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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Dated the Lahore, 13th October, 2021

NOTIFICATION

NO.S.O(BOARDS)13-1/2020. In exercise of the powers conferred under subsection (6) of section 12 of the Punjab Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education Act, 1976 (XIII of 1976), and in supersession of Notification No.S.O.(Boards)13-1/2020, dated 30.07.2021, Governor of the Punjab is pleased to issue the following directions to the Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education for the conduct of annual examinations and declaration of results of all the examinations, 2021 in the back drop of COVID-19, with immediate effect:

HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (HSSC) EXAMINATIONS

- 1: The candidates of HSSC (Part-II) Examinations 2021 in the below-mentioned categories shall appear in Part-II Elective subjects only. The average marks obtained in Elective subjects (Part-II) shall be reflected in Compulsory subjects of the Part-II with 5% additional marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks. The same marks shall be awarded for Part-I corresponding subjects:
 - i) Appearing in Part-II
 - ii) Appearing for Composite Examinations
 - iii) Re-appearing in Part-I and appearing in Part-II
 - iv) Re-appearing in both Part-I & Part-II
 - v) Re-appearing in Part-II only
 - vi) Appearing for Marks Improvement in Part-I & Part-II
 - vii) Appearing for Marks Improvement in Part-II
 - viii) Appearing for Marks Improvement (Subject-wise) except in Compulsory subject(s).
 - ix) Appearing in *Shahadat-ul-Sa'anvia Khasa* and Medical Technologies Group.
2. The candidates Re-appearing for HSSC Part-I Examinations 2021, need not to appear for examinations. They shall be awarded average marks obtained previously in all pass subjects of Part-I.
3. The candidates of HSSC appearing for Marks Improvement in Part-I Examinations 2021 shall appear in Elective Subjects for HSSC Part-I. The average marks obtained in pass subjects (Part-I) shall be reflected in Compulsory subjects of Part-I with addition of 5% marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.
4. The candidates appearing for Marks Improvement or Re-appearing in Compulsory subjects of HSSC Examinations 2021 only, need not to appear in examinations. They shall be awarded percentage of average marks obtained previously in all pass subjects of relevant Part-I or Part-II, respectively.
5. The candidates appearing for Additional Subjects in HSSC (Annual) Examinations 2021 shall appear in the relevant subject(s) in Part-II. The marks

- obtained in additional subject(s) Part-II shall be awarded for corresponding subject(s) of Part-I. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.
6. The candidates of Nursing / Homeopathic, etc. and Classical Languages group (*Aloom-e-Sharqia*), and candidates seeking equivalence from Inter Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC) shall be examined in all the relevant subjects of HSSC. The policy of 33% marks shall be implemented for these candidates as well.
 7. The candidates appearing for HSSC Part-I as fresh candidates shall appear in Part-I Elective subjects only. The average marks obtained in pass subjects (Part-I) shall be reflected in remaining Compulsory subjects of the Part-I with 5% additional marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (SSC) EXAMINATIONS, 2021

8. The candidates of SSC (Part-II) Examination 2021 in below-mentioned categories shall appear in Part-II Elective subjects and Mathematics only. The average marks obtained in Elective subjects (Part-II) shall be reflected in Compulsory subjects of the Part-II with 5% additional marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks. The same marks shall be awarded for Part-I corresponding subjects:
 - i) Appearing in Part-II
 - ii) Appearing for Composite Examinations
 - iii) Re-appearing in Part-I and Appearing in Part-II
 - iv) Re-appearing in both Part-I & Part-II
 - v) Re-appearing in Part-II only
 - vi) Appearing for Marks Improvement in Part-I & Part-II
 - vii) Appearing for Marks Improvement in Part-II
 - viii) Appearing for Marks Improvement (Subject-wise) except in Compulsory subject(s).
9. The candidates Re-appearing for SSC Part-I Examinations 2021, need not to appear for examinations. They shall be awarded average marks obtained previously in all pass subjects of Part-I.
10. The candidates of SSC appearing for marks improvement in Part-I Examinations 2021 shall appear in Elective Subjects and Mathematics for SSC Part-I. The average marks obtained in pass subjects (Part-I) shall be reflected in Compulsory subjects of the Part-I with 5% additional marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.
11. The candidates appearing for Marks Improvement or Re-appearing in Compulsory subjects of SSC Examinations 2021 only, need not to appear in examinations. They shall be awarded percentage of average marks obtained previously in all pass subjects of relevant Part-I or Part-II, respectively.
12. The candidates appearing for Additional Subjects in SSC (Annual) Examinations 2021 shall appear in the relevant subject(s) in Part-II. The marks obtained in additional subject(s) Part-II shall be awarded for corresponding subject(s) of Part-I. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.
13. The candidates of *Shahadat-ul-Sa'anvia Aa'ma* and O' Level, etc. streams seeking equivalence from IBCC shall be examined in all the relevant subjects to get equivalence for SSC. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.
14. The candidates appearing for SSC Part-I as fresh candidates shall appear in Part-I Elective subjects and Mathematics only. The average marks obtained in pass subjects (Part-I) shall be reflected in Compulsory subjects of the Part-I with

5% additional marks. All those who fail in any subject, shall be granted 33% marks.

15. Practical Examinations for HSSC/SSC Examinations 2021 shall not be conducted and marks for the same shall be awarded to only qualifying candidates, as follows:

50% marks of the total practical marks shall be granted to all qualifying candidates while remaining 50% marks be awarded proportionate to their theory marks in the relevant subjects.

16. The candidates of SSC and HSSC Part-II (Annual) examinations 2021, who were absent in the examinations or who do not accept the award of 33% passing marks in failed subject or subjects, may appear in Special Examinations to be held in November 2021. Such candidates shall be required to declare in writing their option to appear in the Special Examinations within fifteen days of the declaration of results.
17. The candidates of SSC and HSSC (Part-I) at the time of declaration of their result, shall be given thirty days' time period to decide if they want to retain their score or they want to opt for Composite Examinations, their result of Part-I shall be cancelled or quashed and it shall not be counted in the number of chances availed and their chance for improvement of score shall also remain intact.
18. The Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education shall mention the following statement in the transcript and in the certificate of Intermediate and Secondary Educations for Part-I&II (2021 & 2022):

"The marks awarded are the best prediction of the performance and has been awarded under COVID-19 Examinations Policy, hence considered as valid and fair."

19. This policy is valid for the examinations and results of 2021 only.
20. In case of any grievances under these directions, an application, in writing, to address the grievances, shall be filed before the Punjab Boards Committee of Chairmen (PBCC) which shall decide the matter within thirty days of the receipt of application and the decision made by the aforementioned Committee shall be final.

SECRETARY

Government of the Punjab
Higher Education Department

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2. Chief Secretaries, Punjab, KPK, Balochistan, Sindh, Gilgit Baltistan & AJ&K
3. Additional Chief Secretary, S&GAD
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21. In-charge MIS, Higher Education Department with the request to upload the Notification on official website of Higher Education Department
22. P.S to Secretary and Special Secretary, Higher Education Department
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13/10/2021
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