

## 2. SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS AND PASS CRITERIA

### 2.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- (i) The Scheme of Examinations and Pass Criteria for All India/Delhi Secondary School Examinations conducted by the Board, shall be as laid down from time to time.
- (ii) Class IX examination shall be conducted internally by the schools themselves.
- (iii) The Board will conduct the external examinations at the end of class X.
- (iv) Class X examinations will be based on the Syllabi as prescribed by the Board for class X from time to time.
- (v) Number of papers, duration of examination and marks for each subject/paper will be as specified in the curriculum for the year.
- (vi) The examination would be conducted in theory as well as in practicals, depending upon the nature of the subject(s) and the marks/grades allotted shall be as prescribed in the curriculum.
- (vii) Marks/grades shall be awarded for individual subjects and the aggregate marks shall not be given.

### 2.2 Grading

- (i) Assessment of theory/practical papers in external subjects shall be in numerical scores. In addition to numerical scores, the Board shall indicate grades in the marks sheets issued to the candidates in case of subjects of external examinations. In case of internal assessment subjects, only grades shall be shown.
- (ii) Letter grades on a nine-point scale shall be used for subjects of external examinations. However, for subjects of internal examination in Class X the assessment shall be made on a five point scale i.e. A.B.C.D. & E.
- (iii) The grades shall be derived from scores in case of subjects of external examination. In case of subjects of internal assessment, they shall be awarded by the schools.
- (iv) The qualifying marks in each subject of external examination shall be 33% at Secondary School Certificate Examination.
- (v) For awarding the grades, the Board shall put all the passed students in a rank order and will award grades as follows :-
  - 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

**Notes :-**

- (a) Minor variations in proportion of candidates to adjust ties will be made.
- (b) In case of a tie, all the students getting the same score, will get the same grade. If the number of students at a score point need to be divided into two segments, the smaller segment will go with the larger.
- (c) Method of grading will be used in subjects where the number of candidates who have passed is more than 500.
- (d) In respect of subjects where total number of candidates passing in a subject is less than 500, the grading would be adopted on the pattern of grading and distribution in other similar subjects.

### **2.3 MERIT CERTIFICATES**

- (i) The Board will award Merit Certificates in each subject to the top 0.1% of candidates passing that subject, provided that they have passed the examination as per the pass criteria of the Board.
- (ii) The number of Merit Certificates in a subject, will be determined by rounding of the number of candidates passing the subject to the nearest multiple of thousand. If the number of candidates passing a subject is less than 500, no merit certificate will be issued.
- (iii) In the matter of a tie, if one student gets a Merit certificate, all candidates getting that score will get the Merit Certificate.

### **2.4 SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS**

- (i) Assessment in the following subjects will be undertaken by the schools themselves in terms of grades on a five-point scale (i.e. A.B.C.D. & E.)
  - Work Education
  - Art Education
  - Physical & Health Education
- (ii) The evaluation for subjects of internal assessment shall be based on cumulative record of the candidate during his/her continuous assessment in the school.
- (iii) Schools are expected to maintain regular records of student's achievement and progress. These records are subject to scrutiny by the Board when it deems fit. As per the notification of the Board, the schools shall issue the certificate of school-based evaluation at the end of class X.
- (iv) Rest of the subjects of study not mentioned under sub-clause (i) shall be externally examined by the Board. Details of question papers, marks and duration are given below :-

S.No.	Subject	No. of Question Papers	Max. Marks	Duration
1.	Language I	1	100	3 hours
2.	Language II	1	100	3 hours
3.	Mathematics	1	100	3 hours
4.	Science and Technology	1 (Theory)*	75	3 hours
5.	Social Science	1	100	3 hours
	Additional subjects			
(i)	*Commerce (Elements of Business OR Elements of Book Keeping Accountancy OR Typewriting- English Or Typewriting Hindi)	1	100/25*	3 hours 2 hours
(ii)	Painting	1	100	3 hours
(iii)	Music	1 (Theory)*	25	2 hours
(iv)	Home Science	1 (Theory)*	75	3 hours
(v)	Introductory Information Technology	1 (Theory)*	40	3 hours

**Notes :**

1. \*Practicals in Science and technology (25 marks), Music (75 marks), Home Science (25 marks), Introductory Information Technology (60 marks), Typewriting\*\* as one of the optionals under Commerce (75 marks) will be conducted by the schools and marks will be reported to the Board. For further details about options available and break up of marks please refer to the syllabi of the discipline concerned.
2. The candidates from recognised schools having physical deformity or otherwise unable to take part in Work Education, Physical and Health Education and Art Education may be granted exemption by the Chairman of the Board on the recommendation of the Head of Institution on the merit of each case. Requests for exemption should be supported by documentary evidence like Medical Certificate from a Medical Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon.
3. Private/Patrachar Vidyalaya and candidates sponsored by Adult Schools shall be exempted from the subject of internal assessment.
- (v) Heads of all affiliated institutions shall be required to issue "Certificate of School Based Evaluation" covering co-cognitive and other related areas of learning based on continuous and comprehensive evaluation of students who will be completing a course of study of ten years,

**2.4.1 Pass Criteria**

- (i) A candidate will be eligible to get the pass certificate of the Board, if he/she gets a grade higher than E in all subjects of internal assessment unless he/she is exempted. Failing this, the result of the external examination will be withheld but not for a period of more than one year.
- (ii) In order to be declared as having passed the examination, a candidate shall obtain a grade higher than E (i.e. atleast 33% marks) in all the five subjects of external examination in the main or at the compartmental examinations. The pass marks in each subject of external examination shall be 33%.
- (iii) No overall division/distinction/aggregate shall be awarded.
- (iv) In respect of a candidate offering an additional subject, the following norms shall be applied :—
  - (a) A language offered as an additional subject may replace 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
  - (b) The replacement shall satisfy the conditions as laid down in the Scheme of Studies.

- (v) Candidates exempted from one or more subjects of internal examination shall be eligible for appearing in external examination and result shall be declared subject to fulfilment of other conditions laid down in the pass Criteria.

#### **2.4.2 Eligibility for Compartment**

A Candidate failing in two of the five subjects of external examination shall be placed in compartment in those subjects provided he/she qualifies in all the subjects of internal assessment.

### **2.5 COMPARTMENT EXAMINATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION**

- (i) A candidate placed in compartment may reappear at the compartmental examination to be held in July/August and may avail himself/herself of the second chance in March/April next year and may further avail himself/herself of the third chance at the compartmental examinations to be held in July/August of that year. The candidate will be declared 'Pass' provided he/she qualifies the compartmental subject/subjects in which he/she had failed.
- (ii) A candidate who does not appear or fails at one or all the chances of compartment shall be treated to have failed in the examination and shall be required to reappear in all the subjects at the subsequent annual examination of the Board as per syllabi and courses laid down for the examination concerned in order to pass the examination. The candidate shall have the option to appear at the practical examination in the subjects involving practical or retain their previous marks in one more annual examination after the 3<sup>rd</sup> chance compartment.
- (iii) Syllabi and Courses for the Compartmental Candidates in March Examination shall be the same as applicable to the candidates of full subjects appearing at the examination.
- (iv) A candidate placed in compartment shall be allowed to appear only in those subjects in which he/she has been placed in compartment at the Second Chance Compartmental Examination to be held in March/April next year.
- (v) For subjects involving practical work, in case the candidate has passed in practical at the main examination he/she shall appear only in theory part and previous practical marks will be 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.
- (vi) A candidate who is placed in Compartment and fails to pass the Secondary School Examination (Class X) at the first chance compartmental examination held in July/August of that year shall not (NOT) be admitted to class XI.

### **2.5 A RETENTION OF PRACTICAL MARKS IN RESPECT OF FAILURE CANDIDATES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**

A candidate who has failed in the examination in the first attempt shall be required to re-appear in all the subjects at the subsequent annual examination of the Board but shall have the option to appear for the practical examination in subjects involving practicals or retain the previous year's practical marks for two consecutive years only. In case he/she fails to pass the examination in two consecutive years, he/she shall have to re-appear in all the subjects including practicals.

## **2.6 ADDITIONAL SUBJECT(S)**

A candidate who has passed the Secondary/Senior School Certificate Examination of the Board may offer an additional subject as a private candidate provided the additional subject is provided in the Scheme of Studies and is offered within **Five years** of passing the examination of the Board. Exemption from time limit may be granted by the Chairman in deserving cases. Facility to appear in additional subject will be available at the annual examination only.

## **2.7 IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE**

### **Secondary Examination**

- (i) A candidate who has passed Secondary School Examination of the Board may reappear at the examination for improvement of performance in one or more subjects in the main examination in succeeding year only, provided he/she has not pursued higher studies in the mean time. He/she shall appear as a private candidate. Those reappearing in the whole examination, may appear as regular school candidates also.
- (ii) A candidate appearing for improvement in subject(s) involving practical shall appear only in theory and previous practical marks shall be carried forward and accounted for.
- (iii) A candidate appearing for improvement of performance shall be issued only Statement of Marks reflecting the marks obtained at the improvement examination in the subject(s).

### **Patrachar Vidyalaya Candidates**

- (i) Patrachar Vidyalaya Candidates for Secondary School Examination will be required to offer two languages as laid down in the Scheme of Examination but will be allowed to offer Home Science, Commerce in place of Mathematics and Science and Technology.
- (ii) Patrachar Vidyalaya Candidates for Secondary School Examinations from outside Delhi shall not be allowed to offer subjects involving practical work.

## **2.8 EXEMPTION TO SPASTIC, BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CANDIDATES**

Spastic candidates and candidates with visual and hearing impairment have the option of studying one compulsory language as against two. This language should be in consonance with the overall spirit of the Language Teaching Scheme of the Board. Besides one language any four of following subjects be offered :-

Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Science, another language, Music, painting, Home Science and Introductory Information Technology.

## **2.9 EXAMINATION BYE-LAWS**

Rest of the conditions for appearing in the examination shall be laid down in the Examination Bye-Laws of the Board from time to time.