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Secondary School Examination

March 2019

Social Science –Class X (087)

Marking Scheme (32/3/1, 32/3/2, 32/3/3)

General Instructions:

1. You are aware that evaluation is the most important process in the actual and correct assessment of the candidates. A small mistake in evaluation may lead to serious problems which may affect the future of the candidates, education system and teaching profession. To avoid mistakes, it is requested that before starting evaluation, you must read and understand the spot evaluation guidelines carefully. **Evaluation is a 10-12 day mission for all us. Hence, it is necessary that you put in your best efforts in this process.**
2. Evaluation is to be done as per instructions provided in the Marking Scheme. It should not be done according to one's own interpretation or any other consideration. Marking Scheme should be strictly adhered to and religiously followed. **However, while evaluating , answers which are based on latest information or knowledge and/or are innovative , they may be assessed for their correctness otherwise and marks be awarded to them.**
3. The Head- Examiner must go through the first five answer books evaluated by each evaluator on the first day, to ensure that evaluation has been carried out as per the instructions given in the Marking Scheme. The remaining answer books meant for evaluation shall be given only after ensuring that there is no significant variation in the marking of individual evaluators.
4. If a question has parts, please award marks in the right hand side for each part. Marks awarded for different parts of the question should then be totalled up and written in the left margin and encircled.
5. If a question does not have any parts, marks be awarded in the left-hand margin.
6. If a child has attempted an extra choice question, answer of the question deserving more marks should be retained and the other answer scored out.
7. No marks to be deducted for the cumulative effect of an error. It should be penalized only once.
8. A full scale of marks ***0-80*** has to be used. Please do not hesitate to award full marks if the answer deserves it.
9. While evaluating the answer books, it should be remembered that Social Science course at this stage is a part of general education and therefore does not require a specialised study of four subjects-History, Geography, Civics and Economics which comprise of it.
10. Reference to page number of the prescribed text books has been given. Reading related text book pages, it may be useful for examiner in assessing the answer scripts.

11. Ensure that you do not make the following common types of errors committed by the Examiner in the past :-
    - Leaving answer or part thereof unassessed in an answer book.
    - Giving more marks for an answer than assigned to it.
    - Wrong transfer of marks from the inside pages of the answer book to the title page.
    - Wrong question wise totalling on the title page.
    - Wrong totalling of marks of the two columns on the title page.
    - Wrong grand total.
    - Marks in words and figures not tallying.
    - Wrong transfer of marks from the answer book to online award list.
    - Answers marked as correct, but marks not awarded.(Ensure that the right tick mark is correctly indicated. It should merely be a line. Same is with the X for incorrect answer.)
    - Half or a part of answer marked correct and rest as wrong, but no marks awarded.

12. While evaluation the answer books if the answer is found to be totally incorrect, it should be marked as (X) and awarded zero (0) Marks.
13. Any unassessed portion, non-carrying over of marks to the title page, or totalling error detected by candidate shall damage the prestige of all the personnel engaged in the evaluation work as also of the Board. Hence, in order to uphold the prestige of all concerned, it is again reiterated that the instructions be followed meticulously and judiciously.
14. The Examiners should acquaint themselves with the guidelines given in the Guidelines for Spot Evaluation before starting the actual evaluation.
15. Every Examiner shall also ensure that all the answers are evaluated correctly, same marks carried over to the title page, correctly totalled and written in figures and words.
16. The Board permits candidates to obtain photocopy of the Answer Book on request in an RTI application and also separately as a part of the re-evaluation process on payment o the processing charges.