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**All the Heads of Institutions
Affiliated to the Board**

**Sub.: Conduct of School Based Summative Assessment-I (September, 2011)
Classes IX and X - 2011**

Dear Principal,

As you are aware, the Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Examination Reforms and Continuous & Comprehensive Evaluation(CCE) in its schools since the academic year 2009-10 and the detailed scheme has already been intimated to all Heads of schools vide CBSE's previous circulars.

2. The scheme is in operation in all CBSE affiliated schools. As per the scheme, four Formative Assessments and two Summative Assessments would be held in an academic year. **The first Summative Assessment (SA-I) for this term for Classes IX and X is scheduled to be conducted in the second half of September, 2011.**

3. Under the School Based Summative Assessment-I, the students will be tested internally based on the following criteria:

- a) Syllabus and design of the Examination Question Paper in different subjects for Classes IX and X Summative Assessment(s) will be the same as circulated by the Board earlier. The same is also available on CBSE website www.cbse.nic.in under Examination Link.
- b) As was done earlier, the Summative Assessment-I will be in the form of a pen-paper test conducted by the schools themselves.
- c) In order to ensure standards, the Question Paper Bank in different subjects would be sent by the Board so as to reach schools well in time.

- d) Evaluation of answer scripts will be done by the school teachers themselves on the basis of the Marking Scheme provided by the Board. The school may use the Sahodaya School Cluster for spot evaluation so that teachers from other schools are also involved, if they so wish.
- e) There will be random verification of the assessment procedures of schools by the Board officials/nominees appointed by the Board.

4. It has been decided to provide Question Paper Bank for **English Communicative, English Language & Literature, Hindi-A, Hindi-B, Mathematics, Science, Social Science and Communicative Sanskrit**. In respect of other subjects/languages, the schools will administer their own question papers based on Sample Question Paper pattern available on the Board's website.

5. The Board will be sending Compact Disc (CD) containing Question Paper Bank for Classes IX & X and the school may:

- i) pick up one question paper for each subject.

OR

- ii) mix and match the paper by using different questions/sections from different sets of question papers and prepare a question paper based on Board's sample paper, design and blue print.

OR

- iii) prepare their own question papers as per sample paper, design and blue print available on CBSE's website (www.cbse.nic.in). However, in case the school prepares its own question papers, the question papers and marking scheme so prepared should be emailed to the Board (**email id: eoscience@live.com**) for its verification within a week of conduct of the respective papers.

- iv) The Board plans to dispatch the CDs containing question papers for classes IX and X to all schools so as to reach by **10th September, 2011**.

- v) **Every School, Sahodaya Cluster(s) or City may design their own date-sheet for Classes IX and X examination accordingly.**

6. The schools need to take out the print of the desired question paper (refer para 5 above) and, thereafter, the required number of prints/copies may be made at the school level. These question papers must be kept in the safe custody carefully.

7. **The schools will conduct the SA-I for Classes IX and X during the second half of September, 2011.**

8. Another CD containing the Marking Scheme of the main subjects would be sent to every school separately in due course and will reach the schools well in time.

9. The answer books should be evaluated by teachers as per the marking scheme provided by the Board.

10. KINDLY NOTE THAT ANSWER BOOKS OF SCHOOL BASED SA-I FOR CLASSES IX AND X SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO THE BOARD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

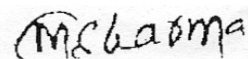
However these must be preserved and kept in the safe custody at the school for at least a period of three years (in case of Class IX) and two years (in case of Class X) along with question papers and Marking Scheme for any verification by the Board subsequently.

11. It may be noted again that the question papers for Classes IX and X have been designed by the Board and are being sent to schools with the purpose of maintaining standards. Depending upon the feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders, the Board may reconsider this policy in future, if need be.

This may be brought to the notice of all teachers, students and parents of Classes IX and X.

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Yours faithfully,



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