

D.A.V. CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL, PASCHIM ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI - 87

Dear Parents,

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Please be informed regarding the introduction of **Problem-Solving Assessment - PSA, Value-Based Questions, Open Text Based Assessment – OTBA and ASL (English)** introduced by the CBSE.

1. **PROBLEM-SOLVING ASSESSMENT - PSA**: This assessment design focuses on preparing the learners in 21st Century Skills such as creative thinking, decision making, critical thinking, problem solving, effective communication, research and analytical skills, application of basic concepts and analysis of texts for comprehension. These skills will enable the learners for higher and professional studies. The school will provide intensive and professional training by ***Career Launcher Pvt. Ltd. Practice worksheets for students to hone their reasoning and linguistic skills will also be provided.*** **Class XI: It is compulsory for all the students to appear for PSA.** The students will get a certificate on CBSE-PSA (Problem-solving assessment) from the CBSE.
2. **VALUE-BASED QUESTIONS** – This assessment focuses on inculcation of the moral values and principles of equality, social justice, environmental conservation, protection of heritage etc. **The school includes value-based questions in question papers of different subjects for practice. In half Yearly and Final Exam Question papers from DAV Board, 10% of the questions will be value-based.**
3. **OPEN TEXT BASED ASSESSMENT – OTBA** : OTBA will be a part of **Annual Exam, March 2014**. It is applicable to two subjects - **Economics & Biology** only. Only **some portion of the syllabus** will be covered in OTBA. OTBA will have **15-20% weightage** in the concerned subjects. Textual material will be supplied a few months before the exam. It can be in the form of an article/case-study/diagram/mind-map/cartoon/situation based on concepts taught. HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills), Subjective, application-based, creative and open-ended type questions will be included in the OTBA exam. Textual material will be included in the question paper also for reference. Students will be assessed on their ability to:
 - i) Understand and apply the concepts to the situational problems
 - ii) Suggest and bring out appropriate solutions to the given problem.
 - iii) Come up with innovative opinions
 - iv) Deep analysis based on a wide range of perspectives
4. **Assessment of Speaking & listening Skills (ASL)** : In **English**, the paper will be of **80 marks + 20 marks for ASL (Assessment of Speaking & Listening Skills)**. The recording (DVDs) of the Listening & Speaking Skills will be sent to the CBSE.

Please note the weightage of different examinations is as follows:

| Type of Examination | Percentage/Weightage |
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| Unit Test I & II | 5 + 5 =10 |
| Half Yearly | 30 |
| Special Test | 10 |
| Final Examination | 50 |

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