



# CBSE Assessment of Speaking and Listening (ASL)

## Specifications for Listening--Class IX

### CBSE ASL Examination Specifications: Outline

Listening Class IX	30–40minutes	20 items/20 marks	1,200 words	
<b>CBSE curriculum objectives:</b> Understanding a range of genres and contexts of spoken English across the familiar including academic, personal and social				
<b>Topics:</b> People , Adventure, Environment , Mystery, Children, Sports and games, Money, Culture; Music; Art and craft, House and home, Travel and tourism, Humour and wisdom, History and legend, Science and the future, Hobbies and interests, Fashion				
<b>Grammar &amp; language functions:</b> grammar of class IX curriculum				
<b>CBSE skills objectives:</b>	<b>CEFR B1</b>	<b>Text type</b>	<b>Test tasks</b>	<b>Item specifications:</b>
<b>Task focus</b>	<b>Domain: work, school, leisure. Familiar</b>			<b>topic, text length, item focus, domain</b>
Understanding detailed information for a purpose	Can understand straightforward factual information about common topics; can understand simple technical information	Instructions, messages, announcements  Short text  Unmarked register	e.g. gap-fill (with defined purpose); sentence completion  4 marks	4 items in single table, form or flowchart  Text: 100–120 words  Item semi-completed; include distraction  Domain: directions, school/courses, travel, social (e.g. cinema), museums, weather
Understanding & interpreting a range of features of context	Can follow the main points of extended discussion	Conversation  Informal dialogue  Long text	Multi-choice: choose 5 out of 8 options  5 marks	8 items: statements – 5 true + 3 distractors  In order of text

				<p>Text: 400 words</p> <p>Testing line of argument; cohesion; main points</p> <p>Domain: friend, child to parent, peer, family, social event</p>
Understanding the topic & the main points	Can understand the main points of familiar matters; can understand the main points & information content of news bulletins & TV programmes	<p>Commentaries/news events</p> <p>Short extracts</p>	<p>multiple matching</p> <p>5 marks</p>	<p>5 items out of 7 multiple matching</p> <p>Text: 5 x 60 words</p> <p>Domain: news, TV programmes, chat shows</p> <p>Focus: topic, purpose, role must be consistent</p> <p>Speakers labelled A – E</p> <p>Match labelled i – vii</p>
Distinguishing main points from detail	<p>Can identify general messages and specific detail</p> <p>Can follow a lecture or talk on familiar subject matter</p>	<p>Speech, presentation, narrative, etc</p> <p>Formal</p> <p>Long text</p>	<p>Multiple choice</p> <p>6 marks</p>	<p>6 items, Multiple choice: 3 options</p> <p>400 words; must include distraction</p> <p>Test opinion.</p> <p>Domain: school functions, guest speaker, school project</p>