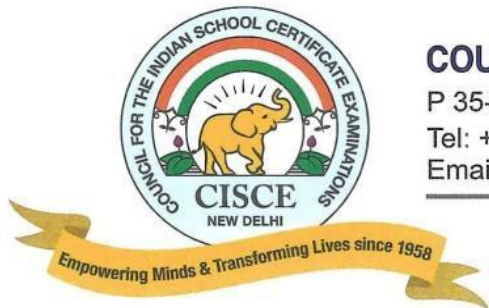




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20 April 2026

To: All Heads of CISCE Affiliated Schools

Subject: Bifurcation of the Prescribed Texts for Selected Indian Languages at the ICSE & ISC levels for the Examination Year 2027 and Examination Year 2028.

Dear Principal,

The *National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023 (NCF-SE 2023)* specifies that in language education, gaining competencies is far more important than mastering content. Effective language teaching must be driven by the achievement of competencies and learning outcomes by students, rather than focusing on merely finishing the content given in the textbook.

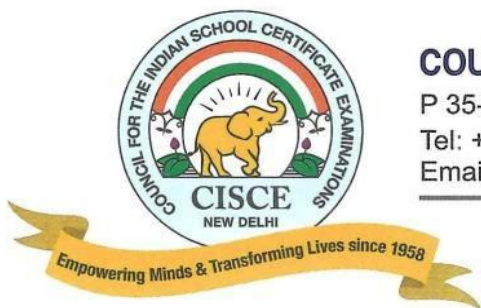
In order to make language learning modular, engaging and functional for all students, CISCE is bifurcating the study of the prescribed texts for selected Indian Languages from the Examination Year 2027. The similar bifurcation of prescribed texts will be carried forward to the Examination Year 2028 as well.

The study of the prescribed texts for **Classes IX & X** and **Classes XI & XII** has been bifurcated for the following selected Indian Languages at the ICSE and ISC levels:

S. NO.	ICSE	ISC
1.	Hindi	Hindi
2.	Punjabi	Punjabi
3.	Tamil	Tamil
4.	Telugu	Telugu
5.	Malayalam	Malayalam
6.	Bengali (Bangla)	Bengali (Bangla)
7.	Gujarati	Gujarati
8.	Kannada	Kannada
9.	Odia	Odia
10.	Urdu	Urdu
11.	Nepali	Nepali
12.	Assamese	Bhutia
13.	Marathi	
14.	Bhutia	

Please note that:

- The Language portion (Section A) has not been bifurcated for any of the Indian Languages.
- The Prescribed Texts of the remaining Indian Languages have not been bifurcated.
- The pattern of the question paper will not be changed.



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- The Class IX Examination is to be conducted on the portion of the syllabus that is prescribed for Class IX.
- The ICSE (Class X) Examination paper will be set ONLY on the portion of the syllabus that is prescribed for Class X.
- The Class XI Examination is to be conducted on the portion of the syllabus that is prescribed for Class XI.
- The ISC (Class XII) Examination paper will be set ONLY on the portion of the syllabus that is prescribed for Class XII.

The bifurcated syllabuses of the prescribed texts for the above-mentioned selected Indian Languages for **Classes IX, X, XI & XII** have been published on the CISCE website and can be accessed through the following links:

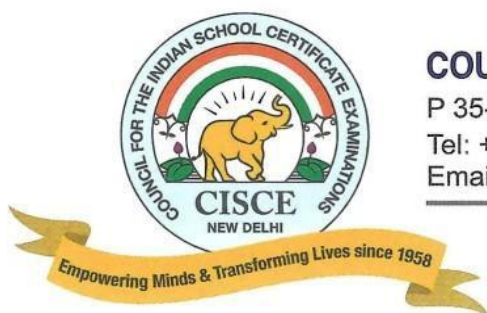
1. For the Examination Year 2027:

- (a) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ICSE)- Class X
 - List of Prescribed Texts (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/34.-Appendix-I-List-of-Prescribed-Books.pdf>)
 - Syllabus for Indian Languages (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/3.-Second-Languages.pdf>)
- (b) Indian School Certificate Examination (ISC)- Class XII
 - List of Prescribed Texts (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/40.-ISC-Appendix-I-List-of-Prescribed-Textbooks.pdf>)
 - Syllabus for Indian Languages (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/4.-ISC-Indian-Languages.pdf>)

2. For the Academic Year 2026-27 and Examination Year 2028:

- (a) Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination (ICSE)- Examination Year 2028 (Classes IX & X),
 - List of Prescribed Texts (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/33.-Appendix-I-List-of-Prescribed-Textbooks.pdf>)
 - Syllabus for Indian Languages (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/3.-Second-Languages-1.pdf>)
- (b) Indian School Certificate Examination (ISC)- Examination Year 2028 (Classes XI & XII)
 - List of Prescribed Texts (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/40.-Appendix-I-List-of-Prescribed-Textbooks.pdf>)
 - Syllabus for Indian Languages (Link: <https://cisce.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/4.-Indian-Languages.pdf>)

(The bifurcated syllabuses of the prescribed texts for selected Indian Languages for Classes IX & X and Classes XI & XII are enclosed herewith) **[Please refer to Appendices I & II].**



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You are requested to ensure that all concerned teachers and students are given timely and correct intimation of the aforesaid revisions.

We hope that with the bifurcation of the prescribed texts, teachers and students explore innovative learning opportunities, rekindling their interest in the study of Indian Languages within the CISCE ecosystem.

With warm

regards,

Yours

sincerely,

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel
Chief Executive and Secretary

Encl:

Appendix I: ICSE Bifurcated Syllabuses of the Prescribed Texts for Selected Indian Languages for Classes IX & X

Appendix II: ISC Bifurcated Syllabuses of the Prescribed Texts for Selected Indian Languages for Classes XI & XII