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To the Heads of Schools presenting candidates for ICSE and ISC Year 2025 Examinations.

Subject: Specimen Question Papers in selected subjects for ICSE and ISC Year 2025.

Dear Principal,

In order to foster the assessment of core competencies in the learners and align with the imperatives of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), CISCE is commencing the process of releasing the Specimen Question Papers in selected subjects for ICSE and ISC Year 2025 Examinations. These papers have been curated keeping in view the current educational trends and assessment practices and intend to assist and strengthen the teaching-learning community in becoming adept at those practices.

These papers examine the learners in higher order abilities such as **Application, Analysis, Interpretation, Evaluate** and which have also been mapped in the Specimen Question Papers (except in English Paper 1 (Language)). The weightage ascribed to the questions assessing these competencies is approximately 25% for the Year 2025 and will keep increasing steadily in each year of examination until the assessment practices are completely aligned with NEP 2020 recommendations.

Each Specimen Question Paper has been supplemented with an Answer Key which specifies the expected response from the learners. The footnotes given at the end of the answers outline the approach the learners need to adopt to answer the questions. **The Answer Key endeavours to encompass all the possible answers to a given question but is not limiting and exhaustive.** It is recommended that the answers provided in the Answer Key not be memorised and be referred to with an aim to understand the correct approach.

The Specimen Question Papers will be made available in the following subjects on the CAREERS Portal and on the website of CISCE:



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ISC Year 2025

S.No.	Subject / Paper	S.No.	Subject/Paper
1.	English Paper 1 (English Language)	12.	Mathematics
2.	English Paper 2 (Literature in English)	13.	Physics Paper 1 (Theory)
3.	Elective English	14.	Chemistry Paper 1 (Theory)
4.	History	15.	Biology Paper 1 (Theory)
5.	Political Science	16.	Home Science Paper 1 (Theory)
6.	Geography	17.	Computer Science Paper 1 (Theory)
7.	Sociology	18.	Physical Education Paper 1 (Theory)
8.	Economics	19.	Environmental Science
9.	Commerce	20.	Biotechnology Paper 1 (Theory)
10.	Accounts	21.	Legal Studies
11.	Business Studies		

ICSE Year 2025

S.No.	Subject / Paper	S.No.	Subject/Paper
1.	English Language (English Paper 1)	15.	Hospitality Management
2.	Literature In English (English Paper 2)	16.	Environmental Science
3.	History & Civics (H.C.G. Paper 1)	17.	Yoga
4.	Geography (H.C.G. Paper 2)	18.	Computer Applications
5.	Mathematics	19.	Economic Applications
6.	Physics (Science Paper 1)	20.	Commercial Applications



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7.	Chemistry (Science Paper 2)	21.	Environmental Applications
8.	Biology (Science Paper 3)	22.	Mass Media & Communications
9.	Commercial Studies	23.	Hindustani Music
10.	Economics	24.	Carnatic Music
11.	Home Science	25.	Western Music
12.	Cookery	26.	Indian Dance
13.	Fashion Designing	27.	Drama
14.	Physical Education		

Please note that the pattern of the Question Papers in the remaining subjects shall remain the same as that of Year 2024 for both ICSE and ISC Examinations.

You are requested to disseminate this information among all concerned and ensure that the teachers in your school download the Specimen Question Papers and prepare the comparable ones for internal use.

With warm wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel
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