

Question Answers with Controller of Examinations, CBSE

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
1	What is the word limit for 10 mark questions in language subjects? Are marks deducted for exceeding the word limit?	<p>The word limit for 10-mark questions in language subjects will be as desired in question itself. Generally, word limit is mentioned in the question. However, it's best to check with your specific curriculum or exam guidelines.</p> <p>Marks are not deducted, however, marks will not be awarded too. So, why to write. Also, think twice and then write answer keeping in view the value points.</p> <p>Following could be the outcome if writing excess:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It might lead to straying from the main point or including unnecessary details, which can affect the clarity and focus of your answer.</li><li>• Exceeding the limit might take up more time, which could affect the rest of the exam.</li></ul> <p>To be on the safe side, it's always better to stick to the recommended word limit or ensure your answer is clear, precise, and directly addresses the question without unnecessary elaboration.</p>
2	Writing quotes in an essay question in Hindi or English without mentioning its author, will it affect the marks?	<p>Please understand that in Board examinations, questions are quite clear and demand specific answers. So, please understand the question and answer only after giving proper thought. If you consider that answer</p>

		<p>demands writing of quotes, you may mention the same.</p> <p>Sample Question Papers and the marking schemes will help you in understanding more and thus advised to consult these two vital documents.</p>
3	<p>In passage questions, should I copy answers as exactly given in the question or should I write on my own? What would fetch me more marks?</p>	<p>In passage-based questions, it's generally better to paraphrase or rephrase the answers in your own words rather than copying them exactly from the passage. Why it is so:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When you rephrase or summarize the passage in your own words, it shows that you truly understand the content, rather than just copying it word-for-word. This is a key skill in language exams and the same is envisaged in NEP.</li> <li>2. Paraphrasing often allows you to present the answer more clearly and concisely, which can make your response more effective. Sometimes, direct copying might make the answer unnecessarily long or unclear.</li> <li>3. Copying the passage exactly can sometimes lead to repetition, especially if you're simply taking long quotes from the text.</li> <li>4. In examinations, marks are awarded not just for accuracy but also for the way you express your thoughts.</li> </ol>

		<p>Rewriting in your own words can demonstrate better language skills and writing proficiency.</p> <p>You can combine both strategies—use your own words for the explanation and analysis, but include key phrases or short quotes from the passage when necessary.</p>
4	<p>It is said by teachers that if a student does not know a maths question but knows its formula, they should write it as an answer. Will CBSE give half marks for writing formulas if a student does not know the answer?</p>	<p>In CBSE, generally a step-marking system is followed, which means that even if you don't get the final answer to a math question, you can still earn partial marks for the correct use of formulas, the correct method, or mentioning the desired step provided it's clearly laid out.</p> <p>In math, showing the steps clearly is important. If you write the formula and attempt the subsequent steps (even if you make mistakes in the calculation), you could earn partial credit for the effort generally.</p> <p>However, just writing a formula isn't enough to fetch the marks.</p>
5	<p>What happens if a student is not well, right before the CBSE class 12 exam and is not in a position to write the exam? Will CBSE arrange some scribes for them or will they have to appear for re-test?</p>	<p>There are 5 mandatory subjects in both Class X and Class XII. A student needs to appear and qualify all 5 subjects to be declared qualified. The following are the possibilities:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If a class X student is not able to appear in two examinations, student will be placed in Compartment Category and</li> </ol>

		<p>allowed appearing in Supplementary examinations held in July every year.</p> <p>2. If a class XII student is not able to appear in one examination, student will be placed in Compartment Category and allowed appearing in Supplementary examinations held in July every year.</p> <p>3. If a student is not able to appear in any examination, in CBSE, next year opportunity is made available to appear in the Board examination as a private candidate.</p> <p>4. Further, if a student is not able to appear in any examination of the CBSE but Admit Card was issued, NIOS is providing facility to them to appear in all 5 examinations in the same year. The certificate will be issued by the NIOS.</p>
6	Can I attempt questions in any sequence in my answer book?	<p>The following is very important in Board examinations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always clearly write the correct question number before attempting it at the space provided for the same, even if you are not following the order of the question paper. This helps the examiner to easily identify which question you are answering.</li> <li>• While you can change the sequence, ensure your answer sheet is neat and organized. Avoid overwriting or scribbling,</li> </ul>

		<p>and maintain clear spacing between answers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you have replied a question twice, please cross the question which you do not wish to be evaluated.</li><li>• Plan your time effectively. If you are attempting questions out of order, make sure you allocate enough time for all questions, especially those you are attempting later.</li><li>• It's often a good strategy to begin with the questions you are most confident about. This can help you gain confidence and score well.</li><li>• Before attempting a question, regardless of the sequence, read it thoroughly to understand what is being asked.</li><li>• Don't get distracted by the order of questions. Focus on providing accurate and well-presented answers.</li></ul> <p>Remember, the most important thing is to present your answers clearly and accurately, regardless of the sequence.</p>
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