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**All the Heads of Independent Schools
affiliated to CBSE**

**Subject: Conduct of Classes IX and X Examination under Summative
Assessment–I to be held in September, 2010**

Dear Principal,

This is in continuation to our circular no.06/10 dated Feb. 03, 2010 regarding
“*Conduct of Class IX March, 2010 Examination under Summative Assessment II*”.

As you are aware, the Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Examination Reforms and Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation in its affiliated schools since last year (academic year 2009 – 10) and the detailed scheme has already been intimated to all Heads of schools vide CBSE’s previous circulars.

2. The scheme is in operation in all CBSE affiliated schools in Class IX since last year. As per the scheme, four Formative Assessments and two Summative Assessments would be held in an academic year. The first Summative Assessment, SA–I for this term for classes IX and X is to be conducted **in the second half of September, 2010.**

3. Under Summative Assessment–I, the students will be tested **internally** based on the following criteria:-

- a) Syllabus and Examination Question Paper Design in different subjects for Classes IX and X Summative Assessment will be the same as circulated by the Board earlier. The same is also available on CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in under CCE corner.
- b) As was done last year, the Summative Assessment–I will be in the form of a pen-paper test conducted by the schools themselves.
- c) *In order to ensure standardization and uniformity, the Question Paper Bank in different subjects would be sent by the Board so as to reach the schools by **September 10, 2010.***

- d) In order to cater to the difference in the pace with which students respond to questions, **schools will give flexible timing to students for attempting the question papers. This may vary from 3 to 3½ hours.**
- e) Evaluation of answer scripts will be done by the school teachers themselves on the basis of the Marking Scheme provided by the Board.
- f) There will be random verification of the assessment procedures carried out by schools by the Board officials/nominees appointed by the Board.
4. It has been decided to provide question paper banks for English Communicative, English Language & Literature, Hindi-A, Hindi-B, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Communicative Sanskrit. In respect of other subjects/languages, the schools will administer their own question paper based on Sample Question Paper available on the Board's website.
5. The Board will be sending one CD containing question paper banks and the school may :
- pick up one question paper for each subject.
 - mix and match the paper by using different questions/sections from different sets of question papers and prepare a question paper based on Board's sample paper, design and blue print.
 - prepare their own question papers as per sample paper, design and blue print available on CBSE's website (www.cbse.nic.in). However, in case the school prepares its own question papers, the question papers and marking scheme so prepared should be emailed to the Board (**email id : cbsecceqp@gmail.com**) for verification within October, 2010.
 - The Board plans to dispatch the CDs containing question papers to all schools so as to reach by **September 10, 2010.**
 - Every school may design its own date sheet for Classes IX and X examination accordingly.**
 - Detailed modalities for operation of CD are **annexed.**
6. The schools would take out the print of the question paper and, thereafter, the required number of prints/copies may be made at the school level. These question papers must be kept carefully. *The schools should conduct the examination in all main subjects for Classes IX and X using these question papers in the second half of September, 2010.*
7. **Another CD containing the marking scheme of the main subjects would be sent to every school separately in due course and will reach the schools well in time.**

8. The answer books should be evaluated by the teachers of school as per the marking scheme provided by the Board.

9. KINDLY NOTE THAT ANSWER BOOKS OF CLASSES IX AND X SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO THE BOARD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. However these must be preserved and kept in the safe custody at the school for at least a period of three years (in case of Class IX) and two years (in case of Class X) along with question papers and Marking Schemes for any verification by the Board subsequently.

10. It may be noted again that the question papers for Classes IX and X have been designed by the Board and are being sent to schools with the purpose of maintaining uniformity and standardization. Depending upon the feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders, the Board will have a re-look at this policy in future, if need be.

11. I am sure that the procedure for conducting the Summative Assessment–I for Classes IX and X is clear to you.

This may be brought to the notice of all teachers, students and parents of Classes IX and X.

For any clarification please contact **Shri R.P. Sharma, Consultant, CBSE, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi – 110002 (contact no.011 – 23211200 and email – science.cbse@gmail.com)**

Yours faithfully,

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Controller of Examinations

OPERATIONAL MODALITIES FOR CD

1. The CD sent to a school will have two files and eight folders viz one file of instructions for operation / installation of CD, one file of Acrobat Reader and Eight folders for eight subjects. Each folder will contain several files of Question Papers for that subject.
2. With the help of Acrobat Reader Software you would be able to open the file of question paper for allotted to your school. If your computer doesn't have Acrobat Reader Software the same could be downloaded from the CD.
3. The files of question paper banks would be in PDF format.
4. In case of non-receipt of CD or receipt of incomplete file or the difficulty in opening the CD, **you may contact call center on - 090044 60879.**
5. Once the file is opened, double click on allotted PDF file(s).
6. File/s will open and you can read and takeout the print of the relevant portions of the Question Paper Bank.
7. The CD will contain the Question Paper Bank and the school may:
 - i) pick up one question paper for each subject.

OR
 - ii) mix and match the paper by using different questions/sections from different sets of question papers and prepare a question paper based on Board's design and blue print.

OR
 - iii) prepare your own question papers as per design and blue print given by the Board. However, in case the school prepares its own question papers, the question papers and Marking Scheme so prepared should be emailed to the Board (email id: cbsecceqp@gmail.com) for verification within October, 2010.
8. The school should make sufficient photocopies of question papers and these must be kept carefully.
9. In case there are large numbers of candidates appearing in the examination, the schools may get sufficient question papers printed under the supervision of a responsible person of the school.
10. You are requested to go through the above instructions very carefully and conduct the examinations in a fair and smooth manner.
11. The modalities for operating CD will also be available with the CD being sent later.