



केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड

(मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, के अधीन एक स्वायत्त संगठन)

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Circular No. Acad-28/2014

Subject: Conduct of Problem Solving Assessment (PSA) for classes IX and XI for the academic session 2014-15

Dear Principal

It is widely recognised that the skills of verbal communication, analytical reasoning, critical thinking, creative thinking, decision making and generic skills play a crucial role for every individual in order to be successful in personal as well as professional life. With the objectives of promoting and assessing these skills in the students, the Board initiated the conduct of Problem solving Assessment in February, 2013. The initiative of the Board has been widely accepted and appreciated by the stakeholders.

This test for the ongoing session 2014-15 will be held on :

20th November, 2014 (Thursday)

Salient features of this test are as under:

- It is compulsory for all students of classes IX and XI.
- It comprises of a total of 60 items of MCQ type and carries 60 marks.
- The test will be held from 10.00A.M. to 12.00 noon.
- The test assesses life skills related to the following three domains:
Language conventions, qualitative reasoning and quantitative reasoning.
- The items included in the test aim to assess students' ability to process, interpret and use information rather than assessing their prior subject matter knowledge.
- The assessment in English or Hindi include items to test grammar, usage, vocabulary in context and passage completion.
- The question paper will be bilingual.
- PSA score will be counted towards FA4 which is 10% of total assessments for class-IX. This score will be reflected equally in one language (English or Hindi), Mathematics, Science and Social Science. Class-XI students will be issued a separate certificate for the same.
- Students studying in class X and XII in the current session (who appeared in PSA while studying in classes IX and XI during the previous session) who wish to improve in PSA are allowed to do so. Related information may be indicated clearly at the time of submission of list of candidates (LOC) for 2015 annual examination.
- There will be no separate registration for appearing in PSA.
- A nominal fee of Rs.100/- per student for appearing in PSA is to be submitted by the school at the time of submission of other details.

The schools may contact Dr. Sadhana Parashar, Director (ART &I) at sadhanap.cbse@nic.in or Mr. R.P. Sharma Consultant at science.cbse@gmail.com for any further clarification, if need be.

You are requested to disseminate this information to all concerned.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Sd/-

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Director (Academics, Research, Training and Innovation)

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