



SENATE OF SERAMPORE COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY)

OPEN BOOK EXAMINATIONS – PHASE II (OBE-II)

GUIDELINES

FOR ALL EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FROM AUGUST 18 TO
SEPTEMBER 05, 2020

(Applicable to Senate Affiliated Colleges and Approved Study Centres)

Introduction:

The examination that is proposed to be conducted is **neither a Closed Book Examination system nor an Online/Computer-based Examination**. None of the two is possible considering the Lockdown declared by the closure of educational institutions due to the COVID19 Pandemic and limitation to technology and expertise that we have in conducting online examinations. At the same time, the Senate is committed to complete the examination processes in most creative ways without compromising the quality and integrity of education. The Open Book Examination (OBE) was completed for the Final Year Students of MCP, BD, B.Th, B.Miss, and Diplomas. It was good learning of an alternative mode of examination.

The main feature of Open Book Examination (OBE) is that it may be conducted in ‘distance mode’ with the help of online as well as offline resources. All that students need is a (1) Smartphone, (2) Internet (Data) connectivity, (3) Telegram Id, and (4) Email Id. Students can write from any location. A computer will be an added advantage, but not mandatory for examination. All students need to register by downloading the Telegram App available from Google Play store for all Android phones or Apple stores for all iPhones (iOS). Telegram App is another social media platform like WhatsApp, but it has more features and accessibility than WhatsApp.

The OBE – II is to be conducted for all continuing students including M.Th, D.Min, and few qualifying examinations. OBE is written without the supervision of an ‘invigilator’ but it is wrong to say that students have the freedom to do anything. Rather a student is responsible for his/ her learning output, and any misuse may risk results. Open Book Examination calls of highest forms of integrity and transparency on the part of the student. The Senate has made every attempt to see that Open Book Examination does not compromise in the quality of examination, evaluation, and declaration of result processes. The following rules and regulations are in force for OBE – II.

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION – PHASE II (OBE - II)

EXAMINATION FOR ALL CONTINUING STUDENTS OF ALL DIPLOMAS, BD, B.TH, B.MISS, MCP, M.TH, D.MIN, AND FEW QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS:

I. DOWNLOADING/ PRINTING ADMIT CARD, QUESTION PAPERS, COVER PAGES, ANSWER SHEET:

A dedicated OBE platform is designed for students in the Senate of Serampore College website (http://examination.ssconline.net.in/student_app/) for both computer and mobile users. Students have to log in to Examination Portal by entering their User ID and Password and download/ print the following:

1. Admit Card
2. Front and Back Cover Pages. Students need to print and make an adequate number of photocopies required for each examination.
3. Formatted Answer Sheet.

- i. Students need to take a printout
 - ii. Photocopy an adequate number of copies for each examination
 - iii. Students should use only the answer sheet that has the following columns:
 - a. Course Name
 - b. Registration Number
 - c. Roll Number
 - d. Page number, Paper Code, Date (to be filled by the student)
 - iv. The answer sheet will provide a dedicated email to which the answer book is to be sent.
4. **Question Papers:** The Question Papers shall be sent to each student's registered **email id and Telegram id** and exceptionally by mobile audio on request if the internet is not available in the place of writing examination.
 5. Students receiving Question Paper by **PHONE AUDIO** will be marked Present and the answer book must be scanned/ photographed and sent as soon as the network is available for going to a nearby place and through registered email and Telegram App.

II. **EXAMINATION TIMINGS:**

1. **Morning Papers (7.30 am to 2.00 pm)**
 - i. Downloading of Question Paper through Telegram App in the mobile and Email from 7.30 am to 9.00 am
 - ii. Writing Examination from 9.00 am to 12.00 Noon
 - iii. **Uploading Answer Book** with Coverpages in pdf format with serial page number arrangements from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm through dedicated Email and Telegram App
2. **Afternoon Papers (12.30 pm to 7.00 pm)**
 - i. Downloading of Question Paper through Telegram App in the mobile and Email from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm
 - ii. Writing Examination from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
 - iii. **Uploading Answer Book** with Coverpages in pdf format with serial page number arrangements from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm through dedicated Email and Telegram App.
3. **M.Th Students (9.30 am to 5.00 pm)**
 - i. Downloading of Question Paper through Telegram App in the mobile and Email from 9.30 am to 11.00 am
 - ii. Writing Examination from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm for 2 Credit papers and from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm for 4 Credit papers.
 - iii. **Uploading Answer Book** with Coverpages and **Project Paper** in pdf format with serial page number arrangements from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm through dedicated Email and Telegram App
4. **Sending of Answer Book Hardcopy**
 - i. Students send the hardcopy together provided that they have uploaded all the answer books in pdf format as per the above guidelines (II. 1–3).
 - ii. Students who did not send by the scheduled time must send individually answer books of each paper within 24 hours from the completion of the examination.

- iii. Students who are under lockdown, quarantine centers, no postal or courier service may send later provided prior permission is obtained from the Registrar through the College Principals.
- iv. **ALL ANSWER BOOK MUST REACH THE COLLEGE WITHOUT FAIL. RESULTS SHALL NOT BE DECLARED UNLESS THE HARDCOPY REACHES THE COLLEGE ON STIPULATED TIME.**
- v. **Packaging Answer Book in an Envelop:** All hardcopy of answer books must be packaged with care, sealed and waterproofed. Addresses are to be printed or handwritten legibly in a waterproof pen or wrapped with transparent plastic wrapper.
- vi. **Superscription on the Envelop:** The Envelop must be superscripted with the Course Code and Paper Title. The Sending and Receiving Address must be legibly written to reach the College without fail.
- vii. **A student is solely Responsible for completing the process:** It is the sole responsibility of the student to complete the process of examination and sending of answer book without any damage and tampering, within the stipulated time.

III. CHECKLIST ON THE DAY OF EXAMINATION:

1. Students are allowed to bring class notes, study materials, books, open resources online/offline, etc.
2. Black-ink Ball Pen/s
3. Adequate number of copies of the Answer Book (printed and photocopied)
4. Admit Card
5. A smart mobile phone (android/ iOS) or computer for downloading question paper, scan or photographing answer papers, and sending through Telegram App and Email.

IV. FORMAT OF QUESTION PAPER AND CONDUCT OF EXAMINATION EXCLUDING M.Th

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS- 60%.

- a. **Six Hour Thirty Minutes Duration:** The Exam starts when a student receives a question paper and ends after sending the answer book on Email and Telegram App.
- b. **Question Pattern:** Students will be given reflective, applicative, interpretative, and/ or critical analytical questions.
- c. **Word/ Page Limits:** All answers will have strict word/page limits:
 - i. **Three Short Answers:** Three short answers out of five questions. Answers should not exceed 200 words or a maximum of two handwritten pages for a question (3X5= 15 Marks).
 - ii. **Three Essays:** Students shall write **three** comprehensive answers out of **five** questions. Answers should not exceed 800 words or a maximum of five handwritten pages for a question, (3X15= 45 Marks).
 - iii. **Front and Back Cover Pages:** Students will fill in the columns of the front cover page and back cover page and stitch it along with the answer book.
 - iv. **Clarity and Visibility:** All scanned/photographed copies (must be visible from top to bottom and left to right).
 - v. **Delay in Uploading and/ or Sending Answer Book beyond Stipulated time:** If in the opinion of the College or Senate, the sending of answer book appears to be delayed with *malafide* intention, appropriate action may be considered.

2. ORAL EXAMINATIONS 20%

a. ORAL EXAMINATIONS for Language Papers such as Greek, Hebrew Exegesis Papers and English – 20%

- i. This will be conducted by the subject teacher or a subject specialist teacher (in the absence of a subject teacher) of the college where the candidate is enrolled.
- ii. Grammatical Points
- iii. Parsing, Conjugations and other grammar
- iv. Translation from Greek/ Hebrew to English
- v. Make a sentence in English
- vi. Any other suitable method/s

b. ORAL EXAMINATIONS for non-language papers – 20%

- i. The student's knowledge will be tested by the subject teacher or a subject specialist (in the absence of a subject teacher) of the college where the candidate is enrolled.
- ii. Each oral examination will not be less than 10 minutes.
- iii. The oral examination is to test the knowledge of the students in the subject.
- iv. The question may be asked from the question papers too.

3. CLASS ASSESSMENT – 20%

- a. Class Participation and Attendance (10%)
- b. Class Assignments (10%)
- c. This will be graded by the subject teacher
- d. The mark should commensurate student's overall standards.

Final Year Students who are writing arear paper will not be given marks for class assessment, rather 20% marks shall be added to the written examination, making it 80%.

V. M.Th SENATE PAPERS AND EXAMINATION FOR THE PROVISIONALLY APPROVED M.TH PROGRAMS:

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATION – 60%

a. 2 Credit Papers

- i. Examination Duration Three Hours – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
- ii. Three Comprehension Answers out of Five Questions
- iii. Word Limits 1200 or 8 pages, whichever is lesser

b. 4 Credit Papers

- i. Examination Duration Four Hours – 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
- ii. Three Comprehension Answer out of Five Questions
- iii. Word Limits 1500 or 10 pages whichever is lesser

2. Class Assessment – 20%

- a. Students shall be evaluated based on Seminar presentation, class participation, and class attendance.
- b. The subject teacher should grade each student for Senate Papers

3. Project Submission – 20%

- a. Each student should submit a paper on a subject matter of the course.
- b. The New Testament, Old Testament, Hinduism, and Islam M.Th students shall submit Exegesis/ Scripture related paper for the Exegetical/ Scriptural Papers.

- c. For non-exegetical papers, students may choose any paper presented in the seminar.
- d. Students should only submit their papers that they presented in the seminar.
- e. Students may choose one of their seminar papers presented in the class. It may be revised if the student thinks necessary.
- f. The word limit shall be of 5000 words, excluding footnotes and bibliography or 20 pages inclusive of all.
- g. This will be submitted on the day of examination in pdf format along with the answer paper.
- h. This will be graded by both the first examiner and the second examiner.

4. THE PROVISIONS OF PLAGIARISM AND EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES AS OUTLINE SHALL BE IN FORCE AS FOR OTHER COURSES.

VI. D.MIN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

The written examination for D.Min studies is 100%. They should write **four** Comprehension Answers out of **eight** Questions.

VII. QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

The qualifying students will write examinations for 100%. Grammatical knowledge and language skills will be tested during the entrance examination for further studies. They should pass in the examination to get admission.

VIII. USE OF RESOURCES, PLAGIARISM AND EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES:

- 1. **Honesty, transparency, and integrity** of students are expected while writing examinations.
- 2. **Notes, Books, Resource Materials:** The Open Book Examination allows students to refer the notes and resource materials judiciously keeping in mind the marks are not fetched by how much is copied or reproduced, rather the ability to analytically answer the questions will be tested. Plagiarism is a punishable offense in any academic system. It is more so in theological studies since students are trained for Christian Ministry and expected of the highest integrity.
 - a. **Recognize the source**, how little they may be.
 - b. **The answer should be handwritten in black ink ball pen** (for the sake of clarity while photographing/ scanning) by the student. Two different handwritings will amount to the cancellation of the paper and/or all other papers written in the current examination calendar.

c. EXAMINATION MALPRACTICES:

If in the opinion of the examiner/s the answers are extensively plagiarized by way of quotations and/or borrowed ideas/thoughts and not acknowledged in the answer, the following action may be considered:

- i. **Tolerable limit up to 25% with acknowledgment.**
- ii. **From 25% to 50% with or without acknowledgment will be subjected to a deduction of 50% marks for the answer.**
- iii. **Above 50%, with or without acknowledgment**, shall be considered examination malpractice and will be subjected to cancellation of the paper and/or all the papers written in the current examination calendar. In severe cases, the students may be debarred from writing examinations for one year.

- iv. If in the opinion of evaluator/s the student has **copied from recognized unpublished documents**, the evaluator may advise withholding the result until the necessary investigation is completed and appropriate action is decided. Students may face stringent action including cancellation of paper/s and a one-year suspension from the writing of examination.
- v. If hard copy and the soft copy of the Answer **Scripts do not match**, the paper will be treated canceled under the provision of malpractice.
- vi. **A similar answer by two or more students** even if they write the examination in different locations shall be subjected to the examination malpractice and paper will be canceled summarily for all, and also the entire papers written during this examination calendar. In severe cases, the student may be debarred from writing examination for one full year.
- vii. Students should not write their names or the name of their college anywhere on the answer-book.
- viii. Underlining with colors, or use of white-ex/High-lighter is not permitted.
- ix. Answers should only be written in the language permitted by the Senate.
- x. Answer-script with incorrect and illegible particulars furnished by any candidate shall be liable for rejection and such an answer script shall not be evaluated.
- xi. All answers should be within the word/page limits
- xii. **Students whose results are canceled or withheld under the above categories may be allowed to appeal for reconsideration/revaluation to help students to defend his/her action. The results will be delayed accordingly.**

IX. PASSING OF EXAMINATION AND APPEAL FOR REVALUATION:

- 1. **Students must pass in written examinations.** If a student fails in the written examination the result for the paper will be declared failed, even if the student has scored pass marks in oral examinations and class assessment.
- 2. **There will be no third evaluation and/or revaluation appeal under the Open Book Examination system.**
- 3. **Students who are punished for alleged plagiarism/malpractice as per the rules prescribed shall apply for revaluation with payment of prescribed fees. Such students must wait until the process is completed.**

VIII. FEW GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1. There is a mock test arranged for students on August 12 & 14, 2020, to practice.
- 2. The model question paper will be published in the Senate Website. Check the notice board.
- 3. Check the Senate Website www.senateofseramporecollege.edu.in for notices on Notice sections.
- 4. Students shall download the Time Table, Admit Cards, Answer Book, from the OBE portal (http://examination.ssconline.net.in/student_app/) from August 10 onwards.
- 5. All dates, schedules, information to the students will be provided in the notice boards.
- 6. Contact your colleges for more information.

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