

GUIDELINES FOR TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION

Talent Search Examination is a common General Knowledge Examination that is conducted in all member schools of AOICSE once a year. There is a booklet (KNOW FOR SURE by Britannica AOICSE Edition) available for students to prepare for this examination.

Syllabus

Scope of the syllabus for the Talent Search Examination:-

- a. STD I & II:- 60 questions will be set from the Talent Search Examination Guide book and 20 questions will be from outside.
- b. STD III to VIII:- 70 questions will be set from the Talent Search Examination Guide Book and 30 questions will be from current topics.
- c. STD IX & X: There shall be two different sets of question papers: one for the students of Science Stream (Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Biology) and another for the Commerce Stream.

Examination

1. The question paper will consist of objective type questions. Each question carries 1 mark.
2. The total number of questions for each standard will be:
 - a. STD. I & STD. II = 80 questions
 - b. STD III to STD X = 100 questions
3. The questions will be of multiple choices, having four options, namely (a), (b), (c) and (d).
4. The duration of the examination will be one hour for all students.
5. Students will mark the correct answer on a specially designed OMR (Optical Mark Reader) answer sheet provided to them separately along with the question booklet.
6. The question papers along with OMR sheets will be reached to respective schools or the respective Zone-In charge.
7. **The candidates must clearly write the name, Admit Card number (as mentioned in the Admit Card) and the invigilators are to make sure of correct entries in OMR sheet.**
8. A student should shade only one circle in the answer sheet to indicate the correct answer. Students of STD I & II may shade with HB pencil and students of STD III to STD X shall shade only with black ballpoint pen.
9. **Partial shading, cutting, rewriting, putting a dot, shading in more than one circle, ticking or putting any other mark shall invalidate the answer. The students must be instructed well in advance accordingly.**
10. The students are expected to answer the questions on their own. Cheating / malpractice / adopting unfair means can be easily identified and in such case the matter will be dealt with accordingly.
11. The students of different classes should be mixed up in the sitting arrangements. Distance between the students of the same class should be sufficient so as to avoid any unfair means during the examination.
12. The question papers should be opened at 9:30 am in the presence of the Principal and the Supervising Examiner. The examination should begin at 10 am and be stopped at 11.00 am.
13. The used OMR sheets should be counted and arranged according to the standard and Admit Card Numbers. They must be packed in the envelopes provided in the presence of the Invigilator and Supervising Examiner and must be returned to the Office of the Secretary – Treasurer.

Registration

14. Students are given plenty of time to register their names well in advance. Therefore, no students will be allowed to take the TSE on the spot without prior registration.
15. Please note that Admit Card issued to a candidate is not transferable. However, a student transferred from one school to other and having the admit card can be allowed to appear the examination. In such case the matter should be intimated to the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer with a Xerox copy of the admit card of the candidate.

Prizes & Awards

16. The State topper in each class will get a cash award of Rs.800/-
17. Every Class will be awarded Ten each First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth prizes at the State Level (Rs.500/-, Rs.400/-, Rs.300/-, Rs.200/- and Rs.100/-) A consolation prize of Cash Award of Rs.100/- to Class Toppers at the School Level will be given to students only if there is a minimum registration of 10 students in that class from a school and if there is no other prize at the State Level in that class.
18. Certificates will be issued to all participants. Those who are awarded prizes at the State and School levels will have a special mention of the same in their certificates.