



COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

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To : Heads of all Affiliated Schools

Dear Principal,

This has reference to the articles in the newspapers today regarding the CISCE setting Question Papers for the Classes IX & XI Examinations, wherein certain misgivings and apprehensions have been expressed regarding the same.

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), New Delhi which has always prided itself to be a **child-friendly Board**, would like to clarify and reiterate that the Class IX and XI Final Examinations to be held in February/ March 2020 are **NOT “Board Examinations”**.

It is a normal regular practice for every school to conduct its Final Examination annually. The CISCE as a Board would only be providing its affiliated schools with common Question Papers for select subjects in Classes IX & XI. The Question Papers for the remaining subjects would continue to be set by the respective school subject teachers.

Promotion from Class IX to X and from Class XI to Class XII will be based on the Cumulative average of the Terminal Examinations / Unit Tests marks achieved by the candidate throughout the Academic year.

As per the Council’s observation, the subjects selected for setting the Classes IX and XI Question Papers are those in which candidates **often tend to lose marks/fail** during the Board examination. This exercise will be of immense benefit to the students, as it will provide them with an exposure to Board - like Question Papers. This exposure will lead to the **reduction of anxiety and stress** during the actual Board examination and thereby help them to **perform to their full potential**.

The objectives are as follows: -

1. To help students to get **acquainted and familiarized** with the correct pattern, format and type of question papers for the Board Examination thereby assisting in removing stress while handling these subjects even at the Board level.
2. To ensure **proper preparedness and completion** of the syllabuses for both Classes IX and XI, thereby providing a holistic and complete education at the School level and thereafter at the College and University level.
3. To help to **maintain uniformity** in all our affiliated schools across India and abroad.
4. To **standardize** the level of teaching and learning in all CISCE affiliated schools. This will ensure comprehensive learning at each level.



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The Council's initiative is primarily for the benefit and guidance of the students and the teachers. Please be re-assured that there will be no extra burden imposed upon the students as a result of the above CISCE exercise. The Final Examination will continue to be an internal school activity and the scripts of the examination will be marked by the respective school subject teachers.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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