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Vice-Chancellors of Universities
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MARKING SCHEME FOR MBBS DEGREE PROGRAMMES

The University Grants Commission, at its 957th meeting held on 19.01.2017, having considered the recommendation made by the Standing Committee on Medical & Dental Sciences on the Credit System for MBBS Degree Programmes, granted approval to implement the following recommendations in the Faculties of Medicine in the University system.


Minimum levels of performance at examinations

- To pass an examination, a student should obtain an overall average of 50% with 45% for the theory component. For the Final MBBS, the requirements previously agreed upon and circulated by the UGC will remain in effect.
- Summative examinations for which classes are awarded should not be more than three.
- The cut-off marks for award of classes should be as follows:
 - Where a credit-based system is in place, the values recommended in UGC Circular No. 901 should be adopted.
 - In all other MBBS programmes, the following thresholds should be adopted, based on marks rounded off to the nearest whole number:

First class	: 70% or more
Second (Upper)	: 65%- 69%
Second (Lower)	: 60- 64%

- All Faculties should award subject-based Distinctions, at least for subjects included in the Final MBBS examination.
 - It is left to individual Faculties to decide on the other subjects (if any) for award of Distinctions.
 - The threshold for award of a Distinction in any subject should be an overall mark of 70%. Any additional conditions for the award of Distinctions may be determined by each Faculty.

Please take action accordingly.


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Chairman

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