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EXAMINATION RULES
FACULTY OF ARTS
JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS

1. [65] To be eligible to appear at an end-Semester Examination of the University for any course/paper in any semester in the Faculty of Arts, a student must have satisfied the condition as laid down in Regulation 46(a) of the First Regulation subject to attending at least 60% of lectures in that course/paper in that semester, and satisfactory completion of the internal assessments and other prescribed requirements of that course/paper as specified by the respective Board of Studies.
2. [66] No student in the Faculty of Arts shall be permitted to appear at the Bachelor's or Master's degree examination after the lapse of the periods as specified below:
B.A.: 5 years after admission to the first semester
M.A.: 4 years after admission to the first semester

Bachelor of Arts Examination

3. [67] The Bachelor of Arts Examinations shall be held in six parts, in May-June and November-December for the corresponding semesters (first and second semesters for the First year students, third and fourth semesters for the second year students and fifth and sixth semesters for the third year students). The Vice Chancellor may permit any exception to this rule under exceptional circumstances.
4. [68] Each paper/course in the Faculty of Arts, in general, shall be evaluated out of a total of 50 marks comprising Internal Assessment/Continuous Evaluation of 20 marks and end-Semester Examination of 30 marks.

Explanation: (a) Internal assessment shall be on the basis of tutorials, term papers, reports, seminar presentations, class tests or any combination of these. The modalities of such assessments will be notified by the respective Boards of Studies at the beginning of each semester.

For the Bachelor of Arts Examinations, the duration of a written end-Semester Examination for each course/paper of 30 marks shall be 120 minutes (2 hours), in general, and duration for Internal Assessments/Continuous Assessments for each course/paper, in the form prescribed above, shall be as decided by the respective teacher and the Board of Studies/Academic Committees.

5. [69] There would be automatic progression/promotion at the end of B.A. (or equivalent) First Semester/Second Semester/Third Semester/Fourth Semester/Fifth Semester irrespective of marks obtained in the previous semester examinations subject to the eligibility conditions as laid down in (65) for appearing at the examination being satisfied.

Students failing in one or more courses/papers of any semester examination shall be eligible to appear in end-Semester examinations for these courses/papers in the corresponding semester in subsequent years subject to the conditions laid down in Regulation 66. Such candidates will be deemed to have passed the paper/course if s/he obtains 40 percent of the total marks (including internal assessment) OR 40 percent of marks in the written end semester examination.

6. [70] In all programmes leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree, there shall be at least 4 courses in each semester making a total of at least 24 courses/papers in all, of which not more than 6 courses/papers shall be Extra Departmental courses irrespective of the numbers of honours papers as prescribed by the respective Boards of Studies in the entire programme.

The distribution of Honours and Extra Departmental (ED) courses/papers over six (6) semesters in each programme leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree shall preferably be as follows:

1st semester 2/3 Honours courses/papers + 2/1 ED course(s)/paper(s)

2nd semester 3 Honours courses/papers + 1 ED course/paper

3rd semester 3 Honours courses//papers + 1 ED course/paper

4th semester 4/3/2 Honours courses/papers + 0/1/2 ED course(s) /paper(s)

5th semester 4 Honours courses/papers

6th semester 4 Honours course/papers

Explanation: Extra Departmental (ED) courses/papers shall usually mean a course/paper offered by a department for students who are enrolled in Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in other departments, or a course/paper in a subject which is not covered by existing departments, including inter-disciplinary/emerging areas. In exceptional circumstances, a course/paper in an inter-disciplinary/emerging area may be offered jointly by two or more departments/schools to students of any department including the department from which the course is being offered and where the student is enrolled in the Honours programme.

Each department shall arrange to teach at least 2 ED courses/papers in each semester.

7. [71] A Supplementary Examination for courses/papers in BA fifth and sixth semesters shall be held within one month after publication of the sixth semester result (usually in July-August) each year. Only those students who have passed in all papers in the first, second, third and fourth semesters but have failed in any course(s)/paper(s) in the fifth and sixth semesters shall be entitled to take the Supplementary Examination. This shall count as an additional chance for such students over and above that prescribed in Regulation 69.
8. [72] In order to be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (or equivalent), a student must pass in all courses/papers in the programme. Pass marks in all courses/papers shall be 40% of total marks for the paper concerned. Students securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in the Honours Course of all semester examinations will be placed in the First class, provided they have cleared all the extra departmental courses. Candidates securing 40% or more but less than 60% will be placed in the second class.

Master of Arts Examination

9. [73] The Master of Arts Examinations shall be held in four parts, in May-June and November-December for the corresponding semesters (first and second semesters for the First year students and third and fourth semesters for the second year students). The Vice Chancellor may permit any exception to this rule under exceptional circumstances.

10. There would be automatic promotion at the end of M.A. First Semester/Second Semester / Third Semester subject to the eligibility conditions as laid down in Regulation 65 for appearing at the examination being satisfied.

Students failing in one or more papers of any semester examination of odd and even semester shall be eligible to clear these papers in the corresponding semester examinations to be held in subsequent years subject to the conditions laid down in Regulation 66. Such candidates will be deemed to have passed the paper/course if s/he obtains 40 percent of the total marks (including internal assessment) OR 40 percent of marks in the written end semester examination.

11. [74] For all Masters courses, there shall be four or five courses/papers in each semester making a total of at least 16 courses/papers and a maximum of 20 courses/papers. Each course shall be evaluated out of 50 marks comprising internal assessment of 20 marks and End Semester examination of 30 marks.

Explanation: (a) Internal assessment shall be on the basis of tutorials, term papers, reports, seminar presentations, class tests or any combination of these. The modalities of such assessments will be notified by the respective Boards of Studies and communicated to the Dean, Faculty of Arts at the beginning of each semester.

For the Master of Arts Examinations, the duration of a written end-Semester Examination for each course/paper of 30 marks shall be 120 minutes (2 hours), in general, and duration for Internal Assessments/Continuous Assessments for each course/paper, in the form prescribed above, shall be as decided by the respective teacher and the Board of Studies/Academic Committees.

12. [75] A Supplementary Examination for courses/papers in M.A third and fourth semesters shall be held within one month after publication of the forth semester result (usually in July-August) each year. Only those students who have passed in all papers in the first and second semesters but have failed in any course(s)/paper(s) in the third and fourth semesters shall be entitled to take the Supplementary Examination. This shall count as an additional chance for such students over and above that prescribed in Regulation 75. Such students shall not have the benefit of rank or award.
13. [76] Students failing to pass in one or more courses/papers in Supplementary Examination provided for in Regulation 76 above will have the chance to clear them in the regular semester examinations to be held in subsequent years. The maximum number of such chance will be governed by the provisions of Regulation 66.
14. [77] In order to be awarded the Degree of Master of Arts, a student must pass in all courses/papers in the programme. Pass marks in each course/paper will be 40% of total marks for the paper concerned.

Students securing 60% marks or above in aggregate in the Honours Course of all semester examinations will be placed in the First class, provided they have cleared all the extra departmental courses. Candidates securing 40% or more but less than 60% will be placed in the second class.

Rule for Grafting Marks

15. [79] Notwithstanding anything in the above regulations, if any student, at the completion of entire course of study and publication of all regular and Repeat examinations results, is found to have failed in only one Honours/ED course/paper but have obtained at least 12 (out of total marks of 50) in that course/paper, the student shall be allowed the benefit of transferring such marks as are necessary for her/him to pass in that course/paper from any other course/paper, from any semester, in which s/he obtained such many marks above the pass mark, and thereby shall be declared passed in the entire programme and entitled for award of the BA or MA degree as may be applicable.

The maximum of eight (8) marks can be transferred and grafted and the eligibility for grafting of marks shall be considered before the Supplementary Examination. To be eligible for grafting of marks in the paper in which the student has failed, s/he must appear in all regular/repeat examinations as per the provisions laid down in Regulations 68 and 72. However, the highest marks obtained by her/him in all such chances shall be taken into account for eligibility of grafting marks.

General Rules:

16. The following procedure shall be followed at the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree examinations:
- i) Question paper for each course will be set by internal paper setter(s) and the answer script will be examined by internal examiner(s).
 - ii) Moderation of the paper(s) will be done by the Departmental Examination Committee as provided in the clause 37 of the First Regulation.
 - iii) A Student may apply for post-publication review/reexamination of his/her answer script for any end-Semester/Repeat Examinations within 10 days for the concerned examination as per the provisions laid down in Regulation 49(d). There shall be no review/reexamination of answer script for Supplementary Examinations.
 - iv) Students will be awarded grades and credit-point. In each semester the mark-sheet shall contain marks awarded per paper/course. Grades and the credit point (total). The minimum credit point for M.A. is 6 and for B.A. is 4 points per course per semester.

Classification of Grades

% marks obtained	Grade	Grade Point, gi
71 and above	A+	10
60 to 70	A	9
55 to 59	B+	8
50 to 54	B	7
45 to 49	C+	6
40 to 44	C	5
Less than 40	unsatisfactory/ fail	0

Tentative Academic Calendar

First semester [July to December] 14/15 weeks

Second semester [January - June] 14/15 weeks