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Examination of Class X

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1.	The concept of Board being made optional still not clear? Please specify.	Students of Schools affiliated to the Board who wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X (Pre-University, Vocational course, Change of Board etc.) shall be required to take the Board's External Examination at Secondary(Class X) level. The assessment is conducted under two schemes. Scheme I There is no board examination at secondary (Class X) level for students studying in the schools affiliated to the board who do not wish to move out of the CBSE system after class X. Scheme II Students of schools affiliated to the board who wish to move out of the CBSE system after class X (Pre-University, Vocational course, Change of Board etc.) are required to take the board's external examination at secondary (Class X) level.
2.	Will the 'Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance' be same for Upgrading of Performance and main examination in class X?	No, Candidates who appear for Upgrading of Performance are issued only Statement of Subject wise Performance reflecting the grades obtained in the said examination.
3.	<i>Are the grades of classes 9 and 10 combined for CGPA?</i>	No, Grades of classes IX and X are not combined for CGPA. CGPA grade is allotted in class X only, and reflected in 'Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance'.

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4.	What is the cut-off percentage of attendance?	A candidate has to complete the required percentage of attendance (75%) for Class IX, X, XI, XII as the case may be, as per examination Bye laws of the Board to make him/her eligible for the examinations conducted by the Board/ School. Candidate taking up a subject(s) involving practical examination are also required to have put in at least 75% of the total attendance for practical work in the subject in the laboratory. Students participating in Sports at National level organized by recognized Federations/CBSE/SGFI have to complete atleast 60% of attendance in respect of, the Classes held counted from the day of commencing teaching Classes IX/X/XI/XII, as the case may be. Candidates taking up a subject(s) involving practical shall be required to have put in at least 60% of the total attendance for practical work in the subject in the laboratory. The candidates who had failed in the same examination in the preceding year and also who rejoin Classes IX/X/XI/XII shall be required to put in 75% of attendance calculated on the possible attendance from the 1st of the month following the publication of the results of that examination by the School/Board upto the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the examination of the School/Board commences. Students participating in Sports at National level organized by recognized Federations/CBSE/SGFI who had failed in the same examination in the preceding year and rejoin Classes IX/X/XI/XII shall be required to put in 60% of attendance in respect of calculated on the possible attendance from the 1st month following the publication of the results of that examination by the School/Board upto the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the examination of the school/Board commences. In the cases of migration from other institutions, attendance at the institution/School recognized by the Education Department of the State/Union Territory from which the candidate migrates will be taken into account in calculating the required percentage of attendance.

Examination of Class XII

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1.	When can we expect the sample papers for the March 2014 exams for the main subjects?	Modified syllabus and Sample Question Papers for class XII, March 2014 of main subjects are available in circular no. Acad-74/2013 on CBSE website www.cbseacademic.in . Please download them.
2.	How many chances are there for the compartment examination in class XII?	There are three chances of compartment examination in class XII i.e., if a candidate appeared for 2013 examination and placed in compartment then he can appear in <i>July the same year</i> , Second Chance in March/April and Third Chance in July of next year. <i>For candidates who have appeared in 2012 or earlier shall continue to avail five chances of compartment.</i>
3.	What is the pass criteria for Class XII?	A candidate has to pass five subjects as per Scheme of Studies to be declared Pass.
4.	How does a candidate apply for verification of marks in class XII?	1. Verification of marks/grades- is permitted as under: • For urgent verification the fee is Rs. 300/- per subject and application received online within five days from the date of declaration of result. • Fee of Rs. 200/- per subject for application received either off-line or on-line within 21 days of the date of declaration of results. 2. A candidate may apply for verification of marks within 15 days of the declaration of the result of the compartment examination held in July to the respective Regional Office of the Board. 3. The students appearing for Summative Assessment 2 under Scheme 1 apply for verification of Grades in their respective schools for the Main or the Improvement of Performance Examinations. .

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5.	When a candidate drops one year, what is the syllabus applicable for the following examinations?	The candidate has to study the syllabus prescribed for the year in which he/she plans to appear for the examination.
6.	Can a candidate appear in two or more subjects in compartment examination in class XII?	<i>No, since compartment examination in class XII is a single day examination so a candidate can appear only in one subject.</i>
7.	What is the procedure for appearing in additional subjects?	<i>As per Rule No. 43 of the Examination Bye-Laws of the Board an additional subject can be offered within 6 years of passing the examination of the Board provided the additional subject is prescribed in the Scheme of Studies. No exemption from time limit is given after six years. This facility is available at the annual examination only.</i>
8.	Can a candidate simultaneously appear for Improvement as well as Additional subject examination?	No, a candidate appearing for Improvement of Performance in one or more subjects cannot appear for additional subject simultaneously.
9.	Is a candidate eligible to improve his / her performance?	<i>Yes, a candidate who has passed Class XII examination of the Board may re-appear for improvement of performance in one or more subjects in the main examination in the succeeding year only. The candidate may appear privately; those re-appearing for the entire examination can also appear as regular candidate if admitted by the school. The candidate(s) appearing for improvement of performance can appear in the subject(s) in which they have appeared for the Examination. However a candidate who has passed under vocational scheme may reappear in the succeeding year or the following year.</i>

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10.	Will the mark sheet be same for Improvement of Performance and main examination in class XII?	No, candidates appearing for the Improvement of Performance will be issued only Statement of Marks, reflecting marks obtained in the improvement examination.
11.	Is it mandatory to pass in Theory and Practical Examinations separately at class XII?	<i>Yes, candidates have to obtain 33% marks in each subject to qualify the subject.. In a subject involving practical work, a candidate must obtain 33% marks in the theory and 33% marks in the practical separately in addition to 33% marks in aggregate, in order to qualify in that subject.</i>
12.	Is studying the NCERT textbook enough to score well? Are there any other reference books one can use, to solve additional practice problems?	Textbooks published by NCERT are the only textbooks prescribed for classes IX & X and only text books recommended by NCERT for classes XI & XII by the Board, and these are sufficient. However, in order to have understanding of concepts covered under different sub-topics, if needed, one may refer to some other standard textbooks.
13.	Does CBSE have any exemption for the differently abled candidates?	Yes, the CBSE provides relaxation for children with various disabilities like Visually Impaired, Physically Challenged, Autistic, Dyslexic, Spastic and other categories defined in the PWD Act, 1995 with regard to both Secondary School Examination and Senior School Certificate Examination. These relaxations are mentioned in the Circular No. 25 /2012 dated 12.04.2012.
14.	Is it compulsory to appear in theory and practical in the improvement examination?	In case the candidate has passed in practical at the main examination, he/she is allowed to appear in the theory part only and marks in practical obtained at the main examination are carried forward and accounted for. In case a candidate has failed in practical he/she shall have to appear in theory and practical both irrespective of the fact that he/she has already cleared the theory examination.
15.	What are the guidelines for Project Work in History for classes XI and XII?	There will be Project Work of 20 marks in both the classes XI and XII w.e.f. the academic session 2013-2014. Schools are directed to arrange 10 periods assigned to the Project work throughout the “1 st term” to guide the students for drafting, reviewing, and finalization of the report.

Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)

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1.	If a student is absent either in SA-I/SA-II or in both but he gets 33% marks from FAs, then what will be the result?	Mandatory appearance in both the summative Assessments and obtaining atleast 25% marks i.e. 15 marks out of 60 for both the SAs taken together and total 33% in each of the five subjects of scholastic area, as per the present practiced, for Class IX w.e.f. 2013-2014 and Class X 2014-2015.
2.	How many times a candidate can appear in EIOP in class X?	A candidate who would appear for the Secondary School Examination in 2014 and obtains Grades E1 or E2 in any or all the five would be eligible for improving his/her performance in any or all the five subjects and may reappear at the only chance of Improvement of Performance in July 2014. Candidates who have appear in 2012 or earlier shall get upto 5 chances.
3.	If any student fails in SA-I, can the student can appear again in re-examination(SA-I)?	If a student does not appear for SA-I on medical ground, one more chance may be given by the school upto 31 st October.
4.	Please specify if a child gets E2 in one subject, E1 in another subject then his grades will be upgraded or not?	As per the circular no. 09/12 dated January 19th, 2012 no upscaling is done if the Grade obtained in the subject is E2 or A1 i.e., E1 be upscale to D, D to C2, C2 to C1, C1 to B2, B2 to B1, B1 to A2 and A2 to A1. For adequate details please refer to the above mentioned circular which is available at CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in >Circulars>2012.
5.	My child got 23,5 and 25 marks in FAI but has been graded A2. Can you please help me understand this, as school says this is the calculation under CCE system?	Rounding is done at FA and SA level separately. To qualify in a subject, a candidate must obtain minimum of Grade D. The grade is calculated on the basis of overall performance in all the assessments (4 FAs & 2 SAs) as per the following weightage: Term I: FA1 (10%) + FA2 (10%) + SA1(30%) = 50% Term II: FA3 (10%) + FA4 (10%) + SA2(30%) = 50%

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7.	Has the Board fixed any age criteria to appear in class X examination?	No, the Board has not fixed any age criteria to appear in 10 th class examination. However, <i>at the time of admission the student should satisfy the requirements of age limits (minimum & maximum) as determined by the State/U.T. Government and applicable to the place where the School is located.</i>
8.	What is the Scheme 1 and Scheme 2 to appear in SA-II in class X?	Students who wish to continue to study in XI standard in the same school or any other CBSE affiliated schools shall appear in SA-II conducted by the school whereas students who want to change the Board after class X then they shall appear for the SA II conducted by the Board as per the CCE Scheme.
9.	What is the procedure to be followed if a student is absent for a long time on medical grounds and could not attend SA- I?	In case of non- appearance in SAs on ground of illness, one more chance to appear in SA-1 may be given upto 31st October in class IX(Circular dated 08.08.2013).
10.	If my ward opts Scheme 1 (School Based Assessment) then will he get admission in class XI in another Board.	Yes, as the uniform ' Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance ' prepared, printed and signed by the Board at the end of Class X is issued by the CBSE to all candidates appearing in class X, there should not be any problem for your ward in getting admission in Class XI, as there is equivalence between Class X of different Boards.
11.	Would school show the answer sheet of classes IX and X to the students?	Schools are advised to show the answer sheet of SA I & II of class IX and SA I of class X to the students for their benefit and satisfaction. However, they may take it back for maintaining a record as per directions of the Board in this regard.

Curriculum/Syllabus

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1	Secondary School Curriculum 2015 and Senior School Curriculum 2015 are not available in the website.	The Secondary School Curriculum 2015 and Senior School Curriculum 2015 are available on CBSE website www.cbseacademic.in Publications. Please view the website mentioned above.
2.	I want to ask about the value-based questions of class 10. My query is that how many value-based questions with how much marks will be there in the examination of class 10 SA 2 – 2013-14?	Value' based questions have been added to the extent of only 3 to 5 marks in major subjects given in Circular No: Acad-46/2012 dated 11-08- 2012. Please view the above mentioned website.
3.	Has the syllabus for classes IX and X (as per CCE), session/year-wise been uploaded?	Yes, the syllabus in each subject for Classes IX and X has been distributed term wise which is available on the CBSE website www.cbseacademic.nic.in Publications Secondary School Curriculum.
4.	Is practical subjects allowed to the Private candidate in class XII?	No, Private candidates are not be allowed to offer such subjects for the examination which involve practical work except in the case of candidates who had failed earlier and who had put in a regular course of study at an institution affiliated to the Board in the previous academic year. However notwithstanding this condition, female candidates under Delhi Scheme may offer Home Science with practical
5.	Does the CBSE provide relaxation for children with various disabilities?	Yes, the CBSE provides relaxation for children with various disabilities like Visually Impaired, Physically Challenged, Autistic, Dyslexic, Spastic and other categories defined in the PWD Act, 1995 with regard to both Secondary School Examination and Senior School Certificate Examination. Relaxations regarding the syllabus and paper setting are mentioned in the Circular No. 25 /2012 dated 12.04.2012.

Open Text Based Assessment (OTBA)

S. No.	Query	Reply
1.	Why has OTBA been introduced in only three subjects of Class XI; Why not in all subjects?	<i>It has been decided to introduce OTBA in Class XI in only three subjects. Based on the feedback from teachers and students, the decision to extend it to more subjects will be taken.</i>
2.	The Board has been placing more importance on assessment of higher order thinking skills. Is recalling and remembering not important for students?	<i>The importance of recalling and remembering cannot be denied in the teaching learning process. Based on knowledge of facts, figures, events, etc., that the learner is able to further process it, derive meaningful information and apply to new situations for further enrichment and extension of his learning. Hence it is very important that knowledge of facts and events should be very integral to the teaching learning process and should be used as a base to acquire more indepth information and skills.</i>
3.	Are students allowed to carry the Open text material with them to the examination Centre? Whether questions will be based on the same text material supplied to the schools?	<i>As specified in the Circular No. 53, the question paper in each main subject will have a separate section of 10 marks for open-text-based assessment (OTBA). The OTBA section will comprise of text material accompanied by 2-3 questions based on that text. Hence, there is no need of carrying the Open Text material to the Examination Centre.</i>
4.	Will the questions in examination be based on the open text material supplied to students?	<i>The questions under OTBA Section will not be directly based on the text material supplied. Rather it will test the students' ability to apply the learnt concepts to given situation. The students will be tested on their ability to comprehend, analyze and interpret, the given situation, offer suggestions and opinions on the given issues based on their knowledge of concepts.</i>

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5.	The sample questions on OTBA uploaded by the board for classes IX & XI is final or the board will again supply questions for annual examination?	<i>The Questions given along with the Open Text Material in different subjects are only as Samples. The teachers are expected to use them as base and develop more such open ended questions for use by students. The Examination Questions will be different from the ones given as Samples.</i>
6.	The board has announced that there will be OTBA on all main subjects in class IX, but questions on Sanskrit is not there. So whether OTBA will be only on Hindi or the board will supply the same for Sanskrit also?	<i>The OTBA has been introduced at present in the five main subjects of Secondary level, i.e., Hindi, English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science.</i>
7.	How should teachers take up open text material in class room situation.	<i>The teachers should read, discuss and analyze them with respect to:</i> <i>• Their objectives.</i> <i>• Concepts involved</i> <i>• Application of concepts to situation</i> <i>• Description and further explanation of the Case/problem</i> <i>• Higher Order thinking skills involved.</i> <i>• Analysis with different perspectives.</i> <i>They should then assign them to students in groups for further analysis and discussions.</i>
8.	How questions for the OTBA section will be supplied by the CBSE and when?	The questions for the OTBA section will be supplied by the CBSE through Integrated Test Management System (ITMS) in the months of February/March 2014.
9.	Please mention the mark allotment for Geography, Biology and Economics to be conducted for the annual exam 2014.	With the inclusion of OTBA section of 10 marks the weightings of marks assigned to various units of the Geography, Biology and Economics Syllabus will proportionately reduce as shown in Circular No. Acad-78/2013 .

Assessment of Speaking and Learning (ASL)

S. No.	Query	Reply
1.	What are Speaking Skills and what is its importance?	Communication is a two-way process. Good listening skills are part of good communication; you need to understand what the other person is saying to you as well as to say what you want. Communication often includes non-verbal clues such as tone of voice, facial expression, gestures, and body posture. Good communication includes being observant and focusing on the other person.
2.	When will testing of speaking and listening skills be conducted?	It has to be a continuous process as a classroom activity. But these skills will be tested both in SA-I and SA-II
3.	Will there be any separate timetable and specific syllabus ASL?	No it has to be done as part of scholastic transaction.
4.	(a) Will ASL be a part of SA-I and SA-II ? (b) What is the marks distribution?	(a) Yes ASL is a part of SA-I and SA-II (b) Students will be assessed in ASL for 10 marks.
5.	How can the students of class IX improve their testing of speaking and listening skills?	By continuous practice in and outside the classrooms.
6.	How to improve listening comprehension?	Students can practice with suitable passages and worksheets focused at various objectives of listening
7.	How to use sound recorders for speaking and listening skills?	The sound recorders come with instruction manuals. Kindly refer to them before starting using one.
8.	What would be the test formats of classes IX and XI?	Please see the CBSE Circular No. Academic-27 uploaded on the CBSE Academic Website dated 29 th April 2013.

Proficiency Test

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1.	When will the Proficiency Test be conducted?	The Proficiency test will be conducted in the month of April, 2014 as per the following schedule: <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Day</th><th>Date</th><th>Subject</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Monday</td><td>14th April, 2014</td><td>English</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td><td>15th April, 2014</td><td>Mathematics</td></tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td><td>16th April, 2014</td><td>Science</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td><td>17th April, 2014</td><td>Social Science</td></tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td><td>18th April, 2014</td><td>Hindi</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Day	Date	Subject	Monday	14th April, 2014	English	Tuesday	15th April, 2014	Mathematics	Wednesday	16th April, 2014	Science	Thursday	17th April, 2014	Social Science	Friday	18th April, 2014	Hindi
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2.	What is Proficiency Test?	A proficiency Test measures an individual's abilities and skills in a domain or subject to know how well he/she has learned, understood and internalized the related concepts and principles. It assess a student's skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking or vocabulary. Similarly Proficiency Test mainly focuses on assessing students' abilities and skills to apply knowledge and understanding of any subject to new and unfamiliar everyday life situations.																		
3.	How to register or apply for CBSE Proficiency Test?	The willing schools will be required to submit the related information to the Board in advance through online filling up of the registration form made available on CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in The print out of filled in online registration form (Hard copy) duly signed and attested by the Principal may be submitted to the respective Regional office of the Board.																		
4.	Who is eligible to appear in this Test?	Any student studying in Secondary or Senior secondary school affiliated to CBSE and has appeared in Class-X final examination (School conducted or Board conducted) is eligible for this test.																		
5.	IS Proficiency Test optional or compulsory?	Proficiency test is optional in nature. Only those students who wish to take this test willingly may appear.																		

Problem Solving Assessment (PSA)

S. No.	Query	Reply
1.	When will 'Problem Solving Assessment' for classes IX and XI be conducted?	The Examination has been held on 18 th January 2014 (Saturday) from 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon in all schools except the schools falling in Winter Bound areas. For these schools it has been held on 19th October, 2013 (Saturday)
2.	When will the students of class IX improve their PSA score?	The students will have the option to improve their PSA Score in class X, as they can sit for the test with class IX students of the session 2014-2015. The best scores will be reflected in the final certificate in case of those applying for improvement.
3.	I am the student of class IX, is there negative mark on PSA test & the question will come from CBSE book or not.	1.No, there is no negative marking. 2. There is no specific syllabus for 'Problem Solving Assessment' (CBSE-PSA). The question paper will be designed to assess the following areas:- •Quantitative Reasoning •Qualitative Reasoning •Language Conventions
4.	Will 'Problem Solving Assessment' be a part of FA4?	Yes, the 'Problem Solving Assessment' is being counted towards FA-4 which is 10% of total assessments of Class IX. This assessment will also be carried forward towards the FA-4 in Class X. This score is reflected in one Language (English or Hindi), Mathematics, Science and Social Science w.e.f. the session 2012-2013 for Class IX and 2013 – 14 for Class X. The same score will be reflected in FA-4 for classes IX and X.
5.	If Social studies were not there in the PSA paper, how the marks have been given in social studies? Why the same marks have been given in all the subjects even if performance in subjects is different?	PSA is not subject-based . It is related to skills learnt through learning of different subjects. Most of the qualitative reasoning based questions can be answered on the basis of skills learnt in Social Sciences. Marks in language convention, qualitative reasoning and quantitative reasons have been reflected in English/Hindi, Social Science and Mathematics /Science (same) respectively.