FAQs on Two Levels of Mathematics

Q.1. What is the difference between the Standard Level and Basic Level of Mathematics in class X Board examination to be held in 2020?

Ans: The existing Mathematics examination is the Standard Level Examination. Standard-Level and Basic-level Question papers shall be based on the same syllabus. However, the Standard-Level Mathematics assesses higher Mathematical abilities compared to Basic-Level. Accordingly, the difficulty level of the Mathematics – ‘Basic’ is less than that of Mathematics-‘Standard’.

Q.2. Are we increasing the burden on the child by introducing the concept of two Levels of Exams in Mathematics?

Ans: No, because the option to pick either Level is with the student. Further, the syllabus prescribed by CBSE will remain the same for both the levels.

Q.3. Will this lead to dilution of Mathematics syllabus/teaching?

Ans: No, the idea is to make the evaluation more students centric and reduce the pressure on the student who doesn’t want to pursue Mathematics after class X.

Q.4. Can a student opt for both Standard Level and Basic Level Exams?

Ans: No. There is only one option, either Mathematics-Standard or Mathematics-Basic.

Q.5. To continue Mathematics as a subject in class XI/XII and further, which Level Exam does a student need to pass?

Ans: Mathematics-Standard is to be passed at class X, for taking up Mathematics at Sr. Secondary level.
Q.6. If a student qualifies only the Mathematics-Basics in class X, can he/she opt for Mathematics in class XI/XII?

Ans: No. If he/she intends to take Mathematics in class XI/XII, he/she has to pass Mathematics-Standard.

Q.7. If a student has registered for the Basic Level Exam but wishes to appear for the Standard Level after declaration of result, can he/she do so?

Ans: Yes. He/She can appear in the Standard Level at the Compartment examination, if he/she wishes to do so after passing the Basic Mathematics Examination.

Q.8 How I can get the Sample Papers and Q.P designs of Standard Level and Basics level Mathematics papers?

Ans: Sample papers and Blue Print based on the curriculum for 2019-20 will be made available on : www.cbseacademic.nic.in., in due course of time.