

## **CENTURION UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT, ODISHA**

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - ONLINE EXAMINATIONS

These FAQs regarding online examinations proposed in view of Covid 19 pandemic are provided for students and guardians. Centurion University's first and foremost concern is for its students wellbeing. We would urge you to follow the quarantine/ social distancing norms promoted by Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha. However to ensure that students do not lose out we have been imparting classes through an online platform. We would like to take this to its logical conclusion and conduct online examinations so as not to disturb the academic calendar (thereby disadvantaging students). While providing a number of options, I would still encourage all students to appear in the online examinations.

The examination timetable will be given by the exam cells as previously and will likely start on 20<sup>th</sup> April for Final years and 1<sup>st</sup> May for all other years. Having said this, we are continuously reviewing the situation and if spread of Covid 19 gets any worse in India/ Odisha, we may have to postpone this initiative as well. In the meanwhile, dear students, make sure you take complete advantage of the online classes and the e-material being provided.

We wish you all the very best. Take care and stay safe.

## Q1. Why is Centurion conducting examinations when the government has postponed all examinations?

Ans: There are clear guidelines from UGC to promote online classes during this time. Covid 19 needs social distancing and there is no harm in learning or answering things from home. So, Centurion is not violating any provisions of the government. ALSO, THE UNIVERSITY HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT STUDENTS CAN OPT TO WRITE EXAMINATIONS (EOD) WHEN THE CAMPUS REOPENS. NO ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ONE EXAMINATION ON CAMPUS. SO THERE IS NO COMPULSION TO APPEAR IN THE ONLINE EXAMS. This step has been taken as many final year students wanted the academic year not to be hampered due to the Covid 19 uncertainty. Since Centurion has the capacity to conduct online examinations, the same is extended to the students. So we feel there is no cause for any grievance.

### Q2. What will be the nature of online examinations? Will they require laptops or desktops?

Ans: The exam will be multiple choice questions, matching the words and one word fill in the blanks. The exact pattern will be intimated by the examination cell. It will be an android app and can be answered on a mobile. It can also be accessed on laptops/ desktops. The test is designed to operate even with small bandwidth.

#### Q3. Will the student be given enough practice?

**Ans**: YES. The examination server will be up and running by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Students can do enough number of practice tests every day. Mock tests will be conducted. This will mean students will get adequate practice.

#### Q4. Students do not have books and reading material? How can they prepare for the exams?

**Ans:** Students will be provided with enough E-material. They are already provided E-books. Centurion University already provides E-material through Centurion App. The material can be downloaded. The material will also be hosted on the University web site. Also, the student can opt out if for some reason he or she feels they are not prepared.

#### Q5. Many students do not have sufficient internet bandwidth to write the examinations?

**Ans:** As of now over 90 percent students are taking the online classes. University knows that in some places the bandwidth might be an issue. That is why we are giving an option to write the physical tests once the campus reopens. Students have a choice. So there is no need for any grievance.

#### Q6. Can I schedule the ONLINE examination at my own convenience?

**Ans:** NO, the examination schedule (timing) will be published by the Examination cell. The students are required to follow the same.

#### Q7. Do I need to have a Webcam in my PC/Laptop during the Examination?

Ans: Yes, it is mandatory for PC/Laptop/Mobile Phone being used the examination to have a (front) cam. If it's already inbuilt, then no need to attach it externally. The student needs to further ensure the camera is working.

#### Q8. How to check malpractice during the Examination?

**Ans:** The Online exam platform that University is going to use for the online examination has inbuilt algorithm for face recognition which will check malpractice. Students to please note.

### Q9. Can I see my score immediately after the examination?

**Ans:** No, it will be published by the QA Cell at a later date.

### Q10. Will the results of the online and the written examination come out at the same time?

**Ans:** The results will come out in a staggered manner. Since the online exams will occur first, it is likely that the results will come out first. This is the case under normal circumstances also, exams are held at different times and results declared accordingly, but all in time for the convocation, especially for final year students.

#### Q11. How can I get the link for the ONLINE examination?

**Ans:** The information will be communicated over email by the Examination Cell/IT Administrator.

#### Q12. While appearing the examination, if the link fails (temporarily), can I login again and resume?

**Ans:** Yes, as far as allotted duration of the examination is not completed, you can login and resume from where you had left. Your previously submitted answers will still be there due to the auto save feature of the platform.

## Q13. While appearing the examination, the link failed (permanently), shall I be given another chance to appear?

Ans: No, there won't be any second chance as far as ONLINE examination is concerned. However, you can be considered for registering for the OFFLINE examination, EoD (once without any Registration Fee), after the university reopens. It will be held at the University campus. The registration date will be intimated by the Exam Cell, after the online examination gets over, after monitoring the COVID 19 situation.

## Q14. What if for some reason a student cannot write the exam or he performs badly in the online exam?

**Ans:** The student can write the EoD examination (once without any registration fees) that will be conducted after the University reopens.

## Q15. How can I receive the Admit Card for the ONLINE Examination?

**Ans:** No Admit card is provisioned to be issued for the online examination. The students have to use the **Login id and Password** to enter the portal to appear the examination for the subjects, they have been allowed for.

**NOTE:** The student issued Login id and password will not be able to login into the portal for the particular subjects, where criterion for **minimum attendance** % is not met. Likewise, the login will be accepted for the subjects meeting the attendance threshold. **Attendance will be taken from ERP.** All the online class attendance will be uploaded in ERP.

# Q16. I have pending dues to clear, as I could not pay for not being physically present at the campus due to the ongoing lockdown. Will I be allowed to appear the online examination?

**Ans:** Dues clearance is mandatory in order to accommodate you on the online portal for the examination. You can clear the dues immediately using online digital platforms to the university's account for being considered for the online examination.

#### Q17. Will the EoD examination (on reopening of University) be MCQ based?

**Ans:** No, it will be in the usual pattern as followed in previous semesters. This online exam is one time exception.

# Q18. The lockdown is only declared till April 15<sup>th</sup>. Why can the University not conduct the examinations immediately after that?

**Ans :** We are not sure what will be the situation then. Also the Paralakhemundi facilities are used by the district administration for Covid-hospital. So, the university might have problems in reopening immediately.

Moreover, if the situation drastically deteriorates, the University might even reconsider this plan. The intention is only to give sufficient information to students and hence we will be constantly in touch with students.

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