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How to Prepare English For SSC :

SSC CGL consists of 4 stages of Tier I, Tier II, Tier III (Descriptive), Tier IV (Skills/ Proficiency Test). The first two stages are online computer based MCQ tests. Check out the detailed pattern of English for all tiers below:

Tier I

Subjects	No. of Qs	Marks	Time Allotted
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	60 minutes (total)
General Awareness	25	50	
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
English Language	25	50	
Total	100	200	

Tier II

If you qualify Tier-I, you can appear for Tier-II exam, which will have MCQs. In Tier II, English will be of 200 marks and have 100Qs, with 0.25 negative marking. Duration for English exam will be 2 hours.

Tier III

This will be a descriptive paper for 100 marks that you need to attempt in 60 minutes, in pen and paper mode. Questions will be of Essay Writing, Letter Writing, Precis Writing, Application Writing, etc.

How to Prepare English for SSC CGL 2017

The English section for the SSC CGL exam can be broadly divided into 4 parts:

1. Vocabulary
2. Grammar
3. Reading Comprehension
4. Verbal Ability

How to Learn VOCABULARY

1. This section is of great importance in SSC exam. The maximum number of questions in both SSC Tier 1 and Tier 2 papers is from this section. Thus your preparation should revolve around strengthening your vocabulary skills.
2. There are direct questions on the following topics in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 exams.
 - Synonyms & Antonyms
 - Phrase or Idiom Meaning
 - One Word Substitution
 - Spellings
 - Fill in the Blanks
 - Phrase Replacement
3. An additional topic for Tier 2 is Cloze Test.

4. The most interesting thing about building a vocabulary is that it doesn't require any extraordinary efforts. It keeps on building whether you are reading a newspaper or a book. Whenever you come across a new word, note down its meaning, synonyms & antonyms and its usage. At a later date, try to use these words in sentences.
5. Solve the vocabulary sections from previous years' papers and time yourself.
6. Read English for Competitive Exams Modules to get understand contextual usage.
7. Try out mnemonic techniques to remember vocabulary.
8. Practice Vocab questions every day. Bookmark the questions that you got wrong and practise them later to achieve accuracy.
8. Go through blogs to find articles on Vocabulary like Easily Confused Words like the ones given below. You should also read up on topics like Cloze Test.
9. Practice sectional tests of English every day. Chart your growth through Career Pundit analysis.

How to Practice GRAMMAR

1. There are questions on the following topics in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 exams.
 - Error Spotting
 - Phrase Replacement
 - Fill in the Blanks
3. Additional topics in Tier 2 exam are
 - Direct and Indirect Speech
 - Active and Passive Voice
4. Most questions will test you on basic grammar rules, so these need to be revised everyday.
5. Search for articles on the internet relevant to the topics and concepts often asked like:

How to Tackle COMPREHENSION

1. It is the easiest, most scoring section of English. The questions will be directly based on the content of the passage. But you must be alert while choosing the correct option as the options sometimes are very similar.
2. Though the passages are short, the habit of reading fast and understanding the intent of the passage needs to be developed to minimize the time and maximize the output.
3. Practise one comprehension question daily. Constant practice will help you achieve accuracy and minimize the time required.

How to Excel in VERBAL ABILITY

1. This section is only tested in Tier 2 exam. It consists of questions on
 - Sentence Jumbles
 - Paragraph Jumbles (Para jumbles)
2. Practise these questions occasionally when you want to take a break from your Tier 1 preparations and need a change.
3. Follow logic while answering these questions. Always keep in mind the overall story, as the passage will always tell you a story with a definite beginning, middle and end.

Pro-tip: This section is the trickiest and can lure you to make wild guesses. Keep away from the guess work or else you will be trapped and will end up with negative marks.

Breakup of English in Tier I and Tier II Exams

The table below gives a brief outline of the paper pattern for English in both Tier 1 and Tier 2 predicted based on NEW pattern.

Topics	Subtopic	Qs in	Qs in
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		Tier I	Tier II
Vocabulary	Synonyms & Antonyms	2-3	0-5
	Fill in the blanks	1-2	0-2
	Cloze test	0	10
	Spellings	1-2	0-5
	Idioms and Phrases	1-2	5
	One-word substitution	4-5	5
	Phrase Replacement	1-2	5-10
Grammar	Phrase Replacement	2-3	5-10
	Sentence correction / Error Spotting	2-3	10
	Active-Passive Voice	0	10
	Direct-indirect	0	10
	Fill in the blanks	2-3	0-2
Reading Comprehension		5	15-20
Verbal	Sentence Jumbles	0	5-10

Ability	Para Jumbles	0	5
Total		25	200

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