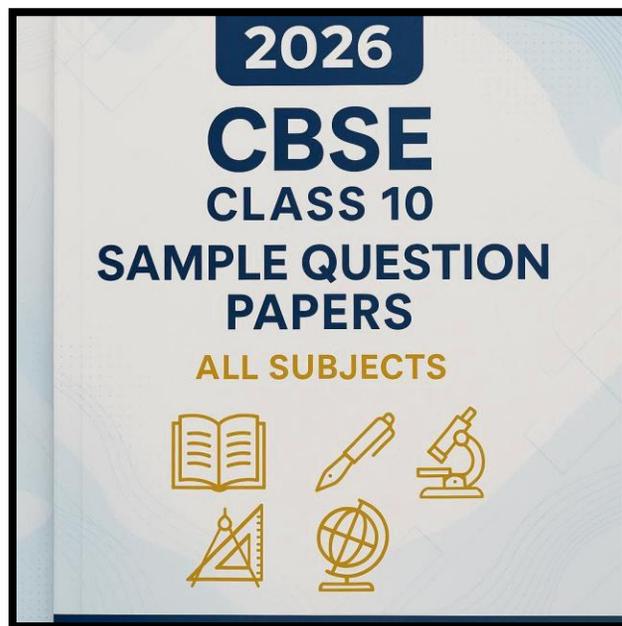


CBSE Class 10 Sample Question Papers 2026 (All Subjects)



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 **Dedication**

**This book is lovingly dedicated to all the young learners of Class
10,
who dream big, work hard, and never give up on their journey.**

★ Remember:

**“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and
smarter than you think.” ★**

**May this book guide you, inspire you, and remind you that success
comes to those who prepare with consistency, confidence, and
courage.**

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 **Preface**

Class 10 Board Examination is a milestone in every student’s academic journey. It is the first time students appear for a nationwide competitive evaluation that shapes their confidence for future studies. Keeping in mind the challenges and expectations of students, this book has been carefully designed to serve as a complete practice companion for the CBSE Class 10 Board Exams 2026.

This edition brings together sample question papers for all major subjects — Mathematics, Science, Social Science, English, and Hindi — strictly based on the latest CBSE exam pattern and guidelines. Each paper is crafted with the right balance of competency-based questions, case studies, application-oriented problems, and writing skills, ensuring that students get ample exposure to the real exam environment.

What makes this book stand out is its detailed solutions and marking schemes. Students will not only find correct answers but also understand how marks are awarded for every step. This approach will help them master the art of effective answer writing, avoid common mistakes, and improve time management.

In addition to practice papers, the book also includes chapter-wise weightage, quick revision notes, important tips, and self-assessment tools to boost confidence before the exams.

We sincerely hope that this book will empower students to practice thoroughly, evaluate their performance, and step into the examination hall with clarity and confidence.

Wishing all Class 10 students success and bright futures!

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Section 1: CBSE Exam Guidelines 2026

The **CBSE Class 10 Board Exams 2026** will be conducted under a revised pattern that focuses more on **concept clarity, application of knowledge, and critical thinking skills**. Students are advised to carefully go through these updated guidelines so that their preparation matches the exact requirements of the exam.

◆ 1. Question Paper Design

- Each paper will carry **80 marks** (except internal assessment subjects).
- Questions will be divided into **multiple sections**, including MCQs, short answers, and long answers.
- Papers will include a mix of **direct, application-based, and higher-order thinking questions**.

◆ 2. Competency-Based Questions

- Around **50% of the paper** will be competency-based.
- These may include:
 - **Case Study Questions** – Real-life situations connected with the chapter.
 - **Assertion-Reason Questions** – To test logical understanding.
 - **Source/Extract-Based Questions** – For Social Science and English.
 - **Diagram/Data-Based Questions** – For Science and Mathematics.

◆ 3. Marking Scheme & Step-Wise Evaluation

- CBSE follows a **step marking system**. Even if the final answer is wrong, marks are awarded for correct steps.
- Students should always show the **method of solving** instead of writing only the answer.
- Writing **neat, structured, and to-the-point answers** helps score better.

◆ 4. Time Management

- Question papers are designed for **3 hours**, but proper time division is necessary:
 - 10–15 minutes – Reading the paper carefully.
 - 90 minutes – Attempting short and medium-length questions.
 - 60 minutes – Attempting long-answer questions.
 - Last 15 minutes – Revision and answer sheet check.

◆ 5. Internal Assessment & Project Work

- Apart from theory exams, **20 marks** are allotted for internal assessment.
- This includes **periodic tests, multiple assessments, portfolio, and subject enrichment activities**.
- Students must complete projects and practical work sincerely as these marks contribute directly to the final result.

◆ 6. Presentation & Answer Writing Skills

- Always **underline key points** and use **diagrams/flowcharts** wherever required.

- In English/Hindi writing sections, follow the correct **format** (letter, essay, analytical paragraph, etc.).
- Avoid overwriting and keep answers **clean and structured**.

Section 2: Subject-wise Sample Papers

Mathematics

Sample Paper 1 (2026)

Class: 10

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

General Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. The question paper consists of 30 questions divided into four sections A, B, C, and D.
3. Use of the calculator is not permitted.
4. Write the steps wherever required. Stepwise marks will be awarded.

Section A (6 Questions \times 1 Mark = 6 Marks)

Q1. Find the 10th term of the AP: 2, 7, 12, 17...

Q2. If $\sin A = 3/5$, find $\cos A$.

Q3. A card is drawn from a well-shuffled deck of 52 cards. Find the probability of getting a red king.

Q4. Find the mode of the data: 6, 8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 12, 15.

Q5. Write the first term and common difference of the AP whose n th term is $7 + 3n$.

Q6. Draw a rough sketch of a histogram for the data:

Class Intervals: 0–10, 10–20, 20–30, 30–40, 40–50
 Frequency: 5, 10, 15, 10, 5

Section B (6 Questions × 2 Marks = 12 Marks)

- Q7. Find the sum of first 25 terms of the AP: 7, 10, 13, 16...
 Q8. Solve for x: $5x - 4 = 6x - 9$.
 Q9. A die is thrown once. Find the probability of getting (i) an even number (ii) a number greater than 4.
 Q10. Find the roots of the quadratic equation: $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$.
 Q11. Find the coordinates of the centroid of the triangle whose vertices are A(-1, 3), B(2, -1), C(4, 5).
 Q12. The following distribution represents marks obtained by students in an exam. Find the mean using the direct method.

Marks	0–10	10–20	20–30	30–40	40–50
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No. of Students	5	10	15	20	10

Section C (10 Questions × 3 Marks = 30 Marks)

- Q13. The nth term of an AP is given as $a_n = 2n + 3$. Find the first term, common difference, and 20th term.
 Q14. A sum of ₹ 8,000 is borrowed at 12% per annum compound interest, payable annually. Find the amount and compound interest at the end of 2 years.
 Q15. Find the roots of the quadratic equation: $3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$ by factorization method.
 Q16. Draw the graph of the equations: $x + y = 5$ and $x - y = 1$ on the same graph sheet. Write the coordinates of the point where the two lines intersect.

Q17. Two different dice are rolled together. Find the probability of getting:

(i) A doublet (ii) A sum of 10 (iii) A prime number on both dice.

Q18. A motorboat, whose speed is 18 km/h in still water, takes 1 hour more to go 24 km upstream than to return downstream to the same spot. Find the speed of the stream.

Q19. Draw a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 5 cm which are inclined to each other at an angle of 60° .

Q20. Construct a pair of tangents to a circle of radius 3 cm which are inclined to each other at 120° .

Q21. A bucket is in the form of a frustum of a cone with a capacity of 12308.8 cm^3 . The radii of the top and bottom are 20 cm and 12 cm respectively. Find the depth of the bucket.

Q22. The marks obtained by 100 students in a test are given below. Draw a cumulative frequency curve (ogive).

Marks	0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60
Students	5	8	15	20	30	22

Section D (8 Questions × 4 Marks = 32 Marks)

Q23. Find the sum of first 15 terms of the AP: 10, 7, 4...

Q24. Find the values of k for which the quadratic equation $(2x^2 + kx + 3 = 0)$ has equal roots.

Q25. The following table shows the distribution of daily wages of workers. Construct a histogram and a frequency polygon.

Daily Wages (in ₹)	0-50	50-100	100-150	150-200	200-250
No. of Workers	5	10	20	15	10

Q26. Find the probability distribution of the number of heads obtained when a coin is tossed twice.

Q27. A solid metallic sphere of radius 7 cm is melted and recast into smaller spheres, each of radius 1 cm. Find how many such spheres can be made.

Q28. The following distribution table shows the marks obtained by students. Calculate the median.

Marks	0–10	10–20	20–30	30–40	40–50
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Students	7	10	20	15	8

Q29. A card is drawn from a pack of 52 cards. Find the probability of:

- (i) A red card
- (ii) A black king
- (iii) Neither red nor black card
- (iv) A face card

Q30. Two different dice are thrown together. Find the probability distribution of the sum of the numbers appearing on the two dice.

Marking Scheme & Solutions (for Teacher/Student Use)

- Each MCQ carries **1 mark**.
- Short answers carry **2 marks**.
- Medium-length questions carry **3 marks**.
- Long answers/word problems carry **4 marks**.
- Step marking will be followed for numerical and algebraic solutions.

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