



JKBOSE CLASS 12 EXAM PATTERN

Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education



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1 Introduction

The Jammu & Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) conducts the Class 12 board examinations every year for students across the Science, Commerce, and Arts (Humanities) streams. These exams are a major milestone for students, since the marks scored often decide college admissions and future career paths.

Knowing the exam pattern well in advance helps students plan their preparation, manage time during the exam, and understand exactly how they will be marked. This short e-book explains the JKBOSE Class 12 exam pattern in a simple, easy-to-follow format, covering the overall structure, subject-wise breakup, marking scheme, and the way questions are distributed in the paper.

Quick Fact

JKBOSE exams are conducted in offline (pen-and-paper) mode across the Jammu and Kashmir divisions, usually in one shift of 3 hours per subject.

By the end of this guide, you should have a clear picture of what to expect on exam day and how to structure your revision around the marks distribution.

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Overview of the Exam Pattern

The JKBOSE Class 12 examination pattern follows a consistent structure across all three streams, with each subject carrying a total of 100 marks. Here are the key features:

- Each subject is worth **100 marks**, split between a theory paper and practical / internal assessment.
- Science subjects (Physics, Chemistry, Biology) generally follow a **70 + 30** split (70 marks theory, 30 marks practical/internal assessment).
- Commerce and most Arts/language subjects follow an **80 + 20** split (80 marks theory, 20 marks internal assessment).
- The theory exam duration is **3 hours** for most subjects.
- Question papers include a mix of **objective (MCQ), very short answer, short answer, and long answer** type questions.
- Students must score at least **33-36%** (varies slightly by subject) in theory and in practical/internal assessment *separately*, as well as in aggregate, to pass.
- Exams are held in **offline mode**, generally between February and March each year, with results declared a few months later.

Streams Offered

Stream	Typical Subjects
Science	Physics, Chemistry, Biology / Mathematics, English
Commerce	Business Studies, Accountancy, Economics, English
Arts / Humanities	History, Political Science, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, English

3 Subject-wise Exam Pattern

The exact split between theory and internal assessment / practical marks differs a little by subject group. The table below summarises the typical pattern followed for Class 12:

Subject Group	Theory Marks	Practical / Internal Assessment	Total Marks	Duration
Physics, Chemistry, Biology	70	30	100	3 hrs
Mathematics	80	20	100	3 hrs
English (Compulsory)	80	20	100	3 hrs
Business Studies / Accountancy / Economics	80	20	100	3 hrs
History / Political Science / Geography / Sociology / Psychology	80	20	100	3 hrs
Home Science	70	30	100	3 hrs
Computer Science	70	30	100	3 hrs

Good to Know

The 30-mark and 20-mark components include practical exams (for Science subjects) or project work / internal assessment (for other subjects). Exact splits can vary slightly by subject, so always cross-check with the latest syllabus PDF on jkbose.nic.in.

4 Marking Scheme

JKBOSE evaluates students on both conceptual recall and deeper understanding. The theory paper usually mixes four question types, each carrying a different number of marks:

Question Type	Marks per Question	Purpose
Objective / MCQ	1	Tests basic recall and conceptual clarity
Very Short Answer (VSA)	2	Tests quick, precise understanding
Short Answer (SA)	3	Tests application and explanation skills
Long Answer (LA)	5	Tests in-depth analysis and descriptive ability

Passing Criteria

- Minimum **36%** marks required in aggregate (theory + practical/internal) for most elective subjects.
- Minimum **33%** marks required for General/Compulsory English.
- Theory and practical/internal assessment must be passed **separately** as well as together in the aggregate.
- Students who don't clear the exam get a chance to appear for the **supplementary exam** held later in the year.

5 Distribution of Questions

To help balance recall-based and analytical questions, JKBOSE distributes marks across question types roughly in the following proportion for an 80-mark theory paper:

Question Type	Approx. No. of Questions	Marks Weightage
Objective / MCQ (1 mark)	16-20	~20-25%
Very Short Answer (2 marks)	8-10	~20-25%
Short Answer (3 marks)	6-8	~20-25%
Long Answer (5 marks)	5-6	~30-35%

Note

For a 70-mark theory paper (Science subjects), the same question types are used but with slightly fewer questions overall, keeping the same broad weightage pattern.

This distribution ensures that no single question type dominates the paper, encouraging students to prepare the entire syllabus rather than selectively studying only a few chapters.

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Conclusion

Understanding the JKBOSE Class 12 exam pattern is the first step toward smart, focused preparation. With each subject worth 100 marks split between theory and practical/internal assessment, and a mix of objective, short, and long answer questions, students get a fair chance to demonstrate both recall and analytical skills.

- Practice previous years' question papers and JKBOSE sample papers.
- Time yourself while practicing to build speed for the 3-hour paper.
- Give equal attention to internal assessment / practical components.
- Revise the full syllabus, since long-answer questions carry the highest weightage.
- Check the official JKBOSE website (jkbose.nic.in) for the latest updates and dates.

Final Word

All the best for your JKBOSE Class 12 board exams! Consistent practice and a clear understanding of the exam pattern will take you a long way.