

CONCEPT OF PROJECT WORK AND ITS NEED

Project work is essential components of school based evaluation. Following guidelines are provided by CBSE:

Social Science is one of the subjects which brings students closer to one's environment, society and the intricacies of the geographical, social, economic and political processes. It enables them to understand the process of social change and the role that they can play towards this change.

With the onset of new millennium, many challenges have been thrown in the school education system. Information explosion and widespread use of information technology has further emphasized demands on the education system. It is imperative to be sensitive to changing societal needs and expectations. In Social Science education particularly there has been a felt need to make its learning interesting, motivating and participatory in nature.

The Internal Evaluation of 20 marks for each of classes IX and X has the following break up:

Part 1	Tests – Formative and summative	-	10 marks
Part 2	Assignments	-	5 marks
Part 3	Project work	-	5 marks

In Social Science for enhancing students' understanding of different concepts, principles and generalizations inherent in the subject. This also introduces an alternative mode of learning in classrooms with a purpose to increase student's participation in the process of learning and enabling them to become independent thinkers. It is expected that by introducing Project work, learning will become more contextual, relevant, contemporary and centered on Learning to Be. Project is a design, scheme or planned activity to be carried out individually or in a group to solve a problem or find out answers to specific questions related to an individual, institution, programme or teaching-learning process, by gathering and appraising evidences with a view to improving the existing position.

Importance of Project Work

- Creativity of the child is brought out
- Confidence in one's own ability to learn is built
- Learning is reinforced

- Learning becomes relevant and related to real life
- Freedom to choose areas of interest and follow it up with a study is possible
- Research and writing skills are developed
- It supports assessment of pupils process of learning

The project work in Social Science entails the following requirements-

1. The project work will be of 5 marks in each of classes IX & X
2. The topics for project work have been specified in the guidelines
3. However, the list of projects is only suggestive.
4. In class IX, students will do two projects of which one should be related to Disaster Management and the other from the list of projects specified.
5. In class X, students will do any one project
6. The total length of the project report will not be more than 15 written pages of foolscap size (A-4 size).
7. The project report will be handwritten and credit will be awarded to original drawings, illustrations and creative use of materials.
8. The project report will be developed and presented in this FORMAT:
(according to C.B.S.E)
 - **Cover page** showing project title, student information, school and year.
 - **List of contents** with page numbers.
 - **Acknowledgements** (acknowledging the institution, offices and libraries visited and persons who have helped).
 - **Project Overview:** Purpose, Aim, Methodology and experiences while doing the project.
 - **Chapters** with relevant headings.
 - **Summary and conclusions** based on findings.
 - **Planning** the activities to be done during the project, by giving a calendar of activities.
 - **Bibliography:** should have the Title, pages referred, author, publisher, year of publication and if a website, the name of the website with the specific website link which has been used. All the photographs and sketches should be labelled and acknowledged.
 - **Teacher's Evaluation Report**
- 9) Teacher will initial the Project Review page.
- 10) On completion of the evaluation of the Project, it will be punched in the centre so that the report cannot be reused but is available for reference only.
- 11) The Project report will be returned to the students after evaluation. The school may keep five reports each representing of different levels from class IX and X for record.

Following are the salient features of the scheme of evaluation of the project work :

1. The projects will be evaluated internally and continuously.
2. All the concerned Social Science teachers in consultation with each other should share evaluation of the projects.
3. Questions based on the conclusions of the project will be given as a test (oral or written) of 10 minutes duration after the submission of the project

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