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MHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY  
(Abstract)

Blind candidates - concessions at University exams - norms to be followed in connected matters - sanctioned - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC 'AI' SECTION

U.O.No. Ac.AI/3/2211/2001-

Dated, P.D.Hills, 12 Nov., 01.

- Read:
1. UO No. Ac.AI/3/161/2000 dt. 30.9.2000
  2. UO No. Ac.AIV-2/948/99 dt. 19.7.'99
  3. Circular No. Ex.I.1/85 dt. 27.2.1985 and 26.3.1988.

ORDER

The university considered the various problems faced by the blind candidates admitted to different University examinations. They include the criteria to distinguish normal students from blind students, the qualification of scribes to write the examinations for the blind candidates, the remuneration to be paid to the scribes, other concessions rendered to the blind candidates and the norms to be followed in matters related to the University examinations.

Considering the various issues, the Vice-Chancellor, subject to ratification by Academic Council, has accorded sanction to the following guidelines to be observed in the case of blind candidates who take the University exams:

1. Candidates having visual standards above 50% will be treated as normal students.
  2. Candidates having 20% to 50% visual standards will be treated as partially blind. They will be granted an extra time of 30 minutes to answer each paper of 3 hours duration with proportionate reduction for papers of shorter duration.
  3. Candidates having visual standards from 1% to 19% will be treated as blind. In their case, scribes will be appointed to write their examinations with an extra-time of 45 minutes to answer each paper of 3 hours duration with proportionate reduction for papers of shorter duration.
  4. The certificate regarding the visual standards obtained from specialist concerned should be submitted alongwith the application for examination.
  5. The blind candidates are exempted from the payment of examination fee for all University examinations including supplementary and improvement examinations.
- The Principals are authorised to appoint scribes for blind students for writing the University Examinations.

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7. Only non-graduates will be allowed to act as scribes for Degree Examinations

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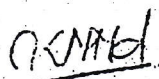
8. In the case of B.Ed. examinations, persons who are graduates or non-graduates will be allowed to act as scribes. But persons with Post graduate degree or B.Ed. degree or other professional degrees are not eligible to act as scribes.
9. In the case of other examinations, persons with lower qualification than those for which the candidate is appearing shall be eligible to act as scribes for blind candidates.
10. The scribes will be paid remuneration at the rate of Rs.25/- per paper and the expenditure in this regard shall be met from the funds provided for the conduct of examinations.
11. The answer scripts of the blind candidates will be separately packed and sent to the Controller of Examinations/Chairman of the Board of Examinations with the instructions given below:
  - (a) The marks for questions in diagrams, phonetics, punctuations and maps should be distributed to other questions.
  - (b) The blind candidates should not be penalised for spelling mistakes, handwriting etc. as the scribes are responsible for such mistakes.

The University Orders and Circulars read above will stand modified to this extent and this will come into effect from 01-02 admissions onwards.

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