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DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT DELHI-110054.
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CIRCULAR

Please find enclosed a circular received from Central Board of Secondary Education regarding ‘Conduct of Optional Proficiency Test for Class-X’

All the Heads of Govt/Govt Aided Schools are requested to bring the content of the same in the knowledge of concerned teachers and students.

Encl: As Above.

(Dr. (Mrs) Suman Rekha)
Dy. Director of Education (Schools)

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Copy for information to:-
01. PS to Secretary (Education)
02. PS to Director (Education)
03. Concerned DDE’s/ EO’s/DEO’s
04. OS (IT) to paste on website.
05. Guard File

(Dr. (Mrs) Suman Rekha)
Dy. Director of Education (Schools)
Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the **Circular No.56/10 dated 01.09.2010** for kind perusal and information to all the schools under your jurisdiction for necessary follow up action.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

R.P. Sharma
Consultant

Encl: As stated above
Subject: Conduct of Optional Proficiency Test for Class-X

Dear Principal,

As a part of ongoing examination reforms, the Board has initiated a series of measures related to strengthening of school education and aligning the assessment practices with international standards. One such measure relates to the conduct of Proficiency Test at the end of Class X in all the five main subjects from next year. The related information has already been included in Board’s earlier circulars No. 59, 40 dated September, 2009 on Scheme of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation and Grading system.

Broad objectives of the test

The proposed Proficiency Test is being conducted with the broad objectives of:

- acting as a benchmark in testing of skills and higher mental abilities of students
- providing motivation to students for academic excellence in the respective subject
- providing feedback to students and parents on how well the students have achieved the desired learning objectives.
- providing feedback to schools on levels of learning of their students and setting goals, priorities and targets in their future educational plan.

Specific objectives

Some of the specific objectives of the proposed test include assessing students:

- abilities and skills to apply concepts and principles of the subject to everyday life situations
- abilities to apply understanding of concepts to interpret data, diagrams, maps, graphs etc.
- skills to create and devise methods for solving subject related problems
- abilities to analyse, synthesise and evaluate a given situation on the basis of learning in the subject.
- 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.
- The total number of questions may vary from one subject to another.
- The questions included in the question paper will be of varying difficulty level.
- Negative marks will be awarded for wrong answers.

The willing schools will be required to submit the related information to the Board in advance through online filling up of the registration form available on CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in under CCE corner. The last date for submitting the online information is October 31, 2010.

The print out of filled in online registration form (hard copy) duly signed and attested by the Principal may be submitted to the respective Regional office of the Board by 30th November, 2010.

For any further information in this regard, the schools may contact Controller of Examination CBSE at mesharma2007@rediffmail.com or Consultant CBSE at science.cbse.agmail.com

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

[Vineet Joshi]
Chairman

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, 108 Institutional Area, Shahdara, Delhi 110092
2. The Commissioner, National Capital Region, India
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi- Sector 1, P.O. Box 1019, New Delhi 110001
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