

Bihar Board Class 12 Exam Pattern 2025-26

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1 Introduction

The Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB) prescribes the exam pattern for Class 12 board examinations for the academic year 2025-26. This document provides a comprehensive overview of the exam pattern, including question types, marking schemes, and subject-wise details for Science, Commerce, and Arts streams. The exam pattern is designed to assess students' theoretical and practical knowledge, with a balanced distribution of objective and subjective questions. Students are advised to refer to the official BSEB website for any updates or revisions.

2 General Exam Pattern

The BSEB Class 12 examinations are conducted in offline mode (pen-and-paper) and consist of both theoretical and practical components (where applicable). The key features of the exam pattern are as follows:

- **Question Types:** 50% Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) and 50% Subjective Questions (short and long-answer types).
- **MCQs:**
 - For subjects with a 100-mark theory paper: 60 MCQs (50 to be attempted, 1 mark each).
 - For subjects with a 70-mark theory paper (with practicals): 42 MCQs (35 to be attempted, 1 mark each).
 - For subjects with a 50-mark theory paper: 30 MCQs (25 to be attempted, 1 mark each).
- **Subjective Questions:** Include short-answer (2 marks each) and long-answer questions (5 marks each, except in language papers where questions may exceed 5 marks).
- **Exam Duration:** 3 hours and 15 minutes (including 15 minutes for reading the question paper).

- **Passing Marks:** Minimum 30% marks in each subject (30 out of 100 for theory, adjusted for practicals where applicable).
- **Additional Subject Rule:** If a student fails a compulsory subject, marks from an additional subject may be considered for passing.

3 Subject-Wise Exam Pattern

The exam pattern varies by stream and subject. Below is the detailed structure for key subjects in each stream.

3.1 Science Stream

- **Physics, Chemistry, Biology:**
 - **Theory:** 70 marks
 - * 42 MCQs (35 to attempt, 35 marks)
 - * 18 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 10 to attempt, 20 marks)
 - * 6 Long-answer questions (5 marks each, 3 to attempt, 15 marks)
 - **Practical:** 30 marks (15 for lab experiments, 10 for viva, 5 for practical copy)
- **Mathematics:**
 - **Theory:** 100 marks
 - * 60 MCQs (50 to attempt, 50 marks)
 - * 25 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 15 to attempt, 30 marks)
 - * 8 Long-answer questions (5 marks each, 5 to attempt, 25 marks)

3.2 Commerce Stream

- **Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics:**
 - **Theory:** 100 marks
 - * 60 MCQs (50 to attempt, 50 marks)
 - * 25 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 15 to attempt, 30 marks)
 - * 8 Long-answer questions (5 marks each, 5 to attempt, 25 marks)
- **Entrepreneurship:**
 - **Theory:** 70 marks
 - * 42 MCQs (35 to attempt, 35 marks)
 - * 18 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 10 to attempt, 20 marks)
 - * 6 Long-answer questions (5 marks each, 3 to attempt, 15 marks)
 - **Practical:** 30 marks

3.3 Arts Stream

- **History, Political Science, Sociology, English, Hindi, Other Languages:**
 - **Theory:** 100 marks
 - * 60 MCQs (50 to attempt, 50 marks)
 - * 25 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 15 to attempt, 30 marks)
 - * 8 Long-answer questions (5 marks or more, 5 to attempt, 25 marks)
- **Geography, Psychology:**
 - **Theory:** 70 marks
 - * 42 MCQs (35 to attempt, 35 marks)
 - * 18 Short-answer questions (2 marks each, 10 to attempt, 20 marks)
 - * 6 Long-answer questions (5 marks each, 3 to attempt, 15 marks)
 - **Practical:** 30 marks

4 Practical Exam Pattern

For subjects with practical components (e.g., Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, Psychology, Entrepreneurship):

- **Total Marks:** 30
 - Lab Experiments: 15 marks
 - Viva/Oral Test: 10 marks
 - Practical Copy: 5 marks
- **Dates:** Conducted from January 10 to January 20, 2025, at students' respective schools.
- **Guidelines:** Students must prepare at least 5 experiments, include an index in the practical copy, and carry all required documents to the exam.

5 Preparation Tips

- **Understand the Syllabus:** Download the latest syllabus from biharboard-online.bihar.gov.in and prioritize high-weightage topics.
- **Practice Previous Papers:** Solve past years' question papers to understand question patterns and improve time management.
- **Time Management:** Allocate study time equally across subjects, with extra focus on weaker areas.
- **Practical Preparation:** Regularly practice lab experiments and maintain well-organized practical copies.
- **NCERT and Bihar Board Books:** Stick to prescribed textbooks and supplement with reference materials for deeper understanding.

6 Downloading Official Resources

Students can download the official BSEB Class 12 Exam Pattern and Syllabus PDFs from the Bihar Board website:

- **Website:** biharboardonline.bihar.gov.in
- **Steps:**
 1. Visit the official website.
 2. Navigate to the 'Syllabus' or 'Examination' section.
 3. Select 'Class 12' and choose the desired stream/subject.
 4. Download the PDF file.

7 Notes

- The exam pattern is based on the latest information available as of August 2025. Check the official BSEB website for any updates.
- Practical exam marks are included in the final result calculation.
- The BSEB follows the CBSE syllabus for Class 12, ensuring alignment with national standards.