the Academic Regulations of each academic programme, and shall be operative for all subsequent offline examinations for which no special Direction shall be issued.
- O. This Direction is unanimously approved by the college's Academic Council on 18.05.2022 and by the Governing Body on 20.05.2022.

  
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