

Press Note

Out of syllabus questions will be removed from assessment in KCET 2024. No re-conducting of KCET exam, 2024

The Karnataka Common Entrance Test (CET) was conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) on 18th and 19th April 2024. Exams were conducted for 4 subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology). More than 3 lakhs students appeared in the exam across the State.

Pursuant to the exams, news reports have mentioned that a number of questions from the papers were allegedly out of syllabus of CET. Representations have also been received that many questions were not from the syllabus and that this has affected the students. Demands for providing grace marks/removing the questions for assessment or reconducting the exam afresh have also been made.

An Expert Committee was constituted to submit a report on the issue of out of syllabus questions. The Expert Committee has submitted its report.

Based on the Expert Committee Report and analysis of I PUC syllabus of 2022-23, the out of syllabus questions from deleted chapters of 2023-24 rationalised syllabus is as follows: 1) Biology – 11/60 2) Physics – 9/60 3) Mathematics – 15/60, 4) Chemistry – 15/60 Total – 50/240.

The Committee has determined several questions from the deleted chapters of the rationalised syllabus of 11th and 12th PUC syllabus of 2023-24. However, some questions are in the syllabus and chapter of I PUC of 2022-23 which the students have learnt in the previous year and need not be deleted from the question paper.

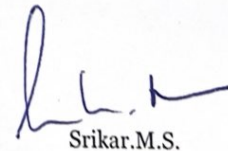
In view of the above, the Government has directed the KEA to adequately address the issue of out of syllabus questions in the interests of the students in order to avoid hardship, maintain a level playing field and ensure the credibility of the CET system.

It has therefore been decided by the Government as follows:

- Keeping in view the Expert Committee report and opinion of many stakeholders and the paramount interest of protecting the legitimate interests of students in mind, KEA is

directed to **remove the questions that are out of syllabus of 2023-24 syllabus from the assessment and assess only the remaining questions.** The number of questions that will be removed from the assessment is as follows: **Physics-9 Chemistry-15 Mathematics-15 Biology-11** . The KEA will also publish the answer key along with the list of out of syllabus questions on their website. The students marks in CET will be assessed on the remaining questions only. This will adequately protect the interests of the students and provide a level playing field. Two questions with incorrect solutions will also be awarded grace marks.

- The Government has decided that there will be no re-examination of KCET 2024. There are a number of exams that are being conducted in May and June including COMEDK, JEE Mains, NEET, NEST, CUET and second and third attempt exam of II PUC. The Government is of the view that conducting a re-exam at this stage will cause undue hardship and burden to the students. Since there are a number of other exams that the students have to write, re-conducting the CET exams would cause unnecessary panic and harassment. Further, it would be causing undue hardship for the students for no fault of theirs. The academic calendar for professional courses will also get delayed if a re-examination is proposed.
- In order to prevent such occurrences in future, the KEA is directed to prepare a detailed Standard Operating Procedure for setting question papers for CET.
- In view of the above, the KEA will **remove the out of syllabus questions and assess the students only for the remaining questions in each of the subjects.** This would ensure a level playing field. This is being done keeping in view the best interests of the students and examination system in mind. The CET results will be announced, as scheduled, by end of May.



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