केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)

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(An Autonomous Organization under the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)

"Shiksha Sadan", 17, Institutional Area, Rouse Avenue, Delhi–110002

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Circular No. Acad-076/2013

All Heads of Institutions
affiliated to the Board

Subject: Conduct of Optional Proficiency Test for Class-X

Dear Principal,

The broad objectives of the optional Proficiency test include benchmarking of skills and higher mental abilities of students, providing motivation to students for academic excellence in the respective subjects, providing feedback to schools on levels of learning of their students and setting goals, priorities and targets in their future educational plans.

What is a 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 internalised the related concepts and principles. Such a test in language e.g. may assess a student's skills in reading, writing or vocabulary. Similarly a test in Science may focus on assessing students' abilities to apply concepts and principles to analyse a given situation, solve a given problem and conduct practical work efficiently. A test in Mathematics may similarly assess problem solving abilities and skills of mathematical thinking, mathematical reasoning and procedural techniques followed by students. Thus, the proposed Proficiency Test will mainly focus on assessing students' abilities and skills to apply knowledge and understanding of any subject to new and unfamiliar everyday life situations.

The core testing element of such a test will include observing, comparing, classifying, solving, translating, interpreting, analyzing, synthesising, creating, composing, deducing, justifying and judging/evaluating.

Salient Features of the Test

- It is **optional** in nature. Only those students who wish to take this test willingly may appear.
- It will be conducted in the month of April, 2014 as per the following schedule.

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

- It will be conducted in all the five main subjects studied by a student in class-X. However, a student may appear in one or more subjects depending upon his/her choice.
- There will be a separate test in every subject one test will be held on a single day.
- It will be a paper-pen test to be administered on the same day across all willing schools in the country.
- Students wishing to appear in the test will be required to pay separate examination fee for the same. The amount of fee to be paid by a student is as under:

One subject	Rs. Three hundred only
Two subjects	Rs. Four hundred only
Three subjects	Rs. Five hundred only
Four or five subjects	Rs. Six hundred only

- The registration fee has to be submitted in the form of a Demand Draft in favour of **"Secretary, CBSE, Delhi"** payable at **Delhi.**
- Any student studying in secondary or senior secondary school affiliated to CBSE and appearing in March, 2014 final examination (School conducted or Board Conducted) is eligible to appear in this test.
- Every student appearing in the test will be issued a certificate by the Board indicating percentile rank.

Format of the Question Paper
- All questions will be of multiple choice type with only single correct answer. A student will be required to mark the answers on a given **OMR sheet.**
- Question paper in every subject will carry **100 marks.**
- The duration of the test in every subject will be **2½ hours.**
- The test will be based on classes IX-X syllabus in the subject prescribed by CBSE.
- The questions included in the question paper will be of varying difficulty level.
- The typology of questions will be different from the type of questions asked in conventional final examination conducted by the Board at the end of Class-X. The test will not include any direct recall, information-based or memory –based questions. It will only include questions to assess students' skills and abilities to apply understanding of concepts to analyse a given situation or an unfamiliar everyday life problem.
- Negative marks will be awarded for wrong answers. More than one answer indicated against a question will also be deemed as incorrect response and will be negatively marked.

The willing schools are required to submit the related information to the Board through online filling up of the **registration form** available on CBSE website **www.cbse.nic.in**

Procedure for online submission of List of candidates shall be available on the website shortly. The last date for submitting the online information is **31ˢᵗ December, 2013.**

The print out of filled in online registration form (Hard copy) duly signed and attested by the Principal of the school alongwith the registration fee in the form of a draft in favour of "Secretary, CBSE, Delhi" payable at **Delhi, may be submitted to the Sh. Ram Shankar, Assistant Professor & Joint Director (A&V), Central Board of Secondary Education, 17 Rouse Avenue, New Delhi-110 002 by 15ᵗʰ January, 2014.**

The following salient points for taking the tests may be taken note of:

a) Only those students are allowed to take the proposed test (s) who have applied through the schools and paid requisite fee.
b) A student will have to appear from the same city/place where his/her school is located. .The examination will be conducted only at pre-decided centres as per Class-X Board examination.
c) The timings of the test will be from 10.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M. in every subject.

The above information may be brought to the notice of all concerned. For any further information in this regard, the schools may contact **Sh. Ram Shankar**, **Assistant Professor & Joint Director (A&V),** CBSE at **jdcbse@gmail.com** or Consultant CBSE at **science.cbse@gmail.com .**

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-
(Dr. Sadhana Parashar)
Professor & Director (Academics, Research, Training & Innovation)
CBSE

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017.
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair - 744101.
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Islands
9. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3 Rohini, Delhi-110085.
10. All Regional Directors/ Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions.
11. All Associate Professor & Additional Directors/ Advisors/ Consultants
12. All Additional Director/ Joint Director/ Deputy Director/ Assistant Director, Vocational Cell, CBSE
13. The Research Officer (Technology) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE websites.
14. All Assistant Professor & Joint Directors ,CBSE
15. All Assistant Professor & Deputy Directors, CBSE
16. The Deputy Director (Examination & Reforms), CBSE
17. The Assistant Librarian,CBSE
18. The Public Relations Officer, CBSE
19. The Hindi Officer, CBSE
20. PS to Chairman, CBSE
21. PS to Secretary, CBSE
22. SO to Controller of Examinations, CBSE
23. PS to Director(Special Exams and CTET), CBSE
24. PA to Professor & Director (Academics, Research, Training & Innovation),CBSE
25. PA to Director (Information Technology)
26. PA to Director (EDUSAT)

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