

CLASS 8 | 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.

Friends are not books, _____ books are friends. Friends may betray you, _____ books are always loyal.

- (A) while, so (B) if, and
(C) but, and (D) yet, while

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (D)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Vocabulary: Synonyms & antonyms.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, 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 option with correct spelling.

How do you spell the word that means "irritable, quick-tempered"?

- (A) Irrescible (B) Irascible
(C) Irecessible (D) Irescible

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Grammar: Tenses, prepositions & articles.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, 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.

Obnoxious

- (A) Suspicious (B) Indifferent
(C) Pleasant (D) Empty

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Word formation & spelling accuracy.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, 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 part of the sentence that has an error.
Nevertheless, he was neither omnipotent or omniscient.
(A) Nevertheless, (B) he was neither
(C) omnipotent or omniscient. (D) No error

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 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 5

Reading · Reading Comprehension

- 5.** Why does the moon play a greater role than the sun in causing tides?
(A) The moon is closer to the earth as compared to the sun.
(B) The moon has greater gravitational pull.
(C) The moon shines in night.
(D) None of these

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (A)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Contextual vocabulary & inference.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (A) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 6

Reading · Spoken & Written Expression

- 6.** Which word in the passage mean 'to bring under control'?
(A) Proximity (B) Immense (C) Silted (D) Harness

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (D)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Idioms, phrases & proverb usage.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (D) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 7

Spoken And Written Expression · Spoken & Written Expression

- 7.** Eva : Is it a tradition around here to drink brandy with coffee as a morning _____?
(A) early bird (B) pickup (C) pick-me-up (D) rise and sunshine

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Sentence rearrangement & coherence.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

QUESTION 8

Spoken And Written Expression · Spoken & Written Expression

8. Manager : Do you have a _____ creative ideas? _____, we would love to hear from you.

(A) knack for, If so

(B) knack through, Surely

(C) knack into, Well

(D) knack to, Okay

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (A)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Conversational appropriateness.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (A) 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.
 Nowadays, most people with an interest in blogging engage anonymously in _____ online commentary.
- (A) ablative (B) accusation (C) lucrativity (D) vituperative

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (D)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under HOTS: Advanced grammatical error detection.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, 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 synonym of the given word.
 Disparage
- (A) Belittle (B) Kind (C) Inspirit (D) Glorify

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (A)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under HOTS: Complex sentence transformation.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 8, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

ANSWER KEY AT A GLANCE

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