

# Faculty of Social Sciences

## Semester End Assessment

### General Guidelines for Setting Question Papers

As the outcome of the Workshop/Meeting on framing the Question Paper held on September 3, 2015 and attended by all the faculty members of the Social Sciences departments, the following general guidelines have been prepared for setting the question papers for the Semester End Assessments (SEA) at the undergraduate level. These guidelines are for papers with no laboratory component.

1. For papers with no laboratory components the total marks at the SEA are 60 and the duration of the exam is 2 hours.
2. Question paper (QP) shall cover all the modules / units of the syllabus.
3. Paper-setters may opt to follow one of the two choice patterns: (i) QP providing overall choice to candidates, or (ii) QP providing internal choice to candidates.
4. All main questions will carry 12 marks each.
  - a. The main questions may be split into sub-questions.
  - b. No sub-question will carry less than 4 marks.
  - c. Aggregate marks of all the sub-questions of the main question shall not exceed 12.
5. One of the main questions shall be a compulsory question. This question could be used for comprehensive evaluation of the subject and to test the student's overall learning in the subject using Bloom's taxonomy of higher order learning.
6. Question paper with overall choice:
  - a. Will have 7 main questions of 12 marks each
  - b. One main question will be compulsory.
  - c. Overall choice pertains to the remaining 6 questions out of which students will have to answer any 4 questions.
7. Question paper with internal choice:
  - a. Will have 5 main questions of 12 marks each
  - b. One main question will be compulsory and have no internal choice.
  - c. Internal choice pertains to the remaining 4 questions; each of these main questions will have internal choice.