

INDIAN SCHOOL, AL GHUBRA

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From the Principal:

Dear Parents,

We have decided to introduce a new examination system from this academic year. This is in keeping with our endeavour to have a dynamic system and also to improve on the present system which exists in our school. Moreover, there is also a conscious effort on our part to implement the policies of the Central Board of Secondary Education. The details of the new system are as follows:

- **Students of classes 6 to 9 & 11 will take five Cyclic Tests and two Assessments.**
- **Students of classes 10 & 12 (Board classes) will take five Cyclic Tests, two Assessments and two Mock Examinations**

We are pleased to introduce this system in order to comply with the directives laid down by the NCERT and the CBSE which aim at not only reducing stress among the students and enhancing their self esteem but also helps to make them more confident and comfortable while preparing for tests and examinations. This new system will also help the students to prepare their lessons regularly, without any stress and thus they will enjoy the learning process thoroughly.

CYCLIC TESTS: For classes 6 to 12

There are five Cyclic Tests during the academic year 2007-2008 as per the following schedule:

DATES:

- **Cyclic Test - I April 11 to April 29, 2007.**
- **Cyclic Test - II May 2 to May 20, 2007.**
- **Cyclic Test - III August 19 to September 5, 2007.**
- **Cyclic Test - IV October 28 to November 14, 2007.**
- **Cyclic Test - V November 18 to December 4, 2007.**

The cyclic tests will be conducted in the following subjects:

- **For students of Classes 6, 7 and 8 there will be cyclic tests in 3rd Language, English, 2nd Language, Mathematics, Science & Technology and Social Sciences.**
- **For students of Classes 9 and 10 there will be cyclic tests in English, 2nd Language, Mathematics, Science & Technology (Theory & Practical Skills) and Social Sciences.**
- **Students of Classes 11 and 12 will take cyclic tests in the five major subjects they have chosen for the CBSE examinations.**

MAXIMUM MARKS:

The maximum marks for a cyclic test in 3rd Language, English, 2nd Language and Mathematics will be 20 marks. In Science & Technology and Social Sciences the combined paper will carry a maximum of 30 marks. These marks will then be converted to 20 marks.

SYLLABUS:

The syllabus for each cyclic test will comprise the syllabus taught and apportioned for that subject during that period as well as a few key concepts from the syllabus of the previous cyclic tests. This will not only enable the students to revise the syllabus being taught currently but by learning the key concepts of the previous syllabus, it will also facilitate revision for the assessments on a continuous basis.

FREQUENCY OF CYCLIC TESTS:

In a week, cyclic tests will be conducted in 2 subjects only.

TIME ALLOWED:

The duration of each test will be ONE hour. The question paper will be given to the students at 7.15 a.m. in order to train them to read, understand and plan their answers. They will start writing the test at 7.20 a.m. and will stop at 8.20 a.m.

TIME TABLE:

The time table for the cyclic tests, the assessments and the mock examinations has been printed in the school diary, posted on the school web site and has also been attached to this circular.

ABSENTEES:

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no retest for any student who is absent during the cyclic tests, assessments or mock examinations.

Since only two subjects will be tested in a week, students will get enough time to prepare for these tests thoroughly without stress and anxiety. The adage “*the more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war*” rings true. The students will develop regular study habits and they will also learn how to regulate their time in accordance with a result oriented programme which will help to further their academic pursuits.

ASSESSMENTS: For classes 6 to 12

There are two Assessments in this academic year as per the following schedule:

DATES:**FIRST ASSESSMENT:**

- From May 24 to June 2, 2007 for Classes 10 and 12.

- From September 17 to Sep. 27, 2007 for Classes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11.

SECOND ASSESSMENT:

- From September 17 to Sep. 27, 2007 for Classes 10 and 12.
- From February 25 to March 8, 2008 for Classes 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11.
(Classes 9 and 11 will also have practical examinations.)

ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED RESULT [ACR]

WEIGHT- AGE:

- Cyclic Tests: 20 X 5 = 100; Weight age for ACR : 20% of 100
- First Assessment: 100; Weight age for ACR : 40% of 100
- Second Assessment: 100; Weight age for ACR : 40% of 100
- ACR = CTs 20% + FA 40% + SA 40% = 100%

MOCK EXAMINATIONS: For Classes 10 and 12

Two Mock Examinations will be conducted for students of Classes 10 and 12.

DATES:

MOCK - I: From December 12 to December 19, 2007 for students of Classes 10 and 12.

MOCK - II: From January 7 to January 19, 2008 for students of Classes 10 and 12.

MOCK PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS: For class 12

DATES:

From January 21 to January 23, 2008

CBSE PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS: For class 12

DATES:

From January 27 to January 29, 2008

CBSE PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS: For class 10

DATES:

From January 30 to January 31, 2008

I look forward to your compliance and support, as always.

Thanking you,

G. THANGADURAI
PRINCIPAL