

## B.A. Paper

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Dear Colleagues,

Please find the attachments pertaining to the setting of questions papers for the course(s) in the forthcoming undergraduate examinations in which you have been appointed as convenor/member of the board of examiners by the COCS meeting held on 17 March 2020.

At a later meeting of an extended COCS in Sociology, held on 21 May through googlemeet, the proposal from the university and the Dean-Exams for holding the end-semester examinations for the final semester students was discussed.

The committee sent a reasoned request to the university to cancel the exams in the light of the extraordinary conditions that have prevailed for more than 2 months in which the teaching-learning process has been seriously compromised, with suggestions as to how the final semester students may be evaluated without an end-semester examination for this one time.

The committee was also of the view that if the examinations are to be held, the proposal that students be asked to answer 4 out of 6 questions in 2 hours was putting an even greater burden on them than in normal times when they answer 4 out of 7 questions in 3 hours. In other words, the time per answer in the university proposal has been reduced from 45 minutes to 30 minutes. Further, the open book format, being new for the student, will put more stress on them than they are already under.

Hence, the committee decided that if the examinations are to be held (1) the students be asked to answer 3 out of 6 questions; (2) questions be kept simple; (3) course teachers across colleges in any one paper would have online meetings to discuss and come to a consensus on how the earlier format of the question paper in its division by topics can or should be modified. Questions papers may be prepared accordingly.

Course boards may decide whether they wish to meet online to moderate the paper or meet at the department, while maintaining protocols related to COVID 19 (masks, social distancing, etc.). If you decide to meet online, please note that passwords should be used in sharing the question paper among committee members and with Ms. Rakhi in the department so as to protect it from cyber fraud and maintain confidentiality. As you know, deciding on and sharing of passwords must also be done with care. If you decide to meet at the department, please let us know the date and time, so that a suitable schedule can be made to ensure social distancing.

Further, given the difficulties of undertaking Hindi translation centrally at the department, you are requested to do the translation at your level.

As in the past you are requested to submit Rs. 400/- for typing work at the time of submission of the question paper. This amount and more is paid to you by the university subsequently for paper setting costs.

Thank you, stay safe and take care,

With regards,

Head of the Department

Prof. Rajni Palriwala

## 2 attachments



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