

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

School Education- Comprehensive Evaluation pattern of examination system - Introduction of six paper pattern to reduce the strain caused to the students due to COVID-19 situation and the consequent lockdown- Orders - Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.30

Dated:12.06.2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.82, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 29.10.2015.
2. G.O.Ms.No.41, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 07.06.2016.
3. G.O.Ms.No.80, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 25.10.2017.
4. G.O.Ms.No.62, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 18.09.2018.
5. G.O.Ms.No.41, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 28.06.2019.
6. G.O.Ms.No.69, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 15.10.2019.
7. G.O.Ms.No.3, School Education (Prog.II) Dept., Dated: 09.01.2020.
8. From the CSE, e-File No.ESE02-35/13/2020-TET-CSE, dt.03.6.2020.

ORDER:

The Commissioner of School Education, vide reference 8th read above, proposed the Government, for conducting of S.S.C Public Examinations by introduction of Six paper pattern instead of the existing eleven papers by citing the following reasons.

- a) Due to the spread of COVID-19 all the schools are closed from 19th March 2020. The Hostelers in the Residential Societies' schools and the hostelers of other BC welfare, SC welfare and Tribal welfare have been asked to vacate as a precautionary measure to stop the spread of COVID-19.
- b) The announcement of lock down from 25th March 2020 on wards have brought the normal life to stand still.
- c) The students have become inaccessible to studies due to long period of lockdown.
- d) The students belong to the poor and vulnerable households having no access or partial access to the technology shall be provided with a level playing field to ensure equity.
- e) The six paper pattern will be for this year only to tide over the difficulties involved due to COVID-19 and the consequent lock down.
- f) The six paper pattern will reduce the strain on the students as the number of questions are reduced from 360 to 197 (i.e., 163 questions are reduced).

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- g) Half an hour time is increased from 2 Hr 45 Minutes to 3 Hr 15 minutes.
- h) Marks are doubled and this will enable the students to score marks easily.
- i) As a part of the six paper pattern General Science paper-I (Physical Science) and General Science paper-II (Biological Science) are to be merged as one paper as General Science. The question paper will be for 100 marks with 33 questions. The 100 marks question paper is divided in to part-A (Physical Science) and Part-B (Biological Science) with four sections in Part- A and Part-B.
- j) Answer booklets and OMR will be issued separately for physical science (Part-A) and biological science (Part-B) to facilitate evaluation without any difficulty.

2. After careful consideration of the matter, Government hereby order the following.

- a) The G.O.Ms. No.69, School Education (PROG.II) Dept., dated: 15-10-2019 read with the amendments issued there to in G.O.Ms.No.3, School Education (PROG.II) Dept., dated: 09-01-2020 will hold good except the introduction of Six paper pattern duly relaxing the orders issued in the reference 1st read above and other aspects that are introduced to make the exam student friendly due to COVID-19 situation and the consequent lockdown.
- b) The six paper pattern will be in force for the SSC Public Examinations 2020 and the advanced supplementary examinations 2020 only.
- c) From March, 2021 onwards the eleven paper pattern as envisaged in G.O.Ms.No. 69, School Education (PROG.II) Dept., dated: 15-10-2019 read with the amendments issued there to in G.O.Ms.No.3, School Education (PROG.II) Dept., dated: 09-01-2020 will come in to force.
- d) The six paper pattern is introduced for the benefit of the students belong to the poor and vulnerable households having no access or partial access to the technology to be provided with a level playing field to ensure equity.
- e) The six subjects will have six papers with 100 marks each.
- f) As a part of the six paper pattern, General Science paper-I (Physical Science) and General Science paper-II (Biological Science) shall be merged as one paper as General Science.
- g) General Science question paper for 100 marks shall be divided into Part- A and Part-B with continuous question numbers up to 33. Part -A shall be divided into four sections and part-B shall also be divided into four sections and Part-B is also divided into four sections. Answer booklet and OMR sheet shall be issued separately for Physical Sciences (Part-A) and Biological Sciences (Part-B) to facilitate evaluation with out any difficulty.

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- h) There is no change in the marks pattern of Composite courses such as 03T/04S and 03U/08H, 05A, 06P and the OSSC courses.
- i) There is no change in the marks pattern of Vocational courses.
- j) The examinations shall be conducted duly following the containment, control and prevention of COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and guidelines issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.
3. The Commissioner of School Education, A.P. / the Director SCERT, AP and the Director of Government Examinations, AP shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**B.RAJSEKHAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of School Education, AP, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Director SCERT, AP, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Director of Government Examinations, A.P, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
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The State Project Director, AP Samagra Siksha, Patamata, Vijayawada.
PS to Minister for Education.
PS to Addl. CS to CM.
PS to Prl. Secy(SE).
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