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All Heads of Schools Affiliated with CBSE

Subject: Creative and Critical Thinking (CCT) Weekly Practice

Dear Principals

1. CBSE announces a **Creative and Critical Thinking (CCT) Weekly Practice Programme** to enhance critical and creative thinking and to generate curiosity in students by connecting learning with real life situations. CCT Practice also aims to empower teachers to :
 - a. Ask questions in classrooms which are connected to real life to build curiosity in students
 - b. Facilitate discussions amongst students to build the skills of collaboration and problem solving
 - c. Engage parents and the community at large in student's learning process
2. Through this programme, CBSE would share a set of 5 questions every week (5 QAW) for the use of teachers as well as students. These questions are not necessarily related to the syllabus at hand. However, they are connected to the overall learning of students in classes 7th to 10th. These may be attempted by students of Class 7th to 10th and can be used in the following ways by the teachers:
 - a. **To Engage Students** - The teacher can use these questions at the beginning of a class to make students curious about the topic that will be taught in class or has already been taught in class and to engage them in discussions.
 - b. **Independent Work for Students-** Students can be asked to attempt these questions as homework in consultation with their friends and family. The solutions can be discussed the next day or at the end of the week as per the convenience of the teachers in a way that it promotes discussion
 - c. **Activities during the No Bag Day/Zero Period/Activity Hour etc.-** These questions can be used in the form of an activity on the No Bag Day or a special period like the Activity Hour or Zero Period where the teachers make the students collaborate with each other to solve the problems.
 - d. **Any other method the teacher chooses to use.**

Detailed Instructions for schools to implement the CCT weekly practice programme is attached in **Annexure A**.

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3. Soft copy of QR Coded poster is attached in **Annexure B**. These will be required to be printed and put in classrooms (Classes 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th). New questions for the week will be made available every Monday and the solutions for those questions will be made available on the Thursday of the same week via the same QR code.
4. The questions and answers can be accessed by teachers/students/parents in the following ways:
 - a. **Using a smartphone:** A smartphone can be used to scan the QR code. On scanning the QR code, the user will be redirected to the questions and answers.
 - b. **Using Desktop/Laptop:** The user can access the following link directly <https://diksha.gov.in/get/dial/R5Z7P5> or navigate to www.cbseacademic.in and explore under *Quick Links* section on his/her desktop/laptop. User will be redirected to the questions and answers
5. The Board is launching this programme to enhance 21st Century Skills among the learners and hopes for enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and schools in this programme.
6. For any queries please write to cctpractice.cbse@gmail.com.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation of students and teachers in this programme.


(Dr Joseph Emmanuel)
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Enclosures :-

1. **Annexure A:** Detailed Instructions for schools to implement the CCT weekly practice programme
2. **Annexure B:** CCT weekly practice programme poster

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-16
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida-201309
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054

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4. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh-160 017
5. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim –737101
6. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar –791 111
7. The Director of Education, Govt. of A&N Islands, Port Blair – 744101
8. The Director of Education, S.I.E., CBSE Cell, VIP Road, Junglee Ghat, P.O. 744103, A&N Island
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini
10. The Additional Director General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi-110001
11. The Secretary AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDR Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt-110010
12. The Under Secretary (EE-1), MHRD, Govt. of India, Department of SE&L, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-01
13. All Regional Directors/Regional Officers of CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions
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15. In charge IT Unit with the request to put this circular on the CBSE Academic website
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19. SPS to Director (EDUSAT, Research and Development), CBSE
20. SPS to Director (Information Technology), CBSE
21. SPS to Director (Academics), CBSE
22. SPS to Controller of Examinations, CBSE
23. SPS to Director (SE & T), CBSE
24. SPS to Director (Professional Exams), CBSE



Annexure A

Detailed Instructions for schools to implement the CCT weekly practice programme

Step 1: Scan the QR code using DIKSHA App (**on phone**) OR use the following link <https://diksha.gov.in/get/dial/R5Z7P5> (**on computer**) to view the questions for the week

Step 2: You will see questions allocated for the week, click on any of the questions to use them.

Step 3: You will find new questions every Monday and the solution to the week's questions will be updated every Thursday morning. Remember that the same QR code can be scanned to view the solutions using the "solution" button on the top right hand corner inside each question.

Step 4: In case you would like to print the questions, please use the following link <https://diksha.gov.in/get/dial/R5Z7P5> (**on computer**). Open the questions titled "All Questions for the (1st /2nd /3rd /4th) week of <<name of the month>>. Print This". This will open a master PDF document with all questions of the week. Press the download button on the top left of your screen and print.



CCT Weekly Practice Programme Poster

CCT Weekly Practice



Step 1: Scan the QR code using DIKSHA App (phone)

Step 2: You will see questions for the week, click on the question you want to see

Step 3: Use the question in the class

OR

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Step 2: Access the questions of the week