

APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STUDENTS

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Title of the Study :

'A Critical Study of the Semester System in
Selected Universities in India'.

Dear friend,

As you know, our country, like other developing countries, is interested in the improvement of her educational system. For this purpose, several new experiments are being tried out. The semester system which you are undergoing is one of such experiment.

Dear friend, I personally, think that since you are directly under the influence of this system, you would be the right person to express your opinions regarding it. Here are a set of questions pertaining to the semester system. There are Yes/No, multiple and single choice statements. You are requested to read each item carefully and check (✓) at the appropriate places. Sometimes you are asked to check (✓) one response and sometimes more than one response. But at few places you are requested to give your opinion in writing. This may take some of your valuable time. Kindly oblige me by sparing nearly thirty minutes. Let me assure you, that your responses will be kept strictly confidential and will be used for research purposes only.

Thank you,

Sincerely Yours

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To

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name of the respondent :
2. University / College :
3. Faculty / Department :
4. Class :
5. What is the system prevalent to your department or Faculty ? (Check one)
 - (i) Traditional annual examination ()
 - (ii) Semester ()
 - (iii) Trimester ()
 - (iv) Any other ()
6. (a) Do you feel that the semester is a suitable system for students ?

Yes ()
 No ()
- (b) If 'Yes' because (Check more than one)
 - (i) it distributes reading throughout the academic session, ()
 - (ii) students are kept upto date with the course, ()
 - (iii) students take interest in learning, ()
 - (iv) of the new courses in each semester students interest continues, ()
 - (v) much weightage is not given on final examination, ()
 - (vi) it gives feedback on performance from time to time, ()
 - (vii) any other, ()

(c) If 'No' to ... 6(a) why do you think so ?

7. (a) Do you feel that due to the fragmentation of courses under semester system, the students are unable to understand the subject or discipline as a whole because

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' because (Check more than one)

(i) the subject is divided into unrelated papers, ()

(ii) much of the subject matter is deleted from the paper on account of more number of subjects, ()

(iii) the subject is taught in a hurry to finish courses, ()

(iv) any other... ()

8. The students prefer the courses under the semester because (Check more than one)

(i) it allows a greater number of choices to the students, ()

(ii) there is provision for repetition of courses, ()

(iii) students can clear their courses at any time, ()

(iv) workload is divided, ()

(v) makes provision to improve their grades/marks through continuous assessment, ()

(vi) any other ()

9. The students do not prefer the courses under the semester system because (Check more than one)

- (i) it keeps them busy throughout the year, ()
- (ii) less time for assimilation of the subject matter, ()
- (iii) lack of guidance in the selection of the course, ()
- (iv) no time for consultation of reference material as the demands of the course is too much, ()
- (v) more of routinised home assignment, ()
- (vi) enough reading material is not available to cope with the syllabus, ()
- (vii) inadequate knowledge of the subject matter of the concerned teachers, ()
- (viii) any other, ()

10. How do you choose your courses of study ?

(Check one)

- (i) by yourself, ()
- (ii) by the help of the teacher, ()
- (iii) compulsory from the institution, ()
- (iv) partly compulsory, ()
- (v) any other, ()

11. (a) Do you feel the necessity of guidance for selection of subjects ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' do you have any advisor in your institution ?

Yes ()

No ()

(c) How do you think that the advisor is helpful ?

Please specify,

12. (a) Do you feel that in the semester system present methods of teaching are satisfactory for students ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' because

(Put a tick mark ✓
under each column)
Always Sometimes Never

(i) teachers use lecture method, () () ()

(ii) team teaching approach is
used, () () ()

(iii) programmed learning is used, () () ()

(iv) discussions are held () () ()

(v) any other, () () ()

(c) If 'No' under 12(a) why do you think the methods are not appropriate ? Please specify.

13. (a) Do you feel that in the semester system present evaluation pattern in your faculty/department is sound ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' because	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>
(i) it is a continuous evaluation,	()	()	()
(ii) it is through grade system,	()	()	()
°(iii) weightage on seminars,	()	()	()
(iv) weightage on fieldworks,	()	()	()
(v) weightage on project works,	()	()	()
(vi) weightage on assignments,	()	()	()
(vii) weightage on quizzes,	()	()	()
(viii) any other	()	()	()

(c) If 'No' in 13(a) why do you feel that the existing evaluation pattern is not sound ? Please specify.

14. (a) Which of the evaluation pattern you prefer most ?
Give priority by assigning 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

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| (i) Grades/marks on assignments, | () |
| (ii) Grades/marks on tests, | () |
| (iii) Grades, marks on Seminars, | () |
| (iv) Grades, marks on Field works, | () |
| (v) Grades, marks on Project works, | () |
| (vi) Grades, marks on Laboratory Practicals, | () |
| (vii) Grades / marks on discussions, | () |
| (viii) Grades / marks on Quizzes, | () |
| (ix) any other, | () |

(b) The reasons for your above preferences are because, these motivate (Check more than one)

(i) to work hard, ()

(ii) to consult more library books, ()

(iii) to be more regular in studies, ()

(iv) to increase objectivity in assessment, ()

(v) any other, ()

15. (a) Is there internal assessment in your evaluation system ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) Give your reactions to the existing internal system in your department / faculty. (Check more than one)

Always Sometimes Never

(i) it ensures a variety of educational techniques, () () ()

(ii) it ensures more regular and uniform work by the teachers, () () ()

(iii) it ensures better assessment of student's performance, () () ()

(iv) it makes teaching more effective, () () ()

(v) it develops students' right attitude towards learning, () () ()

(vi) it discourages the shallow knowledge of the students, () () ()

(vii) Students can develop better methods of study, () () ()

(viii) any other, () () ()

16. (a) In your opinion the internal assessment under the semester system should be (Check one) .

(i) Cent-percent internal, ()

(ii) Fifty internal and fifty external ()

(iii) In any other way... ()

(b) Give reasons for your above choice

17. (a) Do you have also external examinations ? Yes ()
No ()

(b) If 'Yes' are you satisfied with your external examination ? Yes ()
No ()

(c) If 'No' to 'b' give reasons for your dissatisfaction

18. How do your teachers evaluate your answer scripts ?

(Check more than one)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>
(i) Score the paper for marks,	()	()	()
(ii) assign grades,	()	()	()
(iii) correct mistakes,	()	()	()
(iv) offer comments for improvement	()	()	()
(v) discuss the mistakes individually,	()	()	()
(vi) by any other method, (specify)	()	()	()

19. (a) Do you have grade system in your evaluation process ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' how much satisfied do you feel with your present grade system ? (Check one)

(i) Completely satisfied ()

(ii) fairly satisfied, ()

(iii) no comment, ()

(iv) fairly dissatisfied ()

(v) Completely dissatisfied, ()

(c) If 'not satisfied' specify the reasons.

20. (a) Do you have grade point average ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes' how do you get the grade point average ? Please specify.

21. (a) Do you feel that existing grade system in your department / faculty should be improved ?

Yes ()

No ()

(b) If 'Yes', please give atleast two suggestions.

22. (a) Do you feel that due to the introduction of the semester system your study habits have improved ? Yes ()
No ()

(b) If 'Yes', it is in terms of (Check more than one) Yes

- (i) daily assignments, ()
(ii) participation in seminars, ()
(iii) group discussions ()
(iv) Quizes ()
(v) field works, ()
(vi) project works, ()
(vii) laboratory practicals, ()
(viii) any other, ()

23. (a) Have students agitated against the semester system ?
Yes ()
No ()

(b) If 'Yes', Give reasons.

24. (a) Do you think that there is a necessity to improve the existing semester system in any aspect of it ? Yes ()
No ()

(b) If your answer is 'Yes' please give your suggestions to improve the existing pattern.
