Kalchachni Important Notice

1	**Is this a Board Exam?** No. This is not an exam in the first place. It is an activity being conducted by Maharashtra State Govt. which is made mandatory for fresh Std. 10 SSC students. MSBSHSE is being used as a vehicle by Maharashtra State Govt. to implement and conduct the activity.
2	**Who has framed the content for this activity? Is the activity (questions/statements) same for all candidates?** The Institute of Vocational Guidance and Selection, (IVGS) Mumbai, Government of Maharashtra. The questions statements for the activity do not have to be set by the school. They will be provided through computer, and will appear on the computer Screens. Answers have to be selected by the candidates by using the computer. Since the test is computer based, no paper is required. Yes. All candidates of all schools and all batches will be issuing response to the same statements. (Common Question/Statement Paper for all)
3	**What are the details of Kal Chachni Activity?** a) Activity will be conducted by the Schools using computer only. Each student will take part in this activity for a single turn from her/his school as per schedule prepared by the school. b) The activity consists of 152 statements. Each statement highlights an action. c) It is mandatory to issue a response to each and every statement. *If the action is liked then click on 'Yes'* *If the action is disliked then click on 'No'* *If it isn't possible to decide for sure the click on select 'Not Sure'/ 'I can't say'* d) No answer or response is considered to be wrong e) Each page consists of 05 statements. A candidate can change any of the responses issued on the current page before proceeding to the next page. f) The activity carries no Marks and no Grade. g) No previous preparation or studies required for this activity.
4	a) **Which day will the Kal Chachni Student activity begin?** Monday, February 08, 2016 b) **Which will be the last day for carrying out Kal Chachni Student activity?** Thursday, February 25, 2016 c) **How many working days can the activity be conducted for?** 15 working days maximum on following dates of February 2016 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25
5	**What will be the responsibility of the school?** • Every school must appoint one teacher as a Single Point contact who will be responsible for conducting the Kal Chachni test of all SSC students from the school due to appear for the board Examination. • The same teacher is required to observe the Kal Chachni website http://mh-ssc.ac.in on each and every working day and carry out all activities as listed on the site. • The Head Masters/ Principals of the Schools must ensure that the Teacher is observing the website and carrying out all activities promptly and without delay as mentioned on the site. • The school is responsible for ensuring that each and every student appearing for the Std 10 SSC Board examination will appear for this test. • **The schools must schedule the batches of all their Std 10 students on basis of the Seat Number and inform students of the same using written notice along as well as by contacting students by any other means possible.**
6	**Who will schedule the batches? How are the batches to be scheduled?** Each school has to schedule their batches on basis of Board Exam seat number of Std 10 candidates and inform their students via written notice to appear accordingly.

	In case the Hall Tickets/Admit cards are not available in time, seat numbers of candidates from schools will be displayed on the Kal Chachni website upon login, which can be used by the schools to schedule their batches.
7	**How many batches can a school conduct each working day?** It is recommended that a school conducts upto 04 batches each working day. However if required and if possible, the school can conduct upto 06 batches per day.
8	**What is the maximum number of students that can appear in a single batch?** Number of students who can appear in a single batch is equal to number of computers/ terminals available with the school. *In case of Thin Client or N-Computing, please exclude the server machine and keep it free….and allow candidates only to appear using the terminals/ nodes.*
9	**Does the School have to record students' attendance?** Yes. Physical attendance of the candidate (signature) must be recorded by the School batch-wise, on the sheets provided by the Board used for recording Practical Examination Attendance.
10	**Can a candidate's test be rescheduled?** **Yes.. but subject to fulfillment of the following:** • Test must be carried out within the defined dates and batches of examination. No extension of dates and batches will be possible. • Test must be carried out within the existing computers infrastructure. Taluka/ Assistant Coordinator must be informed of the same
11	**Which schools qualify as defaulters on basis of infrastructure?** Considering an average of upto 04 batches a day and considering that the activity can be conducted for a maximum number of 15 working days, the maximum number of batches becomes 04 x 15 = 60. **Therefore, any school who can complete the activity in 60 batches or lesser is not a defaulter.** **Schools who have reported that they have zero computers are defaulters.** **Besides this, any school requiring more than 60 batches to complete the activity qualifies as a defaulter. This can be calculated by dividing total number of candidates from a school appearing for this activity by the total number of computers available. If this number is greater than 60, then the school is a defaulter.**
12	**How can infrastructure defaulter Schools conduct this Activity?** Schools who qualify as defaulters on basis of infrastructure can conduct this activity by temporarily procuring computers/ additional computers in their schools until completion of the activity. If no solution of obtaining computers is available, then such schools at their effort, cost and responsibility will have to shift their students batch -wise to another registered educational institution (not coaching classes or cybercafé) for the sake of conducting this activity. Such schools will be required to provide two different undertakings to the Office of the Deputy Director of Education **Undertaking 1** (On School Letterhead) and **Undertaking 2** on Letter Head of the institution from where the candidates will be appearing for the test, signed by the In-charge of that institute.
13	**Can the activity be conducted offline/ without internet connectivity?** Yes. Schools who have registered as not having internet connection can conduct this activity offline. However schools having internet connectivity must conduct this activity online, which

	has several advantages over an offline examination.
14	**What is the time duration to be awarded to a candidate for this activity?** 40 minutes. However a candidate may continue for a longer time if she/he requires.
15	**Will candidates be able to choose language in which they can see the statements/ questions?** Yes. Such an option will be available. The option of Language to see the statements must be made by the candidate at the start of the online activity, before starting to issue the responses. Candidates can choose any one language out of 08 Languages in order to view the statements.
16	**Who will evaluate the responses of the candidates and how will candidates come to know of the same?** The Institute of Vocational Guidance and Selection, (IVGS) Mumbai, Government of Maharashtra. Result will be made available to students along with Std. X Mark Sheet.
17*	**What are the infrastructure requirements for this test?** See point number 11 in relation with number of Computers required. Computers with Microsoft Windows Operating system are required for this test. See point number 18 w.r.t. detailed hardware and OS requirements. Internet connectivity is preferred. These computers are expected to be available in all schools since they are also required for the Std 10 ICT Subject Examination which is also online, being conducted by the Board since March 2013.
18	**Which versions of Windows are supported?** • **Windows 10, Windows 8/8.1, Windows 7, Windows Vista and Windows xp are all supported.** • **64-bit or 32-bit, both are allowed.** • **Windows setup on all computers must be up to date with all Service Packs, Security and system updates and patches which are provided by Windows Update.** • **.NET Framework 2.0 must be installed on all systems.** However systems with the following software configuration are preferred. • Later/ newer versions of Windows have the advantage of being more secure especially when used online. So Windows 10 is preferred over Windows 8/7 etc. • Microsoft is providing a free upgrade to Windows 7/8/8.1 based computers to migrate to Windows 10 upto July 2016. Windows xp is supported….but not recommended since xp is no more supported by Microsoft with system security updates and patches. So a Windows xp based computer lacks several OS Level security updates and stands the highest risk of failure. **N Computing and Thin Client Systems** • Microsoft Windows server based N computing is supported. However candidates must use the terminals/nodes only. Server must be kept free. • Microsoft Windows Server based Thin Clients will be supported. However candidates must use the terminals/nodes only. Server must be kept free. • **Linux/ BSD UNIX/ Sun Solaris will not be supported.**
19	**What is a brief outline of the activities to be carried out by Schools?** Website http://mh-ssc.ac.in must be observed on each and every working day by the Head Master as well as concerned teacher, preferably once at the start of the working day, and once towards the end. • Online Registration followed by Inspection • Kal Chachni Client Software Installation • Kal Chachni Client Software Dry Test Run • Actual Activity • Every school must appoint one teacher as a Single Point contact who will be responsible for conducting the Kal Chachni test of all SSC students from the school due to appear for the board Examination.

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20	**How will schools obtain the Kal Chachni Activity Software?** The software will be made available on CD by the Divisional Board along with Practical Exam Material Distribution
21	**How does the school submit the work of candidates to the Board for evaluation?** After a student completes her/his Kal Chachni Activity on the PC, a file will get created in a folder named Kal Chachni on the desktop of the PC. The filename will be same as the SSC seat number of the candidate who appeared for the Activity. There will be a separate file created in the same folder for each candidate who carries out the activity successfully on the same computer. Teachers are required to collect these files from every computer on every working day, and store them safely. After the Kal Chachni activity of all students of a particular School is completed, the school is required to create a zip file archive of all files collected and upload the same. Details of uploading this file will be provided on http://www.mh-ssc.ac.in The school will be issued a certificate upon upload of the files. The School is supposed to download and print the same and handover copy of the same to the Divisional Board.
22	**Whom must the Schools contact in case of Administrative difficulties?** **Education Inspector of your area.**
23	**Whom must the Schools contact in case of Technical difficulties?** **Taluka/Assistant Coordinator** *Schools may note that it may not be very likely that the Taluka/ Assistant Coordinators may be reachable immediately within the first attempt, since the person may be busy attending to other work at that time, so Schools are requested to be patient and try again at a later time.* If any Taluka/ Assistant coordinator is not available for a long time (more than one day), then Schools may contact the District Coordinator. The District Coordinators are in continuous touch with the Divisional Coordinator.