

INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE AND OPEN LEARNING GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

This is for general information of all concerned that an anonymous letter was received by this office on 08/04/15 complaining about certain discrepancies and issues regarding the proposed internal assessment test (in lieu of the existing home assignment) to be held from 26/04/15 and the printed SLM supplied to the learners. The main issues raised in the letters are –

1. The syllabus for internal assessment is too large to complete i.e., it is impossible to revise all the four papers in one day before exam (as claimed by the writers).
2. There are certain printing mistakes in the self-learning materials (including diagrams).
3. The language of the self-learning materials is difficult for the learners to understand.

As of now, regarding the first point, IDOL, GU would like to bring into the notice of all concerned that the notice for Internal Assessment was issued on 03/03/15 (i.e., 53 days prior to the date of first exam). In all the papers, the selected units were given as the syllabus for the test. The contents in these units can be easily covered in 53 days. The MCQ based test is a part of flexible continuous evaluation process (evaluation starting from the day of admission till the day of semester-end examination), which has been introduced considering the relative advantage of the learners, and is not designed to be attempted with one day preparation. Moreover, all the students will be allowed more than one attempt (on their wish) for the test and the highest mark will be counted for evaluation.

The issues in the second and the third points have been taken seriously and adequate measures have been initiated to rectify the printing mistakes and for simplification of the language in the next revision of the concerned self-learning materials. IDOL, GU would like to put on record our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the students for their alertness while pointing out the lapses on our part.

Assuring our best service in the days to come.

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