All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Assessment and Evaluation Practices of the Board for the Session 2023-24

The National Education Policy, 2020 has affirmed the need to move from rote learning to learning more focused on developing the creative and critical thinking capacities of students to meet the challenges of the 21st century proactively. Accordingly, the Board has taken multiple steps towards implementation of Competency Focused Education in schools, ranging from aligning assessment to competencies, development of exemplar resources for teachers and students as well as continuous capacity building of teachers etc.

The Board has released guidelines vide Circular No. Acad-05/2019 dated 18.01.2019; Circular No. Acad-11/2019 dated 06.03.2019; Circular No. Acad-18/2020 dated 16.03.2020; and Circular No.Acad-57/2022 dated 20.05.2022 to progressively align assessment to the vision of the NEP by including more competency-based questions in the Class X and XII Board examinations.

In continuation to these circulars, the Board is initiating further corresponding changes in the Examination and Assessment practices for the academic session 2023-24 to align assessment to Competency Focused Education. Therefore, in the forthcoming session a greater number of Competency Based Questions or questions that assess application of concepts in real-life situations will be part of the question paper.
The changes for classes IX-XII (2023-24) year-end Board Examinations are as under:

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Curriculum document released by the Board for the Academic Session 2023-24 and the Sample Question Papers may also be referred to for details of the QP design of individual subjects. Learning frameworks for various subjects for classes IX-XII are now available at the [https://cbseacademic.nic.in](https://cbseacademic.nic.in) for reference.

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Director (Academics)
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