

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION DELHI

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Press Note

Pre- Examination Highlights-2015

Date of Examination Class XII	02.03.2015 to 20.04.2015
Date of Examination Class X	02.03.2015 to 26.03.2015 (Scheme II)/(Board Based)
	10 th March onwards (Scheme I)/(School Based)

No. of Registered Candidates:

Examination	Category	2014	2015	%
				Increase
Secondary School	Boys	793940	817941	3.02%
Examination Class X	Girls	535030	555912	3.90%
	Total	1328970	1373853	3.37%
Sr. School Certificate	Boys	603064	607383	0.71%
Examination Class XII	Girls	426810	432985	1.44%
	Total	1029874	1040368	1.01%

Total No. of candidates under special categories (All Regions)

		2014	2015
Class X	Visually Impaired	452	391
	Dyslexics	788	988
	Hearing and speech Impaired	232	225
	Physically Handicapped	1527	904
	Spastics	161	118
	Autistic	20	29
	Total Candidates	3180	2655

Class XII	Visually Impaired	388	363
	Dyslexics	452	504
	Hearing and speech Impaired	167	139
	Physically Handicapped	1308	930
	Spastics	128	112
	Autistic	10	18
	Total Candidates	2453	2066

Total No. of Schools and Centres

		2014	2015
Class X	No. of Schools	12871	14047
	No. of Centres	3253	3537
Class XII	No. of Schools	8602	9407
	No. of Centres	3039	3164

No. of Registered Candidates in Delhi:

Local

	2014	2015
Class X	300543	258733
Class XII	291414	266264

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Class X	201066	156532
Class XII	186722	158767

Foreign

Class X	19202	20522
Class XII	12210	13554

No. of Examination centres in Delhi:

Local 2014 2015

X	605	606
XII	605	606

Foreign

X	61	70
XII	58	64

No. of centres for Visually Impaired Candidates

X	8	8
XII	8	8

No. of candidates in special categories in Delhi Region

Local

		2014	2015
Class X	Visually Impaired	370	329
	Dyslexics	221	296
	Hearing and speech Impaired	139	144
	Physically Handicapped	477	297
	Spastics	36	17
	Autistic	5	10
	Total Candidates	1248	1093
Class XII	Visually Impaired	319	311
	Dyslexics	129	130
	Hearing and speech Impaired	121	94
	Physically Handicapped	547	427
	Spastics	59	22
	Autistic	6	2
	Total Candidates	1181	986

Foreign

		2014	2015
Class X	Visually Impaired	1	0
	Dyslexics	10	33
	Hearing and speech Impaired	2	2
	Physically Handicapped	10	7
	Spastics	1	2
	Autistic	0	0
	Total Candidates	24	44
Class XII	Visually Impaired	2	3
	Dyslexics	14	16
	Hearing and speech Impaired	4	1
	Physically Handicapped	5	7
	Spastics	1	3
	Autistic	0	2
	Total Candidates	26	32

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2015 EXAMINATIONS

- ➤ Online Admit Cards for regular students have been made available for students appearing in 2015 examinations.
- ➤ **Value Based Questions** in all major subjects for classes X and XII up to 3-5 marks will be included. The questions will be based on content and analysed on the basis of the values they reflect.

Value based Sample Question Papers (SQP)

- ➤ Sample Questions based on values in the subject English (Elective), English (Core), English (Functional), Hindi (Elective), Hindi (Core), Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Accountancy, History, Geography, Business Studies, Entrepreneurship and Economics for Board Examination for Class XII, March 2015 are available on the CBSE website.
- Sample questions including questions based on values in the subject Hindi (A), Hindi (B), English (Communicative), English (Language and Literature), Mathematics, Science, Social Sciences for Summative Assessment-II March 2015 Class X are available on the CBSE website.

Class X

- > The Scheme of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE):
 - I Scheme 1- there shall be 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.

Every School, Sahodaya Cluster or City may design its own date sheet for classes IX and X School Based Examination accordingly.

SA-II to be conducted by the school:-

- a) Online Question Papers will be sent from 03rd March 2015.
- b) Examination will be conducted from 10th March onwards.
- c) Online Marking Scheme will be made available from 17th March 2015.
- **Scheme 2** is applicable to those students from affiliated schools who wish to move out of the CBSE system after Class X (Pre-University, Vocational course, Change of Board etc). Such students are required to take the Board's External Examination at Secondary (Class X) level.
 - Question papers and Marking Scheme will be prepared by the CBSE and evaluation will be carried out by the Board through External Examiners.

- ➤ For Scheme-II, examination would commence from 2nd March, 2015 and would conclude on 26th March, 2015.
- ➤ The Final term II Examination will be based on Term-II syllabus only. The question papers for Class X would be as per design. Content coverage for both types of question papers (Board/School Based) would be the same.
- For Classes IX and X (Scheme 1) for Summative Assessment-II question paper will be sent online through **Integrated Test Management System** (**ITMS**). Each school has to register school name with a user name and password and complete registration through CBSE website.
- ➤ A uniform certificate will be issued to all the candidates by the Board, whether appearing under Scheme-II (Board based) or Scheme-I (School Based) Summative Assessment-II.
- Schools have been asked to upload total assessment of Class–IX Formative & Summative and Class-X Formative & Summative for which the downloadable software has been provided by the board.
- **Problem Solving Assessment** was conducted on 20th November, 2014 for classes IX & XI by the Board with the objectives of assessing students' abilities to analyse given life situations, to comprehend and interpret written text and other essential higher order thinking skills.

> Open Text-Based Assessment

The Board conducts Open Text-based Assessment for classes IX and XI, to incorporate analytical and theoretical skills.

- i) Open Text based Assessment (OTBA) for Class IX (SA-II) is conducted in all the main subjects Hindi, English, Mathematics Science, Social Science.
- ii) For Class XI it is held in Economics, Biology and Geography (annual exams)
- ➤ The schools have been supplied with open text material before the commencement of class IX Summative Assessment II and class XI annual exams.
- > Textual material is in the form of articles / a case study, / a story, /problem/situation based on the concepts taught in the unit assigned in the curriculum for the OTBA question to the students during second term (class IX) and during the session (Class XI).
- A total weightage of 10 marks has been assigned in all the main subjects (Class IX) and Economics, Biology, Geography in Class XI and may also include Value Based Ouestions.

> Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills (ASL)

Weightage of 20% in Formative and Summative Assessments is assigned for the Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills. The Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills is done at the term-end examination in Summative Assessment-I and II. Schools have been asked to conduct ASL as per the guidelines provided by the CBSE. However, assessment of these skills may also be done under the formative activities spread over two terms.

> Ist Phase CBSE Tele- Counselling from 2nd February to 20th April 2015

Tele counselling is offered by trained counselors and Principals from within CBSE affiliated schools located in and outside India. It is a voluntary, free of cost service provided by the participants.

This year **74** Principals, trained counsellors from CBSE affiliated government and private schools and few psychologists are participate in Tele-Counselling and address exam related psychological problems of the students. **62** of them are available in India while **12** are located in Nepal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Al Khobar, Sultnate of Oman, Jeddah), UAE (Sharjah, Ras Al Khaimah) and Kuwait. The details are as mentioned hereunder:

1. Centralized Toll Free Access in India

Students can dial a toll free number 1800 11 8004 from any part of the country which will give centralized access to CBSE helpline. While the general queries will be answered by the operators, students will be connected to the principals or counselors in case of exam related anxiety or stress.

Counselling for Specially Able Children

For the sixth year CBSE has arranged to provide counselling to **specially able children** to take care of the needs and anxiety of special children.

2. QUESTION-ANSWER COLUMNS

CBSE experts answered queries of students through weekly question answer columns published in national newspapers like The Hindustan Times (HT Horizon-Education), The Hindu, Malyalam Manorama and Amar Ujala during the month of February.

3. ON-LINE COUNSELLING

For On-line counselling <u>directoracad.cbse@nic.in</u> and counselling.cecbse@gmail.com can also be contacted.

4. CBSE WEBSITE

Information related to examinations and techniques to cope with exam related anxiety is also provided at the CBSE website **www.cbse.nic.in** through micro link-**Helpline.**

> Preparations for smooth conduct of examinations

- (i) The centre material has been dispatched to all the examination centers.
- (ii) The sealed question paper packets will be opened in the presence of at least four Asstt. Superintendents-one of them would be from the school other than the examination centre as a witness.
- (iii) Admit cards have been downloaded by all Schools.
- (iv) Appointment of full time observers at sensitive centres in Delhi and outside has been completed.
- (v) The Board has also finalized the arrangement with the State machinery, local police to ensure trouble free examinations throughout the country.
- (vi) Center Supdt.(s) have been asked to approach the local police authorities for ensuring that adequate police force is made available at the place of custody of the question papers and the examination centre. The State law enforcing agencies have also been requested to provide adequate police force at the place of custody of question papers and the examination centres.
- (vii) Scanned photographs of Private candidates have been provided on admission cards to avoid impersonation or any other possible use of unfair means.
- (viii) CBSE has a 3 tier arrangement for surprise checking:
 - a) CBSE flying squads
 - b) Flying squads from Directorate of Education, Delhi
 - c) Special observers from outside.
- (ix) Observers to oversee the conduct of practical examination for class XII have been appointed this year also.
- (x) <u>Chief Nodal Practical Supervisors</u> have been appointed this year also to monitor the proper conduct of practical examinations for class XII.
- (xi) <u>District level committees</u> were constituted to suggest schools with adequate infrastructure for fixing up of examination centres. This will facilitate smooth conduct of examinations outside Delhi.

For private candidates appearing from Delhi Region

Intimation letters to all the private candidates appearing for class X & XII examination 2015 have been sent. Private candidates may collect admit card from the examination centre mentioned in their intimation letter. In case intimation letter is not received, it may be printed from CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in and admit card may be collected on production of the same at the examination centre.

- **Observation Schedules**: To give fair deal to the question papers and redress genuine grievances of the students, observation schedules have been sent to all the schools to record and forward their suggestions within 24 hours of the conduct of examination of concerned subject conducted by the Board so that these can be considered by the expert group while preparing the marking schemes.
- Mandatory evaluation: Teachers selected for evaluation work have to report on the appointed date and time failing which a mention will be made in their annual records. Non-release of teachers by any school may lead to withholding the result of the defaulting institution. The

Board may also consider and initiate disaffiliation proceedings. However, those extending willing and effective cooperation will also find a mention in their personal records.

- Exemptions given to Spastic, Visually Impaired candidates, Physically Handicapped, Autistic, Dyslexic and candidates with disabilities as defined in the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995:-
 - 1. Exemption from studying third language up to middle school level (i.e. Class VIII);
 - 2. At Secondary School level a candidate has an option to opt for one language and any four of the following electives.

Mathematics, Science, Social Science, another Language, Music, Painting, Home Science, Foundation of Information Technology, Commerce (Elements of Commerce) and Commerce (Elements of Book Keeping and Accountancy)

- 3. permission to use a scribe; Autistic candidates have been permitted adult prompter.
- 4. A person to be appointed as scribe should not have obtained his/her qualifications in the same subjects(s) in which the candidate shall be appearing for the examination.
- 5. The candidate shall have the discretion of opting for his own scribe and shall have the flexibility in accommodating change in scribe in case of emergency. Candidate shall also have the option of meeting the scribe a day before the examination. The Centre Superintendent of the examination centre concerned shall forward to the Regional Officer concerned of the Board, a report giving full particulars of the candidate and of the scribe.
- 6. the services of scribe are provided free of cost;
- 7. the scribe shall be paid remuneration as prescribed from time to time by the Board, which at present is Rs.100/- per day;
- 8. the candidate may be permitted to use the services of a scribe in all or any of the papers.
- 9. the candidate may be permitted to draw the diagrams etc. themselves, if desired by them.
- 10. Differently abled candidates appearing for X or XII examination shall be allowed additional time as given below:
 - (i) 60 minutes for a paper of 3 hours duration.
 - (ii) 50 minutes for a paper of 2 ½ hours duration
 - (iii) 40 minutes for a paper of 2 hours duration
 - (iv) 30 minutes for a paper of 1 ½ hours duration

- 11. the Centre Superintendent shall make the seating arrangements for differently abled candidates on the ground floor, as far as possible;
- 12. alternative type questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for the Visually impaired candidates in English Communicative and Social Science for Class X and History, Geography, Economics and Political Science for Class XII;
- 13. For 2015 examination also like last year, separate question papers in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics for Class XII will also be provided without visual input for Visually impaired candidates.
- 14. Question papers of Mathematics and Science in Braille are provided in Class X for Visually impaired candidates.
- 15. separate question papers in enlarged print for Mathematics and Science in Class X are provided for candidates having visual impairment;
- 16. the Centre Superintendent(s) are directed to send the answer books of differently abled candidates in separate covers to the Regional Office concerned;
- 17. to facilitate easy access, a few selected schools are made examination centres for special students;
- 18. Teachers from blind schools are appointed as Assistant Superintendent(s)(Invigilators) at the special examination centres. However, precaution be taken to appoint different subject teachers on different days;
- 19. a separate column has been provided on the title page of the answer book for indicating the category of differently abled candidates so that these answer books could be segregated for sending them separately to the Regional Office of the Board.
- 20. It is not mandatory for these candidates to do the calculations themselves.
- Results for Class X & XII are likely to be declared in the month of May, 2015.

The Chairperson Dr. Satbir Bedi and Controller of Examinations, Sh. K K Choudhury extend their warmest wishes to all the candidates for success in the forthcoming examinations.

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