

**Frequently Asked Questions Based on Examinations  
and Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation  
(CCE) 2014-15**

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1	Has the Board fixed any age criteria to appear in class X examination?	No, the Board has not fixed any age criteria to appear in 10 <sup>th</sup> class examination however; <i>at the time of admission the student should satisfy the requirements of age limits (minimum &amp; maximum) as determined by the State/U.T. Government and applicable to the place where the School is located.</i>
2	Shall candidate's Date of Birth be reflected in Grade Sheet cum Certificate of Performance?	Yes, the Date of Birth of the candidate as entered in the records of the Board/School shall be indicated in the Grade Sheet cum Certificate of Performance/Statement of Subject wise Performance issued to the candidate at Secondary School level only
3	What is the procedure for seeking admission in Class X?	Admission to Class X in a school is open only to such a student who has completed a regular course of study for Class IX from an institution affiliated to CBSE or any recognized Board in India, obtained minimum Grade D/ passed in class IX examination and migrating from one city/ State to another only on the transfer of the parent(s) or shifting of their families from one place to another, after procuring from the student the mark sheet and the Transfer Certificate.
4	Can a student from a school affiliated to any University/ Board outside India seek admission in the School affiliated to the CBSE?	Yes. As per Rule 6.2 of the Examination Bye-Laws of the Board, a student migrating from a School in a foreign country, other than the School affiliated to this Board, is eligible for admission after obtaining an eligibility certificate from this Board. For obtaining eligibility certificate from the Board, the Principal of the School to which admission is being sought will submit to the Board full details of the case and relevant documents with his own remarks/ recommendations. The

		eligibility certificate will be issued by the Board only after the Board is satisfied that the course of study undergone and examination passed is equivalent to the corresponding class of this Board. As regards the foreign qualifications, the same are available on CBSE website <a href="http://cbse.nic.in">cbse.nic.in</a> .
5	What is the Scheme 1 and Scheme 2 to appear in SAII in class X?	Students in class X are required to appear in SA-II as per the following scheme: Scheme-1: For those who do not wish to move out of the CBSE System after Class X. Scheme -2: For those who wish to move out of the CBSE System after Class X i.e. who wish to join institutions/ schools/ Junior Colleges affiliated to Boards other than the CBSE.
6	Can a student be detained from appearing in Board examination?	<i>As per Rule 15 of the Examination Bye-Laws</i> in no case Heads of affiliated schools can detain eligible candidates from appearing at the examination except in the case of shortage of attendance of the student.
7	How much attendance is required to appear in the Secondary / Senior Secondary examination?	As per the Examination Bye- Laws atleast 75% attendance in an academic session is required to be eligible to appear for the classes IX,X, XI/XII examination. Candidates taking up a subject(s) involving practical examination are also required to have put in at least 75% of the total attendance for practical work in the subject in the laboratory. In respect of students participating in Sports at National level organized by recognized Federations/CBSE/School Games Federation of India (SGFI), the required percentage of attendance is 60%. Such candidates taking up a subject(s) involving practical examination are also required to have put in at least 60% of the total attendance for practical work in the subject in the laboratory.

8	Is it possible to change subjects in classes X and XII?	<p><i>As per rule 26 of the Examination Bye-Laws of the Board the candidate cannot offer a subject in classes X and XII which he/she has not studied and passed in class IX and XI respectively.</i></p> <p><i>Notwithstanding anything contained in the rule to avoid undue hardship to the candidate change of subject in class X/XII is permitted. Request for change of subject has to be made before 31<sup>st</sup> August.</i></p>
9	Has the syllabus for classes IX and X (as per CCE), session/year-wise been uploaded?	Yes, the syllabus in each subject for Classes IX and X has been distributed term wise which is available on the CBSE website <a href="http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in">www.cbseacademic.nic.in</a> >Curriculum.
10	There are two syllabus given in the website of CBSE, one 2015 and the other 2014-2015, both having different split up syllabus. Sir please clarifies which one to be followed.	<p>The details have been already given in the updated curriculum. Kindly follow the link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.cbseacademic.in/web_material/Curriculum/Secondary/2014_15_Secondary_Curriculum_Volume_1.pdf">http://www.cbseacademic.in/web_material/Curriculum/Secondary/2014_15_Secondary_Curriculum_Volume_1.pdf</a></p>
11	Have Sample Questions for class X been uploaded at CBSE website?	Yes, the Sample Questions have been uploaded on CBSE academic website under the academic resources tab. You may also follow the links <a href="http://www.cbseacademic.in">www.cbseacademic.in</a> > Sample Questions for class X.
12	Has the syllabus for class IX (as per CCE), session/year-wise been uploaded?	Yes, the syllabus in each subject for Classes IX and X has been distributed term wise which is available on the CBSE website <a href="http://www.cbseacademic.nic.in">www.cbseacademic.nic.in</a>
13	Does Summative Assessment I include the syllabus for the whole year?	<i>No, the syllabus for Summative Assessment I includes only those topics which are prescribed to be taught during term I (April 2014- September 2014).</i>

14	What is the major difference between the school-based exam and board exam? 2. Is the school-based exam valid for other State admission?	<p>(I)The Summative Assessments-II (SA-II) conducted by the school (Scheme 1) and conducted by the Board (Scheme 2) is similar. Both is :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Based on same syllabus prescribed for Term II only.</li> <li>2. Carry the same weightage of 30% towards final grade.</li> <li>3. Based on the same types of question papers in term of question paper design, blue print and difficulty level.</li> <li>4. Evaluated on the basis of similar marking schemes prepared by the Board.</li> <li>(5) The answer copies of Board-conducted examination will be centrally evaluated at designated centers whereas those of school-conducted, by the school teachers based on the marking schemes supplied by the Board.</li> <li>6. The date sheet for the Board conducted Summative Examination-II has been announced and regarding school-conducted examination the schools have been directed to conduct the examination as per guidelines available in Circular No. Acad-06/2015 dated: 06.01.2015 which is available at CBSE website <a href="http://www.cbseacademic.in">www.cbseacademic.in</a>&gt;Circulars.</li> </ol> <p>(II) Yes.</p>
15	Is it mandatory to obtain 25% marks in the SAs in classes IX and X in session 2014-15?	<p>Yes, it is mandatory to obtain atleast 25% marks in the Summative Assessments of each subject (both SA1 and SA2 taken together) w.e.f the academic session 2013-14 for class IX and 2014-15 in class X.Those obtaining less than 25% marks in a subject in SA1+SA2 shall not qualify that subject.</p>
16	Is it optional to appear in SAs?	<p>No, it is mandatory for a student to appear in the both SAs in both classes IX and X.</p> <p>In case of non-appearance in SAs on grounds of illness, one more chance to appear in the SA1 may be given upto 31st October in class IX.</p>

17	If any student fails in SA-I then the student can appear again in re-examination(SA-I)	No, as per Circular No. 11 (A) of 2010, students of classes IX and X who have obtained grade 'E1 or E2' in one or more subjects excluding additional subject is allowed to improve their performance in 2 <sup>nd</sup> Summative Assessment.
18	I am a Class X student. I would like to know if Class IX marks will be added to Class X final results.	No. The Grade Point (GP) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for class X is based on the marks obtained in class X only.
19	My child got 23,5 and 25marks in FAI but has been graded A2. Can you please help me understand this, as school says this is the calculation under CCE system?	Rounding is done at FA and SA level separately. Marks obtained in all the FAs and SAs are totaled and converted into grade and Grade Point.
20	Will the results for CBSE Class X Scheme-1 and Scheme-2 be announced at the same time or separately? Is there any discrimination for admission in class XI?	No, the results for the Board conducted (Scheme-2 ) and school-conducted (Scheme-1 ) will be declared at the same time. As far as the CBSE is concerned, there is no discrimination between students who opt for Board-conducted examination or school-conducted examination.
21	Will Open Text based Assessment (OTBA) be applicable in all main subjects in class IX in SA II?	Yes, Open Text based Assessment (OTBA) for Class IX will be applicable to all the main subjects. It will be a part of Summative Assessment II to be held in March 2015. It will have questions of higher order thinking skills and some of which may be subjective, creative and open-ended.
22	What is the minimum qualifying Grade in a subject in classes IX and X (2013-2014)?	<i>A candidate must obtain minimum Grade D in all the five/six subjects.</i> The overall grade in each subject is determined on the basis of the student's performance in all the assessments (4 Formative and 2 Summative) in an academic session as per the following weightage: Term I: FA1 (10%) + FA2 (10%) + SA1(30%) = 50% Term II: FA3 (10%) + FA4 (10%) + SA2(30%) = 50%

23	What is the Board's policy for upscaling the grades in classes IX and X?	<p><i>Under scholastic areas grades are upgraded to the next higher grade in one or two subjects as per the total grade points achieved under co-scholastic areas 2 (A) and 3 (B) as given below:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>53-65 grades in two subjects of scholastic areas.</i></li> <li>• <i>40-52 grades in one subject of scholastic area.</i></li> <li>• <i>Upgradation is done from lower grade to higher grade.</i></li> <li>• <i>No upscaling is done if the Grade obtained in the subject is E2 or A1.</i></li> <li>• <i>The upscaling of Grade in Scholastic Areas is applicable in Main Subject only (i.e. excluding Additional 6th Subject).</i></li> <li>• <i>No grade in the subjects of scholastic areas is upgraded twice.</i></li> <li>• <i>The upgraded grade is shown with '**'.</i></li> </ul>
24	Is it mandatory for a student who has appeared in the Board examination to leave the school or CBSE Board?	<p><i>Students may be able to take admission in a CBSE school after appearing for the SA II conducted by the Board i.e. Scheme 2; however they are expected to make a conscious decision before giving their option. By having given the option that they are going to appear under Scheme 2, they may probably forego their priority for admission to Class XI in the same school. However, such cases would be dealt with autonomously on merit by the school and the CBSE has never micro managed schools in such cases as per past practice.</i></p>
25	<i>Are the grades of classes 9 and 10 combined for CGPA?</i>	<p>No, grades of classes IX and X are not combined for CGPA. CGPA is allotted in class X only, and reflected in 'Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance'.</p>

26	<i>How is CGPA calculated?</i>	<p><i>The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is the average of Grade Points obtained in all the subjects (excluding additional subject) as per Scheme of Studies.</i></p> <p><i>An indicative equivalence of Grade Point and percentage of marks is computed as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Subject wise indicative percentage of marks =9.5x GP of the subject</i></p> <p><i>Overall indicative percentage of marks =9.5x CGPA</i></p>
27	Is the certificate issued same after SA-II in class X for Board and school based exams?	Yes, a uniform ‘Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance’ prepared, printed and signed by the Board is issued by the CBSE to all candidates at the end of Class X.
28	What will the results show when a candidate passes in the additional subject, but fails in one of the main subjects in class X?	<p><i>In respect of a candidate offering an additional subject, the following norms are applied:</i></p> <p><i>(a) A language offered as an additional subject replaces a language in the event of a candidate failing in the same provided after replacement the candidate has English/Hindi as one of the languages; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) The replacement satisfies the conditions as laid down in the Scheme of Studies.</i></p>
29	Would school show the answer sheet of classes IX and X to the students?	Schools would not communicate the marks of Summative Assessment-II to the candidates of class X under any circumstances. However schools are advised to show the answer sheet of SAI & II of class IX and SA I of class X to the students for their benefit and satisfaction. However, they may take it back for maintaining the record.
30	How many times students of class X can appear in EIOP examination at secondary level?	<i>A candidate who has appeared for the Secondary School Examination in 2015 and obtained Grades E1 or E2 in any or all the subjects (excluding the 6th additional subject) under Scholastic Area A, as per the Scheme of Studies, is eligible for improving his/her performance in any or all the five subjects and may reappear at the only chance of Improvement of</i>

		<i>Performance to be conducted by the Board in July/School by July, as per the option exercised for the Main examination held in March the same year.</i>
31	Will the 'Grade Sheet Cum Certificate of Performance' be same for Upgrading of Performance and main examination in class X?	No, candidates who appear for Upgrading of Performance are issued only Statement of Subject wise Performance reflecting the grade(s) obtained in the said examination.
32	Is a candidate eligible to improve his / her performance?	<i>Yes, a candidate who has passed Class X examination of the Board may re-appear for Upgradation of Performance in one or more subjects in the main examination in the succeeding year only. The candidate may appear privately; those re-appearing for the entire examination can also appear as regular candidate if admitted by the school. The candidate(s) appearing for Upgradation of Performance can appear in the subject(s) in which they have appeared for the Examination.</i>
33	Can a student who scores less than 60% in class 10 secure admission in class XI with PCM subjects?	<i>As per the Board's rules, a candidate obtaining minimum grade D in all the subjects (Excluding the additional subject) is eligible for admission in class XI. However, the schools affiliated to the Board follow different practices suitable in their own context for admissions to class XI.</i>
34	What is the procedure for seeking admission in Class XII?	Admission to Class XII in a school is open only to such a student who has completed a regular course of study of Class XI and has passed class XI examination from an institution affiliated to CBSE or any recognized Board in India and migrating from one city/ State to another only on the transfer of the parent(s) or shifting of their families from one place to another, after procuring from the student the mark sheet and the Transfer Certificate.
35	Have SQP for class XII been uploaded at CBSE website?	Yes, the SQPs have been uploaded on CBSE academic website under the academic resources tab. You may follow the links <a href="http://www.cbseacademic.in">www.cbseacademic.in</a> > <a href="#">SQP 2014-2015</a> .

36	Will Open Text based Assessment (OTBA) be applicable in all main subjects in class XI in Annual Examination?	No, Open Text based Assessment (OTBA) for Class XI will be applicable only in the subjects of Economics, Biology and Geography in the Annual Examination to be held in March, 2015. It will have questions of higher order thinking skills and some of which may be subjective, creative and open-ended.
37	Is it mandatory to pass in Theory and Practical Examinations separately at class XII?	<i>As per Rule No. 38 (iv) of the Examination Byelaws of the Board the qualifying marks in each subject of external examination are 33% at Senior School Certificate Examination. However, in a subject involving practical work, a candidate must obtain 33% marks in the theory and 33% marks in the practical separately in addition to 33% marks in aggregate, in order to qualify in that subject.</i>
38	What is the pass criteria for Class XII?	A candidate has to pass in five subjects as per Scheme of Studies to be declared Pass.
39	What will the results show when a candidate passes in the additional subject, but fails in one of the main subjects in class XII?	<i>In respect of a candidate offering an additional subject, the following norms are applied:</i> <i>(a) A language offered as an additional subject replaces a language in the event of a candidate failing in the same provided after replacement the candidate has English/Hindi as one of the languages.</i> <i>(b) An elective subject offered as an additional subject replaces one of the elective subjects offered by the candidate. It may also replace a language provided after replacement the candidate has English/Hindi as one of the languages.</i> <i>(c) Additional language offered at elective level replaces an elective subject provided after replacement; the number of languages offered does not exceed two.</i>
40	How many chances are there for the compartment examination in class XII?	A candidate appearing in 2015 examination and placed in compartment at the Senior School Certificate Examination shall get subsequent three chances <i>to be held in July the same year, Second Chance in March/April and Third Chance in July of next year.</i>

41	Can a candidate appear in two or more subjects in compartment examination in class XII?	<i>No, since compartment examination in class XII is a single day examination a candidate has to appear only in one subject.</i>
42	What is the Procedure of grading system at class XII?	<p>Board does not have grading system in class XII based on marks. However, for awarding the grades, all the passed students, subject wise, are put in a rank order and awarded grades as follows :</p> <p>A-1 Top 1/8th of the passed candidates  A-2 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  B-1 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  B-2 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  C-1 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  C-2 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  D-1 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  D-2 Next 1/8th of the passed candidates  E Failed candidates</p> <p>Hence candidates obtaining the same marks in two subjects will not necessarily get the same Grade</p>
43	What is the procedure for appearing in additional subjects?	<i>As per Rule 43 of the Examination Bye-Laws an additional subject can be offered within 6 years of passing the examination of the Board provided the additional subject is prescribed in the Scheme of Studies. No exemption from time limit is given after six years. This facility is available at the annual examination only.</i>
44	When a candidate drops one year, what is the syllabus applicable for the following examinations?	<i>The candidate has to study the syllabus recommended for the year in which he/she plans to appear for the examination.</i>
45	Can a candidate simultaneously appear for Improvement as well as Additional subject examination?	No, a candidate appearing for Improvement of Performance in one or more subjects cannot appear for additional subject simultaneously.

46	Is a candidate eligible to improve his / her performance?	<i>Yes, a candidate who has passed Class XII examination of the Board may re-appear for improvement of performance in one or more subjects in the main examination in the succeeding year only. The candidate may appear privately; those re-appearing for the entire examination can also appear as regular candidates also if admitted by the school as regular students. The candidate(s) appearing for improvement of performance can appear in the subject(s) in which they have appeared for the Examination.</i>
47	Will the mark sheet be same for Improvement of Performance and main examination in class XII?	No, candidates who appear for improvement of performance will be issued only Statement of Marks reflecting marks obtained in the improvement examination.
48	Is it compulsory to appear in theory and practical papers in the compartment examination?	In case the candidate has passed in practical at the main examination, he/she is allowed to appear in the theory part only and marks in practical obtained at the main examination are carried forward and accounted for. In case a candidate has failed in practical he/she shall have to appear in theory and practical both irrespective of the fact that he/she has already cleared the theory examination.
49	How does a candidate apply for verification of marks, obtaining photocopy of Answer sheet and re-evaluation in class XII?	Details will be made available at the appropriate time.
50	Do the marks increase after verification?	The marks may increase or decrease on verification as per the actual marks obtained and the candidate will have to accept the revised result.
50	Is a new mark sheet issued after verification?	Yes, a new mark-sheet is issued in case of change in marks. The candidate has to surrender the old marks statement.
51	Has the provision of countersignature of Transfer Certificate been done away?	As per Circular dated 26.11.2014 provision of countersignature of Transfer Certificate has been modified. The circular is available at CBSE website <a href="http://www.cbse.nic.in">www.cbse.nic.in</a> .

52	<p>What is the eligibility criterion for a student to appear as a private candidate under Delhi Scheme in the Board examination?</p>	<p><i>The following category of candidates can appear as private candidate under Delhi Scheme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Failed candidates</i></li> <li>• <i>Teachers serving in educational institutions affiliated to the CBSE.</i></li> <li>• <i>Regular candidates of the previous year who have completed regular course of studies and had been allotted Roll No. but could not appear due to medical reasons except shortage of attendance as laid down in the Examination Bye-laws.</i></li> <li>• <i>Women candidates who are bonafide residents of the National Capital Territory of Delhi and have passed the Delhi Secondary or an equivalent examination at least two years before appearing at the Senior School Certificate Examination subject to conditions mentioned in byelaw 17(iii);</i></li> <li>• <i>Physically handicapped students (only from Delhi).</i></li> </ul>
53	<p>What is the eligibility criterion for a student to appear as a private candidate under All India Scheme in the Board examination?</p>	<p><i>The following category of candidates can appear as private candidate under All India Scheme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Failed candidates</i></li> <li>• <i>Teachers serving in educational institutions affiliated to the CBSE.</i></li> <li>• <i>Regular candidates of the previous year who have completed regular course of studies and has been allotted Roll No. but could not appear due to medical reasons except shortage of attendance as laid down in the Examination Bye-laws.</i></li> </ul>

54	Does CBSE have any exemption for the differently abled candidates?	Yes, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides relaxation for children with various disabilities like Visually Impaired, Physically Challenged, Autistic, Dyslexic, Spastic and other categories defined in the PWD Act, 1995 with regard to both Secondary School Examination and Senior School Certificate Examination. These relaxations are mentioned in circular No. 25 /2012 dated 12.04.2012 which is available at CBSE website <a href="http://www.cbse.nic.in">www.cbse.nic.in</a> >Public Portal> Circulars>2012.
55	How can a student receive authenticated copy of the Transfer Certificate from the school affiliated to the Board?	A student leaving his school at the end of a session or who is permitted to leave his school during the session on account of migration from one city/State to another on the transfer of the parent(s) or shifting of their families from one place to another or parents' request, especially in classes IX/X/XI/XII, as the case may be, shall on payment of all dues, receive an authenticated copy of the Transfer Certificate up to date. A Duplicate copy may also be obtained provided the head of the institution is satisfied that the original is lost but it shall always be so marked.
56	What is the procedure to apply for a duplicate pass documents?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Candidate applying for obtaining duplicate documents may send application duly completed in all respects along with requisite fee to Regional Office concerned.</li> <li>2. Candidate may download the application form from the Board's website <a href="http://www.cbse.nic.in">www.cbse.nic.in</a> &gt; Forms.</li> <li>3. Record upto 1974 has been weeded out hence no documents upto 1974 can be issued by the CBSE.</li> </ol>
57	<i>Are marks deducted for missing steps in the Mathematics Class 12 exam?</i>	It is always better to write all the steps and write the solution to the questions systematically. At times, major steps in the solution are assigned separate marks in the Marking scheme. A candidate may lose marks if these specific steps are not written.

58	<i>Do examiners deduct marks for exceeding the word limit and spelling mistakes, especially in the language papers?</i>	The approximate word limit is given for short and long answer questions and students are expected to write answers within the word limit.
59	<i>I'm in Class XII, having non-medical science. I'm facing some problems in Physics and I want to know if solving the NCERT questions and CBSE sample papers is sufficient to score good marks?</i>	The Question Papers for the Board's examination are based on the syllabus prescribed by NCERT, hence you should study the NCERT book thoroughly. The CBSE has uploaded sample question papers on its website. You may refer to them or the previous years' question papers and marking schemes given on the Board's website.
60	<i>Does poor handwriting affect performance in the Board exams? Is there any speed limit?</i>	No. However, answers should be written which can be read easily by the examiner. Being neat and legible is important. There is no speed rate prescribed. It is better to divide time and plan answers while reading the question paper in the beginning.
61	<i>I am in Class XII Science stream and would like to know whether Clark's tables are allowed for the final exams. And for which all subjects are they allowed?</i>	Clarks Tables/Logarithmic Tables are allowed for the Board examinations in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.
62	<i>I would like to know whether a student can use the basic calculator in the exam. State-run schools allow the same.</i>	Use of calculator is not allowed in CBSE examinations.
63	<i>Will the marks in the Pre-board be counted in final result in class</i>	No. However, getting good marks in the Pre-boards clearly indicates that one has prepared well. Being consistent in preparations will definitely fetch god marks in board exams as well.
64	<i>Will a student lose marks if he/she opts for Hindi as a medium for writing Class 12 board examination?</i>	No, as the Question papers are bilingual, the students can give their answers in Hindi or English medium.

