

# COUNCIL FOR THE INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

## INDIAN CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION YEAR 2026 EXAMINATION

### EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

1. The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination, Year 2026 results will be declared in the month of April - May 2026.
2. The result will NOT be available from the office of CISCE.
3. The results will be made available on the official website of the CISCE.
4. Chief / Assistant Supervising Examiners are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that the directions given below are brought to the notice of all the candidates under examination.
5. It may be noted that all the candidates appearing for the examination, along with the Examination Functionaries present in the examination Hall/Room, will be under CCTV camera surveillance during the examination.
6. Heads of Schools are advised to ensure that their students are carefully trained to carry out the directions mentioned below.

### DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Dress Code:
  - (i) For candidates in Regular attendance at the school – School Uniform
  - (ii) For candidates Not in Regular attendance at the school – Light-coloured clothes
2. Items **Permitted** to be carried inside the Examination Hall / Room:
  - (i) Admission Card issued by CISCE.
  - (ii) Stationery items: Pens of Blue/Black ink, pencils, scale, eraser, sharpener, coloured pencils, drawing instruments and art material in transparent pouch.
3. Items **not permitted** to be carried inside the Examination Hall/Room:
  - (i) Any textbook, photocopy of textual material, chits/slips of papers, memorandum or pocketbook, notes.
  - (ii) Smart watches, mobile phones, earphones, wireless devices, cameras or any other electronic device that can be used for communication or accessing the internet.
  - (iii) Wallets, currency notes, handbags.
  - (iv) Any sharp object or instrument which may be used as a weapon.
4. Be seated in the Examination Hall / Room **thirty minutes** before the time fixed for the start of the examination in the subject. Absolute punctuality is essential.
5. You are not allowed to leave the Examination Hall / Room before the conclusion of the paper.
6. *If an Examination Paper for which you are not entered is handed to you, or if the questions indicate that a map or any other stationery should also have been given to you, bring it to the attention of the Chief / Assistant Supervising Examiner / Invigilator immediately.*
7. In addition to the time indicated in the timetable for writing the paper, 15 minutes time is given for reading the questions.
8. You must not write on the Question Paper or on the Admission Card.
9. Read carefully any general instructions that may be given on the first page of a question paper, e.g., regarding the number of printed pages, number of questions that should be attempted, etc.
10. Read the questions very carefully. Time should not be wasted in writing information that is not asked for as no marks will be awarded for it.
11. Do not spend excessive time on attempting just one or two questions so as to leave yourself with less time to answer the remaining questions.
12. **You are advised to answer only that number of questions as mentioned in the Question Paper.**

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13. Write your Unique ID (Unique Identification Number), Index Number and Subject on the top-sheet of the Main Answer Booklet clearly in the space provided. This information should also be written on the front sheet of each continuation booklet used. If you are using loose maps, graph papers, etc. write this information on these also.
14. **All entries on the Answer Booklet should be made in Black / Blue ink ONLY.**
15. On the top-sheet of the Main Answer Booklet, you are required to put your signature in the space provided for the purpose. **Do NOT scribble anywhere on the top-sheet.**
16. Write on **both** sides of each sheet of the Answer Booklet *unless the rubric of the question paper prohibits this*. While writing, in the answer booklet, leave a margin at both, the right-hand and the left-hand edges. Begin the answer to each separate part of a question on a separate line.
17. Write the number of the question clearly in the left-hand margin at the beginning of each answer. **Do not copy the question. Be careful to use the same system of numbering as that used in the question paper.**
18. Leave a line after answering each question.
19. Write in neat and legible handwriting. You may use a Black / Blue ink pen for writing your answers, but pencils may be used only for diagrams. Bring mathematical and drawing instruments and colour pencils only for subjects for which they will be needed.
20. The continuation booklets will be issued on request only after you have completed writing on all pages of the Main Answer Booklet / Continuation Booklet already issued to you.
21. Attach all continuation booklets used/unused to the Main Answer Booklet.
22. Do all working including rough work, on the same sheet as the rest of the answer.
23. When the time allotted for writing the examination has concluded, arrange your answer scripts in a **SEQUENTIAL ORDER, THE FIRST PAGE AT THE TOP**, etc. See that the Main Answer Booklet/ Continuation Booklet/ Graph/ Map have your correct UID (**Unique Identification Number**), **Index Number and Subject Paper** written on them. Attach all continuation booklets issued, used or unused by you, to the main answer booklet. Fasten them together at the left-hand top corner and hand them over unfolded.

### USE OF UNFAIR MEANS

1. If the **Awarding Committee** is satisfied that a candidate has made arrangements to obtain unfair help in connection with the question papers from any person connected with the examination centre or any agency within or outside the examination centre, the candidate is liable to have his/her **results in the examination as a whole cancelled**.
2.
  - (i) Candidates who are detected in giving or obtaining, or attempting to give or obtain, unfair assistance, or who are otherwise detected in any dishonesty whatsoever, relating to the examination will be reported to the **Chief Executive and Secretary of the CISCE** and may be expelled from the examination hall / room forthwith and refused admission to subsequent examination papers.
  - (ii) The Chief / Assistant Supervising Examiner or any member of the supervisory staff shall confiscate the answer scripts in which the use of unfair assistance is detected/suspected.
  - (iii) The Chief Supervising Examiner shall send the confiscated answer scripts with a report giving the details of the evidence and the explanation of the candidate/s concerned to **the Chief Executive and Secretary of the CISCE** without delay and, if possible, on the day of the occurrence.
  - (iv) In case the candidate/s concerned refuse to give explanatory statements, they should not be forced to do so, only the fact of refusal shall be recorded by the Chief Supervising Examiner and attested by one /two member(s) of the supervisory staff on duty at the time of the occurrence, as the case may be.
  - (v) The Chief Supervising Examiner has the discretion to permit such candidates to answer the remaining part of the question paper but on answer sheets that are separate from those in which the use of unfair means was detected/suspected.
3. Candidates found in violation of:
  - (i) bringing in answer sheets; or
  - (ii) taking out or attempting to take out answer sheets; or
  - (iii) bringing in / using electronic devices such as smart watches, mobiles, earphones, wireless devices, cameras or any other electronic devices that can be used for communication or accessing the internet.
  - (iv) bringing in / using any textbook, photocopy of textual material, chits/slips of papers, memorandum or

pocketbook, notes.

- (v) substituting answer scripts or getting answer scripts replaced during or after the examination with or without the help of any person connected with the Examination Centre, or any agency within or outside the Examination Centre, shall be reported to the **Chief Executive and Secretary of CISCE** and their results in the examination as a whole will be cancelled.
4. If it is subsequently discovered and the **Awarding Committee** is satisfied that candidate/s has/have either copied from other candidate/s or given opportunity to other candidate/s to copy from them or communicated dishonestly with other candidate/s, their results in the paper or subject or subjects in question or their results in the examination as a whole will be cancelled.
5. Candidate/s detected in approaching directly or indirectly an examiner or any member of the staff of the CISCE with the object of influencing them regarding any candidate's examination result shall have their result in the examination as a whole cancelled.
6. Candidate/s found involved in disorderly conduct or causing disturbance in or near the examination hall/room are liable to be expelled from the examination hall/room forthwith and will be refused admission for subsequent examination papers.
7. (i) **Candidates are not permitted to have in their possession, while in the examination hall/room, any book, memorandum or pocketbook, notes, paper, calculator, mobile phones or wireless devices, except the correct question paper. Candidates using slide rules as permitted by the Regulations must see that any information (formulae or other data) shown on them is securely covered. They must also return any incorrect question paper to the Chief / Assistant Supervising Examiner / Invigilator immediately.**  
 (ii) Candidates are not permitted to have in their possession any weapon, object or instrument which may be used as a weapon during the course of the Examination.  
 (iii) Candidates disregarding the above cautions are liable to have their results in the examination as a whole cancelled.
8. (i) Persons obtaining admission to the examination on false representation shall be expelled from the examination hall/room forthwith and will be reported to the Police.  
 (ii) Candidates who are involved in the acts of impersonation shall be reported to the **Chief Executive and Secretary of the CISCE** and their results in the examination as a whole will be cancelled.
9. (i) The decision in respect of the results of candidates who are detected/suspected of using unfair means may be delayed considerably and their results may not be issued with the results of other candidates.  
 (ii) Candidates whose results in the examination as a whole have been cancelled may be debarred from entry to any subsequent examination.
10. A person who commits an offence under these Regulations, but is not a candidate, shall be dealt with as under:  
 (i) **The Chief Executive and Secretary of the CISCE** may, if he so decides, handover the case to the Police.  
 (ii) In the case of a teacher or a person connected with an institution, his/her misconduct shall be reported to the Governing (or Managing) Body of the institution for necessary action.
11. Entries for subsequent examinations may not be accepted from a school where any member of the staff has at any time committed any offence under these Regulations.
12. If the **Awarding Committee** is satisfied that the use of dishonest means in a paper or papers has been widespread at a centre, the **Awarding Committee** reserves the right to cancel the results of all candidates of that centre in the paper or papers concerned, or of the entire examination as a whole at the centre, if several papers are involved.
13. For cases of use of unfair means not covered by these Regulations, the **Awarding Committee** may impose penalties according to the nature of the offence.

### **LAST DATE FOR RETAINING ANSWER SCRIPTS**

CISCE will not retain answer scripts of candidates later than **60 days from the day of the declaration of results. The same shall be destroyed thereafter.**

### **RECHECK REQUEST:**

1. Candidates who are not satisfied with the Result may apply for recheck of answer scripts ONLINE and same must be received by the CISCE's office not later than **FOUR days** from the day of declaration of the ICSE Year 2026 Main Examination results. For each recheck request, candidates, through their school / candidates themselves, will be required to pay a fee per subject / paper, which shall be made online.
2. The individual candidates can apply for the Recheck of their Results through the CISCE's website. The Head of Schools can apply for the Recheck of the Results of their school candidates through the CAREERS Portal.
3. The recheck will be restricted only to check whether:
  - all the answers have been marked;
  - there has been mistake in the totalling of marks for each question in the subject / paper and in transferring the marks correctly onto the first cover page of the answer script;
  - the continuation sheets attached to the answer script, as mentioned by the candidate, are intact.
4. Recheck request results will be declared through the CISCE website (<https://cisce.org/>) for which the time and date will be notified to all concerned well in advance.

### **RE-EVALUATION REQUEST**

1. Candidates who are not satisfied with the Recheck result of the subject(s)/Paper(s) for which they had applied, will be permitted to apply ONLINE for re-evaluation of their answer script(s) of that / those subject(s)/Paper(s) only.
2. The individual candidates can apply for the Re-evaluation of the answer scripts through the CISCE's website. The Head of Schools can apply for the Re-evaluation of the answer scripts of their school candidates through the CAREERS Portal.
3. The requests for Re-evaluation of the Answer Scripts must be received by CISCE within **THREE** days from the date of declaration of the Recheck Results.
4. The accuracy of a subject grade awarded will be checked on request, in one or more subjects, provided the Head of the School/ Candidate submits the application online.
5. On Re-evaluation of the answer scripts by the subject expert, the marks awarded, **whether increased or decreased, will be considered as the FINAL marks.**
6. **For each Re-evaluation, candidates, through their school / candidates themselves, will be required to pay a fee per subject / paper, which shall be made online. The charge(s) paid for Re-valuation is / are non – refundable.**
7. The time and date of the declaration of Results of Re-evaluation requests will be notified to all the stakeholders through the website of CISCE ([www.cisce.org](http://www.cisce.org)).

### **IMPROVEMENT EXAMINATION:**

**Candidates who wish to improve their marks in the same year of the Examination, may take the Improvement Examination.**

#### **1. Eligibility to appear for the ICSE (Class X) Improvement Examination:**

All candidates who appear for the ICSE Year 2026 Main Examination, are eligible to take the Improvement Examination conducted in the same year of Examination.

This will include candidates:

- who have qualified the examination and their result is – Qualified (QLF).
- who have not qualified the examination and their result is – Not Qualified (NQLF).
- who have reappeared for the ICSE Examination in the Year 2026 to improve their marks in one or more subjects and have been issued a Supplementary Statement of Marks.

**The candidates whose result is declared as ABSENT will not be eligible for the Improvement Examination.**



**2. Number of Subjects permitted:**

The candidates will be permitted to appear in a maximum of any **THREE** subjects that they would have enrolled themselves for the ICSE 2026 Main Examination.

***Papers to appear in:***

The candidates appearing for a particular subject/paper in the Improvement Examination are required to compulsorily appear for the Theory Paper of the subject/paper.

The candidates who choose to appear for a subject which has more than one paper, (e.g. English / Science / History Civics & Geography), will have the option to choose any one or more papers of the said subject.

***Project work:***

For the ICSE Examination, the marks of the Project work of the subject, already awarded to the candidate in the Main Examination, will be carried forward. However, **if the candidate was absent** earlier during assessment of Project Work of the subject, then, the candidate, in addition to taking the Theory Examination, is also permitted to submit the Project Work, which should then be assessed, and marks awarded and submitted.

**3. Registration of candidates for Improvement Examination:**

Heads of Schools will be able to register their candidates, online, for the Improvement Examination. The registration dates will be informed to the schools in due course of time.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

1. Candidates who are entered as regular candidates for the ICSE Year 2026 Examination and could not qualify will be permitted to reappear for the ICSE Examination in the Year 2027, but not thereafter, without further attendance, at an affiliated and registered School. **Such candidates will be required to take the Examination in all the subjects registered for the ICSE Year 2026 Examination.**
2. Candidates, who Qualify at the ICSE Year 2026 Examination, may appear for a **Supplementary** Examination in one or more subjects in the ICSE Year 2027 Examination. Such candidates must choose **only those subjects** which they had offered in the previous ICSE Examination.
3. Entries of candidates wishing to re-appear for the ICSE Examination in the Year 2027 can be submitted ONLINE during the month of July and August 2026 through the Heads of Schools concerned.

13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

  
**Dr. Joseph Emmanuel**  
Chief Executive and Secretary

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## EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

| DAY & DATE              | TIME       | SUBJECT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | DURATION |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Tuesday<br>February 17  | 11:00 a.m. | English Language – ENGLISH Paper 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 hrs.   |
| Friday<br>February 20   | 11.00 a.m. | Literature in English – ENGLISH Paper 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 hrs.   |
| Saturday<br>February 21 | 09.00 a.m. | Art Paper 1 ( <i>Still Life</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>February 23   | 11.00 a.m. | <b>(Group III-Elective-Section B)</b><br>Robotics & Artificial Intelligence, Basic Data Entry Operator,<br>Dietetic Aide, Cashier, Early Years Physical Activity Facilitator,<br>Auto Service Technician                                                                                                                                                                         | 2 hrs.   |
| Thursday<br>February 26 | 11.00 a.m. | <b>Hindi</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3 hrs.   |
| Friday<br>February 27   | 09.00 a.m. | Art Paper 2 ( <i>Nature Drawing/ Painting</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3 hrs.   |
| Saturday<br>February 28 | 09.00 a.m. | Art Paper 3 ( <i>Original Composition</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>March 02      | 11.00 a.m. | Mathematics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 3 hrs.   |
| Friday<br>March 06      | 11.00 a.m. | Ao-Naga, Assamese, Bengali, Dzongkha, Garo, Gujarati, Kannada,<br>Khasi, Lepcha, Mizo, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi,<br>Sanskrit, Tamil, Tangkhul, Telugu, Urdu, Arabic, Chinese, French,<br>German, Persian, Modern Armenian, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai,<br>Tibetan                                                                                                | 3 hrs.   |
| Saturday<br>March 07    | 09.00 a.m. | Art Paper 4 ( <i>Applied Art</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>March 09      | 11.00 a.m. | Physics - SCIENCE Paper 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 hrs.   |
| Wednesday<br>March 11   | 11.00 a.m. | Chemistry - SCIENCE Paper 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2 hrs.   |
| Friday<br>March 13      | 11.00 a.m. | Biology - SCIENCE Paper 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>March 16      | 11.00 a.m. | History & Civics - H.C.G. Paper 1<br>History & Civics (Thailand) - H.G.T. Paper 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2 hrs.   |
| Wednesday<br>March 18   | 11.00 a.m. | Geography - H.C.G. Paper 2<br>Geography (Thailand) - H.G.T. Paper 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>March 23      | 11.00 a.m. | <b>(Group III-Elective-Section A)</b><br>Carnatic Music, Commercial Applications, Computer Applications,<br>Cookery, Drama, Economic Applications, Environmental<br>Applications, Fashion Designing, French, German, Hindustani<br>Music, Home Science, Hospitality Management, Indian Dance,<br>Mass Media & Communication, Physical Education, Spanish,<br>Western Music, Yoga | 2 hrs.   |
|                         |            | Technical Drawing Applications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3 hrs.   |
| Wednesday<br>March 25   | 11.00 a.m. | Commercial Studies ( <b>Group II Elective</b> )<br>French ( <b>Group II Elective</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 hrs.   |
| Friday<br>March 27      | 11.00 a.m. | Economics ( <b>Group II Elective</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2 hrs.   |
| Monday<br>March 30      | 11.00 a.m. | Environmental Science ( <b>Group II Elective</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2 hrs.   |

**Note:** 1. In addition to the duration indicated on the Timetable for writing the paper, 15 minutes time is given for reading the question paper.

2. The reading time of the question papers for the examinations scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., will start at 10:45 a.m.

3. The reading time of the question papers for the examinations scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., will start at 8:45 a.m.

4. Candidates must be seated in the Examination Hall / Room by 10:30 a.m. for the examinations scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. and by 8:30 a.m. for the examinations scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

  
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