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**HOW TO SCORE GOOD MARKS IN ENGLISH CLASS X**

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- ❖ You will be appearing for your 10th board exams this year. Till now you have been competing with classmates but now for the first time you will be exposed to greater competition, with numerous students across the country appearing for exam. This will be your first step towards achieving the goal you have set in life. This is because the 10th board marks will be a decisive factor for most of your future endeavors.
- ❖ English as a language is something that we all should fluently know as it helps in the long run when it comes to cracking interviews or simply conversing with someone who is not from our state. CBSE English is simple if you know the rules and understand the language well. Unlike, ICSE English, you do not need to learn and memorize long verses but in order to get good marks, it is really important that you have a strong base in English and that you understand the language well. Here we discuss some useful tips so that you get good marks in your Class X board exam.

**Important Things to Remember:-**

Here are a few tips on how to make the subject of English your strength.

**Know the syllabus clearly:**

→ English Communicative (Code No.101)  
Syllabus

Class X (2017-18)

→ Section wise weightage in English Communicative

Section	Skills	Weightage
A	Reading Skill	20
B	Writing skill with Grammar	30

C	Literature and Extended Reading Text	30
	Total	80

- Follow your class lessons properly to cover your syllabus in a systematic manner. The class lessons are probably the first introduction of the topics to you. After coming home, revise whatever is taught in the class, as the topics will be still fresh in mind. In case of confusion, clarify with your teacher the next day.

### **START PREPARING EARLY**

- Most students tend to prepare for English examination shortly before the exam date! Especially in case of 10th and 12th Board students, this statement holds true! This situation has to change. Instead of ignoring this subject, one must start preparing it early.
- Doing so will have many advantages. First of all, it will reduce load. Starting early will ensure that one will be dealing with small portions of the subject. While starting preparation late, a student will have to deal with a huge portion of the subject in a very less amount of time. This leads to unnecessary stress. And under stress, most students crack and get depressed. This negatively affects exam preparation and leads to low marks.
- Start early and you'll be able to prepare well, spot your weaknesses early on and work on them.
- **Solve questions:** Try and solve the questions at the end of each topic and also the last ten years' papers. If you are stuck, make sure you have it resolved by the next day at the maximum. Take help from teachers and seniors, as needed.
- **Maintain separate notebooks for each subject:** Jot down important notes and formulae that you come across during your studies. This will help before the exams as

you can just grab the subject notebook and revise the portions you want.

- **Highlight important points:** Highlight important points and formulae on textbooks and reference books to locate them easily. Revise the points as and when you get time.
- **Plan your studies:** Chalk out a time table for board exam preparation and allocate ample time for each subject. Choose the time that you think is best for study. It can be early in the morning or late at night. Do not allow distractions to mar your studies. Select a study space that you feel is most suitable and convenient.
- **Know your strengths and weaknesses:** Hone your strengths but do not ignore your weaknesses. Concentrate more to improve on them. Take guidance from your teachers.
- **Revise Well:** Do not study anything new or from a new book right before exams, as you may get confused. Revise what you have studied and glance at important notes and formulae. Make note of important formulae and keep them handy so that you can take a look at them as and when you want. Make a weekly revision plan once you have completed the entire syllabus.
- **Keep fit:** Eat healthy and take ample rest. Make sure you are also spending some time playing and re-energizing yourself as mental health depends on physical health too.

#### ❖ **Paper pattern:-**

##### **Section A – Reading:**

- Read the passages and comprehension at least twice and remember the questions framed after the passages are always in sequence; meaning the answer to question 1 would appear before answer to question 2 in the passage.

##### **Section B – Writing & Grammar:**

- Show off your language prowess in this section. Write in 'flowery' language, without losing meaning, and make use of quotes by famous authors, phrases and your rich vocabulary skills in this section to create a good impression. Be careful in the area of gap filling, editing - omission and sentence rearranging.

##### **Section C – Literature & Extended Reading:**

- For this section, you need to have a thorough understanding of the stories and poems of your literature book. Make sure that you read all the

chapters thoroughly. In order to answer long questions, you would need deep understanding of the chapters. Do not mug up answers or the poem. Instead read the chapter well and understand the basic concepts. Coherent and lucid answers are what the paper checkers accept.

### **On the Day of Your Exam:-**

- Reach the examination hall a little earlier. Ensure that you have the important documents such as admit card, pen, pencil, etc., with you. Locate your seat and settle down comfortably, keeping everything in place.
- Read the questions carefully, as any silly mistake of understanding the question can be damaging.
- After you get the question paper, spend five minutes to glance through it. It is better to solve those questions that you are more confident with, instead of wasting time with the difficult ones.
- Do not waste time if you get stuck with a question. Move forward with the others. Once the easier and moderate ones are done with, attempt the relatively tougher ones if you have the time.
- Revise the paper carefully, provided time permits. In order to score good marks in 10th class Boards exams, it is important to learn from the basics. You should give equal importance to all the subject areas. You can learn by writing down the most important points. This will help you during revision time. Try to practice by referring previous year CBSE question papers. This will help you to identify the areas where in you are strong and weak. You can improve further on the basis of that. You should give more weightage to those topics which carry maximum marks.

### **Finally Stay motivated and study hard.**

Exams are beautiful things it helps us to grow and push ourselves so that we can achieve our greatness. You are so close to the finish line. Just keep pushing, keep studying, keep reading and keep working hard. All the studying you are doing will be worth it in the end! Good Luck! Believe in yourself and I know you will make your parents, teachers and Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's feel proud definitely.