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NOTICE

Subject: End-Semester Examination Pattern & Essential Instructions – B.A./B.Sc. (Major) and B.Com. (Core), Semesters I & III (NEP), 2026–27

All students of B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Semesters I and III (NEP), Session 2026–27, are hereby informed that the prescribed End-Semester Examination Patterns and Common Examination Instructions are enclosed for their information and strict compliance. ***The examination pattern for Semester III remains the same as in Semesters I and II (2025–26). Semester I students are advised to carefully follow the enclosed instructions, which are the same as those followed in the previous academic session (2025–26)***.

Important Instructions

1. B.A./B.Sc. Major Examinations: The integrated question paper shall comprise two or three parts (Paper I, Paper II and Paper III, wherever applicable), according to the subject group. The detailed Group-wise question patterns, marks, word limits and examination duration are provided in Annexure-A.

2. Separate Answer Booklets for Major Papers: A separate answer booklet shall be provided for each Paper, identified by the colour of its cover page, sticker or stamp, as indicated below.

PAPER I — GREEN **Green cover page / sticker / stamp**	**PAPER II — RED** **Red cover page / sticker / stamp**	**PAPER III — BLUE** **Blue cover page / sticker / stamp (where applicable)**

3. B.Com. Core Paper Examinations: Each Core Paper shall carry 70 marks and shall have an examination duration of 3 hours. A normal (common) answer booklet shall be provided for each Core Paper. The Green/Red/Blue colour-coded booklet system shall not apply to B.Com.

4. No B-Copy: No B-Copy shall be provided, as specified in the Common Examination Instructions.

5. Use of Designated Answer Booklets: Students must write their answers only in the answer booklet designated for the concerned Paper. Answers written in the wrong answer booklet shall not be evaluated.

6. Examination Discipline: Students must follow the instructions printed on the integrated question paper, carry their valid Admit Card and Identity Card, and comply with the examination-hall entry and exit rules specified in Annexure-A. Students must carefully read the enclosed Annexure-A (Common Examination Instructions and Group-wise End-Semester Examination Patterns for B.A./B.Sc. Major Groups A–E and B.Com. Core Papers) before appearing in the examinations.

The prescribed examination patterns and instructions apply to both Semester I and Semester III, as detailed in the enclosed Annexure-A.

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Encl.: Annexure-A (7 pages) — Common Examination Instructions and Group-wise Major/Core Question Paper Patterns.

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ANNEXURE – A

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

B.A./B.Sc. (Major) & B.Com. (Core Papers), Semesters I & III (NEP), Session 2026–27

IMPORTANT NOTE — The **End-Semester Examination Pattern** and the integrated question paper structure for **Semesters I & III** shall remain the same as prescribed by the University.

1. The Major examination of B.A./B.Sc. shall consist of an integrated question paper divided into two or three Papers, depending upon the subject group, namely Paper–I, Paper–II and Paper–III (wherever applicable).

2. For writing answers, separate answer booklets shall be provided to the examinees for each Paper of a Major Subject of B.A./B.Sc. Each answer booklet shall correspond to a specific Paper and shall be identified through a **Green / Red / Blue** Cover Page **OR Sticker or Stamp**, as detailed below.

3. The answer booklets for B.A./B.Sc. Major Examinations shall be identified as follows:

GREEN COVER PAGE / GREEN STICKER / GREEN STAMP	RED COVER PAGE / RED STICKER / RED STAMP	BLUE COVER PAGE / BLUE STICKER / BLUE STAMP
Paper–I	Paper–II	Paper–III (wherever applicable)

4. **B.Com. (Core Papers):** Each Core Paper shall be of **70 marks** and **3 hours'** duration. A normal (common) answer booklet shall be provided for each Core Paper. **The Green/Red/Blue colour pattern shall not apply to B.Com.**

5. Examinees must carefully write answers only in the designated answer booklet meant for the concerned Part/Paper. Answers written in the wrong answer booklet shall not be evaluated.

6. Please note that **no B-copy** shall be provided.

7. Students are required to carefully read and strictly follow all instructions printed on the integrated question paper.

8. Examinees are strictly instructed not to write anything on the question paper except the Roll Number at the designated place. Any violation of this instruction shall be treated as U.F.M.

9. No student shall be permitted to enter the Examination Hall after 30 minutes from the commencement of the examination. Similarly, no student shall be allowed to leave the Examination Hall before 30 minutes prior to the completion of the examination.

10. All examinees are required to carry a valid Admit Card along with a valid Identity Card and present the same for verification during the examination.

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Major Examinations, Session 2026–27

GROUP A

Subjects (Group A): Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics, Zoology, Geology, Environmental Science, Office Management

Question Paper Format (Each Paper)

Paper (Marks)	Type of Question	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)
Paper I (35 Marks)	Short Answer	4	3	3	60 – 80 words
	Medium / Explanatory	3	2	6	150 – 180 words
	Comprehensive / Analytical	2	1	14	250 – 300 words
	Total (Paper I)	**9**	**6**	**35**	—
Paper II (35 Marks)	Short Answer	4	3	3	60 – 80 words
	Medium / Explanatory	3	2	6	150 – 180 words
	Comprehensive / Analytical	2	1	14	250 – 300 words
	Total (Paper II)	**9**	**6**	**35**	—
Paper III (35 Marks)	Short Answer	4	3	3	60 – 80 words
	Medium / Explanatory	3	2	6	150 – 180 words
	Comprehensive / Analytical	2	1	14	250 – 300 words
	Total (Paper III)	**9**	**6**	**35**	—

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **1 hour** for each paper (Paper I, Paper II and Paper III).
- Total actual writing time: **3 hours.**
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours 15 minutes** (3 hours and 15 minutes).

Answer Booklets

- **Paper I** — Answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page / Green Sticker / Green Stamp**
- **Paper II** — Answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page / Red Sticker / Red Stamp**
- **Paper III** — Answer booklet having a **Blue Cover Page / Blue Sticker / Blue Stamp**

Total Marks

105

(3 × 35)

Important Instructions

- The Major examination consists of three papers: **Paper I, Paper II and Paper III.**
- Each paper has 9 questions, out of which 6 are to be attempted, carrying 35 marks per paper (105 marks in total).
- Answer booklets shall be identified by **Green / Red / Blue Cover Page** OR the respective **Sticker OR Stamp**, as indicated above.
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits prescribed for each type of question.

Remark: The above question paper pattern (Group A) applies to both **Semester I** and **Semester III.**

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GROUP B

Subjects (Group B)

English Literature, English Language, Economics, Mathematics, Anthropology (Semester I only)

Question Paper Format (Major)

Paper (Marks)	Type of Question	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)	Total Marks (per Paper)
Paper I (50 Marks)	Short Answer	3	2	5	90 – 110 words	50
	Long / Descriptive	4	2	20	300 – 350 words	
Paper II (50 Marks)	Short Answer	3	2	5	90 – 110 words	50
	Long / Descriptive	4	2	20	300 – 350 words	
Paper III (40 Marks)	Short Answer	3	2	5	90 – 110 words	40
	Long / Descriptive	4	2	15	300 – 350 words	

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **1 hour** for each paper (Paper I, Paper II and Paper III).
- Total actual writing time: **3 hours.**
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours 15 minutes** (3 hours and 15 minutes).

Answer Booklets



Paper I
Answer booklet having a Green Cover Page / Green Sticker / Green Stamp

Paper II
Answer booklet having a Red Cover Page / Red Sticker / Red Stamp

Paper III
Answer booklet having a Blue Cover Page / Blue Sticker / Blue Stamp

Total Marks

140

(50 + 50 + 40)

Important Instructions

- The Major examination consists of three papers: **Paper I, Paper II and Paper III.**
- Each paper must be answered in a **separate answer booklet.**
- Answer booklets shall be identified by **Green / Red / Blue Cover Page** or the respective **Sticker or Stamp**, as indicated above.
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits prescribed for each type of question.

Remark: The above question paper pattern (Group B) applies to both Semester I and Semester III.

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GROUP C

Subjects (Group C): Philosophy, Sociology, Ancient History, Modern History, Medieval History, Hindi, Sanskrit, Education, Political Science, Arabic, Persian, Urdu

Question Paper Format (Major)

Paper (Marks)	Type of Question	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)	Total Marks (per Paper)
Paper I (70 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	6	4	7	80 – 120 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	14	270 – 380 words	
	Total (Paper I)	11	7	—	—	70
Paper II (70 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	6	4	7	80 – 120 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	14	270 – 380 words	
	Total (Paper II)	11	7	—	—	70

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **1 hour 30 minutes** for each paper (Paper I and Paper II).
- Total actual writing time: **3 hours.**
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours 15 minutes** (3 hours and 15 minutes).

Answer Booklets

Paper I
Answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page / Green Sticker / Green Stamp**

Paper II
Answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page / Red Sticker / Red Stamp**

Total Marks

140
(70 + 70)

Important Instructions

- The Major examination consists of two papers: **Paper I and Paper II.**
- Each paper consists of **11** questions in total, out of which **7** are to be attempted.
- The paper has two types of questions: Short Answer and Descriptive/Comprehensive.
- Short Answer: **4 out of 6** (**7 marks each**) in about 80 – 120 words.
- Descriptive/Comprehensive: **3 out of 5** (14 marks each) in about 270 – 380 words.
- Answers to **Paper I** must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page, Green Sticker or Green Stamp.**
- Answers to **Paper II** must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page, Red Sticker or Red Stamp.**
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits prescribed for each type of question.

The above question paper pattern (Group C) applies to both Semester I and Semester III.



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GROUP D

Subjects (Group D)

Defence Studies, Geography, Psychology, Statistics, Computer Applications in Social Sciences, Physical Education, Anthropology (Semester III only)

Question Paper Format (Major)

Paper (Marks)	Type of Question	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)	Total Marks (per Paper)
Paper I (60 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	5	3	6	100 – 120 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	14	300 – 350 words	
	Total (Paper I)	**10**	**6**	—	—	**60**
Paper II (60 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	5	3	6	100 – 120 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	14	300 – 350 words	
	Total (Paper II)	**10**	**6**	—	—	**60**

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **1 hour 30 minutes** for each paper (Paper I and Paper II).
- Total actual writing time: **3 hours.**
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours 15 minutes** (3 hours and 15 minutes).

Answer Booklets

Paper I
Answer booklet having a Green Cover Page / Green Sticker / Green Stamp

Paper II
Answer booklet having a Red Cover Page / Red Sticker / Red Stamp

Total Marks

120
(60 + 60)

Important Instructions

- The Major examination consists of two papers: **Paper I and Paper II.**
- Each paper contains **10** questions, out of which **6** are to be attempted.
- The question paper has two types of questions: Short Answer and Descriptive/Comprehensive.
- Short Answer: **3 out of 5 (6 marks each)** in about 100 – 120 words.
- Descriptive/Comprehensive: **3 out of 5** (14 marks each) in about 300 – 350 words.
- Answers to **Paper** I must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page, Green Sticker or Green Stamp.**
- Answers to **Paper** II must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page, Red Sticker** or **Red Stamp.**
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits prescribed for each type of question.

Remark: The above question paper pattern (Group D) applies to both **Semester I** and **Semester III.**

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GROUP E

Subjects: Vocal, Tabla, Sitar, Painting

Question Paper Format (Major)

Paper (Marks)	Type of Question	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)	Total Marks (per Paper)
Paper I (50 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	6	4	5	80 – 100 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	10	280 – 320 words	
	Total (Paper I)	**11**	**7**	—	—	**50**
Paper II (50 Marks)	Short Answer Questions	6	4	5	80 – 100 words	
	Descriptive / Comprehensive Questions	5	3	10	280 – 320 words	
	Total (Paper II)	**11**	**7**	—	—	**50**

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **1 hour 30 minutes** for each paper (Paper I and Paper II).
- Total actual writing time: **3 hours.**
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours 15 minutes** (3 hours and 15 minutes).

Answer Booklets

Paper I
Answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page / Green Sticker / Green Stamp**

Paper II
Answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page / Red Sticker / Red Stamp**

Total Marks

100
(50 + 50)

Important Instructions

- The Major examination consists of two papers: **Paper I and Paper II.**
- Each paper has **11** questions, out of which **7** are to be attempted, carrying 50 marks per paper.
- Use a separate answer booklet for each paper.
- Answers to **Paper** I must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Green Cover Page, Green Sticker or Green Stamp.**
- Answers to **Paper** II must be written only in the answer booklet having a **Red Cover Page, Red Sticker** or **Red Stamp.**
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits prescribed for each type of question.

Remark: The above question paper pattern (Group E) applies to both **Semester I** and **Semester III.**



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Core Paper Examinations, Session 2026–27

B.Com. (Core Papers)

Subjects — All Core Papers of B.Com. Semester I and Semester III

Core Paper Format (Each Core Paper)

Question Type	Questions Given	Questions to be Attempted	Marks per Question	Word Limit (for each answer)	Total Marks
Short Answer	3	2	7	180–220 words	14
Descriptive / Comprehensive	6	4	14	550–600 words	56
Total per Core Paper	9	6	—	—	70

Examination Duration

- Actual writing time: **3 hours** for each Core Paper.
- Total allotted time, including answer-booklet exchange and related procedures: **3 hours.**

Time allocation: Short Answer ~ 20–25 minutes | Descriptive ~ 35–40 minutes each

Important Instructions

- Each Core Paper consists of **9 questions**, out of which **6 are to be attempted.**
- The question paper has two types of questions: Short Answer and Descriptive/Comprehensive.
- Short Answer: **2 out of 3 (7 marks each)** in about 180–220 words.
- Descriptive/Comprehensive: **4 out of 6** (14 marks each) in about 550–600 words.
- Answers written in the wrong answer booklet will not be evaluated.
- Follow strictly the word limits and time allocation prescribed for each type of question.

Total Marks

70

(per Core Paper)

Remark: The above question paper pattern applies to both B.Com. Semester I and Semester III.