

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS

BDS

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION :

- (1) No candidate shall be permitted to anyone of the parts of I BDS Examinations unless he/she has attended the course in the subject for the prescribed period and produces the necessary certificate of study, attendance and progress from the Principal of the College.
- (2) A candidate is required to put in minimum 75% of attendance in both theory and Practical / Clinical separately in each subject before admission to the examination.
- (3) In case of a subject in which there is no examination at the end of the academic year/semester, the percentage of attendance shall not be less than 70%. However, at the time of appearing for the professional examination in the subject, the aggregate percentage of attendance in the subject should satisfy subject, the aggregate percentage of attendance in the subject should satisfy condition (2) above.
- (4) A candidate lacking in the prescribed attendance in any one subject in the first appearance shall be denied admission to the entire examination.
- (5) Failed candidates who are not promoted to the next phase of study are required to put in minimum 75% of attendance during the extended period of study before appearing for the next examination.
- (6) Attendance earned by the student should be displayed on the Notice Board of the concerned Department and college at the end of every 3 months and a copy of the same should be sent to the University and parent of the student concerned.
- (7) The monthly attendance of the students shall be received by the Principal of the college from the HODs concerned on or before second day of every month and the consolidated percentage of attendance of all the candidates shall be displayed on the college notice board and a copy sent to the Controller of Examinations of the University within 5 days from the date of completion of the internal theory/practical examinations.
- (8) The parents of the candidate who have secured less than 75% of attendance in the first internal examination shall be informed. If such candidate has not improved his/her attendance in the subsequent internal examinations also, the parent concerned may be called for to meet the Principal of the college

along with the student concerned to get an undertaking as in both from the parent/guardian and the student concerned stating that his/her ward will improve the attendance at 75% failing which the student will not be eligible to apply for the University examination.

CONDONATION OF LACK OF ATTENDANCE :

The Condonation of shortage of attendance up to a maximum of 5% in the prescribed eligible attendance for admission to an examination rests with the discretionary powers of the Vice Chancellor. A candidate lacking the attendance shall submit an application in the prescribed form along with the stipulated fee as prescribed from time to time, 15 days prior to the commencement of theory examinations. The Head of the Department and the Principal of the College should satisfy themselves on the reasonableness of the candidate's request while forwarding the application with their endorsement to the Controller of Examination who would obtain the Vice-Chancellor's approval for Condonation of attendance and admission to the examination. No application would be reviewed if it is not forwarded through proper channel.

The Condonation for lack of attendance shall be taken up for consideration under the following circumstances:

- (1) Any illness afflicting the candidate, the candidate should submit to the Principal of the college a Medical Certificate from a registered Medical Practitioner soon after he/she returns to the institutions after treatment.
- (2) Any unforeseen tragedy in the family. The parent/guardian should give in writing the reasons for the ward's absence to the Principal of the college;
- (3) 50% of marks in Internal Assessment is compulsory for Condonation of lack of attendance.

EXAMINATIONS:

(1) Preface:

(a) Evaluation is a continuous process, which is based upon criteria developed by the concerned authorities with certain objectives to assess the performance of the learner. This also indirectly helps in the measurement of effectiveness and quality of the concerned BDS Programme.

(b) Evaluation is achieved by two processes –

- (i) Formative or internal assessment;

(ii) Summative or University examinations.

- Formative evaluations done through a series of tests and examinations conducted periodically by the Institution.
- Summative evaluation is done by the University through examination conducted at the end of the specified course.

(2) Methods of Evaluation:

Evaluation may be achieved by the following tested methods :

- a. Written Test ;
- b. Practical ;
- c. Clinical examination ;
- d. Viva voce.

INTERNAL EVALUATION :

(1) The Internal Evaluation should be done for all the years of study as detailed below: -

First IA Examination	-	December
Second IA Examination	-	April
Pre-Professional Examination	-	July

(2) The Internal Evaluation consists of the following points -

- a) Theory
- b) Practical / Clinical
- c) Viva Voce

All the details regarding Internal Evaluation and Attendance should be sent to the University at the end of I, and II Internal Evaluation and similarly after the Pre-Professional Examination. The average of the Theory / Practical / Clinical & Oral should be added and the aggregate must be taken and sent to the University as Internal Assessment Marks. Minimum 50% Internal Assessment marks and minimum 75% attendance are required to become eligible to apply for the University examinations.

- (i) After completion of the each Internal Examination, the marks and the attendance percentage scored must be exhibited periodically on the Notice Board of the College for information of the student and a copy sent to his / her parent / guardian for their knowledge on the performance of their son / daughter / ward.
- (ii) A failed candidate in any subject should be provided an opportunity to improve his / her internal assessment marks by conducting a minimum

of two examinations in theory and practical separately and the average, be considered for improvement.

- (iii) The consolidated Internal Assessment marks scored out of the total marks (both in theory, practical and viva taken together) should be submitted to the Controller of Examinations of the University duly endorsed by the Principal of the College, fifteen days prior to the commencement of the theory examinations.
- (iv) A candidate should obtain a minimum of 50% marks in Internal Assessment in a subject to permit him / her to appear for the University examination in that subject.
- (v) 10% of the total marks in each subject for both theory, practical and clinical examination separately should be set aside for the internal assessment examinations.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS:

(1) Commencement of Examination :

- a. September 1st / March 1st.
- b. Theory examinations not to be held on Sunday. If the date of commencement of the examination falls on a public holiday, the next working day will be the date of commencement of examination.

(2) Scheme of Examination :

The examination shall be open to a candidate who satisfies the requirements of attendance, progress and other rules laid down by the University. Certificate to the above effect should be produced from the Principal of the Santosh Dental College by the candidate along with the application for examination and the prescribed fee. The Scheme of Examination for the B.D.S. degree course shall be divided into five Professional Examinations, namely -

(a) I BDS - Professional Examinations consist of the following subjects at the end of one year from the date of commencement of the 1st year course -

- i) Paper I - General Anatomy including Embryology and Histology.
- ii) Paper II - General Human Physiology and Bio Chemistry.
- iii) Paper III - Dental Anatomy, Embryology and Oral Histology.

(b) II BDS - Professional Examinations consist of the following subjects at the end of one year from the date of commencement of the 2nd year course

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- i) Paper I - General Pathology and Microbiology.
- ii) Paper II - General and Dental Pharmacology and Therapeutics.
- iii) Paper III - Dental Materials.
- iv) Paper IV - Pre Clinical Conservative – Only Practical and Viva Voce.
- v) Paper V - Pre-Clinical Prosthodontics – Only Practical and Viva Voce.

(c) III BDS – Professional Examinations consist of the following subjects at the end of one year from the date of commencement of the 3rd year course.

- i) Paper I - General Medicine.
- ii) Paper II - General Surgery.
- iii) Paper III - Oral Pathology and Oral Microbiology.

(d) IV BDS – Professional Examinations consist of the following subjects at the end of one year from the date of commencement of the 4th year course -

- i) Paper I - Public Health Dentistry.
- ii) Paper II - Periodontology.
- iii) Paper III - Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopaedics.
- iv) Paper IV - Oral Medicine and Radiology.
- v) Paper V - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
- vi) Paper VI - Conservative Dentistry and Endodontic
- vii) Paper VII - Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge.
- viii) Paper VIII - Paediatric & Preventive Dentistry.

Written Examination:

- (a) The written examination in each subject shall consist of one paper of three hours duration and shall have maximum marks of 70.
- (b) In the subjects of Physiology & Biochemistry and Pathology & Microbiology each paper will be divided into two parts – Part- A and Part-B of equal marks.
- (c) The question paper should contain different types of questions like essay, short answer and objective type / MCQs.
- (d) The nature of questions set, should be aimed to evaluate students of different standards ranging from average to excellent.
- (e) The questions should cover as broad an area of the content of the course. The long questions should be properly structure and the marks specifically allotted.
- (f) The University may set up a question bank.

(4) Records Book / Log Book :

The candidate should be given credit for his records based on the scores obtained in the record. The marks obtained for the record in the first appearance can be carried over to the subsequent appearance, if necessary.

(5) Objective Structured Clinical Evaluation:

The clinical and practical examination should provide a number of chances for the candidate to express one's skills. This can include 4 clinical procedures, laboratory experiments, spotters etc. Evaluation must be made objective and structured. The method of objective and structured clinical examinations should be followed. This will avoid examiner bias because both the examiner and the examinee are given specific instructions on what is to be observed at each station.

(6) Scheme of Clinical and Practical Examinations:

The specific scheme of clinical and practical examinations, the type of clinical procedure / experiments to be performed and marks allotted for each are to be discussed and finalized by the Chairman and other examiners and it is to be published prior to the conduct of the examinations along with the publication of the time table for the practical examinations. This scheme should be brought to the notice of the external examiner as and when the examiner reports. The practical and clinical examinations should be evaluated by two examiners of which one shall be an external examiner appointed from other universities preferably outside the State. Each candidate should be evaluated by each examiner independently and marks computed at the end of the examination.

(7) Viva Voce:

Viva voce is an excellent mode of assessment because it permits a fairly broad coverage and it can assess the problem solving capacity of the student. An assessment related to the affective domain is also possible through viva voce. It is desirable to conduct the viva voce independently by each examiner. In order to avoid vagueness and to maintain uniformity of standard and coverage, questions can be pre-formulated before administering them to each student. Twenty marks are exclusively allotted for viva voce and that can be divided equally amongst the examiners, i.e. 10 marks per examiners.

SCHEME OF MARKING:

(1) ALLOCATION OF MARKS: Each subject shall have a maximum of 200 marks:

1. Theory	...	...	...	100 Marks
2. Practical / Clinical	...	...	...	100 Marks

(2) DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS :

			<u>Theory</u>	<u>Practical/ Clinical</u>
University exam	70 Marks	90 Marks
Viva Voce	20 Marks	-
Internal Assessment (Written)	10 Marks	10 Marks
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	Total	...	100 Marks	100 Marks
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(3) PRACTICAL AND VIVA VOCE ONLY IN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION:

In respect of Pre – Clinical Prosthodontics and Pre – clinical Conservative Dentistry the Marks distribution is as follows:

Internal Assessment	..	..	20 Marks
Practical	..	..	60 Marks
Viva Voce	..	..	20 Marks

	Total	..	100 Marks

CRITERIA FOR A PASS:

- (1) Fifty percent of the total marks in any subject computed as aggregate for theory, i.e. written, viva voce and internal assessment and practical including internal assessment separately are essential for a pass in all years of study.
- (2) For declaration of pass in a subject, a candidate shall secure 50% marks in the University examination both in Theory and Practical / Clinical examinations separately, as stipulated below :
 - ~ A candidate shall secure 50% marks in aggregate in University theory including viva voce and Internal assessment obtained in University written examination combined together.
 - ~ In the University Practical – clinical examination, a candidate shall secure 50% of University practical marks and Internal Assessment combined together.

50% Marks in the University Written (Theory) including IA	...	50/100
0% Marks in the University Practical examination including IA	...	<u>50/100</u>
Total for a pass in a subject	...	<u>100/200</u>

~ In case of Pre-clinical Prosthetic Dentistry and Pre-Clinical Conservative Dentistry in II BDS, where there is no written examination, minimum for pass is 50% of marks in Practical and Viva voce combined together in University examination including Internal Assessment i.e. 50/100.

RE-TOTALING:

There is no provision for re-evaluation of answer papers. However, only re-totaling is allowed in the failed subjects. The objective of re-totaling is to ensure to minimize human error in extenuating circumstances.

The University on application and remittance of a stipulated fee shall be allowed for Re-totaling the marks received for various questions in an answer paper / papers for theory of all subjects for which the candidate has appeared in the University examination. Any error in addition of the marks awarded if identified should be suitably rectified.

However, re-totaling is allowed on payment of prescribed fee within 15 days from the date of receipt of Mark Sheet through the Principal of the college.