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EXAM STRATEGY GUIDE

CBSE Exam Strategy

How Papers Are Structured & How to Attempt Them

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Understanding the Paper

- CBSE papers usually mix objective (MCQ, assertion-reason), very-short-answer, short-answer, long-answer and case/source-based questions.
- Case-based and competency questions test application, not just memory — practise them specially.
- Internal choice is often given in longer questions — read all options before choosing.
- Marks are printed with each question; write in proportion to the marks.

Time Management in the Exam

- Use the 15-minute reading time to plan which questions to attempt first.
- Budget roughly 1.5 minutes per mark and keep 15 minutes for revision.
- Attempt the questions you know best first to secure marks and build confidence.
- Never leave objective questions blank unless there is negative marking.

How to Score Full Marks

- Use the Point → Explanation → Example structure for descriptive answers.
- Underline keywords; draw neat, labelled diagrams where relevant.
- For numericals, show formula, substitution and answer with correct units.
- Keep answers to the point — examiners reward relevance, not length.

Common Mistakes

- Spending too long on one high-mark question and running out of time.
- Ignoring case-based questions until the end.
- Poor presentation — no headings, unclear working.
- Not revising the paper in the final minutes.

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