

National Committee on Examination Systems

Assessment is an integral part of teaching – learning process and defines the credibility of the whole process. In the context of higher education in Pakistan assessment is also influenced by a number of socio cultural and political factors which require due consideration.

In order to address these issues, and to review and suggest recommendations for improvement in examination system National Committee on Examination System has been established at Higher Education Commission. The objectives include;

- a. To Review Current System of Examinations in Pakistan including Principles, Practices and Procedures of examinations.
- b. To suggest standardization mechanism of the evaluation system and scoring according to "International referring" which will lead to quality assurance and ensure Accreditation of our qualifications internationally
- c. To develop a high fidelity examination system which would include a relationship of examination to objectives i.e. develop a table of specifications for examinations, to ensure content coverage and to relate examination to performance of future roles so that universities can enhance the economy of the country.
- d. To develop the criteria for appointment of officers in examination department and their training.
- e. To suggest ways and means for designing and providing assistance in setting up training program/workshops on examination methodology.
- f. To suggest methods of internal evaluation to ensure its use for formative assessment and feedback to all stakeholders.
- g. To help universities develop a manual of their examinations specifying objectives, methodology, resources and also setting up of examination departments with strict rules and provisions for secrecy, paper setting, storage, printing and marking by examiners.

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