

Minutes of the online Sixth Meeting of the Board of Studies in History held on 26th March 2021

Platform: Zoom

Present:

Swarupa Kamat, Dr. Poncha, Dr. M. Mistry, Prof. Dr Manjiri Kamat, Dr. Jaswandi Wamburkar, Dr. M. Bandhopadhyay, Dr. Kurush Dalal.

Agenda:

1. Welcome from the Chair
2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting
3. To discuss and approve the revised syllabi of SYBA Semester III Papers II and III
4. Anything else with the permission of the Chair.

Minutes

S. Kamat welcomed the Board members and informed that this was the last meeting of this Board. As per UGC regulations; the term for a Board was three years. On behalf of the department, S.Kamat thanked all for their support and valuable suggestions

The minutes were approved after minor editing of the draft.

Following a discussion, the following revisions were made and approved of in the draft of the SYBA papers:

Paper II

1. Module III 'Colonialism' was added
2. Module III title was changed to 'Economic Transformation and Political Expansion'
3. Module V 'Anti-Semitism' was changed to 'Zionist Movement'

Paper III

1. Module II title was changed from 'Arrival of Europeans and the Struggle for Power' to 'European Rivalry for Power in India'
2. Module IV 'Drain Theory' was deleted
3. Module IV 'Trade' was added to 'Agriculture and Industry'

The revised syllabi was approved.

Assessment

For the FYBA, the 75:25 Pattern had been adopted and the same would be continued for the SYBA. S. Kamat stated that it was possible that the 50:50 pattern, introduced due to the pandemic, was likely to be a permanent change. But in case the old pattern was retained, the pattern was explained to the BoS.

1. 75:25 Pattern
2. IA: 20 marks for Two assessments; 5 marks for Class Participation/Attendance

3. Prof. Dr. Kamat pointed out that marks cannot be given for Attendance as it is a University requirement. As this decision had been taken by the management, S. Kamat stated that the suggestion would be forwarded to the Principal.
4. SEE: 9 questions and students to attempt any 5; Questions 1-8 would be essay-type questions with 1 from each module and 3 random; Question 9 would be 5 short-notes and students to attempt any 3

Assessment during the pandemic

In response to a query, the Board was informed that while SEE was MCQ pattern, the IA had incorporated writing of short notes and assignments for TYBA and the same was likely to be done with the FY and SY classes in the coming academic year. There was a discussion on the technical challenges faced by faculty in conducting online exams.

There was a brief interaction on the online seminar being organised by the department viz. “Of Offence and Defence; Weapons and Forts of India”. The Board members were requested to encourage their students to register for it.

The meeting concluded with S. Kamat and Dr. Poncha thanking the BoS members for their support and help in drafting the syllabus. Each BoS member expressed their happiness at being part of the process and appreciated the work done by the Board.



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