



OUR REF : .....

TRN : 100259955100003

Wednesday, 13 April 2022

**To: ALL Parents from YEARS 1-13- WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF WEEK TWENTY NINE**

**We would like to wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter & may God's choices blessings of good health and peace be with all of our extended Marian Family.**

HAPPY  
Easter



Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful Spring Break. Safe travels to all the families who will be travelling at this time.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE ANY FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS. IF YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR CHILD FOR A PCR TEST ( because you have some suspicion based on symptoms ) PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NEGATIVE PCR.**

**1) TWO DAY BREAK MARKED IN KHDA CALENDAR IN APRIL 2022:**

As previously communicated, we are reminding ALL Parents that the school and the school office will be closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. Lessons will resume on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

## **2) A PEACEFUL HOLY WEEK AND HAPPY EASTER:**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our Marian family a peaceful Holy week and a continued Holy and peaceful Ramadan.



## **3) FINAL EXAMINATION AND GL EXAM TIMETABLE:**

**We had published the Final Exam Timetable and the GL Exam Timetable before the Spring Break.** We have attached the Final Examination Time table as well as the GL Examination time table to this circular. Please go through it carefully.

## **4) PORTIONS FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS:**

We had uploaded the portions for the Final Examinations on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022. These can be found under the respective departments on the school website.

## **5) RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS, YEARS 1-10 AND 12:**

Please go through the circular and re-registration form that was sent well before the Spring Break and has also been attached to this circular. Please make a careful note of the deadlines for re-registration payments, form submissions and criteria for re-registration.

## **6) GL EXAMINATION CIRCULAR AND PAYMENT years 4-10:**

We would like to remind all parents to kindly respect the deadline for the payment of the GL examinations . Payments **MUST** be made via the Skiplly App.

## **7) DE-ISOLATION / CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ANY STUDENT WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:**

All parents are requested to kindly email the de-isolation / clearance certificate from DHA to the school doctor on [dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:dayani-smchs@smgeducation.org) with a copy to the both school nurses on [midhu.xavier-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:midhu.xavier-smchs@smgeducation.org) and [savitha.mariya-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:savitha.mariya-smchs@smgeducation.org)

This is absolutely essential for your child to return to school. Children cannot return to on-site lessons unless the school clinic has received the DE-ISOLATION certificate as a soft copy via email.

## **8) CHILDREN WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE:**

**Kindly inform the class teachers, the school doctor and Ms. Pinto if your child tests positive and attach the PCR report without any delay.**

## **9) CHILDREN WHO ARE CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID POSITIVE FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING WITH THEM:**

Please refer to the updated KHDA guidelines attached to this circular. Close contacts do not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms. We will continue to contact trace and we will tell you if your child is a close contact. If a close contact has symptoms then as per DHA protocols two PCR tests need to be done within 48 hours.

## **10) CHILDREN SHOWING SYMPTOMS:**

**CHILDREN WITH SYMPTOMS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL ON ANY ACCOUNT.**

If your child is showing flu-like symptoms, kindly inform the class teacher via email immediately and please do a PCR. Once a negative PCR is obtained, the child can resume school. If a child tests positive, please refer to point number three of this circular.

## **11) MUST HAVE HYGIENE KIT:**

It is essential that an extremely high level of hygiene be maintained by every child in order to curb the spread of the virus in our school community. Therefore please make sure that your child has his/ her FULL AND COMPLETE HYGIENE KIT before they leave each morning. **THREE DISPOSABLE FACE MASKS, AMPLE SANITIZER, SANITIZING/ DISINFECTING WIPES/ TISSUES.** Please remind your child about how important it is for them to keep their hands clean, not touch their faces, wear their masks fully covering their nose and mouth and keeping a good distance from others.

## **12) PAYMENT OF FIRST TERM & SECOND TERM FEES :**

**Kindly settle all outstanding dues at the earliest. In the case of unpaid first term fees we will have to follow regulator policy with regard to discontinuation of school for the stipulated number of days as per regulator policy. Kindly ensure that ALL FIRST TERM FEES have been paid. Examination marks, papers, reports and other documents will not be issued to any child whose first term fees are outstanding.**

**Second term fees MUST BE PAID IMMEDIATELY. No documents will be released to students who have any OUTSTANDING FEES NOW.**

**The deadlines for all fee payments have passed.**

### **13) ABT ARABIC LEARNING PLATFORM:**

We will be launching an interactive Arabic Learning platform for years three to ten shortly. It will not be charged currently but next year it will be payable at AED 40/- per child for the entire Academic year. This will be part of their E-Learning resources.

### **14) YEAR 8 SUBJECT CHOICE FORM FOR OPTIONAL SUBJECTS IN YEAR 9:**

Parents of year 8 are reminded that the subject choice form must be completed and scanned and emailed back to the class teacher **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 WAS THE FINAL DEADLINE. Please send it immediately if you haven't done so.**

### **15) READING QUIZ AND READING FOR PLEASURE YEARS 1-10:**

We had provided a PDF copy of a book for reading before the Spring Break. Years 1-6 will have the book prescribed in Active Learn. The next Reading Quiz will be part of the Final Exam.

### **16) SCHOOL DAYS FOR YEAR 11 AND 13 STUDENTS :**

Year 11 and 13 students will have regular lessons from the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. Students will be going through their mock exam answer scripts and teachers will be solving any doubts they have during these days.

### **17) ICT PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS :**

As per the new ICT practical guidelines from Pearson Edexcel on the procedures to be followed for practical work submission for the ICT BOARD PRACTICAL EXAMINATION, please be informed that there will be a training session for Year 11 students for the upcoming examination, which will be conducted on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2022. Students MUST attend this training session.

**Have a blessed, peaceful and restful weekend.**

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )





OUR REF : .....

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DATE : 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**To : Parents of students in Years FOUR THROUGH TEN: GL EXAMINATIONS IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHS & SCIENCE**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.** As part of our commitment to the National Agenda targets, and with a view to tracking progress and identify gaps in learning, our school will participate in the GL-Progress Tests in English Math and Science which are online tests. GL Education , one of the leading research organizations in the world , develops this test and provides a range of Assessment services in many countries and works in close tandem with the KHDA here in Dubai. These are compulsory International Tests that have to be undertaken as mandated by KHDA.

**IN ORDER NOT TO DUPLICATE EXAMINATIONS, THE GL TESTS WILL BE THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS EITHER PARTLY OR AS A WHOLE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATH AND SCIENCE FOR SOME YEAR GROUPS ( REFER TO THE TABLES BELOW FOR EXPLANATION)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

| YEAR GROUP | ASSESSMENT IN MAY<br>Out of 100 | GL EXAMINATION | FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| FOUR       | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| FIVE       | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| SIX        | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| SEVEN      | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| EIGHT      | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| NINE       | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| TEN        | APPLICABLE                      | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |

***Please turn overleaf.....***

## MATHEMATICS

| YEAR GROUP | ASSESSMENT IN MAY<br>Out of 100 | GL EXAMINATION | FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| FOUR       | NOT APPLICABLE                  | APPLICABLE     | GL Result                |
| FIVE       | NOT APPLICABLE                  | APPLICABLE     | GL Result                |
| SIX        | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| SEVEN      | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| EIGHT      | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| NINE       | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| TEN        | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |

## SCIENCE

| YEAR GROUP | ASSESSMENT IN MAY<br>Out of 100 | GL EXAMINATION | FINAL EXAMINATION RESULT |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| FOUR       | NOT APPLICABLE                  | APPLICABLE     | GL Result                |
| FIVE       | NOT APPLICABLE                  | APPLICABLE     | GL Result                |
| SIX        | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| SEVEN      | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| EIGHT      | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| NINE       | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |
| TEN        | <b>APPLICABLE</b>               | APPLICABLE     | Assessment + GL Result   |

***The entry fee must be paid via the SKIPLY APP. Please be aware that these are COMPULSORY EXAMS as part of the NATIONAL AGENDA and this year THEY ARE ALSO THE FINAL EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE THREE SUBJECTS and no exemption can be granted to any student. The Final date for payment of the GL fee is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.***

These tests will be conducted in school during the month of May and June 2022. ( excluding Saturdays ) We shall send you a follow up circular with more information and details of the exact dates for each year group with the Final Examination Timetable.

**We would therefore ask you as parents to kindly make this payment of AED 75/- via the SKIPLY APP and kindly email the receipt to your child's class teacher when you make the payment.**

Yours sincerely,



**Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )**





## **PRIMARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE** **(MAY-JUNE 2022)**

| <b>DATE</b>          | <b>DAY</b> | <b>YEAR FOUR</b>         | <b>YEAR FIVE</b>        | <b>YEAR SIX</b>          |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | -----                    | English                 | -----                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday    | English                  | -----                   | -----                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday  | Maths                    | -----                   |                          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June | Thursday   | Science ( before break ) | Science ( after break ) |                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June | Friday     | -----                    | Maths                   | -----                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June | Monday     | -----                    | -----                   | English ( before break ) |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June | Tuesday    | -----                    | -----                   | Science ( before break ) |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June | Wednesday  | -----                    | -----                   | Maths ( before break )   |



## **SECONDARY GL EXAMINATION TIME TABLE** **(MAY-JUNE 2022)**

| <b>DATE</b>           | <b>DAY</b> | <b>YEAR SEVEN</b>        | <b>YEAR EIGHT</b>       | <b>YEAR NINE</b>         | <b>YEAR TEN</b>          |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May  | Thursday   | English ( before break ) | English ( after break ) | -----                    | -----                    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Friday     | -----                    | -----                   | English                  | -----                    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> May  | Monday     | -----                    | -----                   | -----                    | English                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | Monday     | Maths ( after break )    | -----                   | -----                    | -----                    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Tuesday    | -----                    | Science ( after break ) | -----                    | -----                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | Wednesday  | -----                    | Maths( after break )    | -----                    | -----                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June  | Thursday   | -----                    | -----                   | Maths ( before break )   | Maths ( after break )    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Friday     | -----                    | -----                   | Science ( before break ) | -----                    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June | Monday     | -----                    | -----                   | -----                    | Science ( before break ) |





## FINAL EXAMINATIONS - (MAY-JUNE 2022)

### YEARS 1 – 4

| DATE                 | DAY       | YEAR ONE           | YEAR TWO          | YEAR THREE      | YEAR FOUR              |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday | English Writing    | English Writing   | English Writing | English Language       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday  | Arabic             | Science           | UAE Social Stu. | English Lit.           |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday    | Rel. Studies/ Ctz. | History           | Math            | French                 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Monday    | English Reading    | English Reading   | English Reading | Rel. Studies/ Ctz      |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday   | History            | Geography         | History         | Refer to GL Time Table |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday | PSHE               | UAE Social Stu.   | Moral Education | UAE Social Stu         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday  | Math               | Rel. Studies/ Ctz | French          | Arabic                 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday    | Geography          | Math              | Arabic          | Moral Education        |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Monday    | No Exam            | PSHE              | PSHE & Geog     | History                |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Tuesday   | Science            | Arabic            | Science         | Geography              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday | No Exam            | Moral Education   | Rel. Stu./ Ctz  | Refer to GL Time Table |

School will end at 11:00 AM during the Final Exams for Years 1- 10 and Year 12



## **FINAL EXAMINATIONS - (MAY-JUNE 2022)**

### **YEARS 5 – 6**

| <b>DATE</b>          | <b>DAY</b> | <b>YEAR FIVE</b>       | <b>YEAR SIX</b>    |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | English Language       | English Language   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | Refer to GL Time Table | Geography          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | Arabic                 | Rel. Studies/ Ctz  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Monday     | English Literature     | English Literature |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday    | Moral Education.       | Science            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | History                | UAE Social Studies |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | French                 | French             |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | UAE Social Studies     | Arabic             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Monday     | Geography              | Math               |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Tuesday    | Rel. Studies/ Ctz      | Moral Education    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday  | NO EXAM                | History            |

School will end at 11:00 AM during the Final Exams for Years 1- 10 and Year 12



## **FINAL EXAMINATIONS - (MAY-JUNE 2022)**

### **YEARS 7 – 8**

| <b>DATE</b>          | <b>DAY</b> | <b>YEAR SEVEN</b>           | <b>YEAR EIGHT</b>          |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | English Language            | English Language           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | UAE Social Studies          | Islamic Studies/Bible/Ctz. |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | Arabic                      | Math Paper 1 & 2           |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Monday     | Moral Education             | English Literature 1 & 2   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday    | History                     | History                    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | English Literature 1 & 2    | UAE Social Studies         |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | French                      | Science                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | Islamic Studies/Bible/ Ctz. | French                     |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Monday     | Computing & Geography       | Computing & Geography      |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Tuesday    | Science                     | Moral Education            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday  | Math                        | Arabic                     |

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## **FINAL EXAMINATIONS - (MAY-JUNE 2022)**

### **YEARS 9 – 10**

| <b>DATE</b>          | <b>DAY</b> | <b>YEAR NINE</b>                           | <b>YEAR TEN</b>                                 |
|----------------------|------------|--|---|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | English Language                           | English Language                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | Religious Studies                          | Chemistry/ Economics                            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | English Literature 1 & 2 /<br>History/ Art | Religious Studies                               |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Monday     | ICT/ Computer Science                      | English Literature 1 & 2/ History 1<br>& 2/ Art |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday    | Biology /Accounting                        | Physics/ Business                               |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | Math Paper 1 & 2                           | Psychology                                      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | Chemistry/ Economics                       | Biology /Accounting                             |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | Psychology                                 | Arabic  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Monday     | Moral Education & Social Stu.              | Moral Education & Social Stu                    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Tuesday    | Physics/ Business                          | ICT/ Computer Science                           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday  | Arabic                                     | Math Cal and Non Cal                            |

School will end at 11:00 AM during the Final Exams for Years 1- 10 and Year 12



## **FINAL EXAMINATIONS - (MAY-JUNE 2022)**

### **YEARS 12**

| <b>DATE</b>          | <b>DAY</b> | <b>SESSION ONE</b>                      | <b>SESSION TWO</b> |
|----------------------|------------|---|--------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | <b>Physics 1- 2hrs 30 min</b>           | -----              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | <b>Mathematics ( Pure )- 2hrs</b>       | -----              |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | <b>Biology 1-2hrs 30 min</b>            | -----              |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Monday     | <b>Psychology 1-2hrs</b>                | -----              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Tuesday    | <b>Economics 1-2hrs</b>                 | -----              |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May | Wednesday  | <b>Chemistry 1- 2 hrs 30 min</b>        | -----              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May | Thursday   | <b>Business Studies 1-2hrs</b>          | -----              |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Friday     | <b>Islamic Studies -2hrs</b>            | -----              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Monday     | <b>Mathematics ( Statistics)- 2 hrs</b> | -----              |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Tuesday    | <b>Arabic (A)- 2hrs 30 min</b>          | -----              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June | Wednesday  | <b>NO EXAM</b>                          | -----              |

School will end at 11:00 AM during the Final Exams for Years 1- 10 and Year 12



OUR REF : .....

TRN : 100259955100003

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

## **To: The Parents of students from Year One to Year Ten and Year 12**

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of organizing our records for the **next Academic Year 2022-2023**.

Please fill up this form, sign and scan it and email it to your son / daughter's class teacher by **21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 as the final date for the form to be received by the school.**

Please read the following information very carefully before you make your final choice:

### **CRITERIA FOR RE-REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023- Please note that filling out this form is MANDATORY for every parent.**

- 1) There should **not be any OUTSTANDING FEES** for the current Academic Year 2021-2022. In case you re-register your child by error but still have outstanding fees, then the **AED 500/-** which is the re-registration amount will be adjusted towards the **OUTSTANDING FEE** and **WILL NOT** be considered as a **RE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT**. In addition, students who have **OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS** by the end of this year will automatically not be re-registered for the next Academic Year. We strongly urge **ALL** parents who still have Outstanding Fees to clear these without any further delay.
- 2) Please be informed that even though the KHDA sends out the Parent-School Contract to all parents by default via email, it will not be considered binding even if you sign it, if you still have outstanding fees for your ward.

- 3) Parents will have to pay **AED 500/-** as a **RE-REGISTRATION AMOUNT** that will be adjusted with your child's **FIRST TERM FEE** for the next Academic Year 2022-2023. **This amount has to be paid via the SKIPLY APP from the 11<sup>th</sup> of APRIL 2022 with a FINAL DEADLINE of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**
- 4) Please note that once you re-register your child and pay the re-registration amount but then wish to cancel the same, the amount of AED 500/- shall not be refundable.
- 5) Parents who respond that they are not re-registering their child for the next Academic Year 2022-2023 **MUST** fill out the attached form to apply for a Leaving Certificate that will be issued at the end of this Academic Year.
- 6) **For parents who do not fill out the form by 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, we will consider it as a case of non- registration for the next Academic Year 2022-2023.**
- 7) Kindly fill out this form and scan it and email it back to your child's class teacher along with the scanned SKIPLY receipt for payment of the re-registration amount of AED 500/-.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)



**NAME OF STUDENT :** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEAR AND SECTION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the number that applies to you.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Yes**, my son/daughter is coming back for the next Academic Year 2022-2023

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **No**, my son/daughter is **NOT** coming back for the next Academic Year 2022-2023

**I have read all of the criteria above and I understand the conditions associated with re-registration for the next Academic Year 2022-2023.**

**NAME OF PARENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE :** \_\_\_\_\_