

12.6 Comprehensive Examination

1. All students must pass a comprehensive examination designed to test the overall comprehension of the student in the various subjects. A student can appear in the comprehensive examination only after he/she has completed the course requirements and satisfied the minimum specified CPI requirement. The total number of credits to be obtained in order to appear for the comprehensive examination is 32 (The remainder of 16 credits coming from research credits). Additional course credit may be imposed by department to suit their requirements. 2. Students admitted to the Ph.D. programme should complete their course requirements along with the comprehensive examination within a period of four registered semesters from the date of admission to the programme. 3. The comprehensive examination will be either oral or written, or a combination of both as detailed in the guidelines of individual Departments, duly approved by the Senate. 4. The Comprehensive Examination Board will consist of at least three but not more than five faculty members of the student's Department and one faculty member from outside the Department. Constitution of the board will be proposed by the thesis supervisor (DPGC, if supervisor is not yet assigned) and will be forwarded by the DPGC for the approval of the DoAA. The thesis supervisor of the student, if already assigned, will be the convener of the board else convener, DPGC will be the convener of the board. 5. Although no grades are assigned for the comprehensive examination, students are required to pass the same. A student will be considered to have passed the comprehensive examination if all except at the most one member of the board are satisfied with student's performance in the examination. The report of the comprehensive examination must be sent to the DoAA within 8 weeks of the date of approval of the board. 6. When a student has not passed the comprehensive examination in his/her first attempt, a second comprehensive examination will be conducted by the same board that was constituted earlier unless otherwise approved by the Chairperson, Senate on the recommendation of the DPGC and the DoAA. A student will not be allowed to appear in the comprehensive examination more than twice. A student not qualifying the comprehensive exam in two attempts or within four registered semesters will be terminated from the programme.