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Preamble:

Anchored in India and wedded to core values for academic excellence and integrity, inculcating the human values, ethics and professional etiquettes with teaching and learning process, with sensitivity to social responsibility and strong ethics, the group Unison Group. Founded in 1998, Dehradun Institute of Technology. The Institute gradually turned from an Engineering college to a University, which offers Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctoral programmes in fields like Engineering, Pharmacy, Management and Architecture. Initially, Dehradun Institute of Technology started its first batch in 1998 with CSE, ME and EE branches under affiliation from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut. Then year after year, the number of branches increased with a variety of Post-Graduate and Doctoral programs. In 2012, UGC conferred the Autonomous Status to DIT, and the Govt. of Uttarakhand State Government declared DIT as University vide Act No.10 of 2013 dated 15 February 2013 and is recognized by UGC under section 2(F) of the UGC Act. The university being research centric has to adopt to the international established norms and guidelines on ethics and code of conduct in research publications. The Gazette of India University Grant Commission in its notification dated 23rd July 2018 vide reference no. F. 1-18/2010(CPP-II) has laid down the guidelines to be followed for maintaining the academic integrity and prevention of plagiarism in Institutes of higher education in India.

The world vide visibility and credentials of any institute of higher education is determined by its research publications and technical knowhow generated by its faculty and research student. This imposes restrictions on the institute of higher education to adopt internationally established ethics and code of conduct in research publications. This makes it imperative for adoption of academic honesty, which becomes prerequisite for any research publication, and prohibits adoption research findings published by other organizations, and researchers. This wrongful publishing, stealing and appropriation of research finding of other researchers are governedby the plagiarism policy.

In this context Plagiarism assumes importance from the view point of the entire academic community. Plagiarism violates the element of trust, expectation and honesty, which is a pre-requisite for academic work in an ethical framework. In addition, plagiarism undermines the basic objective of higher education by offering an unwarranted short-cut to the processes of research and inquiry that leads to knowledge, learning and livelihood.

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1. Plagiarism and need for plagiarism Check

Plagiarism refers to wrongful appropriation, publishing and stealing owns genuine idea, thought, expression, and language and represent as its ones own copyright. ***"Plagiarism is the offence of taking undue credit for someone else's work."***

2. Need of plagiarism check

When a researcher submit an assignment, the instructor evaluate/grade you on your performance assuming that the entire assignment was done by you unless you explicitly indicate that some part is not done by you.

It displayed Academic dishonesty if some part(s) of your assignment are someone else's writing/ idea/ art (for example a friend, a solution manual, a website) without explicitly making it clear that these parts owns by someone else's. If, for whatever reason, you have to use some existing work, you can only borrow by explicitly indicate which parts are borrowed. You are allowed to borrow definitions, formulae, figures, one sentence, etc. by
(1) attributing it to the original source
(2) making it that the copied part is not your own (you need to do both).
Many time students are led to academic dishonesty due to their assignment ended with unnecessarily containing a significant amount of copied work. Explain whatever you want in your own words based on your own understanding.

3. Guidelines for Plagiarism check

The following guidelines must be adhered to for submitting the Plagiarism reports generated by Turnitin software at the time of Ph.D. thesis submission:
   i)   AllPh.D thesis undergo a Plagiarism Check by Turnitin software.
   ii)   The check should be limited to following exclusion at the time of performing the Plagiarism check:
         a) Quotes
         b) Bibliography
         c) Phrases
         d) Small matches upto 10 words
         e) Small similarity less than 1%
         f) Mathematical Formula
         g) Name of Institutions, Departments etc.
   iii) Regarding Self Plagiarism or cases where published work of the student is shown as Plagiarism in the check, a certificate (Plagiarism Self Exclusion Certificate, attached) required to be issued by the Supervisoridentify clearly the articles that have been published by the student from thesis work. No other article of the Supervisor or the student should be excluded from the check. This will be for reference of the library which will perform the final check.

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iv) The final Plagiarism check report is essentially required from the library so that the genuine report is submitted at the time of thesis submission.

v) The final certificate of Plagiarism Check called the Plagiarism Verification Certificate should be issued from the Central library, certifying and authenticating the thesis submitted by the student/Department. This certificate has to be submitted to the Exam Branch at the time of submission of the thesis.

4. **Academic Dishonesty Policy and Penalties based on Level of Plagiarism**

The DIT University shall follow the ethics and guidelines defined by the gazette by University Grant Commission vide reference no. **F. 1-18/2010(CPP-II) date 23rd July 2018.** The university will strictly follow the penalties imposed in the submission of fresh thesis and dissertation as outlined in this gazette. : TheUniversity shall impose the penalty in such cases in accordance with the four level of similarities: a) level 0 for similarities less than 10%, level 1 for the similarities in the range of 10% to 40% , level 2 being identified in the range of 40% to 60% and level 3 being identified for similarities identified for more than 60%. In case where the degree / credits has already been awarded and the plagiarism is observed the recommendations of the Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) and approved by the Vice Chancellor will be put in force for the duration of abeyance of the credits and degree earned by researcher. In case of repetition of plagiarism, the researcher will be asked to advise the manuscript of his research finding and one level higher than committed will be imposed. DITU oath to maintain global academic standards in its own education system. Therefore, it does not tolerate any form of academic dishonesty. Almost all violations of academic honesty in course submissions (homework assignments, project reports) are instances of plagiarism are subject to the level of similarities as per ethics and guidelines of international standards and laid down by University Grants Commission.

5. **Composition of Institute and Departmental Integrity Panels**
The Institute Level Academic Panel will have Dean Research and Consultancy/ Pro Vice Chancellor as it chairman, and the other members will be the senior academicians nominated by the vice Chancellor and one member from the other higher Education Institute and one member who is well versed with anti-plagiarism policy being adopted at national and international level. The constitution of departmental level will be same except its chair will not be the same as the chair of the IAIP. The departmental level committee will recommend its findings to the Institute level, which will function according to the guideline of the plagiarism defined by the UGC. The tenure of the Institute level and departmental level committee will be for a period of 3 years and the quorum of the meeting shall be 3 out of 4 members.

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