



EXAMINATION BY-LAWS OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY (MBBS)

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BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE EXAMINATION PROCEDURE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY (MBBS).

Given below are the By-Laws made by the Council of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka under Section 29 (I) and (J) read with Section 135(1) (a) and (b) of the University Act No.16 of 1978 as amended by Acts No.7 of 1985 and No. 26 of 1988.

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. These By-laws may be cited as the "By-Laws, No. 01 of 2020, relating to examination procedure of the undergraduate programme leading to the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and shall come into operation with effect from 11 May 2020. These By-laws supersede any other By-Laws or Regulations that may have been issued to students earlier.
2. The examinations leading to the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (herein after referred as MBBS) shall be,
 - i. First examination conducted at the end of third semester called Second examination for MBBS (herein after referred as Second MBBS),
 - ii. Module-based parts I to IV of the Third examination for MBBS (herein after referred as Third MBBS),
 - iii. Final examination for MBBS (herein after referred as Final MBBS) respectively.
3. Subject to these By-Laws a student may be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery if he/she:
 - i. Has been admitted as an internal student at the University, and
 - ii. Has been registered as a medical student at the University for a period not less than 4 years and 9 months, and
 - iii. Has completed the course of study prescribed by the By-Laws, rules, and regulations, to the satisfaction of the Senate, and
 - iv. Has passed the Second MBBS Examination and
 - v. Has passed all modules in parts I to IV of the Third MBBS Examination and
 - vi. Has passed the Final Examination and
 - vii. Has paid such fees or other dues as may be prescribed by the University, and
 - viii. Has fulfilled any other conditions or requirements as may be prescribed by the University.

4. The modules/subjects within the course of study for the examinations leading to the MBBS Degree, and the number of question papers/oral examinations/other forms of assessment in each module/subject shall be prescribed under the regulations made by the Senate.
5. Each of the examinations prescribed by these By-Laws and the regulations, shall be conducted by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Faculty Board and approved by the Senate for the conduct of the said examination.
6. The candidate should possess a valid document of admission pertaining to an examination issued by the Deputy Registrar / Senior Assistant Registrar/ Assistant Registrar of the Faculty of Medicine to be eligible to sit for any subcomponent/ module /subject of an examination.
7. A candidate shall present him/her-self for each examination leading to the MBBS degree on the first occasion at which he/she is eligible to do so (herein after referred to as the first attempt). It shall be within the power of the Senate to declare that he/she is eligible to appear for that examination on a subsequent scheduled examination as a first attempt candidate.
8. A candidate may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt of an examination on the basis of a valid reason* accepted by the Faculty Board therein Senate and the attempt at which he/she sits the examination after the postponement shall be regarded as the said attempt for which he/she has submitted a valid reason.
**valid reason: acceptable valid reasons given in statement 70*
9. In the absence of a valid reason, failure to sit any due and scheduled examination shall be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination.
10. If the candidate fails to sit for a subcomponent* of a module/subject of an examination without a valid reason, the candidate shall be given zero marks for that subcomponent.
**subcomponent: composition of examination-theory, multiple choice questions (MCQ), structured essay question (SEQ), objective structured practical examination (OSPE), objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), viva, long and short cases.*
11. A candidate shall not be allowed to sit only for subcomponent of an examination excluding the other scheduled subcomponents of the said examination unless he/she has been referred in the said subcomponent of the said examination during a previous attempt or provides a valid reason accepted by Faculty Board therein Senate.
12. If a candidate is referred in a module/subject of an examination the candidate should take the entire module/ subject at the next scheduled examination as the candidate's second attempt. The candidate therefore shall not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.

13. If a candidate is unable to sit for a module/subject of an examination at the first attempt due to the candidate being repeated in a clinical appointment on account of a valid reason acceptable to the Faculty Board therein Senate, the candidate may be allowed to sit for the next available examination immediately after completion of the repeat clinical appointment and that the said examination shall be considered the first attempt for the said candidate. Such a candidate shall be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
14. If the candidate is unable to sit for a module / subject of an examination due to the candidate being repeated in a clinical appointment not on account of a valid reason, the candidate shall not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions at any subsequent attempt of the same examination.
15. A candidate who has been successful at the Second MBBS examination, module based Third MBBS examination and Final MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first attempt shall be awarded First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper division) or Second Class Honours (Lower division) or a pass, Distinctions, Medals and Prizes as the case shall be.
16. Results released at in-course assessments (end semester examinations) as grades A to E, whereas at year end examinations of Second, Third and Final MBBS examinations it is released as pass or as achieved class. These are tabled as follows:

Table 1: Grades at end semester examinations (Modules/Subjects)

Raw Marks	Grade
≥80	A+
75 – 79	A
70 – 74	A-
65 – 69	B+
60 – 64	B
57 – 59	B-
54 – 56	C+
50 – 53	C
45 – 49	C-
40 – 44	D+
25 – 39	D
<25	E

Table 2: Class cut-offs per cumulative subject/modular average marks at Year -end Examinations (2nd, 3rd and Final MBBS)

Cumulative average mark (subject/modular)	Award of Class
≥80	First Class Honours
75 - 79	
70 - 74	
65 - 69	Second Class Honours (Upper division)
60 - 64	Second Class Honours (Lower division)
57 - 59	Pass
54 - 56	
50 - 53	
45 - 49	Fail
40 - 44	
25 - 39	
<25	

17. A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours unless the candidate has taken the examination on the earliest occasion on which the candidate is qualified to do so, provided that it shall be within the power of the Faculty Board therein Senate to declare, on a case by case basis that a candidate is eligible for Honours at a subsequent attempt.
18. A candidate shall not be eligible for Honours, Distinctions, Medals and Prizes unless the candidate has passed the examination at the candidate's first attempt.
19. A candidate **must pass the Final MBBS Examination within ten calendar years of commencing academic work in the faculty**. If a student fails to do so, his / her registration shall be declared invalid by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Senate, and he / she shall cease to be a student at the university.

SECOND MBBS EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY (MBBS) DEGREE

20. The Second MBBS examination for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree consists of examination of preclinical phase modules and subjects.
21. A candidate for the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree should have
- i. Followed the prescribed course of study in each of these modules/subjects, to the satisfaction of the senate
 - ii. A minimum of 80% attendance at lectures and 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals, formative assessments and other specified educational activities within each module.
22. The course shall be of three semester duration. There shall be in course assessments, end semester modular examination and the Second MBBS Comprehensive examination for MBBS degree held at the end of the third semester, and a supplementary examination shall be held not less than six weeks after the release of the results of the comprehensive examination.
23. Assessment method of Preclinical Modules and Second MBBS Comprehensive Examination and Contribution of marks for the Second MBBS barrier examination are as follows:

Table 3: Second MBBS Examination – Marks Distribution

Semester	Modules	Subcomponent/s	Percentage per module
One	Communication and Information Technology		2%
	Foundation	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	3%
	Body tissues and locomotor system-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE CA/VIVA	4%
	Blood and Immune system-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	3%
Two	Cardiovascular system -I	MCQ/SEQ/OSP / CA/VIVA	5%
	Respiratory system -I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	5%
	Gastrointestinal system and Hepatobiliary system-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	3%
	Nutrition and Metabolism	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	3%
Three	Renal and urinary systems-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	4%
	Endocrine system-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	4%
	Reproductive system-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	4%
	Neurology Module-I	MCQ/SEQ/OSPE/CA/VIVA	5%
Total form Modules for Second MBBS Examination			45%

Second MBBS Comprehensive Examination	Percentage per Subject
1. Basic Sciences for Clinical practice I (Anatomy)	20%
2. Basic Sciences for Clinical practice II (Physiology)	20%
3. Basic Sciences for Clinical practice III (Biochemistry)	15%
Total from Second MBBS Comprehensive Examination	55%
Total for the Second MBBS Bar Examination (Module + Comprehensive)	100%

24. The Format of the comprehensive examination shall be as follows:

Table 4: Format of Marks Distribution of the Second MBBS comprehensive examination

Basic Sciences for Clinical Practice I-Anatomy		
Component	Number of Questions	Marks %
Multiple Choice /SBR questions	60	40%
Structured Essay	06	30%
OSPE	30	20%
Oral Examination	10min	10%
Total (contributes to 20% of the marks of 2nd MBBS)		100%
Basic Sciences for Clinical Practice II-Biochemistry		
Component	Number of Questions	Marks %
Multiple Choice /SBR questions	50	40%
Structured Essay	04	30%
OSPE	20	20%
Oral Examination	10min	10%
Total (contributes to 20% of the marks of 2nd MBBS)		100%
Basic Sciences for Clinical Practice III-Physiology		
Component	Number of Questions	Marks %
Multiple Choice /SBR questions	40	40%
Structured Essay	04	30%
OSPE	20	20%
Oral Examination	10min	10%
Total (contributes to 15% of the marks of 2nd MBBS)		100%

25. The examination immediately following the completion of the course shall be deemed to be the first due or scheduled attempt.

26. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled examination irrespective of whether it has been attempted or not unless a valid reason* has been submitted and accepted by the Senate.
**defined in statement 70.*
27. If the reason for the absence has been accepted, the examination immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement recommended by the Senate shall be the candidate's first attempt.
28. In the absence of a valid reason, failure to sit any due or scheduled examination will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at the examination.
29. A student should sit for the first attempt of the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree within four academic calendar years of commencing academic work in the faculty **with or without a valid reason and in not more than four scheduled attempts** not counting attempts with a valid reason.
30. Criteria for **Pass/Referred** for the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree for First attempt:
- i. A candidate who obtains 50% or above for the second MBBS examination, calculated from the marks of module examinations and the comprehensive examination, shall be considered to have passed the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree provided that average marks obtained are not less than 40% for each of three comprehensive examination subjects.
 - ii. A candidate who has obtained less than 50% for 2nd MBBS examination is considered to have referred in said examination and will be referred in the subject/s where he/she scored less than 50 % for the comprehensive second MBBS examination.
 - iii. If a candidate has obtained minimum of 50% in all three subjects in the second MBBS comprehensive examination and could not obtain 50% overall marks for the second MBBS examination shall be considered to have referred in the examination and the subject/s to be referred shall be decided according to the extracted results of the modular examination marks.
31. Award of **Classes/Distinctions/Prizes/Gold Medals** for the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree for First attempt:
- i. A candidate who passes the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 70% or above at that examination shall be eligible for a **First-Class Honours**.
 - ii. A candidate who passes the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 65 % to 69 % at that examination shall be eligible for a **Second-Class Upper Division Honours**.

- iii. A candidate who passes the 2nd MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall average of 60 % to 64 % at that examination shall be eligible for a **Second-Class Lower Division Honours**.
- iv. A candidate who obtains 70% or above in a subject in the second MBBS comprehensive examination with an average minimum of 60% or above in the module examinations extracted marks of the particular subject will be awarded a **distinction** in the respective subject, provided that the candidate has passed the 2nd MBBS Examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt.
- v. A candidate who obtains the highest marks for a subject at both comprehensive examination and modular extraction at the first attempt shall be eligible for the Gold medal or Prize for that subject depending on the availability/sponsorship of that prize or the gold medal.

32. Criteria for Pass/Referred for the 2nd MBBS subsequent/repeat Examination

- i. Module marks shall not be considered in deciding pass/fail/referred at the subsequent examination
- ii. A candidate who has obtained more than 50% marks for any subject shall considered to have passed that subject.

THIRD MBBS EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY DEGREE

33. A student shall not be competent to **enter the course** leading for the module based Third MBBS Examination MBBS degree **unless and until** the student has passed the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree.
34. A candidate for the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree shall have:
- i. Passed the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree,
 - ii. Completed the prescribed modules specified for the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree to the satisfaction of the Senate, completed the continuous assessments,
 - iii. A minimum of 80% attendance at lectures and 80% attendance at tutorials, practicals, formative assessments and other specified educational activities within each module.
35. The course shall be of four semesters and the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree shall be held in four parts at the end of respective semester, it shall carry continuous assessment marks from relevant modules.
- i. **Part-1 of module based Third MBBS Examination** shall assess the contents of, Foundation in Pathology module, Foundation to Pharmacology module, Infection module -1, Blood and Immune system module -2 and Community Medicine module-1 which will be scheduled during the 4th semester. The Part-1 of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree will be held at the end of the 4th semester.
 - ii. **Part-2 of module based Third MBBS Examination** shall assess the contents of, Community Medicine module -2, Cardiovascular system module -2, Respiratory system module -2, Gastro-Intestinal and Hepatobiliary system module -2 and Infection module -2 which will be scheduled during the 5th semester. The Part-2 of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree will be held at the end of the 5th semester.
 - iii. **Part -3 of module based Third MBBS Examination** shall assess the contents of, Community Medicine Module -3 (Research), Endocrine system module -2, Renal and Urinary system module - 2, Reproductive system -2 and Forensic Medicine module -1, which will be scheduled during the 6th semester. The Part-3 of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree will be held at the end of the 6th semester.
 - iv. **Part-4 of module based Third MBBS Examination** shall assess the contents of, Neurology module - 2, Body Tissue and Locomotor system module -2, Mental Health Module, Forensic Medicine module -2, Community Medicine module -4 and Primary Care & Family Medicine module which will be scheduled during the 7th semester. The Part-4 of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree will be held at the end of the 7th semester.

36. Assessment format of third MBBS Examination

Table 5. Assessment format of third MBBS Examination

Semester/ Assessment	Modules	Subcomponent/s	Percentage per module
Four Assessed as Part 1 of Third MBBS Examination	Foundation in Pathology	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE / CA	6%
	Foundation in Pharmacology	MCQ/ SEQ / CA	6%
	Infection Module - 1	MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ/ OSPE/ Practical Examination/ CA	6%
	Blood and Immune System -2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Community Medicine - 1	MCQ/ SEQ/ CA	4%
Five Assessed as Part 2 of Third MBBS Examination	Community Medicine - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ CA	4%
	Cardiovascular System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Respiratory System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	4%
	Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary System -2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	6%
	Infection Module - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ SAQ/ OSPE	6%
Six Part 3 of Third MBBS Examination	Community Medicine-3 (Research)	Research Report/ Research Viva/ Presentation	4%
	Endocrine System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	6%
	Renal and Urinary System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	4%
	Reproductive System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Forensic Medicine - 1	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	4%
Seven Part 4 of Third MBBS Examination	Neurology Module - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Body Tissue and Locomotor System - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Mental Health Module	MCQ/ SEQ	4%
	Forensic Medicine - 2	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ CA	5%
	Community Medicine - 4	MCQ/ SEQ/ CA	4%
	Primary Care and Family Medicine Module	MCQ/ SEQ/ OSPE/ OSCE	2%
Cumulative total for Third MBBS			100%
<i>MCQ: Multiple Choice Questions, SEQ: Short Essay Questions, SAQ: Short Answer Questions, OSPE: Objective Structured Practical Examination, OSCE: Objective Structured Clinical Examination, CA- Continuous Assessment</i>			

37. A candidate shall be deemed to have passed the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree **when** the candidate has passed **all modules of the Third MBBS examination.**

38. Criteria for Pass/ Referred for the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree:
- i. A candidate who obtains an overall average of 50% marks or above in each of the module in module based Third MBBS Examination, shall be considered to have passed the Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree.
 - ii. A candidate who obtains less than 50% marks in each module of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree, shall be considered as referred in that module.
39. Criteria for supplementary modular examinations
- i. A candidate who has referred in a module/s of the module based third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree, shall be required to sit for a repeat examination not less than six weeks from the date of release of results of that module of part of the module based third MBBS Examination.
 - ii. A candidate shall be allowed to sit any number of attempts for the module based third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree **provided that the candidate completes the MBBS degree within the within ten calendar years of commencing academic work in the faculty** as an internal student for MBBS degree program.
 - iii. The said 'Theory Component' constitute Multiple Choice Questions and short Essay Questions.
40. Award of Classes (Honours) for the module based third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree:
- i. A candidate who passes all the modules of module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first attempt and obtains an overall cumulative marks of 70% or above and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 65% marks or above in the theory component in all the modules of that examination shall be eligible for **First Class Honours**.
 - ii. A candidate who passes the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall cumulative mark of 65% to 69% at that examination, and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 60% or above in the theory component shall be eligible for **Second Class Upper Division Honours**.
 - iii. A candidate who passes the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an overall cumulative mark of 60% to 64% and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 55% or above in the theory component at that examination shall be eligible for **Second Class Lower Division Honours**.

41. Award of distinctions / medals / prizes / scholarships for the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree:

- i. A candidate who obtains a cumulative of 70% marks or above in separate subjects within the modules, namely, Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, Microbiology, Pathology, Parasitology, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Community Medicine and Primary Care & Family Medicine will be awarded a **distinction** in the respective subject/s, provided that the candidate has passed all the modules in the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt.
- ii. The candidate who obtain the highest mark in a particular subject will receive the **gold medal or Prize** of that particular subject provided that the candidate has obtained minimum of 75% in that subject and the candidate has passed all the modules in the module based Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt. Award shall depend on the availability/sponsorship of prizes/awards for the particular subject.

FINAL EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY DEGREE (FINAL MBBS)

42. The course for the Final Examination for MBBS Degree shall be conducted in five consecutive appointments of eight weeks each duration scheduled during the fifth year. A student shall not be competent to enter the course unless and until he/she has completed all the pre-professorial clinical appointments of the second, third and fourth years to the satisfaction of the trainers, has passed Personal Professional Development stream and not referred in more than one module in module based third MBBS examination.
43. The Final Examination for MBBS degree shall assess the competencies under the five subjects: Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Psychiatry.
44. A candidate shall be eligible to sit for the Final Examination for MBBS if he/she:
- i. Has been registered as a medical student at the university for a period not less than 4 years and 9 months, and
 - ii. Has passed the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree, and
 - iii. Has passed the Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree, and
 - iv. Has completed all the clinical appointments to the satisfaction of the trainer regarding the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the candidate, and
 - v. Has passed the Personal Professional Development (PPD) stream and Professionalism in Clinical Practice (PCP) stream, and
 - vi. Completed to the satisfaction of the Senate the prescribed course of study in each of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics and Psychiatry.
45. The Final Examination for MBBS degree held immediately following the completion of the above requirements shall be deemed to be the candidate's first attempt.
46. Assessment format of Final Examination for MBBS degree shall be:

Table 6: Assessment format of Final Examination for MBBS degree

Subject	Component	Marks
Medicine	Continuous Assessments:	
	Pre-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	Professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End-professorial OSCE	10
	Theory-SEQ Paper	20
	Common MCQ paper (Common to all Sri Lankan Medical Faculties) (30 SBA's, 20 T/F MCQs)	20
	Clinical-Long Cases	20
Clinical-Short Cases	20	
	Total	100

Surgery	Continuous Assessments:	
	Pre-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	10
	End-professorial OSCE	10
	Theory-SEQ Paper	20
	Common MCQ paper (Common to all Sri Lankan Medical Faculties) (30 SBA's, 20 T/F MCQs)	20
	Clinical-Long Cases	20
	Clinical-Short cases	20
Total	100	
Paediatrics	Continuous Assessments:	
	Pre-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End-professorial OSCE	10
	Theory-SEQ Paper	20
	Common MCQ paper (Common to all Sri Lankan Medical Faculties) (30 SBA's, 20 T/F MCQs)	20
	Clinical-Long Cases	20
Clinical-Short cases	20	
Total	100	
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Continuous Assessments:	
	Pre-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End-professorial Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End-professorial OSCE	10
	Theory-SEQ Paper	20
	Common MCQ paper (Common to all Sri Lankan Medical Faculties) (30 SBA's, 20 T/F MCQs)	20
	Clinical-Long Cases-Obstetrics	20
Clinical-Long cases-Gynaecology	20	
Total	100	
Psychiatry	Continuous Assessments:	
	Logbook Assessment Viva	5
	End of module theory (MCQ) paper	5
	Theory-SEQ Paper	25
	Common MCQ paper (Common to all Sri Lankan Medical Faculties) (20 SBA's, 30 T/F MCQs)	25
	Clinical-Long Cases	25
	MOCE (2 stations) with the Final /written examination	15
Total	100	
<i>Case: patient or simulated patient; Long case: 40-minute complete clinical examination; Short case: Brief patient examination; Common MCQ: Multiple choice question paper held for all candidates of all Sri Lankan medical faculties; SEQ: Short essay question; OSCE: Objective structured clinical examination; MOCE, Mini Observed Clinical Examination;</i>		

47. A candidate shall be deemed to have sat the first scheduled Final examination for MBBS degree irrespective of whether it has been attempted or not unless a valid reason* exists.

*valid reasons-see statement 70

48. If a valid reason exists, the Final Examination for MBBS degree immediately following the expiry of the period of postponement accepted and recommended by the Senate shall be considered the candidate's first attempt and the candidate will be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
49. In the absence of a valid reason, failure to sit one or more subjects or a subcomponent thereof of the scheduled Final Examination for MBBS degree will be considered as an unsuccessful attempt at that examination and the candidate has to sit for the next scheduled examination and it will be considered the candidate's second attempt.
50. A candidate who has been referred in one or more subjects at the Final Examination for MBBS degree should pass the referred subject/s within twenty-four months of the first attempt. Failed to do so, the candidate must re-sit the whole examination in the next scheduled attempt.
51. A candidate may be granted permission to postpone a scheduled attempt based on a valid reason. Period of exemption granted will be considered by the Senate based on individual merit.
52. Criteria for **Pass/Referred** for the Final Examination for MBBS degree:
 - i. A candidate shall be considered passed in each clinical subject in the Final Examination for MBBS degree by obtaining a minimum 45% or above in the theory component, and obtaining a minimum of 50% or above in clinical examinations (long case and short case or equivalent) and obtaining an overall average of 50% or above in a particular subject.
 - ii. A candidate shall be considered referred in each clinical subject in the Final Examination for MBBS degree by failing to obtain a minimum 45% or above in the theory component, or failing to obtain a minimum of 50% or above in clinical examinations (long case and short case or equivalent) or failing to obtain an overall average of 50% or above in a particular subject.
53. Award of distinctions/ medals/ prizes for the Final Examination for MBBS degree
 - i. A candidate who obtains an overall average of 70% or above in a subject and 65% or above for the theory component in the relevant subject in the Final Examination for MBBS degree shall be considered to have obtained a **distinction** in that subject provided that he/she is sitting that examination for the first attempt and that he/she passes the whole Final Examination for MBBS degree in that first attempt.
 - ii. The candidate who obtain the highest mark in a particular subject will receive the **prize or gold medal** of that particular subject provided that the candidate has obtained minimum of 70% in written examination and 75% in clinical examination with overall mark of 75% for that subject and has passed the whole examination in the first attempt. The awarding shall depend on the availability of prize/gold medal for the particular subject.

54. **Award of classes** for the Final Examination for MBBS degree:

- i. A candidate who passes the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first attempt and obtains a cumulative overall average of 70% or above in all clinical components at that examination and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 65% or above in the theory component of all five clinical subject, shall be eligible for **First Class Honours**.
- ii. A candidate who passes the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first attempt and obtains a cumulative overall average of 65% to 69% at all clinical components at that examination and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 60% or above in the theory component of all five clinical subject, shall be eligible for **Second Class Honours (Upper Division)**.

Or

55. A candidate who has passed the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an average of 64% at that examination shall be eligible for **Second Class Honours (Upper Division)** provided that he/she has,

- i. obtained Second Class Upper or First-Class Honours in both the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree and Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree in the first attempt

and,

- ii. a cumulative average mark of 65% or above at the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree and Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree

56. A candidate who passes the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains a cumulative overall average of 60% to 64% at all clinical components at that examination and has obtained a cumulative overall average of 55% or above in the theory component of all five clinical subject, shall be eligible for **Second Class Honours (Lower Division)**.

Or

57. A candidate who has passed the Final Examination for MBBS degree at the first scheduled attempt and obtains an average mark of 58% or above at the Final Examination for MBBS degree shall be eligible for **Second Class Honours (Lower Division)** provided that he/she

- i. has obtained Honours in both the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree and the Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree and
- ii. has a cumulative average of 60% or above at the Second MBBS Examination for MBBS degree, and the Third MBBS Examination for MBBS degree.

ABSENCE AT THE SECOND MBBS, THIRD MBBS AND FINAL MBBS EXAMINATIONS FOR MBBS DEGREE.

58. A candidate, upon fulfilling requirements for Second MBBS, Third MBBS and Final MBBS examination for MBBS degree criteria, should sit for the first scheduled examination and pass all components therein.
59. If a candidate is absent for an entire examination:
- i. With a valid reason acceptable to the Faculty Board therein Senate, the candidate would sit the next scheduled examination as the candidate's first attempt and the candidate would be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
 - ii. Without a valid reason acceptable to the Faculty Board therein Senate, the candidate would sit the next examination as the candidate's second or subsequent attempt and the candidate will not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
60. If a candidate is absent for a module /subject (all subcomponents thereof) at the same examination:
- i. With a valid reason, the results of the completed modules/subjects would be withheld until the results of all the module/subjects can be released at the next scheduled attempt.
 - ii. Without a valid reason, the candidate would be considered failed in that module/subject. The candidate should sit the relevant modules or subjects of that examination as the candidate's second or subsequent attempt. The candidate therefore would not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
61. If a candidate is absent only for one or more sub-component/s of a module or subject of an examination due to a valid reason the candidate should select one of the following options:
- i. The candidate will be eligible to sit the sub-component/s of the module/subject of an examination at a subsequent attempt. The results of the module/subject that the candidate sat for would be withheld until the results of all the sub-components can be released. The maximum marks the candidate will be given for that subcomponent at the next scheduled exam will be 50% and the candidate will not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions. However, Faculty Board therein Senate decision will be sort on case by case basis.
 - ii. The candidate could request the whole examination to be considered null and void and sit for all the sub components of a module/subject at the next examination provided that the candidate has passed all the other sub-components of the module/ subject attempted and the Faculty Board therein Senate has approved on a case by case basis. In such instances it would be considered as the candidate's first attempt and the candidate would therefore be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.

62. If a candidate is absent only for one or more sub-component/s of a module or subject of an examination without a valid reason, the candidate carries zero marks for that subcomponent/s and the result will be decided on completed subcomponents.
63. When a candidate is unsuccessful in the first attempt and sits module/s /subject/s of an examination in the second or subsequent attempt,
 - i. Continuous assessment marks will not be taken into consideration.
 - ii. Will not be eligible for Honours or distinction/s.

ABSENCE AT FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS, LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND PRACTICALS AND OTHER SPECIFIED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

64. A candidate shall have **completed** a minimum of 80% of the written and online formative assessments, 80% attendance at lectures, 80% attendance at tutorials and practicals and 80% attendance at the other specified educational activities within each module/subject to be eligible to sit the relevant module /subject of an examination.
65. A candidate who fails to complete 80% of formative assessments or fails to attend 80% of lectures or fails to attend 80% of tutorials/ practicals/ other specified educational activities within each module/ subject should attend extra formative assessments, lectures, tutorials or practicals to complete the 80% where applicable before the candidate is eligible to sit the relevant module/subject of an examination. In the instance where the candidate is unable to attend and complete 80% in each of above teaching learning activities, Head of the Department shall decide on case by case basis in the form of subjecting to assignments where appropriate.
66. Once the candidate completes 80% of above-mentioned teaching learning activities within each module / subject or equivalent thereof to the satisfaction of the respective module coordinator/ Head of the Department therein the Faculty Board, the candidate is eligible to sit the next scheduled relevant module/ subject of the examination.
67. If the candidate's absence cannot be covered before the first scheduled examination the candidate should sit the next scheduled examination.
68. If candidate's absence or failure to complete above mentioned teaching learning activities is covered by a valid reason acceptable to the Faculty Board therein Senate, next scheduled examination will be considered as the candidate's first attempt therefore the candidate would be eligible for Honours and Distinction.
69. If candidate's absence is not covered by a valid reason acceptable to the Faculty Board therein Senate, next scheduled examination will be considered as the candidate's second attempt and the candidate therefore would not be eligible for Honours and Distinctions.
70. Valid Reasons for absenteeism for Examinations, continuous assessments, formative assessments, lectures, tutorials and practicals and other specified educational activities shall be:
 - i. Submission of a government medical certificate covering an illness, to the satisfaction of the Faculty Medical Board therein Faculty Board and Senate to exempt the candidate from the examination.

- ii. Death of immediate family member (parents / brother / sister and if married, spouse/ parents-in-law/ children) up to seven days prior to or during the examination. The death certificate should be submitted for approval of Faculty Board therein Senate.
- iii. Serious illness of a family member (parent / brother / sister and if married, spouse/ Parents-in-law /children) which requires personal attention of the candidate and the submission of documentary evidence satisfactory to the Faculty Medical Board therein Faculty Board and Senate.
- iv. Candidate representing the country/ university in a sports or other event for which a prior approval has been granted by the university.
- v. Natural disaster certified by a Grama Niladari therein Divisional Secretary of the relevant division or equivalent which precludes a candidate from attending the examination.
- vi. Any other reason which is satisfactory to special Faculty Board subcommittee therein Faculty Board and Senate.

FALLBACK OPTIONS FROM MBBS DEGREE COURSE:

71. A student who has been admitted to the MBBS programme, but fails to successfully complete second MBBS examination shall be awarded a **Diploma in Human Biology**, provided that the student has fulfilled the following criteria:
- i. Successful completion of Second MBBS modular examination accounting for more than 30 credits at SLQF level 3.
 - ii. Completed the relevant requirements within a period of not more than 10 consecutive academic years.
72. A student who has been admitted to the MBBS programme, but fails to successfully complete Final MBBS examination shall be awarded a **Bachelor of Health Sciences Degree**, provided that the student has fulfilled the following criteria:
- i. Successful completion of Second MBBS modular and comprehensive examination
 - ii. Successful completion of part I to IV of the modular based Third MBBS examination, accounting for more than 120 credits, thus fulfilling SLQF level 5.
 - iii. Completed the relevant requirements within a period of not more than 10 consecutive academic years.

EXIT OPPORTUNITIES FROM MBBS DEGREE COURSE:

73. A student who has been admitted to the MBBS programme, but desires early exit shall be awarded a **Higher Diploma in Human Biology**, provided that the student has fulfilled the following criteria:
- i. Successful completion of Second MBBS modular and comprehensive examination and obtaining not less than 50% marks at Part 1 of modular based third MBBS examination. (Accounts for more than 60 credits course thereby fulfilling SLQF level 4 requirement)
 - ii. Completed the relevant requirements within a period of not more than five consecutive academic years
74. Awarding of diplomas and degrees as mentioned in above statement 71 to 73 shall be decided as per individual cases by the faculty board therein the Senate and once any of the qualifications named in statements 71 to 73 have been awarded, it cannot be changed, nor can a student revert back to the MBBS degree programme, under any circumstances.
75. The qualifications named in statements 71 to 73 **shall not** be eligible for registration with the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

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