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The Deputy Commissioner
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All Regional Offices

Sub: - CBSE Reading Challenge 2019-20- regarding

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that CBSE has announced the first **CBSE Reading Challenge 2019-20** Competition for the students of **classes 8th to 10th** of all CBSE affiliated schools vide circular no. Acad-05/2020 (**circular attached**) to promote key 21st century competencies of critical thinking, the ability to locate, understand and reflect on various kinds of information and problem solving. Reading Literacy is not only a foundation for achievement in other subject areas within the educational system but also a prerequisite for successful participation in most areas of adult life.

You are requested to disseminate the information to the Principals under your jurisdiction and direct them to encourage students to participate in the above said competition.

Eligibility:

Round One/First stage: All students of classes VIII-X in CBSE affiliated schools.

Round Two/Second stage: Best six students from each affiliated school registered after the first stage.

Competencies to be assessed:

This contest would engage the participants with a variety of *texts* (graphic, texts with/without words) and focus on assessing the following competencies of learners:

- the ability to read with accuracy and process text in order to understand it;
- the ability to read with comprehension;
- the ability to construct meaning by retrieving information, relating text with their previous knowledge and integrating information;
- the ability to interpret information and draw inference and
- the ability to reflect and evaluate to assess the quality and credibility of text.

Nature of the Test:

The test would focus on both speed and accuracy. The question paper with reading tasks shall comprise 5-8 passages, each passage followed by objective type questions. The student participants are expected to complete the paper as quickly as possible. The students who correctly answer the paper in the shortest duration of time will be selected.

Procedure of Selection:

The test shall be conducted in two stages:

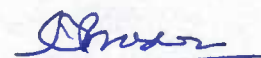
❖ **Round One/First stage:**

- An affiliated school can register its students (classes VIII, IX and X) through the link on CBSE Reading Challenge available on the CBSE website i.e. www.cbse.nic.in from 13th to 25th January 2020. No fees shall be charged for this stage.
- From 23rd January 2020 to 1st February, a question paper with reading task would be made available to the registered schools with the scoring criteria.
- The school shall organize the test for the registered students between 23rd January to 1st February 2020 and identify six students (2 each from classes VIII, IX and X) on the basis of their performance on the assigned reading task for participation in the second stage of the Reading Challenge. In case more than six students perform at the same level, a suitable screening test may be conducted by the schools at their own end to identify the six best students.
- Schools shall register the names of these six students by paying registration fee of Rs. 1200/- (Rs.200/- for each student) from VVN by logging in through the online link between 27th January to 2nd February 2020. Fees would be accepted only through Debit card/ Credit Card/ NEFT at the time of registration of Round Two. Fee once paid shall not be refunded.

❖ **Round Two/Second stage:**

- A computer based Reading Test would be conducted by the Board for the registered students from 4th February 2020 to 7th February 2020. Only the schools that have completed the first stage shall be eligible for the second stage.
- The detailed modalities of conduct of the test shall be communicated by CBSE to the schools that register students for the second round of the challenge.

Yours sincerely



(Dr. E. Prabhakar)

Joint Commissioner (Trg.)

Enclosures: As above

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