## ANNEXURE – 1

# General instruction about Common Examination for grades 3 to 8

## 1. Syllabus for Common Examination:

The Syllabus for the Common Examination is as prescribed in the Academic Calendars and Scheme of Assessment shared with the schools vide letter no. GSCERT/Ass.Cell./Acad.Cal 7 SoA/05/2025/669 Dated 02/06//2025.

## 2. Commencement of Examinations/Date Sheet:

- The Summative Evaluation I for Grades 3 & 4 will commence from 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and for Grades 5 to 8 will commence from 7th October 2025.
- The detailed Examination Schedule (Date Sheet) is enclosed herewith and must be strictly followed by all schools for the respective grades.
- The Examination Schedule (Date Sheet) must be shared well in advance with all teachers, students and with all stake holders.
- The schedule of the examination (date sheet) must be prominently displayed on the school notice board.
- All examinations must commence on time as per the prescribed date sheet.

## 3. Seating Arrangements:

Ensure that seating arrangements are made a day prior to the examination to allow students a calm and organized environment.

#### 4. Question Paper Distribution:

- Question papers will be sent to the individual schools/ADEI, which will be communicated to Heads of Schools by the last week of September.
- Only authorized personnel will handle and open the question paper packets.
- Only the question papers will be provided by the GSCERT. Schools are responsible for providing the necessary answer papers to the students.

#### 5. Security and Confidentiality:

Schools must make adequate security arrangements for storing the question paper packets. Strict confidentiality must be maintained at all stages. The Heads of the Institution will be responsible for the security and confidentiality of the question papers.

## 6. Assessment/Evaluation/Result:

- Subject teachers will have to assess the answer papers in accordance with the Answer Keys provided.
- Schools should refrain from discussing student's performance with parents solely in terms of marks as all marks of the External

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Components will be converted into Descriptive Indicators and combined with the Internal Components to get the overall performance of the child. .

• Schools will have to prepare the Progress Report of the students using the guidelines and format that will be shared with the schools subsequently.

#### 7. Monitoring:

Schools must note that Flying Squads from GSCERT may conduct surprise visits to monitor the conduct of examinations.

#### 8. Re-examination:

Schools must conduct a re-examination for students who are unable to appear for the Common Examination due to genuine reasons such as participation in sports events or medical illness. However, only authentic and verified cases will be considered for the re-exam. Separate question papers/schedule will be provided.

## 9. Subject Relevance:

- Schools having Sanskrit (T.L.) for grade 5 and Composite subjects will have to set their own papers.
- For Grade 6, R1-Konkani/Marathi and R3-Konkani /Marathi will have different Question Papers.

#### 10.External Practical Examinations:

- There will be **No Written Examination** in the Skill Based Subjects for Grade 3 and Grade 6. However, External Practical Examinations are to be conducted for the subjects: Art Education, Physical Education and Vocational Education as per the common guidelines at Annexure 3.
- For Grades 7 & Grade 8, Practical Exams are to be conducted by the concerned Subject Teacher before the commencement of Summative Evaluation I as per the Academic Calendar and Scheme of Assessment vide letter no. GSCERT/Ass.Cell./Acad.Cal & SoA/05/2025/669 dated 02/06//2025.

#### 11. Concessions for CWSN:

Concessions shall be applicable only to Children with Special Needs (CWSN). The details of the concessions are provided at Annexure II.

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