Unified State Examination as final examination at school

Since 2009 school graduates take two obligatory final examinations: on Russian and Mathematics under Unified State Examination. They have to take two more examinations on subjects selected by themselves. Graduates are allowed to take examinations only if they have no unsatisfactory annual estimations in all subjects. Also graduates can take any quantity of additional examinations in the Unified State Examination form, their results don't influence on certificate reception.

School graduates, graduates of last years and those who has ended schools abroad can pass all necessary Unified State Examination in the beginning of June. Participants of National Russian or international Olympiads, competitions, schoolboys leaving on sports competitions and the children who have appeared in a special situation can pass the Unified State Examination ahead of schedule in April. The results of examinations become acceptable in the Internet within 4-5 days after taking examination. During the period from June, 20 to June, 30 schools hand certificates on Unified State Examination.

Entrance to Universities by results of Unified State Examination

Since 2009 entrance to Universities has been carried out mainly by results of Unified State Examination (exception is military specialties and the specialties connected with the state secret).

For entering into University it is necessary to take entrance examinations in the Unified State Examination form. The list of entrance examinations contains, as usual, of four examinations, related to their planned specialties in Universities, for each specialty (in certain cases — three). The number of examinations necessarily should include examination in Russian and Mathematics and profile subjects.

The selected Universities are authorized to carry out additional profile examinations. In 2011, 8 Universities and Institutions have acquired the right to carry out additional entrance examinations of a profile orientation. The list of selected Universities is below:

1. O.E.Kutafin Moscow State Legal Academy
2. Moscow State Linguistic University
3. Russian State Humanitarian University
4. Moscow pedagogical State University
5. N.A.Dobrolyubov Nizhniy Novgorod State Linguistic University
6. Higher School of Economics
7. St.-Petersburg State University of space instrument making
8. St.-Petersburg State University of information technology, mechanics and optics

Please Note: Moscow State University and St.-Petersburg State University are in the list of selected Universities automatically every year.

University entrants have a possibility to enter several Universities at the same time by results of Unified State Examination.
The list below represent persons who are accepted into Universities without introductory examination:

- Winners and prize-winners of the final stage of the All-Russia Olympic Games of schoolboys;

- Members of Russian national teams participating in the international Olympic Games in general educational subjects;

- Champions and prize-winners of the Olympic, Paralympic and Surdolympic games (the largest international competitions among deaf sportsmen);

- Winners and prize-winners of 120 National Olympiads of schoolboys by the rules established by University. The list of such Olympiads includes all subjects. If a schoolboy become a winner of an Olympiad for some specialty, he will get preference for entering University or Faculty of this specialty. Several Universities have their own Olympiads due to which school graduates can enter these Universities (they are Moscow State University, Moscow State Technical University n.a. N.E. Bauman, The Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg State University etc)

Preferential categories of citizens have advantage at receipt. Preferential categories of citizens includes disabled persons; children and teenagers, suffering illnesses owing to Chernobyl accident; families, wasted the supporter in Chernobyl accident.
**Rating of subjects of Unified State Examination 2010**

The total quantity of school graduates taken Unified State Examination in 2010 is 836 565.

The most popular subjects which school graduates chose for Unified State Examination are:

- **Russian Language** - 901 929 (Taking into account graduates of last year)
- **Mathematics** - 854 708 (Taking into account graduates of last year)
- **Social science** - 444 219
- **Physics** - 213 186
- **History** - 180 900
- **Biology** - 171 257

Other subjects were taken by those quantities of graduates:

- **Chemistry** - 83 544
- **English Language** - 73853
- **Computer science** - 62 652
- **Literature** - 54313
- **Geography** - 22 256
- **German language** - 4 177
- **French language** - 883
- **Spanish language** – 228

It is necessary to note the considerable growth of number of graduates wishing to hand over subjects of Natural Science. The quantity of applications to take chemistry has grown on 22 % (83 544 persons), biology on 9 % (171 257 persons), physics on 5 % (213 186 persons) in comparison with the last year.

Also the growth of schoolboys’ quantity wishing to take literature, foreign languages and history is appreciable: 9, 23 and 2 % accordingly.

However the, this year commission of Unified State Examination have submitted documents for taking examination on geography only from 22 256 persons that is 33 % less in comparison with previous year.