

CLASS 9 | 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          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>50</b>        | <b>--</b>       | <b>60</b>   |

## 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 have \_\_\_\_\_ screened every participating athlete to make sure they are not at the risk of \_\_\_\_\_ doping.

- (A) feverishly, deliberately (B) slovenly, rigged  
(C) meticulously, inadvertent (D) intently, vigilantly

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

**Correct: (C)**

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Vocabulary: Synonyms & antonyms.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, 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.

Intimidate

- (A) Frighten (B) Help  
(C) Intimate (D) Intricate

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

**Correct: (A)**

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Grammar: Tenses, prepositions & articles.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, 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.

Conditioning

- (A) Influencing (B) Fluent  
(C) Continuing (D) Debilitating

**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 9, 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 integrate'?

- (A) Synchronize (B) Synchronize  
(C) Synchonisise (D) Synchronice

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Passage interpretation & central idea.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

**QUESTION 5**

Reading · Reading Comprehension

5. Perseverance is important for success because it \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) is a form of gasoline (B) is important for driving a car  
(C) keeps you motivated (D) gives you rest

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Contextual vocabulary & inference.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (C) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

**QUESTION 6**

Reading · Spoken & Written Expression

6. What is the meaning of procrastination?

- (A) You never get started. (B) You never quit.  
(C) You never accept defeat. (D) You always win.

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

Correct: (A)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Idioms, phrases & proverb usage.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (A) satisfies all required conditions and yields the correct result.

**QUESTION 7**

Spoken And Written Expression · Spoken & Written Expression

7. Ritik : I am going to be the class president. I am pleased \_\_\_\_\_, mom.

Mother : I am stoked to hear this, dear.

- (A) by hunch (B) at crunch (C) as punch (D) in bunch

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

Correct: (C)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Sentence rearrangement & coherence.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, 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.** Olivia : Why does Matthew always seem so irked?

Ethan : I'm not sure, but he \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) throws caution to the wind

(B) flies off the handle

(C) kicks the bucket

(D) throws in the towel

**ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**

**Correct: (B)**

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under Conversational appropriateness.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, evaluate the given options systematically.
- Option (B) 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.

The artist's final masterpiece appeared to possess a \_\_\_\_\_ texture and seemingly soft surface.

- (A) flippant (B) flocculent (C) flukish (D) flump

ANSWER & STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION

Correct: (B)

- Identify the underlying pattern and concepts under HOTS: Advanced grammatical error detection.
- Applying the principles of English for Class 9, 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.

Astute

- (A) Inspire (B) Naive (C) Adroit (D) Imbecile

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

ANSWER KEY AT A GLANCE

Q1  
(C)

Q2  
(A)

Q3  
(D)

Q4  
(B)

Q5  
(C)

Q6  
(A)

Q7  
(C)

Q8  
(B)

Q9  
(B)

Q10  
(C)

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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