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Dear Parent,

Subject: Two Levels of Mathematics for AISS(X) Examination w.e.f. March-2020 onwards

With reference to CBSE circular No. Acad-03/2019 and F.1002/CBSE/Dir(Acad)/ Mathematics/2019 dated January 10, 2019, there will be two levels of Board Examination for Mathematics of Class X w.e.f. Academic Year 2019-20 onwards.

The two levels of Mathematics are:

- Basic Mathematics
- Standard Mathematics

Basic Mathematics is easy level meant for students not keen to pursue Maths at higher level after Class X. Standard Mathematics is meant for students who wish to opt Maths at senior secondary level after Class X.

Please note that for both the levels of Examination, the classroom instruction is the same.

It is also to be noted that once the choice of level gets registered with CBSE, it cannot be changed at later state.

You are advised to go through the FAQs on the back side of this circular before opting the level in the Exam Form for Class X Board Examination-March 2020.


Controller of Examination




Principal

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FAQs on Two Levels of Mathematics

Q.1. What is the difference between the Standard Level and Basic Level of Mathematics in class X Board examination to be held in 2020?

Ans: The existing Mathematics examination is the Standard Level Examination. Standard-Level and Basic-level Question papers shall be based on the same syllabus. However the Standard-Level Mathematics assesses higher Mathematical abilities compared to Basic-Level. Accordingly, the difficulty level of the Mathematics – 'Basic' is less than that of Mathematics-'Standard'.

Q.2. Are we increasing the burden on the child by introducing the concept of two Levels of Exams in Mathematics?

Ans: No, because the option to pick either Level is with the student. Further, the syllabus prescribed by CBSE will remain the same for both the levels.

Q.3. Will this lead to dilution of Mathematics syllabus/teaching?

Ans: No, the idea is to make the evaluation more students centric and reduce the pressure on the student who doesn't want to pursue Mathematics after class X.

Q.4. Can a student opt for both Standard Level and Basic Level Exams?

Ans: No. There is only one option, either Mathematics-Standard or Mathematics-Basic.

Q.5. To continue Mathematics as a subject in class XI/XII and further, which Level Exam does a student need to pass?

Ans: Mathematics-Standard is to be passed at class X, for taking up Mathematics at Sr. Secondary level.

Q.6. If a student qualifies only the Mathematics-Basics in class X, can he/she opt for Mathematics in class XI/XII?

Ans: No. If he/she intends to take Mathematics in class XI/XII, he/she has to pass Mathematics-Standard.

Q.7. If a student has registered for the Basic Level Exam but wishes to appear for the Standard Level after declaration of result, can he/she do so?

Ans: Yes. He/She can appear in the Standard Level at the Compartment examination, if he/she wishes to do so after passing the Basic Mathematics Examination.

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