

CLASS 10 | SESSION 2026-27

Total Questions : 50 Time : 1 hr.

PATTERN & MARKING SCHEME

Section	No. of Questions	Marks per Ques.	Total Marks
(1) Logical Reasoning	15	1	15
(2) Subject Reasoning	20	1	20
(3) Everyday Application	10	1	10
(4) Achievers Section	5	3	15
Total	50	--	60

SYLLABUS

- Section 1** Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.
- Section 2** Core English concepts and their applications.
- Section 3** Everyday application of English.
- Section 4** Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) questions.

HOW TO USE THIS PAPER

- Every question is followed immediately by its answer.
- Try each question on your own first, then check the green answer card.
- Use the answer key at a glance on the last page for a quick revision.

TEST DAY INSTRUCTIONS

- The paper has 50 questions carrying a total of 60 marks.
- All questions are compulsory and there is no negative marking.
- Duration is 1 hour - aim for about 60 seconds per question.
- Read every question carefully before choosing your option.

SCORING STRATEGY

- Attempt the Logical Reasoning section first - it is the quickest to score.
- Take the 3-mark Achievers questions after finishing the 1-mark questions.
- Revisit every skipped question during the last ten minutes.

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QUESTION 1

Word And Structure Knowledge · Word & Structure Knowledge

1. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

I would like to suggest that we _____ a step back and reconsider our stance _____ the team.

(A) may took, thanks to

(B) should take, on behalf of

(C) shall take, on top of

(D) must took, in view at

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Vocabulary: Synonyms & antonyms.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 2

Word And Structure Knowledge · Word & Structure Knowledge

2. Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

Erudite

(A) Annoying

(B) Ignorant

(C) Simple

(D) Scholarly

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (D)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Grammar: Tenses, prepositions & articles.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 3

Word And Structure Knowledge · Word & Structure Knowledge

3. Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

Sustainable

(A) Plannable

(B) Process

(C) Continuable

(D) Fleeting

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (D)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Word formation & spelling accuracy.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 4

Word And Structure Knowledge · Reading Comprehension

4. Choose the option with correct spelling.

How do you spell the word that means 'to think'?

- (A) Ruminate (B) Roominate
(C) Ruminare (D) Roomineit

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Passage interpretation & central idea.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 5

Reading · Reading Comprehension

5. Which of the following area was known as 'Dakshinapath' in ancient times?

- (A) North to Narmada river
(B) South of Vindhya mountain and Narmada river
(C) Shivalik Hills
(D) None of these

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Contextual vocabulary & inference.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (B) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 6

Reading · Spoken & Written Expression

6. Name the two main cultures of the Paleolithic age.

- (A) Dakshinapath and Deccan (B) Vindhya hills and Narmada basin
(C) The Sonnian and the Acheulian (D) The new and the old Paleolithic

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Idioms, phrases & proverb usage.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 7

Spoken And Written Expression · Spoken & Written Expression

7. Shama : Siya _____ reporting, at a small-town newspaper before moving to the city.
(A) cut to the quick (B) cut her teeth on (C) cut corners (D) cut both ways

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Sentence rearrangement & coherence.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (B) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 8

Spoken And Written Expression · Spoken & Written Expression

8. Claire : Kids are asked to practise _____ and save money if they want new toys.
(A) scrimping (B) disbursing (C) grouching (D) mafficking

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (A)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Conversational appropriateness.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 9

Achievers Section · Achievers Section

9. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.
Science _____ that hunger affects our tongue's taste receptors and how the brain perceives _____ information.
- (A) proving, gustation (B) proved, guilelessness
(C) has proven, gustatory (D) could prove, gussetting

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under HOTS: Advanced grammatical error detection.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 10

Achievers Section · Achievers Section

10. Choose the correct antonym of the given word.
Condescending
- (A) Acquiescing (B) Descending (C) Welcoming (D) Condensing

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under HOTS: Complex sentence transformation.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 10, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

ANSWER KEY AT A GLANCE

Q1 (B)	Q2 (D)	Q3 (D)	Q4 (C)	Q5 (B)	Q6 (C)	Q7 (B)	Q8 (A)	Q9 (C)	Q10 (C)
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REVISION NOTES

- Attempt the section you are strongest in first - it is the quickest to score.
- Aim for about 60 seconds per question and keep an eye on the clock.
- Re-read the question before choosing an option; watch for 'NOT' and 'EXCEPT'.
- Skip and mark anything you are unsure of, then revisit it in the last ten minutes.
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