

# SANT GADGE BABA AMRAVATI UNIVERSITY GAZETTE



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PART- ONE

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## DIRECTION

No. 53/2021

Date:- 28/10/2021

**Subject : Scheme for conducting Examination for Ph.D. Course work-2020-21 batch only in offline mode, instead of online mode, under MCQ pattern till the period COVID-19 pandemic , Direction 2021.**

**Whereas**, the Ordinance No.1 of 2016 is prescribed for An Ordinance for Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (आचार्य पदवी), Recognition of Supervisor and Research Centre in all Faculties in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulation-2016. Regulation-2016 (Part B,(B-2.3) and the Direction No.23 of 2016 in force, on conduct of examination for Ph.D. Course Work, on regular form;

**AND**

**Whereas**, COVID-19 Pandemic, crucial circumstances since then, were in ascending order, it was difficult to conduct the examination for Ph.D. Course work of 2019-20 batch, by following the existing provisions prescribed in Ordinance No.1/2016 and the Direction No.23 of 2016 which are framed on descriptive pattern.

**AND**

**Whereas**, in view of above, to conduct the examination in Online mode and adopt MCQ Pattern for the period of COVID-19 pandemic only, the Board of Deans in its meeting held on 11/12/2020 vide item No. 101 had proposed the scheme therefore under the draft Ordinance form, and the Direction No. 7/2021 was issued for 2019-20 batch in lieu of Ordinance, laying down the scheme therein,

**AND**

**Whereas**, as per Section-12(8) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act,2016, the above Direction No.7/2020-21 for online mode is now already lapsed from 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021 on completion of six months, hence there is no need to continue it further in view of this new Direction for offline mode;

**AND**

**Whereas**, now the COVID-19 Pandemic, crucial circumstances are in descending order, Honøble Vice-Chancellor constituted a Committee and the report of the Committee has been placed before the Board of Examination & Evaluation in its meeting held on 14.10.2021 vide Item No. 42 and the Board has accepted the report of the Committee, as per which the examination for Course Work of Ph.D. 2020-21 batch is to be conducted in offline mode by adopting Multiple Choice Question pattern, assigning of marks, and the duration of examination.

**AND**

**Whereas**, the above recommendations of Board of Examination & Evaluation have been accepted by the Vice-Chancellor under the Section 12(7) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, -2016 on behalf of Academic Council, and the Management Council, so as to implement the same immediately, for 2020-21 batch only,

**AND**

**Whereas**, the matter pertains to Ordinance, making thereof is time ó consuming process, it is necessary to issue the Direction under section 12(8) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, in lieu of Ordinance.

**Therefore**, I, Dr. Dileep Malkhede Vice-Chancellor in exercise of powers vested in me under section 12(7) of Maharashtra Public Universities Act.2016 do hereby issue the following Direction :

- 1) This Direction may be called Scheme for conducting Examination for Ph.D. Coursework-2020-21 batch in offline mode till the period of COVID-19 pandemic, Direction-2021
- 2) This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.
- 3) The scheme under this Direction shall be operative only for the Research Scholars of Ph.D. Programmes for 2020-21 Batch. (admitted in Jan 2021).
- 4) The provisions in the following scheme under this Direction, shall prevail over those relevant provisions in the Ordinance No.1 of 2016 and Direction No.23 of 2016 only for the research scholars of Ph.D. Programmes of 2020-21 batch, (admitted in Jan.21) there after those provisions in the Ordinance No.1/2016 and Direction No.23/2016 shall come into operation automatically, unless any Direction is issued.
- 5) This Direction is applicable to the following faculties :-
  - i) Faculty of Science & Technology
  - ii) Faculty of Commerce & Management
  - iii) Faculty of Humanities
  - iv) Faculty of Inter-disciplinary Studies
- 6) The research scholars of Ph.D. programme for academic year 2020-21 have been admitted in Jan, 2021. The Ph.D. course work of this batch has been completed at respective Research Centers.
- 7) Direction No. 23 of 2016 Dt. 26.12.2016 is in existence which provides Scheme of Teaching and Examination on descriptive pattern for Ph.D. Course Work. Due to COVID-19 pandemic for 2020-21 Batch, it is not feasible to conduct the Examination on descriptive pattern and evaluation of ModuleóI (Theory).
- 8) It is essential to provide the Scheme of Examination and evaluation of Module ó I (theory) for Ph.D. Course Work programme of the Batch admitted for 2020-21 (admitted in January 2021) in offline mode adopting MCQ ( Multiple Choice Questions) pattern.
- 9) Scheme of examination and evaluation with respect to PaperóI (Theory) shall be read as under ó

**1. Research Methodology (Module-1) (Theory)**

- i. Theory Examination for Module-1 shall be conducted by Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University.
- ii. The Questions of Module -I (Theory) will be based on the syllabus as prescribed by the University.
- iii. The Question paper for theory part of the Module-I comprising 80 marks shall be set as per following instructions
  - a. There shall be 80 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) evenly distributed on all the Units.
  - b. Each questions carry one mark each. All questions are compulsory.
  - c. There will be no negative marking for wrong answers. The question paper will be of two hours duration.

- iv. The evaluation of Module-I (theory) paper will be carried out by the University
  - v. The internal assessment for Module-I shall be conducted by the research centre having 20 internal marks.
  - vi. The examination of all other papers (viz Paper-II, Paper-III, Paper-IV and Paper-V) will be conducted by the Research Centre.
  - vii. The final result of the Examination of Ph.D. Course work for the batch 2020-21 (admitted in January 2021) will be declared by the University after considering the evaluation of all papers conducted by the University and the Research Centers on offline mode.
- 10) The other provisions of Direction 23 of 2016 shall, in regard to the evaluation and examination mutatis-mutandis, apply.
- 11) In case of any question, doubt or ambiguity arises regarding the interpretation of any provision of this Direction, the matter may be referred directly or be taken suo moto by the Vice Chancellor who shall after taking such advice as he thinks necessary, decide the question, and his decision shall be final and conclusive.
- 12) All other provisions in the Ordinances, Directions etc. pertaining to examination will mutatis-mutandis apply subject to provisions contained in this Direction.
- 13) Any further instruction, if required and necessary on modus ó operandi, process etc. shall be issued for guidance or for necessary action and shall be followed by all the concerned.
- 14) On completion of examination and declaration of results of 2020-21 batch, all provisions of Direction 23/2016 will automatically prevail prospectively to be effective for forthcoming session 2021-22 Batch
- 15) The earlier Direction No. 7/2021 already stand lapsed with effect from 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021.

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Date: 26/10/2021

Sd/-  
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