

3 Expert SSC MTS English Tips - How to Prepare & Ace the Exam

The SSC MTS exam is scheduled to take place in mid-April. You have **one-and-a-half month** left to prepare for the exam, which is more than enough if you study right. The SSC MTS exam has **8300 vacancies** this year which gives you an excellent opportunity to get a job in **General Central Service Group 'C' Non - Gazetted, Non - Ministerial posts** in various Central Government Ministries / Departments / Offices, in different States/ Union Territories. Of all the subjects asked in SSC MTS exam, **scoring in English** is the easiest. If you have a good hold on **grammar and vocabulary** you can **easily cross the cut-off**. These tips will help you master **all the English topics - easy and tough** in SSC MTS preparation. You can also download these expert SSC MTS English tips as PDF.

Know the Exam Structure In and Out:

Before you start preparing for the exam, take a look at the exam structure and pattern:

Subject	Max Marks	Total Time	Total Time (VH & Cerebral Palsy)
Reasoning	25	2 Hrs	2 Hrs 40 Min
Numerical Aptitude	25		
English	50		
General Awareness	50		

- After you clear this 1st stage of the exam, you can appear for the final stage of SSC MTS i.e. descriptive test.
- Negative marking = **0.25 marks**

English carries 50 marks and the exam will go on till 2 hours. Let us now see how you can attain maximum score in the English exam. Let us proceed towards the SSC MTS English tips to prepare and ace the exam.

Expert SSC MTS English Tips to Prepare:

#1. Segregate Important Topics from Less Important Ones

Important topics are those that carry more marks in the exam. Since in SSC MTS exam, each question carries 1 mark, the topics having maximum questions are more important. If you don't know which topic carries what weightage, then quickly take a look at this detailed syllabus with topic-wise mark distribution:

[Detailed SSC MTS Syllabus & Mark Distribution](#)

#2. How to Revise

Now that you know which topics carry more weightage, make it a point to excel all those topics before moving on to others.

1. Error Spotting & Fill in the Blanks

There will be 10 questions from each of these topics in the MTS exam, therefore you can expect **questions worth 20 marks** from both the topics. While fill in the blanks are both grammar and vocabulary based, Error Spotting usually tests your grammar. Here are the tips to tackle both these topics smartly:

- Error Spotting: [Tips to Learn](#), [Capsule](#), [Basic Quiz](#), [Moderate Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)
- Fill in the Blanks: [Basic Quiz](#), [Advanced Quiz](#)

Here are some general tips for Error Spotting and Fill in the Blanks:

Error Spotting	Fill in the Blanks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When noun is plural don't use 's' at the end of the verb. <i>E.g. Boys (=noun) go (=verb) to ground.</i> - When noun is singular, use 's'/'es' at the end of the verb. <i>E.g. Boy (=noun) goes (=verb) to ground.</i> - We use 'is' not 'are' with Public, team, committee, government, audience, orchestra, company, jury, etc. - 'Less' is used to denote quantity while 'fewer' is used to denote number. <i>E.g. I have less money. I have few notes.</i> - More such Error Spotting tips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use 'the' before unique/important things like, Monuments, Sun, Moon, etc. - Use 'an' before words that start with <i>a, e, i, o, u</i>. Exceptions: - Use 'a' before words that begin with all other letters. <i>E.g. a book, an ant, the Taj Mahal, a university ('u' in university sounds like the word begins with y, as in 'yoo-ni-versity')</i> - Habitual actions, facts, forever actions are always in simple present tense. <i>E.g. Teacher teaches students and not Teacher taught students.</i> <i>Sun rises in the east</i> <i>not Sun rose in the east.</i> - Use of For and Since

2. Spellings and Synonyms & Antonyms

You can expect 12 questions from both these topics and 6 questions from each. This means these two topics will account for total **12 marks**. From now onwards, you have to read everything more carefully, learn tricks to remember difficult words and practice questions on 'Spellings'. At the same time, you can enhance your knowledge of synonyms (same meaning) and antonyms (opposite meaning) words. Here are some tips and practice exercises for both:

- Spellings: [Basic Quiz](#), [Moderate Quiz](#)
- Synonyms & Antonyms: [Tips](#), [Commonly asked Synonyms/Antonyms](#), [Basic Quiz](#)

General tips: Get in the habit of noting down any new word that you come across and finding its meaning, synonyms and antonyms.

3. One Word Substitution, Phrase Replacement/ Sentence Correction, Reading Comprehension

You can expect 5 Questions, of **15 marks** from each of these topics. While RC can appear on any topic, the questions will be fact based in the passage's context. The RC can also contain vocabulary questions on commonly used words. So there is no avoiding learning new words! [Basic](#), [Moderate](#) and [Advanced](#) Quiz for RC.

In Phrase Replacement questions, you will get a statement, a part of which will be underlined. You will need to pick the correct option to replace the underlined part. The error in the underlined part can be grammatical or vocabulary related. Here are a few quizzes that reflect the kind of questions you will get in the exam: [Basic Quiz](#) and [Advanced Quiz](#) for Phrase Replacement.

One word substitution means replacing a sentence with the correct word, which describes the sentence. E.g. *One who does not believe in god is ____*. Ans: *Athiest*. If you improve your vocabulary a little, you will be easily able to answer these questions.

Here are some articles that you can follow religiously, to improve your vocabulary:

Word Power Made Easy Capsule for Vocabulary

Error Spotting Capsule

Phrasal Words Capsule

4. Phrase or Idiom Meanings are more Important than you think!

Phrase or Idiom meanings will be asked separately for 3 marks, but they also constitute a huge part of the paper. You can find phrases in many other vocabulary based questions like Reading Comprehension, Phrase Replacement, Error spotting and Fill in the blanks. Below are most commonly asked Idioms/Prases. Go through the lists and revise these lists regularly:

Phrase & Idioms for SSC - Part 1

Phrase & Idioms for SSC - Part 2

Now that you know how to study various topics to maximise your score, let us look at some other SSC MTS English Tips for your preparation.

#3. The More you TEST yourself, the More You LEARN

Even if you follow a 100 different SSC MTS English Tips from 1000 different experts, you will not be able to excel unless you attempt mock tests consistently. Here is a free live leak model question paper with detailed solutions for you:

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We hope these SSC MTS English Tips help you prepare efficiently. Make sure you complete your English section in no more than 30 minutes. Constant practice and hard work will definitely get you closer to success. Share your doubts with us in comments below!

