

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

(Abstract)

Award of grace marks for University examinations in respect of physically challenged, mentally challenged and Dyslexic students having permanent nature of disability – Proposal for extension of benefit to all appearances in University examinations – Modifications - Approved - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC AI SECTION

U.O. No. 6400/AI/2012/Acad.

Dated, Priyadarsini Hills, 17.11.2012.

- Read:
1. U.O. No. Ac AI/1/2661/2003 dated 31.12.2003.
 2. U.O. No. 5213/01/A VIII/2009/Acad dated 02.11.2009.
 3. Request dated 01.02.2012 received from Ms. Ambily V.R., B.A. Economics (2008-'11 batch) student at Assumption College, Changanacherry.
 4. Item No. 5735 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Examinations held on 17.10.2012.

ORDER

As per the general guidelines for the award of grace marks, vide papers (1) and (2) read above, claim for the benefit of grace marks is restricted to one immediate supplementary/ improvement examination in addition to the regular examination. Clarification was sought by the Examination Branch, while considering an application received from Ms. Ambily V.R., a deaf and dumb candidate, vide paper (3) read above, as to whether these general guidelines are applicable in respect of cases where grace marks are awarded to candidates having permanent nature of disability.

On examination it is seen that though the guidelines were framed in respect of award of grace marks for all kinds including that for disability, performance in Sports, Arts, NSS and NCC in general, most of the conditions specified in the order vide paper (1) read above were not specific in respect of disabled persons. Moreover, the restriction of award of grace marks to limited subsequent appearances in the case of disabled persons is highly undesirable since the disability they bear is of permanent nature. In the light of the above facts a proposal was submitted to extend the benefit of grace marks to the disabled candidates having disability of permanent nature for all their appearances including the supplementary/improvement examinations of the programme concerned. It was further proposed that production of medical certificate issued by Government Medical Boards may be insisted upon for availing of special concessions of any kind including grace marks/extra time /scribe/ interpreter, etc. for the candidates with disabilities.

The above proposal was considered by the Syndicate Standing Committee on Examinations held on 17.10.2012 and it was recommended, vide paper (4) read above to extend the benefit of grace marks for the University examinations to physically challenged, mentally challenged and Dyslexic students with a permanent nature of disability for all their appearances in the University examinations (Regular, Supplementary and improvement examinations). It was also recommended that for claiming special concessions including grace marks for the University examinations it shall be mandatory that such candidates shall submit a medical certificate issued by a Government Medical Board in respect of their disability.

The Vice-Chancellor, exercising powers under Chapter 3, Section 10 (17) of the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, has approved the above recommendations of the Syndicate Standing Committee on Examinations.

The two University Orders read above stand modified to this extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
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