CHOICE BASED CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM

Guidelines

The guidelines provided herein shall apply to all regular first degree (Under Graduate) Programmes under the Faculties of Science, Applied Science, Arts, Social Science, Fine Arts, Oriental Studies, Management Studies and Commerce conducted in Colleges affiliated to the University of Kerala.

End Semester Evaluation (ESE)

End Semester Examination of all the Courses in all Semesters shall be conducted by the University. The results of the ESE shall be arranged to be published according to the examination calendar prescribed by the University Level Monitoring Committee which shall not exceed 45 days from the last day of the examination.

Grading System

During evaluation of answer script of a course, each descriptive answer is directly given a letter grade in place of marks on the basis of an assessment of the quality of the answer. In case of objective type of questions, grading is undertaken by bunching them into 4. If all the 4 answers in a bunch are correct, the bunch can be graded as A; if 3 are correct, the grade is B; if 2 are correct, the grade is C; if 1 is correct the grade is D; if no answer is correct, the grade is E.

Both Continuous Evaluation (CE) and End Semester Evaluation (ESE) will be carried out using the Direct Grading System on a 5 point scale as given below:

Letter Grade	Performance	Grade Points (G)	Grade Range
A	Excellent	4	3.50 to 4
B	Very Good	3	2.50 to 3.49
C	Good	2	1.50 to 2.49
D	Average	1	0.50 to 1.49
E	Below Average	0	0.00 to 0.49

Consolidation of Grades

The overall grade for an answer paper (ESE theory) is consolidated by dividing the sum of *weighted grade points* by the sum of *weights*, as shown in the example below

Consolidation of Grades for an Answer Paper (Theory)

Question type	Question No.	Grades awarded	Grade Points (P)	Weight (W)	Weighted Grade Points
Objective 4 Bunches- No choice 4x1=4 Weightage	1-4	C	2	1	2
	5-8	B	3	1	3
	9-12	D	1	1	1
	13-16	A	4	1	4
Short answer (8 out of 12) 8x1=8 weightage	17	A	4	1	4
	18	---	---	---	---
	19	C	2	1	2
	20	B	3	1	3
	21	A	4	1	4
	22	A	4	1	4
	23	A	4	1	4
	24	---	2	1	2
	25	C	2	1	2
	26	---	---	---	---
	27	A	4	1	4
	28	---	---	---	---
Short essay/ Paragraph (5 out of 8) 5x2=10 Weightage	29	B	3	2	6
	30	B	3	2	6
	31	---	---	---	---
	32	B	3	2	6
	33	---	---	---	---
	34	B	3	2	6
	35	A	4	2	8
	36	---	---	---	---
Long Essay (2 out of 3) 2x4=Weightage	37	B	3	4	12
	38	---	---	---	---
	39	D	1	4	4
Total 30				30	89
Grade of Answer Paper	Total Weighted grade points/Total weights = 89/30 = 2.97= Grade B				

Note that the weights of the different questions are printed in the facing sheet of the answer scripts.

The hatched rows are excess answers and hence ignored.

The grade of an answer paper (ESE Practical) shall be consolidated by similar procedure by assigning weights for the various components (e.g., Procedure, Experiment, Calculation, Accuracy of the reported values, Presentation of results, Diagrams etc). The components and their weights shall be included in the scheme and syllabus of each Practical Course.

Consolidation of the Grade of a Course

The grade for a Course is consolidated by combining the End Semester Evaluation (ESE) and Continuous Evaluation (CE) grades taking care of their weights. For a particular course, if the grade scored by a student is C & B respectively for ESE and CE, then the grade for the course shall be consolidated as shown in the example given below:

Exam	Weight	Grade awarded	Grade Point	Weighted Grade Points
ESE	3	C	2.46	7.38
CE	1	B	3.20	3.20
Total	4			10.58
Grade of Course	Total weighted grade point/Total weights = 10.58/4 =2.65=B			

D Grade is required for a pass in a Course.

Consolidation of Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) –

Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) is obtained by dividing the sum of credit points obtained in a Semester by the sum of the credits taken in that Semester. Suppose the student has taken four courses each of 4 credits and two courses each of 2 credits in the first semester, after consolidation of grades for each course as shown in the table above, SGPA is calculated as shown in the example below:

Course Code	Title of Course	Credits	Grade Awarded	Grade Points	Credit Points
01	----------	4	A	4	16
02	----------	4	B	2.65	10.60
03	-----------	4	A	3.80	15.20
04	-----------	4	C	2.20	8.80
05	-----------	2	B	3.20	6.40
06	----------	2	B	3.40	6.80
Total		20			63.80
SGPA	Total Credit points/Total credits = 63.80/20 = 3.19				

For the successful completion of a semester, a student has to score a minimum SGPA of 2.00

Consolidation of CGPA   :   An overall letter Grade (Cumulative Grade) for the whole programme shall be awarded to the student based on the value of CGPA using a 7-point scale, as given below:

Overall Grade in a programme:

CGPA	Overall Letter Grade		
3.80 to 4.00	A+	3.00 to < 3.50	B+
3.50 to < 3.80	A	2.50 to < 3.00	B
		2.00 to < 2.50	C+
		1.50 to < 2.00	C
		Less than 1.5	D

For the successful completion of a programme and award of the Degree, a student must pass all courses satisfying the minimum credits requirement and must score a minimum CGPA of 2.00 or an overall Grade of C+.

No: of answer scripts to be valued per day

	I day	II day	III day	Remuneration
BA/BCom.	10	20	25	Rs.10/-
B.Sc.	10	15	20	Rs.10/-

      The grade points awarded to a candidate should not be rounded off. For eg. 2.15656 should be written as 2.15 only rest of the digits to be discarded.

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