



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

2. 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

A) 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](#), [Passage 2](#)

B) Vocabulary

- Synonyms
- Derive word meanings from context
- Resource: [Dictionary.com](#), [BBC](#)

Section B

C) Grammar

- Tenses (Present, Past, Future)
- Prepositions
- Sentence Conversion – Declarative, Interrogative, Exclamatory, and Imperative
- Direct and Indirect Speech
- Active and Passive Voice
- Resource: [British Council](#), [BBC](#)

Section C

D) 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 \(Article\)](#), [BBC \(Narrative Writing\)](#)
- 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.

3. 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](#)
- [Resource 2](#)