



**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
DELHI**

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Press Note

Pre- Examination Highlights-2010

Conduct of Examination-2010

Date of Examination Class XII	03.03.2010 to 08.04.2010
Date of Examination Class X	03.03.2010 to 31.03.2010

No. of Registered Candidates: 2009 – 1462016 2010- 1601646

Examination	Category	2009	2010	% Increase
Secondary School Examination Class X	Boys	487475	533715	8.66%
	Girls	336963	368802	8.63%
	Total	824438	902517	8.65%
Sr. School Certificate Examination Class XII	Boys	373330	408367	8.58%
	Girls	264248	290762	9.12%
	Total	637578	699129	8.80%

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

		2009	2010
Class X	Blind	277	309
	Dyslexics	735	520
	Deaf & Dumb	157	113
	Handicapped	1002	910
	Spastics	57	39
	Total Candidates	2228	1891
Class XII	Blind	232	249
	Dyslexics	185	300
	Deaf & Dumb	49	42
	Handicapped	1222	669
	Spastics	19	46
	Total Candidates	1707	1306

Total No. of Schools and Centres

		2009	2010
Class X	No. of Schools	8804	9438
	No. of Centres	2714	2865
Class XII	No. of Schools	5614	6032
	No. of Centres	2509	2638

No. of Registered Candidates in Delhi :**Local**

	2009	2010	% Increase
Class X	231651	247291	6.32%
Class XII	181393	199951	9.28%

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Class X	138944	150362	11.58%
Class XII	102086	113665	10.19%

Foreign

Class X	12057	13311	9.42%
Class XII	8270	8596	3.79%

Gulf

Class X	10964	11144	1.62%
Class XII	7476	7064	- 5.86%

No. of Examination centres in Delhi :**Local**

	2009	2010
X	568	572
XII	555	553

Foreign

X	51	56
XII	41	45

Gulf

X	38	37
XII	33	33

No. of centres for blind candidates for 2010

X	06
XII	08

No. of candidates in special categories in Delhi Region**Local**

		2009	2010
Class X	Blind	232	263
	Dyslexics	101	119
	Deaf & Dumb	113	74

	Handicapped	318	338
	Spastics	10	16
	Total Candidates	774	810
Class XII	Blind	194	219
	Dyslexics	62	117
	Deaf & Dumb	25	16
	Handicapped	278	283
	Spastics	5	14
	Total Candidates	564	649

Foreign

		2010
Class X	Blind	0
	Dyslexics	6
	Deaf & Dumb	1
	Handicapped	5
	Spastics	1
	Total Candidates	13
Class XII	Blind	0
	Dyslexics	8
	Deaf & Dumb	0
	Handicapped	5
	Spastics	1
	Total Candidates	14

Gulf

		2010
Class X	Blind	0
	Dyslexics	6
	Deaf & Dumb	1
	Handicapped	5
	Spastics	1
	Total Candidates	13
Class XII	Blind	0
	Dyslexics	8
	Deaf & Dumb	0
	Handicapped	5
	Spastics	1
	Total Candidates	14

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2010 EXAMINATIONS

- Class XII Student will appear for the first time in Graphics Design Course (Code NO – 71) and Heritage Crafts (Code no 70). Sample Question papers in both the subjects have been posted on the Board's website www.cbse.nic.in.
- All students of **Class X in the current academic year** will be taking the **CBSE Board's Class X 2010 Examination**. The weightage of the school based assessment will remain the same as per past practice, i.e. 20% each in the subjects of Science, Social Science and Mathematics.
- **The new Grading system has been introduced at Secondary School level (for Classes IX & X) effective from 2009-10 Academic Sessions.** The details of grading scheme have been circulated to school via circular no 39 & 40 available on website www.cbse.nic.in.

The New Scheme of Grading has been introduced with the aim that :

- It will minimize misclassification of students on the basis of marks.
- It will eliminate unhealthy competition among high achievers.
- It will reduce societal pressure and will provide the learner with more flexibility.
- It will lead to a focus on a better learning environment

Operational Modalities

- The student's performance shall be assessed using conventional method of **numerical marking**.
- The 'Grades' shall be awarded on a nine point scale to indicate the subject wise performance.

MARKS RANGE	GRADE	GRADE POINT
91-100	A1	10.0
81-90	A2	9.0
71-80	B1	8.0
61-70	B2	7.0
51-60	C1	6.0
41-50	C2	5.0
33-40	D	4.0
21-32	E1	---
20 and below	E2	---

- Only Subject wise grades shall be shown in the **"Statement of Subject wise Performance"** to be issued to all candidates.
- Subject-wise percentile score/rank at the National level shall be provided to the schools on demand.

- The practice of **declaring Compartment/ Fail shall be discontinued.**
- Those candidates who obtain the qualifying grades (D and above) in all the subjects excluding Additional subject as per Scheme of Studies shall be awarded a **Qualifying Certificate.**
- Those candidates who obtain grade E1 or E2 in the subject shall have to **improve their performance** through subsequent five attempts.
- Those candidates who are not able to get qualifying grades (*D and above*) in all the subjects excluding Additional subject as per Scheme of Studies shall not be permitted for admission in Class XI.
- Exemptions available to differently abled students as per CBSE's rule shall continue to apply.
- The scheme shall also be applicable in the assessment of academic performance at the end of Class IX.

Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)

- The Board has extended the concept of **Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE)** in class IX with effect from October 2009 to be continued in class X for the year 2010-11 onwards. For this purpose syllabus has been split up over two terms. Each term will have two formative tests of 10% weightage each and one summative test of weightage 20% and 40 % respectively.

Class-IX March 2010 Examination under Summative Assessment-II

- Syllabus and Examination Question Paper Design in different subjects for Class IX Summative Assessment II has been circulated by the Board earlier.
- The Summative assessment will be in the form of a pen-paper test conducted by the schools.
- In order to ensure standardization and uniformity, the Question Paper Banks in different subjects have been sent by the Board to schools.
- **Schools will give flexible timing to students for attempting the question papers. This may vary from 3 to 3½ hours.**
- Evaluation of answer scripts will be done by the school teachers themselves on the basis of the Marking Scheme provided by the Board.
- There will be random verification of the assessment procedures carried out by schools by the Board officials/nominees appointed by the Board.

Question Papers in Braille for Class X visually impaired Students:

The Board has for the first time decided to provide class X question papers of Maths and Science in Braille for Blind candidates. Already question papers without visual inputs are being provided in enlarged print to these students in the subjects of English and social science.

2. Sample Question Papers

Sample Question Papers in all subjects have been revised, published and uploaded on the Board's website for March 2010 examination. **A special feature is the publication of sample question papers in the subjects of Computer Science, Multi Media and Web Technology, Informatics Practices, Agriculture, Home Science, Engineering Graphics, in class XII and foundation of Information Technology in class X for the first time.**

3. CBSE COUNSELLING 2010 Ist Phase :

CBSE started this pioneering community work 13 years back in 1998 for the first time. The highlights of CBSE Tele-counselling are:

- (i) It is offered by trained counselors and Principals from within CBSE affiliated schools located in and outside India.
- (ii) It is a voluntary, free of cost service provided by the participants.
- (iii) It is offered twice in the year Phase I- Pre Exam, Phase II- Post Result.

This year as many as **52** Principals, trained counselors from CBSE affiliated govt. and private schools, psychologists and social scientists are counseling from **8 a.m upto mid-night** from locations like Delhi, Noida, Chandigarh, Meerut, Jaipur, Faridabad, Bhubaneswar, Vishakhapatnam, Jamnagar, Jabalpur, Coimbatore, Bhopal, Nagpur, Bangalore, Guwahati, Kerala, Ludhiana, Kanpur, Bhillai, and Pune across India. **There are 3 helpline centres outside India also at Kuwait, Dubai and Doha Qatar.**

Counselling for Specially Abled Children

The facility to provide counseling to **specially abled children** was started by the CBSE last year to take care of the needs and anxiety of special children. The facility is available this year also.

Centralized and Toll Free Helpline for the First Time

For the **First time** this year, CBSE introduced a Centralized Access System similar to that of a call centre. For convenience of the students, a toll free number has been installed. Students can call **1800 11 7002** from any part of the country. The operators answer general queries and also connect them to the counselors for psychological counseling.

IVRS:

First to be introduced by any Board of Education in the country, CBSE has made a unique effort to provide Tele-counseling through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) mode. The service is available for the **sixth** consecutive year on BSNL/Airtel/ Reliance Phone.

For BSNL (Landline & Mobile) and Airtel it is available on 1250102. For Reliance (CDMA) this service is available on 55500102.

QUESTION-ANSWER COLUMNS:

CBSE has tied-up with national papers Like **The Hindu, Hindustan Times and for the first time with Deccan Chronicle** for weekly Question Answer Columns throughout the month of February to answer queries of students by CBSE experts.

ON-LINE COUNSELING:

Public can also log on to the CBSE website and Interact with Chairman on exam related issues. The Director (Academic) and Controller of Examinations, CBSE can also be contacted for On-line counseling on: **diracad.cbse@yahoo.co.in**, **mcsharma2007@rediffmail.com**.

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** by accessing icon **Helpline**.

4. Preparations for smooth conduct of examinations

- (i) 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.**
- (ii) The center material has been dispatched to all the examination centers.
- (iii) Admit cards have been dispatched to all schools/centers.
- (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) should 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) **Chief Nodal Practical Examiners** have been appointed this year also to monitor the proper conduct of practical examinations for class XII.
- (xi) **District level committees** were constituted to suggest schools with adequate infrastructure for fixing up of examination centres. This will facilitate smooth conduct of examinations outside Delhi.

5. **For private candidates appearing from Delhi Region**

Intimation letters to all the private candidates appearing for class X & XII examination 2010 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 on production of the same at the examination centre, Admit Card can be collected or CBSE Regional Office at Institutional Area, I. P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi can also be contacted during normal working hours.

6. **Preparation for smooth evaluation**

- (a) **Chief Nodal Supervisors**: The Board has been appointing school principals as Chief Nodal Supervisors for evaluation purpose in cities where the number of schools is large and three or more Head Examiners are involved in a subject. The Chief Nodal Supervisors is put in charge of the same subject, which he or she has taught or has been teaching as PGT or Principal. This ensures proper manageability, supervision and timely completion of evaluation work.
- (b) **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 principals to record and forward their suggestions within 24 hours of the conduct of examination of concerned subject so that these can be considered by the expert group while preparing the marking schemes.
- (c) **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.

7. Exemptions given to Spastic, Blind, 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, Introductory Information Technology, **Commerce (Elements of Commerce) and Commerce (Elements of Book Keeping and Accountancy)**
3. permission to use an amanuensis;
4. the amanuensis is a student of class lower than the one for which the candidate will be taking the examination;
5. the Centre Superintendent of the Examination Centre chooses a suitable amanuensis and forwards his/her particulars to the Regional Officer concerned for consideration and approval;
6. the services of amanuensis are provided free of cost to the above mentioned categories of candidates;
7. the amanuensis 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 an amanuensis in all or any of the papers.
9. the candidate may be permitted to draw the diagrams etc. themselves, if desired by them.
10. As per the new rule the special category students 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 sitting arrangements for special category candidates on the ground floor, as far as possible;
12. alternative type questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for the blind candidates in English Communicative and

Social Science for Class X and History, Geography and Economics and Political Science for Class XII;

13. Question papers of Maths and Science in Braille for Class X for Blind candidates.
14. separate question papers in enlarged print for Mathematics and Science in Class X are provided for candidates having visual impairment;
15. the Centre Superintendent(s) are directed to send the answer books of special category students in separate covers to the Regional Office concerned;
16. to facilitate easy access, a few selected schools are made examination centres for special students;
17. Blind candidates from Delhi have the facility to use computer or a typewriter for writing answers;
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 special 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.

The Chairman Sh. Vineet Joshi and Controller of Examinations Sh M C Sharma extend their warmest wishes to all the candidates for success in the forth coming examination.

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