

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
DELHI**

Press Note

Examination Highlights-2006

Date of Examination class XII	1.3.2006 to 08.4.2006
Class X	2.3.2006 to 27.3.2006

No. of Registered Candidates

Examination	Year	No. of Boys	No. of girls	Total
Secondary School examination Class X	2005	355007	251625	606632
	2006	377448	268939	646387
Sr. School Certificate Examination Class XII	2005	243625	177838	421463
	2006	263286	190759	454045

No. of candidates in special categories

		2005	2006
Class X	Blind	131	178
	Dyslexics	102	115
	Deaf & Dumb	089	119
	Handicapped	480	532
	Spastics	021	011
	Total Candidates	823	955
Class XII	Blind	137	137
	Dyslexics	074	376
	Deaf & Dumb	013	012
	Handicapped	319	405
	Spastics	005	007
	Total Candidates	548	937

No. of Schools and Centres

		2005	2006
Class X	No. of Schools	6733	7181
	No. of Centres	2398	2473
Class XII	No. of Schools	4227	4476
	No. of Centres	2177	2240

No. of Registered Candidates in Delhi Region

Class X 208532

Class XII 151679

No. Of Examination centres in Delhi Region

Local

X	529
XII	524

Foreign

X	49
XII	38

No. of Centres	XII	06
For blind Candidates	X	06

No. of candidates in special categories in Delhi Region

Class X	Blind	145
	Dyslexics	141
	Deaf & Dumb	102
	Handicapped	272
	Spastics	002
	Total Candidates	562
Class XII	Blind	114
	Dyslexics	352
	Deaf & Dumb	007
	Handicapped	196
	Spastics	005
	Total Candidates	674

Important information regarding 2006 examinations

- From 2006 onwards the Board will provide additional **15 minutes as a “cool-off” time** to students to help them organize themselves before they start writing the answers. This is being done to bring a near synchronization between speed and accuracy. It has been observed that great emphasis on speed is largely responsible for examination stress. Under the new system examination will start at the usual time i.e. 10.30 a.m., the students will be given question paper along with sealed answer sheets at 10.15 a.m. For the next 15 minutes, the students will fill up the cover page details like their Roll Nos. etc. and utilize the rest of the time in carefully reading the question paper, thinking about the possible answers and planning the answers that require application and creativity. Invariably this 15 minutes’ period is adequate for a question paper with an average of 24-28 questions.
- **Entry to examination centres** will start 45 minutes before the time specified for the commencement of examination on the first day and 30 minutes on subsequent days. Candidates are expected to be on their seats 30 minutes before the scheduled commencement of examination.
- The **number of pages** in the main answer books of Class XII and X has been increased to 32 pages this year mainly to avoid handling of supplementary answer sheets.
- **Improvement of performance:** Candidates appearing for improvement of performance can appear in subjects only in which they have been declared pass and not in the subjects in which they have failed.

Class XII

- **Additional Subject(s):** There is an amendment in Rule 43(ii) in the Examination Bye-laws: Candidates having six subjects and declared “Pass” by securing pass marks in five subjects can now appear in the failing subject (sixth subject) at the Compartmental Examination to be held in July/August in the same year. This will help the students to clear the examination in the same year and in the desired subject.
- **Improvement of performance for students under vocational stream:** A candidate who has passed an examination of the Board may re-appear for improvement of performance in the succeeding year only. However, a candidate who has passed an examination of the Board under vocational stream may re-appear for improvement of performance in the main examination in the succeeding year or the following year provided they have not pursued higher studies in the meantime. They will appear as private candidates.
- For visually challenged students the Board would provide **alternative questions in lieu of questions having visual inputs in the question paper of Economics** at Class XII level from 2006 Examination. Already alternative questions are provided to such students in English Course A and Social Science in Class X and History and Geography in Class XII.
- The first batch of students in **Fashion Studies** will appear this year in Class XII.

Class X

- From 2006 onwards there will be an **internal evaluation in Social Science** in Class X. 20 marks will be internally assessed and 80 marks will be earmarked for external Board’s examinations.

- **Failed/Comptt./Improvement candidates appearing in Social Science** will appear as per the new decision i.e. 80 marks theory paper. The marks obtained by them out of 80 marks will be computed for 100 marks.
- For the first time this year the class X question paper of **Social Science** will carry questions on Disaster Management for 8 marks.

Printing of Marking Schemes

To ensure objective and reliable evaluation, the Board undertakes extensive exercise of developing Marking Schemes in main subjects. This gives an opportunity to teachers and students to go through the syllabus and weightage for subjects carefully, comprehend the questions and note down the difficulties and examine the questions in conjunction with the Marking scheme.

Printed marking schemes in major subjects in class X and XII were made available in the following subjects:

Class XII:	Science Commerce Humanities
Class X:	All subjects

Sample Question Papers

The sample papers contain the blue print of question papers along with their marking schemes and question wise analysis. This gives advantage to the teachers and students to learn about the pattern of question papers and the weightage assigned to different topics, instructional objectives and difficulty level. The sample question papers were prepared in the following subjects this year:

❖ Sample Question paper Languages	Class XII
❖ Sample Question paper Humanities	Class XII
❖ Sample Question paper Commerce	Class XII
❖ Sample Question Paper Science	Class XII
❖ Sample Question paper Languages	Class X
❖ Sample Question paper Mathematics, Science & Technology, Social Science,	Class X

CBSE Tele-counselling

The first phase of CBSE help line started from 1st February and will continue up to 31st March 2006. The students will be able to contact as many as 40 principals, trained counselors of CBSE affiliated govt. and private schools and psychologists during the given time slots from 13 cities in the country which are: Delhi, Chandigarh, Meerut, Noida, Jaipur, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bhubneshwar.

The five **new cities** added this year are: Vishakhapatnam, Coimbatore, Hosur, Mumbai and Kolkata. The CBSE Help line will also be operational in **Dubai and Kuwait** during the same period.

Introduced in 1998, CBSE tele-counseling service is first of its kinds to be provided by any educational Board in the country,

Besides regular tele-counselling **CBSE will offer counseling through a multi-tier system** in order to enable more and more examinees to avail the facility of counseling reaching out especially in far flung areas.

- (A) **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 for the second consecutive year. This service was made available on local dial facilities within Delhi and Mumbai for the subscribers of MTNL.
- (B) **Question-Answer columns**: For the first time this year CBSE has tied-up with the Indian Express group of newspapers for one on one questions answers column

throughout February-March. The other national papers are Hindu, Hindustan Times and Hindustan Dainik.

- (C) **On-line counseling:** The Director (Academic) and Controller of Examinations, CBSE will provide On-line counseling on the following addresses: www.directoracad@hotmail.com and www.cepavnesh@hotmail.com
- (D) **CBSE website** will provide information related to examinations and help students in dealing with exam. related anxiety at www.cbse.nic.in and icon **Helpline**.

Preparations for smooth conduct of examinations

1. The Asstt. Superintendents will be deputed by those schools whose candidates are appearing at other examination centers. They will be retained as per requirement on rotation basis on any particular day of examination.
2. The sealed question paper packets will be opened in the presence of at least four Asstt. Superintendents **one of whom would be from the school other than the examination centre as a witness**.
3. The center material has been dispatched to all the examination centers.
4. Admit cards have been dispatched to all schools/centers.
5. The admit cards of private and patrachar vidyalaya candidates can be collected from 10th February onwards from the centers/patrachar vidyalaya as intimated to the candidates individually. However, duplicate intimation letter can also be collected instantly from the Board's office so that the candidates can collect their admit cards subsequently from examination centers/patrachar vidyalaya.
6. Appointment of full time observers at sensitive centres in Delhi and outside has been completed.
7. The Board has also finalized the arrangement with the State machinery, local police to ensure trouble free examinations throughout the country.
8. Scanned photographs of Private and Patrachar candidates have been provided on admission cards to avoid impersonation or any other possible use of unfair means.
9. 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.
10. Observers to oversee the conduct of practical examination for class XII were appointed this year also.

Preparation for smooth evaluation

- (A) The Board will appoint 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 will be put in charge of the same subject, which he or she has taught or has been teaching as PGT or Principal. This will ensure proper manageability, supervision and timely completion of evaluation work.
- (B) The answer books of Science and Technology will be evaluated by two Examiners this year also. Section A will comprise of Physics and Chemistry and section B Biology. Only those who have studied Chemistry and Physics as a subject at the under graduate level will be appointed as evaluators for Section A while those who have studied Biology as a subject at the under graduate level will evaluate the section on Biology.
- (C) The Head Examiners of Social Science have been advised to choose Additional Head Examiner in such a way that the Head examiner and Additional Head Examiner are able to cover all four components - History, Civics, Economics and Geography.
- (D) Observation Schedule: 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.

- (E) 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.

Facilities for the students suffering from Audio-visual, Physical Impairment and Dyslexia:

- Exemption from third language up to middle school level (i.e. Class VIII)
- Option of studying one compulsory language instead of two
- Permission to use an amanuensis
- Additional time of 60 minutes (1 hour) in each paper. Sitting arrangements for the dyslexic, blind, physically handicapped and spastic candidates on the ground floor, as far as possible
- Alternative type questions are provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for the blind candidates appearing in class X in English course A and Social Science and in Class XII in History, Geography and Economics.
- Separate question papers are provided specially in enlarged print for Maths and Science in class X.
- Answer scripts of special category students are sent in separate covers for evaluation.
- To facilitate easy access, a few selected schools have been made examination centres for special students.
- Blind candidates from Delhi have the facility to write answers on a computer or a typewriter.
- In case of blind students teachers from same schools will be appointed as invigilators at the examination centres. However, teachers of same subjects will not be appointed on the day of that subject exam.
- Remuneration of scribes has been enhanced to Rs. 100/- per day.
- A separate column has been provided on the title page of the answer book for indicating the category of physically challenged candidates so that these answer books could be segregated for separate evaluation.

ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

- A component of **Disaster Management education** has been integrated with Sociology and Geography subjects in class XI during the current academic year as Frontline Curriculum. The course materials for this component have been developed by the Board in collaboration with UNDP.
- **Practical work in Mathematics:** Practical work in Mathematics was introduced in Class IX in 2005-2006. Guidelines to teachers on practical work to be done in the Mathematics Laboratory for Class IX have been published. From the year 2007, in Class X the Mathematics examination will have 80 marks for theory and 20 marks for practical.

- **Written paper in Science practical:** In order to strengthen practical a separate written paper for 1 ½ hours carrying 20 marks to test practical skills of students has been introduced in Class IX during 2005-2006. A publication giving guidelines and sample question papers for Class IX has been brought out by CBSE. From the year 2007, in Class X Science & Technology examination the break-up of theory and practical marks would be 60:40 respectively.
- **Internal Evaluation in Social Science** in Class X for 20 marks in the Board Examination from March 2006 has been introduced. Guidelines to schools covering project work, assignments and formative and summative tests have been prepared and circulated.
- As per the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, **Environmental Education** has been introduced from Class I – VIII from the current academic year. The syllabus in the subject prepared by NCERT was printed and circulated to all the affiliated schools. A publication providing guidelines to teachers with a variety of activities in Environmental Education up to Class VIII has been brought out by CBSE.
- **Japanese language** is proposed to be introduced from Class VI from 2006-2007 in compliance with the MOU signed between the Govt. of India and the Govt. of Japan. Syllabus and textual materials in the subject are being prepared. A circular has been sent to schools inviting applications for the introduction of Japanese language from Class VI from 2006-2007.

Principal & Teacher enrichment

- CBSE is in constant pursuit of ensuring quality education in schools. Besides providing updated curriculum in tandem with global demands, CBSE also lays sufficient emphasis on teacher empowerment. Massive orientation programmes of Principals and Teachers are regularly organized by the Board to ensure desired class-room interactions.
- **Leadership training programmes for Principals at IIM, Ahemdabad:** Six batches of principals have already been trained by IIM, Ahemdabad and the Board further plans to collaborate with other premier management institutes in future to expand this activity.
- **Induction course for Principals:** The principals from newly affiliated schools are invited for orientation programmes at various places in the country. Nearly 400 principals attended this programme in 2005.
- **Teacher Training Programmes:** Extensive teacher training programmes in different venues in the country and abroad were conducted in the following subjects at secondary level:
 - Education in Life Skills.
 - Disaster Management Education.
 - Mathematics Laboratory.
 - Science and Technology.
 - English (Communicative).
 - Social Science.
 - Sanskrit.
 - Alternatives to Homework.

The following subjects were covered for teacher training at senior secondary level :

- English (Core)
- Functional English
- Accountancy
- Psychology
- Mathematics

➤ **Project EDUSAT**

With the intent of ensuring uniform quality among its heterogeneous clientele and to update the teaching practices, the Board has initiated project "EDUSAT". The main objective of this will be:

1. Interactive training session with the principals/teachers/staff of the schools.
2. Class room training by teachers.
3. Counseling sessions.
4. Data sharing amongst various stakeholders.
5. Efficient administration of Regional Offices.

In the first phase interactive terminals at the Board's Regional Offices will be set up and will target the principals of private schools affiliated with CBSE. This project will be implemented in collaboration with Development and Educational Communication Unit (DECU), Department of Space, Government of India.

CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme:

CBSE has recently launched two merit scholarship schemes - CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme for Professional Studies (Medical & Engineering) and CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme for under graduate studies (non-medical and non-engineering). Under CBSE Merit Scholarship Scheme each scholar would be awarded Rs.1000/- per month for four years for pursuing courses in medical and engineering in the institutes participating in the CBSE conducted AIPMT/AIEEE or central government controlled/aided institutes. Rs.500/- per month would be awarded for three years to the candidates pursuing the non-medical and non-engineering courses in the central or state government universities or any other universities recognized by the UGC.

List of these candidates has been made available on CBSE Website: www.cbse.nic.in.