

Grade 8 Universal Assessment

In order to achieve department's vision of universal and uniform secondary education the department has decided to make it mandatory for all students of public and private primary schools of KP and FATA to participate in the class VIII assessment in 2017-18 leading to universal examinations in 2018-19.

Why do we need to improve assessment?

1. To improve teaching and learning; assessment drives teaching and learning practices
2. To move away from rote learning to conceptual understanding and application
3. To help our students compete and excel in modern world

Scheme of Studies

Questions	Answers
How many subjects will be included?	8 Subjects
What will be the total marks in each subject?	100 Except Geography 50 marks and History 50 marks
Total marks of all subjects	700
How many types of questions will be there?	Three types: 1. Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) 2. Constructive Response Question (CRQ) 3. Extended Response Question (ERQ) (Math and Science will have MCQs and CRQs only)

What will change?

Current Practice	Future Practice
Textbook contents are used to make test papers	Test will be based on Students Learning Outcomes (SLOs) from our National Curriculum 2006. Note: SLOs are statements what students will be able to do as a result of instruction at a particular grade and mentioned in the National Curriculum 2006.
Tests consist of questions which assess reproduction skills and lead to rote memory	Test questions will assess <u>knowledge</u> as well as its conceptual <u>understanding/comprehension</u> and <u>application</u> .

Distribution of Marks

Model paper will have 2 sections. The distribution is given below:

Section A :

40% MCQs i.e.

40 questions – 1 mark per question - total 40 marks out of 100

Section B:

60% CRQs and ERQ i.e. 60 marks out of 100

Number of questions may vary from subject to subject.

What will be assessed?	Explanation	Type of questions
1. Knowledge	Recall questions for facts and figures, vocabulary and concepts.	who, when, where, what, list, define, <u>identify</u> , <u>label</u> , quote, name, state, etc.
2. Comprehension/ Understanding	Question requires students to share their understanding about given concepts, making links, identifying reasons and giving evidences.	<u>why</u> , how, show, summarize, <u>explain</u> , prove, compare, discuss etc.
3. Application	Questions lead students to use their knowledge and apply in solving problems, new situation and drawing conclusion.	give reasons for, create, design, <u>solve</u> , rearrange, <u>construct</u> , etc.