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अधिसूचना/NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified that the Master's Degree Programme rules applicable w.e.f. Academic Session 2026-27 onwards has been approved by the Academic Council/Executive Council of the Central University of Punjab.

This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

17/8/2026

परीक्षा नियंत्रक/Controller of Examinations

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Central University of Punjab
Rules for Master's Degree Programmes
Applicable w.e.f. Academic Session 2026-27

1. Title and Commencement:

1.1 These rules shall be called the Central University of Punjab Rules of Master's Degree Programmes of the University and shall be applicable to all the Master's Degree Programmes unless otherwise stated, subject to the overall control of the Academic Council and shall be administered by the concerned Department/School.

1.2 These rules shall come into force with effect from the Academic Session 2026-27.

2. Duration of the Programme:

2.1 The minimum duration for completion of each Master's shall be 04 semesters (2 Academic Years) for those completing 3-year UG programmes and Programme 02 semesters (1 Academic Year) for those completing 4-year UG programmes or otherwise as directed by the UGC from time to time. PG programmes such as M.Tech., M.Pharm. and M.P.Ed. shall be as regulated by AICTE, PCI, NCTE and others as applicable.

2.2 A student who for whatever reasons is not able to complete the Programme within the normal period or the minimum duration prescribed as above, may be allowed two years period beyond the normal period to clear the backlog to be qualified for the degree.

2.3 In exceptional circumstances, a further extension of one more year may be granted with the approval of the Vice-chancellor, if any of the following exceptional circumstances arise:

- (i) More than 6-month hospitalization,
- (ii) Death of a supporting parent/guardian,
- (iii) Disturbed conditions as declared by the Government, and
- (iv) Any other valid reason.

2.4 The student who has been granted the extended period under the clauses 2.2 and 2.3 above, shall not be considered for ranking/Gold Medal etc.

2.5 A Semester(s) may be declared zero Semester(s) if a student fails to continue with the Programme during a semester due to illness and hospitalization or due to accepting a foreign scholarship/fellowship or any other valid reason approved by the Hon'ble Vice-chancellor subject to the fulfillment of requirements as lay down by the relevant rules.

2.6 The maximum duration for completing the degree shall be as laid down under the Clauses 2.1 and 2.2 above. The zero semester shall be granted maximum for a period of two semesters. For the purpose of availing the zero semester, the student shall apply to the University through proper channel on or before availing the zero semester.

3. Number of Seats:

3.1 The number of seats in each Master's Programme, shall be as recommended by the Department and approved by the Academic Council of the University for each academic session.

4. Eligibility for Admission:

4.1 No candidate shall be eligible for admission to Master's Programmes in any of the disciplines unless he/she has successfully completed three years or four years of an undergraduate degree having earned prescribed number of credits for an undergraduate degree, through the examinations conducted by a University/Autonomous Institution, or possesses such qualification as recognized by the concerned University as equivalent to an undergraduate degree.

4.2 A candidate shall be eligible for admission to the Master's Programme in any discipline provided he/she fulfills the minimum eligibility conditions as notified by the University and published in the Admission Prospectus.

4.3 For Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC) (Non-Creamy Layer), and Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates, relaxation of 5% of marks shall be given in eligibility.

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- 4.4 The policy of the Government of India and the guidelines of the UGC regarding reservation of seats for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates shall be implemented. Any other reservation (Kashmiri migrants, wards of defense personal, sports etc.) shall be applicable as per UGC/Govt. of India guidelines and as adopted and notified by the University from time to time.
- 4.5 International students will be admitted against the 25% supernumerary seats as per CU Punjab policy for international students.
- 4.6 Admission shall be given to the wards of the University employees in PG programmes under 5% quota as supernumerary seats. If the number of seats corresponding to 5% quota is less than one, a minimum of one seat shall be reserved. The quota in the programmes approved by statutory bodies such as AICTE, NCTE, PCI, may be given as per their guidelines.
- 4.7 Paid seats with higher fee structure on supernumerary basis shall be limited to a maximum of ten seats on supernumerary basis except programmes approved by regulatory bodies such as AICTE, NCTE, PCI.

5. Admission Criteria:

- 5.1 Admission of a candidate to the Master's Programme shall be made only in the first Semester. He/she shall be promoted to the subsequent Semesters of the Programme after fulfilling the necessary formalities as specified under Clause 8 below.
- 5.2 The lateral entry of a candidate shall be considered for admission to the third semester of the second year of Master's Programme on recommendation of the Admission Committee and approval of the Academic Council/competent authority subject to the successful completion of first year of the same University, or any other Universities/Institutions.
- 5.3 Lateral entry to the 2nd year of Master's Programmes at the University shall be based on the earned credits (Minimum 40 credits in the first year in the same discipline). 10% of the approved seats in a Master's Programme shall be earmarked for lateral entry and as per the MEME policy of the university.
- 5.4 International students shall be admitted to the Master's Programmes according to the policy guidelines laid down by the University for this purpose.
- 5.5 Candidate shall be eligible for admission to the Master's Programme if he/she is already registered for any other full time/ODL Programme as per extant UGC guidelines.

6. Procedure for Admission:

- 6.1 The University shall invite applications from eligible candidates for admission to the Master's Programme in each Academic Session, giving the Academic Calendar, number of seats available, eligibility criteria, prescribed fees etc. by releasing the Admission Prospectus.
- 6.2 Admission to the various Master's Programmes shall be made on All-India basis and on the basis of merit in Central Universities Entrance Test (CUET). For professional programmes, other criteria such merit/qualification in GPAT, IIT-JEE etc. may be considered. Vacant seats, if any, shall be filled as per UGC guidelines.
- 6.3 The selected candidates shall submit the prescribed fee and other relevant documents establishing his/her eligibility to the University within the stipulated time.

7. Programme Structure:

- 7.1 University shall follow a Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) with multidisciplinary learning outcome based curriculum in all Master's Programmes. The Programmes shall consist of at least 80 credits (except professional/vocational courses that are guided by the regulation of their respective regulatory bodies) covering theory and practical courses, and dissertation/internship based research works in the relevant discipline.

As per UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Postgraduate Programmes (PGCF) the two-year Postgraduate programmes will have three options:

1. All four semesters of coursework,
2. Three semesters of coursework and one semester of research, and

3. Two semesters of coursework and two semesters of research.

Different academic departments shall offer one or more of the above three options. If a department offers more than one option, a minimum strength of six students is required for option numbers 1 and 2 except in the PG programme where the total number of students is less than six. PG programmes regulated by AICTE, NCTE, PCI etc. shall be as per their guidelines.

7.2 The credit structure and syllabi shall come into force given that the syllabi for the courses and the instructional designs are prepared/prescribed and recommended by the respective Board of Studies and School Board and subsequent approval by the Academic Council and Executive Council of the University.

7.3 The syllabi shall include Core, Elective, Value added, Interdisciplinary course, skill-based courses, entrepreneurship course, Dissertation/internship and any other courses as recommended by the UGC time to time. It is mandatory for students in every PG program to complete at least one course on SWAYAM platform accompanied by credit transfer. The students shall be responsible for payment of fees for courses on SWAYAM. Students are encouraged to take skill-based courses on SWAYAMPLUS platform.

MOOCs: MOOCs may be taken upto 40% of the total credits (excluding dissertation credits). MOOC may be taken in lieu of any course but content of core/discipline elective course should match a minimum 70%. Mapping is to be done by the respective departments.

7.4 There shall be a credit based Master's Dissertation/internship/apprenticeship/industrial training/start-up in the 3rd and 4th semesters under option 1 and in the 4th semester under option 2. The dissertation proposal is to be prepared in the 3rd semester for specified credits. The supervisor of the dissertation work shall be allotted at the beginning of the 3rd semester or earlier in the Academic and Administrative Committee (AAC) of the department. The supervisors shall guide the dissertation work on a topic specific to a student, or on a topic on which a group of maximum four students shall jointly work.

Students will have an option to carry out dissertation/internship/industrial training/start-up work in industry, dissertation/internship/start-up at other national institutes, Central and State Universities. Students may also carry out such activities in private Universities/institutions in the top 100 NIRF ranking (University Category). Approval of the competent authority is mandatory for the same.

8. Registration and Promotion to the Next Semester:

8.1 Every student admitted to the Master's Programme shall get registered at the beginning of the odd Semester (i.e. 1st Semester/ 3rd Semester) of the Programme in the Department by completing the necessary formalities as per the schedule announced by the University.

8.2 A student shall not be permitted to register in the subsequent Semester of a Programme unless he/she has been a registered student of the immediate preceding semester and has pursued the Course(s) of that Semester as a regular student.

8.3 In each Semester, a last date shall be fixed and notified in the beginning of the Semester after which admissions/re-admissions registration shall not be ordinarily done.

8.4 If a student is not registered, or did not get readmission within one month of duration notified in the beginning of the Semester his/her name shall automatically be stuck off from the University roll.

8.5 Under special circumstances (in case of a student who could not get registered/readmission/promotion in the Programme within one month of start of the Semester due to illness, hospitalization, natural calamities, or any other valid reason approved by the Vice-Chancellor) the students may be allowed late registration/re-admission by a specified date, by paying a late fee fixed for the purpose, along with other prescribed fees. Those students who get late admission due to delay in the admission process, their attendance shall be counted from the date of their admission.

8.6 No student shall be allowed to attend the classes unless he/she is registered in a particular semester and paid the requisite fees.

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9. Attendance:

- 9.1** A candidate to be eligible for Continuous Internal Assessment/End Semester Examination of a Course or a complete Semester shall have a minimum of 75% attendance in that Course in a Semester in addition to satisfying all other relevant conditions laid down in these rules.
- 9.2** Attendance of the students should be displayed every month at the Department level. For appearing in the End Semester Examination, each student through its Department shall submit the Examination Form clearly mentioning "whether student fulfils attendance requirements (Yes/No)" before 15 days of the start of End Semester Examination in the format given by the Examination Section.
- 9.3** If a student fails to attend 75% of attendance in a course due to hospitalization or any other valid reason and attains 65% of attendance in the course, he/she shall be required to raise a request to condone the shortfall of attendance on recommendations of the course coordinator and HoD. The Dean In-charge Academics may condone the attendance shortage. In exceptional circumstances, the decision of the competent authority to appear in the examination with valid justification shall be final and binding.
- 9.4** The concerned Course Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining the attendance record of the students registered for a Course.

10. Suspension/Withdrawal:

- 10.1** A student suspended or debarred from attending the classes due to disciplinary action or any other reason for a semester, or having withdrawn from a Semester (s) on medical grounds or for any other cogent reason, shall be allowed to seek re-admission in the appropriate Semester in the next Academic Session as a regular student. Such student(s) shall have to meet the prescribed requirement of attendance in each Course in the Semester and shall deposit the required semester fee.

11. Fees to be Paid:

- 11.1** The requisite admission and semester fees shall be as per the prescriptions of the University.
- 11.2** All admitted candidates shall have to pay the prescribed Admission and Semester fees.
- 11.3** If a candidate cancels the admission during the first semester, admission and semester fees etc. shall be refunded as per UGC guidelines.

12. Medium of Instruction and Examination:

- 12.1** The language for the instruction and examination shall be as per university rules
- 12.2** In cases where the Programme pertains to any particular language other than English, the instructions and examinations would be in that language.

13. Examination, Evaluation and Results:

- 13.1** The performance of a student in a course shall be evaluated out of 100 marks – internal assessment (25 marks), mid-semester test (25 marks), and end semester examination (50 marks) at the department level by course coordinators.
- 13.2 Formative Evaluation:** Internal assessment shall be 25 marks using any two or more of the given methods: tests, assignments, term paper, presentations etc. The Mid-semester test (MST) shall be descriptive type of 25 marks including short answer and essay type. Each answer shall carry maximum weightage of five marks in MST. The teachers shall have the flexibility to decide on the number of questions and distribution of marks following above guidelines.
- 13.3 Summative Evaluation:** The End semester examination (ESE) shall be 50 marks with upto 100% descriptive type and upto 30% objective type shall be conducted at the end of the semester. The objective type shall include a few words (very short) answers, fill-in the blanks, MCQs, and matching. Each answer shall carry weightage of upto two marks depending on difficulty level. The descriptive type shall include short answer and essay type questions. Each answer shall carry maximum weightage of ten marks in ESE. The teachers shall have the flexibility to decide on the number of questions and distribution of marks following above guidelines. Questions for subjective

exams and tests shall be designed to assess course learning outcomes along with focus on knowledge, understanding, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation as per Bloom's Taxonomy.

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- 13.4** The evaluation for IDC, VAC and entrepreneurship, innovation and skill development courses (<2 credits) shall include MST (50 marks) and ESE (50 marks).
- 13.5** Evaluation of dissertation proposal and presentation in the third semester shall include 50% weightage by supervisor and 50% by all regular faculty members (except supervisor) of the department. The evaluation of dissertation in the fourth semester shall include 50 marks for continuous evaluation by the supervisor for regularity in work, mid-term evaluation, report of dissertation, presentation, and final viva-voce; 50 marks (50% weightage) by an external expert shall be based on report of dissertation (25 marks), presentation (10 marks), novelty/originality (5 marks) and final viva-voce (10 marks). External experts shall attend final viva-voce through online mode. Under exceptional circumstances, external experts may be allowed to attend final viva-voce in offline mode after approval of competent authority.
- 13.7** In case a student could not appear in any component of the continuous assessment of a Course due to medical reasons or under any other exceptional circumstances such as calamities, Govt. declared disturbance etc., a separate examination of that component may be arranged by the concerned Course Coordinator before the beginning of the End Semester Examination.
- 13.8** The End Semester Practical Examination (wherever applicable) shall be held before the theory examinations as per the University calendar.
- 13.9** A student shall be permitted to appear in the End-Semester Examination as per the Conduct of Examination Rules after filling up the prescribed Examination Form through online/offline mode, payment of the prescribed examination fee, satisfying the attendance requirement and fulfilling other eligibility criteria.
- 13.10** A student should obtain pass percentage (40%) in "aggregate" (Internal Assessment+ End-Semester Examination), subject to the student having appeared the End Semester Examinations.
- 13.11** Unless prescribed in these Rules and the Scheme of Examination of a particular Programme, a candidate shall be deemed to have completed the Courses successfully.
- 13.12** The students re-appearing the examination in a course shall be required to appear for MST (if opted by student) and ESE for 50 marks. The remaining 25 marks of original internal assessment shall be considered as it is. No separate MST/ESE would be arranged for these students. The fee for reappear examinations per subject/course will be Rs. 500/-
- 13.13** The reappearing in the examination of a course shall be allowed in the successive academic session and two such chances shall be permitted for completion of the requirements of the degree. Students will be given a chance to clear all earlier backlogs in the last semester of the PG program. However, students who completed duration of the programme and have backlogs will reappear for the exams in a supplementary examination to be held after the publication of results.
- 13.14** Mercy Chance: A student who does not clear his/her backlog subject (s) as per the available chance given at Clause 13.14, on the recommendation of the HoD and Dean of concerned School, the Vice-Chancellor, on merit of individual case, may consider giving one final chance (mercy chance) to the student for appearing in the subject after paying the prescribed fee. He/she has to appear in the component mentioned at Clause on 13.13.
- 13.15** The marks obtained in the Internal Assessments and MSTs shall be shown to the students by the Course Coordinator.

Table: Grades and Grade Points

Letter Grade	Grade point
O Outstanding	10
A+ Excellent	9
A Very good	8
B+ Good	7
B Above Average	6
C Average	5

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P Pass	4
F Fail	0
Ab Absent	0

Conversion Table

Formula for Grade point Conversion for each mark

$$\text{Grade Point} = \frac{\text{Marks Obtained}}{10}$$

$SGPA = \sum (C_i \times G_i) / \sum C_i$ Where C_i = Number of credits in the i^{th} course and G_i is the grade point scored in i^{th} course.

$CGPA = \sum (C_i \times S_i) / \sum C_i$ Where S_i = SGPA of i^{th} semester and C_i is the total number of credits in that semester.

The formula for conversion of 10 point scale to percentage is as given below: Percentage (%) marks in a Semester = Semester Grade Point Average (SGPA) X10
Percentage (%) marks in whole of Programme = Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) X10

14. Academic Probation and Distinction:

- 14.1 The students, who clear only 50% of courses in a Semester and get promoted to the next Semester, shall be on "ACADEMIC PROBATION" until he/she clears remaining 50% of the courses of that Semester.
- 14.2 If a student consistently secures a CGPA of 6.00 or more in first attempt in both the years of study, then he/she shall be awarded "GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING" and this will be reflected in the Grade Sheet of the final Semester.
- 14.3 Passed with Distinction: The students who will secure CGPA of 7.50 or more in first attempt in the final result shall have academic standing of "PASSED WITH DISTINCTION" and this will be reflected in the Grade Sheet of the final Semester.
- 14.4 Good Academic Standing and Passed with Distinction will also be included in the final transcript of students on the basis of CGPA at the end of the programme.

15. Award of Mark Sheet:

- 15.1 On successful completion of each Semester examination, the student shall be awarded grades/grade points for that Semester indicating simultaneously the SGPA and the percentage of the marks secured in the semester.
- 15.2 The Marks-Sheet/Transcript of last Semester shall indicate the grades obtained and credits earned for each Semester, and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) as prescribed in the regulations duly approved by Statutory Bodies of the University.
- 15.3 For the Master's Programmes, there shall only be one exit point for those who join the 2-year Master's Programme in any discipline, that is, at the end of the first year of the Master's Programme. Students who exit after the first year shall be awarded the Post-Graduate Diploma subject to the successful completion of 40 credits and other conditions as stipulated by Academic Council.
- 15.4 It shall also contain the overall percentage of marks secured by the student in the final mark sheet.

16. Improvement of Grade:

- 16.1 As per Central University of Punjab, Improvement Examinations means 'repeating' in the Examination of the subjects which the students have already passed, in order to increase CGPA/Percentage.
- 16.2 Students who have been declared pass in all semesters of a programme shall be allowed to repeat End Semester Examinations in order to improve his/her grade/CGPA/division along with regular students in corresponding Semester, provided that overall CGPA of degree of such a student is less than 6.0 on 10 point scale.
- 16.3 No separate examinations would be arranged for such students.

- 16.4 Students can avail the facility of improvement examinations in two courses per semester within a maximum duration of a Programme as per University rules and UGC guidelines. Grade Improvement is not permissible for dissertation/project/lab/seminar/field/internship courses etc.
- 16.5 Student shall make application for improvement examination to Examinations Branch with clear recommendations of the concerned Head of the Department and Dean of the school through office of the DIA in the prescribed form available on University website along with the prescribed examination fee within ten working days from the commencement of the next semester as per dates announced in the Academic Calendar of the University. No special/separate dates will be announced.
- 16.6 The application for Improvement Examinations should be made only in the prescribed form available on the University website. The application in any other format shall not be entertained and the fee will not be refunded.
- 16.7 The fee for improvement Examinations per subject/course will be Rs. 1,000/-
- 16.8 The fee once paid will not be reimbursed/refunded/adjusted, whether the candidate appeared in the examinations or not.
- 16.9 Revised marks sheet (s)/degree shall be issued to the student, if he/she improves CGPA of programme as per conversion table for 10 points scale with indication of full information about the improvement examinations. The candidate has to surrender the marks sheet/degree issued earlier.
- 16.10 Revised Degree of the student shall be issued with mentioned in the "Revised" Degree.
- 16.11 Such improved marks will not be counted for the award of Prizes/Medals, Rank and Distinction.
- 16.12 If the candidate does not show improvement in the grade/marks or fails to appear in improvement subject/course(s) concerned, his/her previous grade/marks will be taken into account.
- 16.13 The student, who is registered for improvement exams shall be considered as external student and shall not be eligible for any hostel accommodation. He/she shall not have any right to claim any facilities as entitled to a regular student of the University.
- 16.14 There shall be only one chance for giving the improvement examination in a course within the permissible duration of the Master's Programmes.

17. Re-Evaluation:

- 17.1 The University has adopted the in-house Examination System i.e., Teaching, Paper Setting and Evaluation of the Answer Sheets. Every student shall be shown the evaluated answer sheet of Internal Assessment and End Semester Examinations by the Department. A student may request for re-addition of marks obtained in a course at the Department level. Any written request by a student with justification for reevaluation shall be considered by a committee constituted by the competent authority.

18. Indiscipline and Unfair Means in Examination:

- 18.1 There shall be zero-tolerance against use of unfair means and unfair practices in connection with examination and each examinee shall be required to strictly adhere to the instructions of examinations. Non-adherence to such instructions shall attract disciplinary action. For Mid-Semester Test and End-Term Examination, a flying squad shall be constituted on the recommendation of the Controller of Examinations consisting of appropriate women members to ensure fairness and discipline in the examination. In case of any case(s) of unfair means, indiscipline and disturbance during the examination, the flying squad will submit its report with full details of the evidence in support thereof and the statement of the candidate to the Controller of Examinations.
- 18.2 In case of any case(s) of unfair means, indiscipline and disturbance during the examination, the flying squad will submit its report with full details of the evidence in support thereof and the statement of the candidate to the Controller of Examinations.

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18.3 Use of unfair means is strictly prohibited and shall invite serious disciplinary action for anyone found using unfair means during any examination. Unfair practices and unfair means relating to examination shall mean and include:

- Exerting pressure, coercion and undue influence for postponement and change of dates and timings of examination.
- Threatening the Invigilator or any other behavior amounting to insubordination as reported by the Invigilator.
- Seeking favours from and/or threatening the examiners, paper setters, evaluators, invigilators, co-examinees or any other officer or staff of the University.
- Resorting to such practices and engaging into activities that are specifically prohibited during the course of examination.
- Keeping in possession of materials of any kind related to the subject of the examination concerned including mobile / cell phones / electronic aids, unless otherwise permitted as a component of examination and/or copying or attempting to copy from the materials in possession or from other persons within or outside the examination hall.
- Any kind of incriminating materials, inter-changing answer scripts, helping other examinees, seeking help from and/or consulting other examinees or any other person inside or outside the examination hall.
- Attempts of impersonation including writing some other candidate's Registration Number/Roll Number in the answer paper and/or exchanging or attempting to exchange answer sheets or other materials during the course of examination.
- Sitting or occupying seats other than the one allotted to the candidate or changing the seat during the course of examination without the permission of the Invigilator.
- Boycott / walkout of the examination and or causing disturbances of any kind during the conduct of examination.
- Any other act of omission or commission as may be declared by the Executive Council as unfair means in respect of any or all the examinations.

18.4 Detection of unfair means, indiscipline and disturbances during the examination shall be brought to the notice of the Course Coordinator/HoD by the Invigilator concerned in writing. The HoD shall report to the Controller of Examinations without delay, each case of alleged use of unfair means in the examination with full details of the evidence in support thereof and the statement of the candidate concerned, if any. In case a candidate found using unfair means in examination refuses to make and sign the said statement, the incident shall be recorded by the Invigilator and countersigned by the HoD. The answer book of the candidate found using unfair means in the examination shall be seized and the candidate may be permitted to write his/her examination on a separate answer book to be issued to him/her. The HoD shall send both answer books to the Controller of Examinations along with his/her report.

18.5 All individual cases of reported use of unfair means in examination shall be referred to the Examination Discipline Committee constituted by the Competent Authority. In case of use of unfair means on a mass scale at an examination centre, the Vice-Chancellor shall have powers to cancel the examination of all the candidates appearing from the Department concerned and order re-examination and initiate further disciplinary action against all concerned.

18.6 The Examination Discipline Committee shall recommend to the Competent Authority the extent, and magnitude of punishment to those found guilty of using Unfair means in examination with due regard to the nature and extent of offence committed by a candidate in use of Unfair means and shall ensure that the punishment is commensurate to the offence committed and in accordance with the principle of natural justice.

18.7 All decisions taken by the Committee will be placed before the Vice-Chancellor for approval. After approval, the student should be informed of the decision.

18.8 A candidate found guilty of using Unfair Means in examination by the Examination Discipline Committee, may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor, in writing, within one month of the receipt of the decision of the University; then the Vice-Chancellor may appoint one person committee to review the appeal and make clear-cut recommendation for sustaining or condoning the decision of the

19. Award of Degree:

- 19.1** The successful candidates shall be admitted to and conferred the Master's Degree in the respective discipline, as the case may be, provided he/she has:
- No pending dues to the University, hostel or library outstanding
 - No disciplinary action pending against him/her
 - Fulfilled such other conditions as prescribed under rules
- 19.2** For those candidates who have qualified for the degree in disciplines which are interdisciplinary in nature, the University may issue the Master's degree in the respective discipline in which they have registered and have completed their programme.
- 19.3** The award of the Master's Degree must comply the rules and regulations issued by the UGC from time to time.

20. Award of Gold Medal:

- 20.1** The Gold Medal shall be awarded to a student if he/she secures highest CGPA in the concerned programme subject to the condition that the student has secured first division.
- 20.2** If the CGPA of two or more students are same, then the Gold Medal shall be shared among such students (i.e., two or more students shall get the medal).
- 20.3** To be eligible for Gold Medal, a student must have passed in each paper in the first attempt and in the minimum stipulated duration. No reappear, supplementary and improvement examinations shall be considered for award of the Gold Medal.
- 20.4** If the student found indulged in any kind of misconduct, indiscipline and/or involvement in criminal offence shall not be eligible for the Gold Medal.

21. Power to Remove Any Difficulty:

- 21.1** Notwithstanding what is contained in the Rules, the Vice-chancellor, Academic Council/Executive Council may in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the School Board concerned or an appropriate Committee on the merits of each individual with reasons to be recorded, allow relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribing CGPA requirement and the Clause 20.3.

The block contains several handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink. At the top right, there is a signature that appears to be 'WPK' with '31/11/26' written below it. In the center, there is a large, stylized letter 'R'. To the left of the 'R', there is a signature that looks like 'S. K.'. Below the 'R', there is a signature that looks like 'S. K.' with a wavy line underneath. To the right of the 'R', there is a signature that looks like 'S. K.' with a wavy line underneath. At the bottom right, there is a signature that looks like 'S. K.' with a wavy line underneath.