

**CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
SHIKSHA SADAN, 17-ROUSE AVENUE, INSTITUTIONAL AREA,
NEW DELHI-110002**

**CBSE/PSA/Dir (ART &I)2013
All Head of Institutions
Affiliated to the Board**

**29.05.2013
Circular No.Acad-36/2013**

**Subject: Conduct of Problem Solving Assessment (PSA) for
Winter Closing Schools for the academic session (2013-14)**

Dear Principal

You are aware that Problem Solving Assessment (PSA) for students of classes IX and XI was conducted by the Board on 16th February, 2013 for the previous academic session. It was primarily aimed at assessing students' reasoning skills, analytical skills, thinking skills and other higher order mental abilities. However, since winter closing schools were closed during the months of January and February due to severe cold conditions, this test could not be conducted for these schools. A communication dated 3rd May, 2013 in this regard was sent to all Winter Closing Schools separately.

A separate Problem Solving Assessment will be held for all Winter Closing Schools on **October 19, 2013 (Saturday)** for the academic session 2013-14. Salient features of this test will be as follows:

- It will be compulsory for all students of classes IX and XI.
- It will comprise of 60 items of MCQ type and will carry 60 marks.
- The examination will be held from 10.00 AM to 12.00 Noon.
- There is no specific syllabus for this test. It will assess life skills related to the following elements:
 - Language conventions
 - Qualitative Reasoning
 - Quantitative Reasoning
- The items will incorporate assessment of 21st Century skills such as Creative Thinking, Decision-making, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Communication skills that lead to greater success at higher education as well as real life situations. These items will be assessing students' ability to process, interpret and use information rather than merely assessing students' prior subject knowledge.
- The assessment in language will contain items that will assess grammar, usage, vocabulary in context and passage-completion.
- The items will be prepared in Hindi as well as English.
- 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.
- All those students of classes X and XII (who appeared in PSA while studying in classes IX and XI during the previous session) who wish to improve in PSA may be allowed to do so. Related information may be indicated clearly at the time of submission of the List of Candidates for 2014 annual examination.
- There will be no separate registration for appearing in PSA.

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 clarifications if, need be.

You are requested to disseminate this information to all concerned.

With best wishes



**Dr. Sadhana Parashar
Director (ART&I)**

Copy with a request to respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA as indicated below to also disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

1. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18-Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110 016.
2. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Institutional Area, Sector-62, Noida-201 307, U.P.
3. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110 054.
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 – 737 101.
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-744 101.
8. The Secretary, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESS ESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, Delhi-110 085.
9. All the 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.
10. The Education Officers/AEOs of the Academic Branch, CBSE.
11. The Joint Secretary (IT) with the request to put this circular on the CBSE website.
12. The Library and Information Officer, CBSE
13. EO to Chairman, CBSE
14. PA to CE, CBSE
15. PA to Secretary, CBSE
16. PA to Director (ART &I)
17. PA to HOD (AIEEEE)
18. PA to HOD (Edusat)
19. PRO, CBSE

Director (ART&I)