ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY EXMAINATION BOARD FUTURISTIC PLANS AND POLICIES

To further the cause of education Ziauddin University established the Ziauddin Examination Board as an autonomous and self-regulatory board to achieve its objectives of transparent, fair, inclusive and quality examination system in Sindh.

The board will be responsible for taking examination and also facilitating the teaching learning processes at affiliated schools through the provisions of examination syllabus, test items banks, teaching learning resources (both print and digital) along with professional development of institutional heads and teachers.

The management and administration of large scale testing requires adequate planning, training of test paper setters, administrators and the monitoring team, hence at Ziauddin University Examination Board the governance of examination will be carried out by two separate units.

1) The Administrative Unit

The Examinations shall be administered by professionally qualified paper/assessments administrators, (in large, in camera examination centers with biometric registration system) .

II. Controller Examination ZUEB will ensure that a team of scrutinizers(press , media and external examiners) observe test administration for quality of test administration and to address any malpractices and cheating.

III. In future ZUEB will conduct SSC and HSC examinations at least twice yearly as per the academic sessions.

2) Examination Development and Research Unit.

This unit will be involved in research, examination generation, item analysis, e- marking, item profiling, Q-Banks, reporting of standardized examination for ZUEB affiliated schools

The examinations shall apply procedures for quality examination development including;

Paper Specification,

Scheme of Assessment,

Paper Structure

SLO based items according to Quality Criteria,

Marking Schemes,

Result Analysis and Feedback

All assessment items, questions, tasks shall be developed and reviewed by or under the supervision of content specialists and qualified assessment professionals.

The examination technical team (controllers, secrecy officer, paper setters, moderators, paper administrators, markers) shall be professionally qualified/trained.

e-Marking:

Ziauddin University Examination Board will be moving in 2021 towards an e-Marking system.

The professional marking approach expedites the result preparation, curbs chances of favoritism and leakages.

It is believed that this system of marking has the following benefits

- **E-marking** will improve your results. ...
- **E-marking** will increase assessment speed. ...
- **E-marking** improves quality of **marking**. ...
- **E-marking** brings greater security. ...
- **E-marking** helps ensure equity in **marking**. ...
- **E-marking** helps minimize mistakes. ...
- **E-marking** will increase your capacity. ...
- **E-marking** will build your reputation.

Paper Construction for e- Marking

Examination papers will be developed in two separate sheets.

The CQRs will be printed on the common paper and students will be provided separate answer sheets.

The MCQs will be printed on the bubble sheets.

Test Marking Process

All papers will be marked at the centralized marking center of the Ziauddin University Examination Board that is fully equipped with Personal Computers, LCD and LED along with requisite scanners OMR and OCR and OSM software.

The Controller examiner along with the selected marking team will administer the marking process.

Feedback and Analyses

Once the papers are marked and tabulated the report on students responses will be generated to give feedback to students, teachers and their parents .These reports will be uploaded on the ZUEB Website

In point 1 no 2 how do we plan to involve a third party in conduct of examination who is this the party they might want an elaboration on this.

Response for point 1 no 2

Controller Examination ZUEB will ensure that a scrutiny team (press, media and external examiners) observe test administration for quality of test administration and to address any malpractices and cheating.

Also talk about the concept of Q Bank and auto generated papers as we do in the university. As we plan to go towards this in the board.

Response

Computerized Tests: Principles of good assessment include validity, reliability, flexibility and fairness; thus at Ziauddin University computerized testing is in vogue for different programmes offered by the university. The computerized testing permits more creative interactive possibilities than old paper-and-pencil methods. All types of structured and unstructured questions are used, from multiple choice and fill-in-the-blanks to short answer and essay questions.

Question Banks: Test authors can create, store and manage one or many question banks. These banks are organized into various folders according to any classification desired, such as subject, objectives, level of difficulty, grade or question type. Items may be added to question bank folders by manually typing in questions and answers or by importing from external text or spreadsheet files.

Question banks make it much more difficult to cheat on tests by compiling the question selection from different banks, with random generation allowing instructors to never give the exact questions twice. It is very easy to create a test from question banks and update it as required after being evaluated by peers.

Similar Q-Bank and automated questions practices will be adopted at the Ziauddin University Examination Board.