



**TAMIL NADU STATE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER
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**NOTE ON REVALUATION OF ANSWER BOOKS
AND SUPPLY OF PHOTOCOPIES OF ANSWER
BOOKS IN TAMIL NADU UNIVERSITIES**

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Note on Revaluation of Answer Books and Supply of Photocopies of Answer Books in Tamil Nadu Universities

This Council has recommended to the universities in its 30th meeting held on 17.6.2000 that reforms may be introduced in the examination system to ensure transparency and accountability. In the 41st meeting of the Council held on 26.2.2003, again it was resolved as follows: "Resolved to reiterate the earlier recommendation of the Council that revaluation of answer scripts and issuance of photocopies of answer scripts to the students who request for the same may be adopted by all the universities."

As a follow-up, information was collected from universities about revaluation and supply of photocopies of answer books. A copy of the proforma circulated to the universities in this connection is given in Annexure 1.

Replies were received from Madras, Bharathiar, Bharathidasan, Manonmaniam Sundaranar, Periyar, Mother Teresa Women's, Alagappa and Annamalai Universities. Mother Teresa Women's University has replied that it has introduced revaluation and supply of copies of answer papers only in 2003. Alagappa University has informed that from its inception double valuation is done and hence they have not introduced revaluation and provision for supply of copies of answer books. The proformas received from the other universities are enclosed in Annexure 2 to 7.

It is seen from the information furnished by the universities that all of them have introduced revaluation by 2001 except Mother Teresa Women's University which introduced it in 2003. Supply of photocopies of answer books on request was permitted in all these universities by 2001 except in Madras and Mother Teresa Women's Universities; these universities introduced this scheme in 2003.

Statement 1 provides data on revaluation. It is seen from that Statement that in general, only about 4 to 5% of the students request for revaluation. The marks change on revaluation in about 30 to 95% of the revalued cases. However, the number of cases in which marks change on revaluation is only about 0.2% of the

total number of answer scripts, i.e., the reliability of marking in the first instance may be considered as high (99.8%).

Statement 2 provides information on supply of photocopies of answer books. Noting that the percentage of requests made is inversely related to the confidence in the evaluation, the percentages were calculated and included in Statement 2. It is seen from this Statement that the requests for photocopies are made in only about 0.02% of the cases in Bharathiar and Bharathidasan Universities. In Periyar University the number of requests is increasing with the passage of time and is now of the order of 0.8%. In the case of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University it was as high as 6% and it is coming down to about 0.7%.

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University :
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? :
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? :

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov. 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams. | | | | |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | | | | |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | | | | |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | | | | |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | | | | |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | | | | |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | | | | |

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University : UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : 1975
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? : April 2003

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 1,75,997 | 1,20,564 | 1,88,901 | 1,02,706 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 10,86,002 | 7,86,443 | 13,71,952 | 5,68,701 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 4,934 | 4,902 | 5,237 | 5,294 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | 2,037 | --- | 2,935 | --- |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | 812 | --- | 1,167 | --- |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | --- | --- | --- | --- |

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University : BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : 1982 onwards
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? : Nov. 1998 onwards

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 77,049 | 79,980 | 77,406 | 81,902 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 6,03,467 | 5,03,049 | 5,74,074 | 5,14,422 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 3,500 | 3,700 | 4,300 | 4,400 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | --- | --- | 2 | 1 |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | 3,475 | 4,134 | 4,474 | 3,340 |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | 1,088 | 1,114 | 1,216 | 1,049 |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | 136 | 156 | 131 | 89 |

Annexure 4**PROFORMA**

1. Name of the University : BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : April 1988
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? : Nov. 1998 Exam onwards

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 1,02,948 | 1,20,730 | 1,13,575 | 1,13,823 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 6,25,485 | 6,32,020 | 6,51,815 | 5,76,456 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | 5,573 | 5,646 | 7,607 | 7,873 |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | 2,723 | 2,192 | 4,787 | 4,510 |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | 185 | 160 | 236 | 185 |

NOTE: The above data consists of UG COURSES (B.A/B.Sc./B.C.A/B.Com/BBA/ B.E.M/ B.Lit./BFA/B.L/B.E/B.Tech). PG courses (M.A./M.Sc./M.C.A/M.Com./MBA/ MFM/M.Sc. I.T., MBM/M.Tech/ENGG. MCA/SET. ENGG.) & PG Diploma Courses (PGDCA/Diplomas/Certificate Courses)

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University : MANONMANIAM
SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : April 1991
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? : April 1996

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 21,350 | 17,000 | 21,200 | 16,900 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 1,28,100 | 1,02,000 | 1,27,200 | 1,01,400 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 4,206 | 4,038 | 4,332 | 4,203 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | 7,719 | 6,016 | 7,820 | 6,503 |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | 4,477 | 3,309 | 4,457 | 3,837 |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | 7,719 | 6,016 | 7,820 | 681 |

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University : PERIYAR UNIVERSITY
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : November December 2001
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? : November December 2001

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|------------------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 45,894 | 53,917 | 53,454 | 52,113 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 2,29,470 | 2,67,585 | 2,67,470 | 2,60,565 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 4,122 | 4,560 | 5,094 | 4,996 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | --- | 504 | 981 | 2,070 |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | --- | 176 | 332 | Under Processing |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | --- | 205 | 797 | 2,070 |

PROFORMA

1. Name of the University : ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY
2. When was revaluation of answer scripts introduced? : From May 1999 Examination with certain conditions (Details Enclosed)
3. When was supply of Photocopies of answer scripts introduced? :

| Sl. No | Details | April 2001 | Nov. 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 |
|--------|---|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 4. | Approximate total number of students who took the exams | 6,577 | 6,650 | 7,259 | 7,835 |
| 5. | Approximate total number of answer scripts | 36,688 | 35,406 | 37,534 | 40,236 |
| 6. | Approximate total number of question papers set | 1,009 | 946 | 1,027 | 985 |
| 7. | No. of question papers in which serious mistakes were reported. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 8. | Number of requests for revaluation | 40 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 9. | Number of cases where the marks were revised | 38 | Nil | 6 | Nil |
| 10. | Number of requests for photocopies of answer scripts | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

STATEMENT 1
Revaluation in Universities

| Sl.No. | Name of the University | Number of Students/ Number of Answer Scripts | | | | Number of requests for revaluation/ Number of cases where the marks were revised | | | | Remarks |
|--------|--------------------------|---|----------|------------|----------|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | April 2001 | Nov 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 | April 2001 | Nov 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 | |
| 1 | Bharathiar University | 77049 | 79980 | 77406 | 81902 | 3475 +(4.5) | 4134 (5.2) | 4474 (5.8) | 3340 (4.1) | 5% students apply for revaluation |
| | | 603467 | 503049 | 574074 | 514422 | 1088 @(0.2) | 1114 (0.2) | 1216 (0.2) | 1069 (0.2) | Marks change in 0.2% of the cases |
| 2 | Annamalai University | 6577 | 6650 | 7259 | 7835 | 40 (0.6) | Nil (0) | 13 (0.2) | Nil (0) | < 1% students apply for revaluation |
| | | 36688 | 35406 | 37534 | 40236 | 38 (0.1) | Nil (0) | 6 (0.02) | Nil (0) | Marks change in < 0.1% of the cases |
| 3 | Bharathidasan University | 102948 | 120730 | 113574 | 113823 | 5573 (5.4) | 5646 (4.7) | 7607 (6.7) | 7873 (6.9) | ≈7% Students apply for revaluation |
| | | 625485 | 632020 | 651815 | 576456 | 2723 (0.4) | 2192 (0.3) | 4787 (0.7) | 4510 (0.8) | Marks change in ≈0.8% of the cases |
| 4 | Periyar University | 45894 | 53917 | 53454 | 52113 | - | 504 (0.9) | 981 (1.8) | 2070 (4.0) | ≈4% students apply for revaluation |
| | | 229470 | 267585 | 267470 | 260565 | | 176 (0.1) | 332 (0.1) | Under Processing | Marks change in 0.1% of the cases |
| 5 | Alagappa University | 1126 | 1078 | 1276 | 1185 | Double valuation is adopted and hence no revaluation is done. | | | | |
| | | 6756 | 6468 | 7656 | 7110 | | | | | |

+ - Figures in brackets refer to % of students who had applied for revaluation

@ - Figures in brackets refer to % of answer scripts in which marks were changed due to revaluation

Note: 1. In general only about 4 to 5% of the students request for revaluation and Marks change in only about 0.4% of the cases.
2. Number of cases in which there was a change in marks as a % of the number of requests varies from 30 to 95.

STATEMENT 1 (Continued)
Revaluation in Universities

| Sl.No. | Name of the University | Number of Students/ Number of Answer Scripts | | | | Number of requests for revaluation/ Number of cases where the marks were revised | | | | Remarks |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|------------|----------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | April 2001 | Nov 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 | April 2001 | Nov 2001 | April 2002 | Nov 2002 | |
| 6 | University of Madras | 1,75,997 | 1,20,564 | 1,88,901 | 1,02,706 | 2,037 +(1.2) | - | 2,935 (1.6) | - | 1.5% students apply for revaluation |
| | | 10,86,002 | 7,86,443 | 13,71,952 | 5,68,701 | 812 @ (.07) | - | 1,167 (.09) | - | Marks change in <.08% of the cases |
| 7 | Manonmaniam Sundaranar University | 21,350 | 17,000 | 21,200 | 16,900 | 7,719 (36.2) | 6,016 (35.4) | 7,820 (36.9) | 6,503 (38.5) | 37% students apply for revaluation |
| | | 1,28,100 | 1,02,000 | 1,27,200 | 1,01,400 | 4,477 (3.5) | 3,309 (3.2) | 4,457 (3.5) | 3,837 (3.8) | Marks change in 3.5% of the cases |

+ - Figures in brackets refer to % of students who had applied for revaluation

@ - Figures in brackets refer to % of answer scripts in which marks were changed due to revaluation

Note: The number of students requesting for revaluation and the number of cases in which marks change on revaluation are substantially high in the case of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University compared to other universities

Statement – 2
Requests for Photocopies of Answer Books

| S.No | Name of University | Year | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | | April 2001 | | Nov. 2001 | | April 2002 | | Nov. 2002 | |
| | | Number of Answer books | No. of requests | Number of Answer books | No. of requests | Number of Answer books | No. of requests | Number of Answer books | No. of requests |
| 1. | Bharathiar | 603,467 | 136 (0.02) | 503,049 | 156 (0.03) | 574,074 | 131 (0.02) | 514,422 | 89 (0.02) |
| 2. | Bharathidasan | 625,485 | 185 (0.03) | 632,020 | 160 (0.03) | 651,815 | 236 (0.04) | 576,456 | 135 (0.02) |
| 3. | Periyar | 229,470 | - | 267,585 | 205 (0.08) | 267,470 | 797 (0.30) | 260,565 | 2070 (0.79) |
| 4. | Manonmaniam Sundaranar | 128,100 | 7719 (6.03) | 102,000 | 6016 (5.90) | 127,200 | 7820 (6.15) | 101,400 | 681 (0.67) |

- Note :
1. Details were not received from Madurai Kamaraj University and Anna University
 2. Madras University, Alagappa University, Annamalai University and Mother Teresa Women's University do not have provision for supplying Photocopies of Answer Books.
 3. Numbers in brackets are No. of requests/No. of answer books given as a percentage.