

(Approved by the Executive council, dated 31.08.2010, vide item no. 88.)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sub-sections (xxi), (xxii) and (xxiii) of section 21 and sections 52 and 53 of the Burdwan University Act, 1981 (West Bengal Act XXIII of 1981) read with the update amendments, the Executive Council makes the following Regulations:

U.Reg.1(D.E.)

(i) These Regulations may be called the University Regulations relating to examination for M.A./M.Com. Courses of studies under Directorate of Distance Education.

(ii) They shall come into force from the Academic Sessions 2010-2012.

(iii) Unless the context otherwise required, words and expressions used in these Regulations shall be interpreted to have the same meaning as they have in the Burdwan University Act, 1981 and in different Statutes and Ordinance made there under.

U.Reg.2(D.E.)

The entire PG (Two-year) courses of studies shall be equally divided into two parts as per the approved syllabi in the subject concerned: Part-I and Part-II, each spanning one academic year. The Part-I Examination under these Regulations shall be held at the end of the first academic year after the commencement of the session and the Part-II Examination shall be held at the end of the Second academic year.

U.Reg.3(D.E.)

A student who has been admitted to the M.A./M.Com. courses of studies under DDE and has completed the course work of studies in the subject as to be prescribed or may be prescribed by the DDE of this University from time to time may be admitted to the M.A./M.Com. Part-I Examination at the end of the first academic year and to the Part-II Examination at the end of the second academic year subject to the conditions stipulated by the Directorate.

U.Reg.4(D.E.)

Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated by the Directorate of Distance Education of this University a student who, after prosecuting the course work [i.e., Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs), Assignment, if any, etc as to be conducted by the Directorate] does not register himself/herself for or registers himself/herself for but fails to appear or appears at but fails to secure the minimum qualifying marks as stipulated hereinafter at the M.A./M.Com. Part-I Examination(s) may be permitted to appear at the Part-I Examination/back (failed) papers at Part-I examination as the case may be along with the next year's Part-II Examination. However, he/she has to appear at the entire Part-I Examinations within the prescribed chances, if he/she fails to appear at Part-I Examinations/ appeared at but applied for cancellation of his/her entire Part-I Examinations in prescribed manner.

However, no candidate shall be allowed to sit for the Part-II examination without being enrolled at the Part-I examination in the previous year.

Provided that –

- (i) failure to take Part-I Examination or to secure qualifying marks in Part-I will not debar a candidate from prosecuting him/her second year course of study ;

- (ii) a student who appears at in part or in full the examination and intends to seek for cancellation of his M.A./M.Com. Part –I/Part-II Examination as the case may be may apply to the Controller of Examinations for the same through the Director, Distance Education, B.U. within a fortnight from the last date of completion of the relevant examination and he/she may be permitted to appear at the M.A./M.Com. Part-I/Part-II Examination afresh, if chance remains, on cancellation of his/her entire examination for the relevant part.(i.e., Part-I, Part-II)
- (iii) For any type of reappearance within the prescribed chances, the candidate must have to deposit the requisite re-appearance fee as fixed or may be fixed by the University from time to time.

U.Reg.5(D.E.)

- (i) The Qualifying marks (Q.M.) for each paper shall be 35% in each part (i.e., Part I & Part-II examinations). Credit will be retained paper-wise within the prescribed chances in each Part.
- (ii) In order to pass the examination, a student must have to secure a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate (Part-I and Part-II examinations taken together) subject to securing the minimum qualifying marks (i.e, 35%) in each paper separately.
- (iii) If a candidate secures qualifying marks in each paper at Part-I Examination but fails to secure a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate (Part-I and Part-II Examinations taken together), he/she may reappear, if chance remains in all the papers or in Papers as per his/her choice along with back (failed) papers, if any, at the Part-II examination to secure a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate (Part-I & Part-II examinations taken together).
- (iv) If a candidate fails to secure qualifying marks at Part-I examination he/she may appear at Part-II examination along with his/her failed (back) papers at Part-I examination, if chance remains.

U.Reg.6(D.E.)

A candidate shall have to complete Part-I and Part-II Examinations within 4(four) consecutive years including his/her original enrolment in Part-I examination subject to the condition that not more than 3 (three) consecutive chances shall be allowed in each part.

If any of the chances mentioned above is not availed of by a candidate within the stipulated period, the chance shall be deemed to have lapsed.

EXPLANATION:

A student admitted to Ist year M.A./M.Com. class during the session 2010-12 shall get three consecutive chances to appear at the Part-I Examination of 2011, 2012, 2013 and at the Part-II Examination of 2012, 2013 and 2014.

If a candidate fails to pass the examination within the prescribed chances, he/she will have to appear at the Part-I and Part-II Examinations de novo on fresh admission to the course, subject to usual terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the University for the academic session.

U.Reg.7(D.E.)

If a candidate after securing qualifying marks at his/her Part-II examination, clears his/her Part-I examination/ failed (back) paper(s) of Part-I examination in subsequent year within the prescribed chances and secures a minimum of 40% marks in aggregate (Part-I and Part-II taken together) he/she will be declared to have passed the final examination in the year in which he/she clears his/her back (failed) part.

U.Reg.8(D.E.)

The Provisional results of each Part will be published stating only the total marks obtained by a candidate and the mark sheet will be issued showing the marks in each paper only to the examinee(s) concerned registered to this University. However, if a candidate fails to secure qualifying marks in a particular Part of examination, his/her result of next part will be declared as 'PNC' (i.e., Part Not Cleared).

U.Reg.9(D.E.)

The final result of a candidate shall be determined on the basis of marks obtained in Part-I and Part-II examinations taken together. Subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in the above Regulations a candidate who secures 35% marks in each paper of Part-I and Part-II examination and

- (i) secures 40% or more but less than 60% marks in the aggregate on the combined results of the Part-I and Part-II Examinations shall be declared to have passed M.A./M.Com. Examination in the Second Class.
- (ii) Secures 60% marks or above in the aggregate on the combined results of the Part-I and Part-II Examinations shall be declared to have passed the M.A./M.Com. Examination in the First Class.

The Post Graduate Board of Studies in the subject concerned (meant for and formulated for Regular Courses of Studies) shall

- (i) recommend the names of paper-setters, examiners, members of the Board of Moderators etc.
- (ii) recommend the course of studies including formulation of syllabus and distribution of papers between Part-I and Part-II Examinations and all such recommendations shall be given effect to after obtaining approval of the appropriate authority (Vice-Chancellor/Executive Council).

U.Reg.11(D.E.)

▪ **Post Publication Review of Answer-scripts:**

I (a) A candidate may apply for Post Publication Review of his/her answer-scripts in a maximum number of 50% of theoretical papers appeared in each part, irrespective of marks obtained by the candidate in those papers, provided he/she has secured at least 35% marks in aggregate of the remaining theoretical paper(s) not asked for Post Publication Review.

(b) Application for Post Publication Review should be submitted in the prescribed form (obtainable from the Directorate of Distance Education) and manner along with requisite fees prescribed for the purpose within the date as per notification to be issued by the office of the Controller of Examinations.

(c) Such applications must be checked and verified by the Directorate of Distance Education in regard to eligibility of the candidates applying for review. All such applications must be forwarded by the Directorate/ Asstt. Director of the Distance Education.

(d) There shall be no Post Publication Review of Practical Paper/Term Paper/Project Paper, Viva-voce etc., if any.

(e) Incomplete and faulty application is liable to be rejected without assigning any reason or without any intimation to the candidate/institution concerned.

(f) Under no circumstances fees for Post Publication Review once paid be refunded.

(g) Appearance in the next year's examination will not depend on whether a candidate has applied for Post Publication Review or not. Candidates applied for Post Publication Review shall have to make necessary preparations for the next examination on the basis of his/her original results.

II Computation of Results:

(a) Calculation of final marks after Post-Publication review will be made Paper wise and result will be finalized accordingly.

(b) If the marks awarded by the Post-Publication Review examiner in a paper do not exceed the original award by more than 8% of the full marks, the review examiner's award will be accepted as final marks in that paper. If the increase of marks in a Paper exceeds 8% of the full marks, the additional marks to the extent of 8% of the full marks plus half of the increase in excess of 8% in that paper shall be accepted as increase in marks of the candidate in that paper.

(c) If the marks awarded by the Post-Publication Review examiner in a paper reduce from the original marks by not more than 4% of the full marks, the review examiner's award shall be accepted as final marks in that paper. If the decrease exceeds more than 4% of the full marks of a paper, the decrease in marks to the extent of 4% in the said paper plus half of the decrease in marks in excess of the same will be accepted as final decrease in marks of the candidate in that paper provided that such reduction does not result in the failure of a successful candidate who secured already qualifying marks in the said paper(s) in Part-I or in lowering the class obtained by a candidate [applicable to Part-II Final Examination] prior to review and in that case the status of original result (before Post-Publication Review) of the candidate shall not be changed.

(d) While making calculation, any fractional figure may be rounded off to the next higher digit.

III In case of an unsuccessful candidate addition of marks on Post-Publication Review in a paper shall be given effect to only when it leads to change in his/her result status prior to review position, other wise the original award shall be retained and in that case no fresh mark sheet will be issued to such candidate.

IV Any addition or subtraction of marks as declared by the University after Post-Publication Review shall be binding on the candidate. No further application for consideration of the candidate's review results shall be entertained.

U.Reg.12(D.E.)

If any dispute arises in respect of interpretation of the rules, or any matter not covered by these rules the decision of the Executive Council in that respect shall be final and binding.