

# CBSE Class 12 Sample Question Papers 2026 (Science Stream - PCM/PCB)



Latest CBSE Pattern | Solved Papers with Marking Scheme |  
Board Exam 2026 Preparation Guide

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## ◆ *Dedication*

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This book is lovingly dedicated to all the **Class 12 students** who are standing at one of the most important milestones of their academic journey.

May your **hard work, determination, and perseverance** guide you to success in the CBSE Board Exams 2026 and beyond.

Remember:

- *Every late night of study will shine as bright success in the future.*
- *Every challenge you overcome today builds the foundation for tomorrow's achievements.*

We hope this book becomes your trusted companion, helping you build confidence, stay motivated, and achieve excellence in your exams.

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## Section 1: CBSE Exam Guidelines 2026

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### Comparison: 2025 vs 2026 Exam Trends

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In 2025, the CBSE board exams largely followed traditional formats with a clear mix of theory, short-answer, long-answer, and some competency-based questions. But in 2026, many shifts are expected in line with greater emphasis on understanding, application, and flexibility.

#### Key Differences

Aspect	2025 Trend	2026 Shift	What Students Should Focus On
 Question Types	Mostly textbook-based, direct questions	More case-based, assertion-reason, integrative, competency questions	Practice mixed-format questions, focus on reasoning
 Weightage of Objective / Competency	Low weightage (MCQs, small section)	Around 20–25% weightage	Extra practice for MCQs & case studies
 Syllabus Handling	Some chapters less emphasized	Entire syllabus covered (no exemptions)	Revise all NCERT

Aspect	2025 Trend	2026 Shift	What Students Should Focus On
			chapters thoroughly
<b>📌 Internal / Practical Component</b>	Present, but students often ignored	Strict evaluation of practical & project work	Complete lab records, project files properly
<b>🔄 Choice &amp; Flexibility</b>	Limited internal choice	More internal choices in sections	Practice with alternate Qs to save time
<b>📅 Exam Attempts</b>	One main exam; limited improvement options	Improvement exam for up to 3 subjects (better score counted)	Aim for first attempt, but weak areas can be improved
<b>💡 Approach to Study</b>	Many students relied on memorization	Shift toward conceptual clarity, application & critical thinking	Focus on “why” and “how”, not just “what”

## Section 2: Sample Papers

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### English Core

#### Sample Paper 1 (Class 12, 2026)

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**Total: 80 Marks**

*Internal Assessment: 20 Marks*

**Grand Total = 100 Marks**

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#### **General Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
  2. Answers should be to the point, word limit must be followed.
  3. Attempt the questions in the given order.
  4. Use of slang/short forms is not allowed.
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#### **◆ Section A: Reading (20 Marks)**

##### **Q1. Unseen Passage (10 marks)**

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

The role of technology in education has increased significantly in the last decade. Online learning platforms, virtual

classrooms, and digital libraries have created new opportunities for students. However, excessive dependence on technology also creates challenges like reduced physical interaction and distractions from social media. Thus, balanced usage of technology is essential for effective learning.

**Questions:**

- a) What has increased significantly in the last decade? (2)
  - b) Mention two opportunities created by technology in education. (2)
  - c) What challenges are associated with overuse of technology? (2)
  - d) Suggest one way to use technology effectively. (2)
  - e) Find the synonym of "important" from the passage. (2)
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**Q2. Unseen Poem/Case-based Passage (10 marks)**

Read the extract:

“Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both,  
I took the one less travelled by,  
And that has made all the difference.”

**Questions:**

- a) Name the poem and the poet. (2)
  - b) What is symbolized by "two roads"? (2)
  - c) Why does the poet feel sorry? (2)
  - d) What is the message of the poem? (2)
  - e) Find a word from the stanza which means "separated". (2)
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**◆ Section B: Writing (20 Marks)**

**Q3. Notice (5 marks)**

You are the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. Draft a notice for the students of class XI and XII regarding a career counselling session to be held in your school auditorium.

**Q4. Letter (5 marks)**

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily highlighting the need for stricter rules against pollution in your city.

**Q5. Article (10 marks)**

Write an article in 150–200 words on the topic: “*Digital Education – Boon or Bane for Students*”.

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**◆ Section C: Literature (40 Marks)****Q6. Flamingo – Prose (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- How does the story *The Last Lesson* reflect the importance of one’s own language?
- Give a character sketch of Douglas from *Deep Water*.
- How did Gandhi use Satyagraha as a tool of protest in *Indigo*?

**Q7. Flamingo – Poetry (Any One, 1x6=6 marks)**

Answer in 120–150 words:

- Comment on the theme of the poem *Keeping Quiet*.
- How does the poet describe the beauty of nature in *A Thing of Beauty*?

**Q8. Vistas – Supplementary (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- What were the challenges faced by the tiger in *The Tiger King*?

- b) What is the central idea of *On the Face of It*?
- c) How does the story *The Enemy* show the conflict between duty and patriotism?

**Q9. Extract-based Questions (10 marks)**

Read the following extracts and answer the questions:

- a) From *The Rattrap*: "The world indeed is a rattrap." Explain the meaning of this statement. (5)
- b) From *Lost Spring*: Why does the author describe children living in slums as "lost spring"? (5)

## Sample Paper 2 (Class 12, 2026)

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**Total: 80 Marks**

**Internal Assessment: 20 Marks**

**Grand Total = 100 Marks**

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### **General Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
  2. The question paper is divided into three sections: A, B, and C.
  3. Word limit must be followed; write answers neatly.
  4. Use of slang, SMS language, or short forms is strictly prohibited.
  5. Stick to the prescribed word limit wherever applicable.
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### **Section A: Reading (20 Marks)**

#### **Q1. Unseen Passage (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions:

Physical exercise is essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It not only keeps the body fit but also reduces stress and anxiety. In today's world of sedentary habits, students need to include physical activities in their daily routine. Exercise improves concentration, boosts memory, and enhances overall performance in academics.

#### **Questions:**

- a) Why is physical exercise important? (2)

- b) How does a sedentary lifestyle affect students? (2)
  - c) Mention two benefits of exercise for students. (2)
  - d) Suggest one way to include physical activity in daily life. (2)
  - e) Find the antonym of “decreases” from the passage. (2)
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## **Q2. Case-based Passage/Poem Extract (10 marks)**

Read the extract:

“Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all.”

### **Questions:**

- a) Identify the poem and the poet. (2)
  - b) What does ‘hope’ symbolize in these lines? (2)
  - c) How does the poet describe hope’s permanence? (2)
  - d) What message does the poem convey? (2)
  - e) Find a word in the stanza which means “rests lightly.” (2)
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## **◆ Section B: Writing (20 Marks)**

### **Q3. Notice Writing (5 marks)**

As the Cultural Secretary of your school, draft a notice inviting students to participate in the upcoming Annual Inter-School Debate Competition.

### **Q4. Letter to Editor (5 marks)**

Write a letter to the Editor of *The Times of India* expressing concern about the rise of cyberbullying among teenagers and suggesting preventive measures.

**Q5. Article Writing (10 marks)**

Write an article in 150–200 words on “*Role of Youth in Nation Building*”.

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**◆ Section C: Literature (40 Marks)****Q6. Flamingo – Prose (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- How is the story *The Last Lesson* a reminder of the importance of cultural heritage?
- What were the struggles faced by Saheb in *Lost Spring*?
- How does *Indigo* highlight the role of Gandhiji as a leader?

**Q7. Flamingo – Poetry (Any One, 1x6=6 marks)**

Answer in 120–150 words:

- How does Pablo Neruda in *Keeping Quiet* emphasize peace and unity?
- Comment on the theme of immortality in John Keats’ *A Thing of Beauty*.

**Q8. Vistas – Supplementary (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- How does *On the Face of It* portray the need for acceptance and friendship?
- What message does *The Enemy* convey about humanity during wartime?
- Discuss the irony in *The Tiger King*.

**Q9. Extract-based Questions (10 marks)**

- From *Deep Water*: “All we have to fear is fear itself.” Explain the context. (5)
- From *The Rattrap*: How does the peddler’s experience bring about a change in him? (5)



## Sample Paper 3 (Class 12, 2026)

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**Total: 80 Marks**

**Internal Assessment: 20 Marks**

**Grand Total = 100 Marks**

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  3. Stick to the word limit wherever specified.
  4. Answers should be grammatically accurate and neatly presented.
  5. Attempt questions in the given order.
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### **Section A: Reading (20 Marks)**

#### **Q1. Unseen Passage (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully:

Reading books is considered one of the best habits for personal growth. Books not only provide knowledge but also improve imagination, vocabulary, and emotional intelligence. In the digital age, however, students are more inclined towards gadgets, which has reduced reading habits. Balancing technology with traditional reading can help students become more informed and creative individuals.

**Questions:**

- a) Why is reading considered a good habit? (2)
  - b) Mention two benefits of reading books. (2)
  - c) How has the digital age affected reading habits? (2)
  - d) Suggest one way to balance technology and reading. (2)
  - e) Find a word in the passage which means “ability to understand emotions.” (2)
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**Q2. Poem/Case-based Extract (10 marks)**

Read the stanza:

“The world is too much with us; late and soon,  
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers;  
Little we see in Nature that is ours;  
We have given our hearts away, a sordid boon!”

**Questions:**

- a) Name the poet and the poem. (2)
  - b) What does the poet mean by “getting and spending”? (2)
  - c) What is the poet’s complaint against mankind? (2)
  - d) Explain the phrase “a sordid boon.” (2)
  - e) Find a synonym of “corrupt” from the stanza. (2)
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**◆ Section B: Writing (20 Marks)****Q3. Notice Writing (5 marks)**

You are the Sports Captain of your school. Draft a notice inviting students to register for the Inter-House Annual Sports Meet.

**Q4. Letter Writing (5 marks)**

Write a letter to the Manager of a publishing house enquiring

about textbooks and reference books for Class 12 Commerce and Science streams.

**Q5. Report/Article (10 marks)**

Write a report in 150–200 words on “*The Impact of Social Media on Teenagers*” to be published in your school magazine.

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◆ **Section C: Literature (40 Marks)**

**Q6. Flamingo – Prose (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- How is *Deep Water* an account of overcoming fear through determination?
- How does *The Last Lesson* reflect love for one’s mother tongue?
- How does the story *Indigo* emphasize the importance of leadership qualities?

**Q7. Flamingo – Poetry (Any One, 1x6=6 marks)**

Answer in 120–150 words:

- How does the poem *My Mother at Sixty-Six* capture the poet’s emotions?
- Comment on the message of the poem *A Thing of Beauty*.

**Q8. Vistas – Supplementary (Any Two, 2x6=12 marks)**

Answer in about 120–150 words:

- How does *The Enemy* highlight the conflict between humanity and patriotism?
- Describe the character of Derry in *On the Face of It*.
- What is the irony presented in *The Tiger King*?

**Q9. Extract-based Questions (10 marks)**

- From *Lost Spring*: “I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten-

rupee note.” What does this reveal about the boy’s life? (5)

b) From *The Rattrap*: “Edla sat talking with him as if he were an old acquaintance.” Explain the importance of this moment. (5)

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