

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANGALORE**   
**GRADE 8 – ENGLISH ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DETAILS**

1. **SYLLABUS OUTLINE**

A student applying to Grade 8 is expected to have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the following topics, as per a Grade 7 level curriculum:

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Vocabulary
3. Grammar
4. Narrative Writing/Article
5. **QUESTION PAPER PATTERN**

* **Nature of Questions:** Short answers and one essay
* **Number of Questions:** Section A (10 marks) + Section B (5 marks) + Section C (10 marks)
* **Duration:** 40 minutes

**Section A**

1. **Reading Comprehension**

* Read unseen passages and answer factual and inferential questions.
* Practise skimming and scanning techniques.
* Focus on identifying meanings, main idea, and supporting details.
* Resource: [Passage 1,](https://englishforeveryone.org/PDFs/A_Day_Like_No_Other.pdf) [Passage 2](https://englishforeveryone.org/PDFs/Just_One_Touch.pdf)

1. **Vocabulary**

* Synonyms
* Derive word meanings from context
* Resource: [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com/e/middle-school-vocabulary-word-lists/), [BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/oromo/vocabulary)

**Section B**

1. **Grammar**

* Tenses (Present, Past, Future)
* Prepositions
* Sentence Conversion – Declarative, Interrogative, Exclamatory, and Imperative
* Direct and Indirect Speech
* Active and Passive Voice
* Resource: [British Council,](https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/b1-b2-grammar) [BBC](https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/grammar)

**Section C**

1. **Composition**

* Narrative Writing: Tell a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end.
* Article Writing: Discuss a topic logically and clearly, often with an opinion or suggestion.
* Resource: [BBC (Article)](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwt3rdm/revision/4), [BBC (Narrative Writing)](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zk972v4#z8jhp4j)
* Preparation Tips:
  + Practice brainstorming ideas before writing.
  + Focus on structure: introduction, body, conclusion.
  + Use a range of vocabulary and varied sentence structures.
  + Proofread for grammar and spelling errors.

1. **Links to Past Question Papers***Please note that the mark distribution in the past sample papers may vary from the current exam format stated in the guide.*

* [Resource 1](https://nafltrust-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/mdipannita_tisb_ac_in/EY9mWGi-jAZImB9dweIKfc8Bo1JVT6UIdgM0J1x_-lHs0w?e=rAtx3p)
* [Resource 2](https://nafltrust-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/mdipannita_tisb_ac_in/ESeJr-SA9p9Erm6Oi9ez9QwBy8aTtpJ6o0WBKRahsPZEgg?e=Xwc3Lw)