



The Juhu Parfe Education Society's
UTPAL SHANGHVI SCHOOL
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 An ISO 9001:2000 School



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
 International Examinations



MAHARASHTRA STATE BOARD
 OF SECONDARY & HIGHER
 SECONDARY EDUCATION

A COMPARITIVE STUDY ON SSC / ICSC / IGCSE				
No	Criteria	SSC	ICSC	IGCSE
1	Certificate Awarded	Secondary School Certificate	Indian Certificate of Secondary Education	International General Certificate of Secondary Education
2	Recognition	State level –State Board	National level	International Level- Comparable to British GCSE & International O level.
3	Course Duration	a) Course is theory based. b) School course of 10 yrs duration. c) Class 9 & 10 has separate portions & separate textbooks. d) No preparatory phase.	a) Course stresses on practicals along with theory. b) School course of 10 yrs duration. c) Class 9 & 10 has separate portions & separate textbooks. d) No preparatory phase.	a) Course is application based. b) School course of 10 yrs duration. c) Classes 9 & 10 do not have separate portions & no separate textbooks. d) Class 8 (Checkpoint Year) serves as a preparatory phase for IGCSE exams to be taken at Class 10 levels.
4	Examination	Exams at the end of every year (Classes 1 – 10), with the Final Exams at the Class 10 level.	Exams at the end of every year (Classes 4 – 10), with the Final exams at the class 10 level.	Final exams at the class 10 level, Checkpoint exam taken at the end of Class 8 & Progression and Achievement Tests at the end of Class 1-7.
5	Curriculum	a) 6 compulsory subjects -3 languages, Maths, Science, Social Studies are	a) 6 compulsory subjects -2 languages, Social Studies are	a) Curriculum includes a list of subjects falling in 5 Categories namely:

		<p>mandatory.</p> <p>b) From the optional, 3 school subjects have to be selected.</p> <p>c) Marathi is compulsory.</p>	<p>mandatory. Option can be exercised in the others.</p> <p>b) From the Socially Useful Productive Work (SUPW) & Community Service 3 options have to be selected.</p> <p>3rd Language compulsion only till class 8 level.</p> <p>c) Marathi is not compulsory.</p>	<p>Languages, Sciences, Maths, Business-Creative-Technical -Vocational, and Humanities & Social Sciences.</p>
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6	Assessment at Class 10 level	<p>a) Written – 100%. Internal assessment – science practical.</p> <p>b) Question Papers on subjects other than English are textbook based.</p>	<p>a) Written – 80%. Internal assessment –projects / practical- 20%.</p> <p>b) Nearly 30 % of the questions are application based.</p>	<p>a) Wide range of assessment processes to complement the formal written exams-orals, practicals, projects and coursework of various types.</p> <p>b) Nearly 80 % of the questions are application based.</p> <p>c) Teachers are given study kits; students are given tips on how to deal with stress and notes are exchanged.</p>
7	Venue of Assessment	Assessment done locally by Mumbai division.	Assessment done locally by ICSC board- Delhi.	Assessment done in UK, by the CIE Examiners.
8	Results issued	Marks / Percentage. Results- Pass / Fail.	Marks / Percentage. Results- Pass / Fail.	Grades- A*, A, B, C, D, E, F. Grade G indicates minimum level of performance. No Pass or Fail even at Class 10 level.
9	Scope of the	a) Emphasis on Rote	a) Develops &	a) Develops oral &

	Curriculum	learning. Little scope for application of knowledge. b) Very limited focus c) Vocational skills. d) Syllabus is limited.	integrates various skill. b) Enhances ability to express. c) Develops appreciation of literature. d) Syllabus is vast.	practical skills. b) Investigative & problem solving approach. c) Concentrates on the application of skills. d) Syllabus provides in-depth knowledge of the subject.
10	Flexibility of the Curriculum	No flexibility on the 6 main subjects. Some flexibility can be exercised for the optional subjects	Flexibility is possible on the 6 main subjects also.	Offers a flexible course of study that gives teachers & students the potential to tailor the curriculum appropriately.
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11	Text Books	Prescribed by the State board	Syllabus is provided. Choice can be exercised from the recommended textbooks.	Wider choice can be exercised, as the list of recommended textbooks is exhaustive.
12	Fee Structure	Not expensive	Costlier	Less costly than IB
13	Disadvantages	Limited knowledge & Scope	ICSC should be ideally followed up with ISC. Barring a couple of institutes ICS has limited provision in Mumbai & hence an ICSC student has to take up the HSC stream along with the SSC students. Thus the very purpose of grooming is lost.	Exams are conducted either in May/June or Nov with results issued in Aug and Feb respectively whereas local board results are out by June and college admissions are over by July. To overcome: IGCSE students can pursue A/AS level.
14	Advantages	Caters to average students	Develops a stronger base &	Students are rewarded for the

			understanding of the subject	achievements rather than penalized for an accumulation of errors.
15	Experience of external assessment	External assessment at the State level	External assessment at the National level	Brain storming at the age of 16 , which is at par with any other student at the International level.