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How to Prepare English for SSC CGL Tier I Exam 2018

Recently, the official notification for SSC CGL Recruitment 2018 has been released. The SSC CGL 2018 Prelims is scheduled to take place on **25th July 2018**, which means you have ample of time to prepare for this exam. The section that candidates find the most difficult one is the English section. It takes the deep knowledge of English Grammar Rules and vast Vocabulary to score maximum marks in this section. But if you prepare strategically and follow the tips and tricks that we provided in this article can score high in English section easily. If you aren't sure where to begin or are looking for a more focused style of learning, read on. This strategy on how to prepare English for [SSC CGL 2018](#), will help you make a detailed plan on preparing English.

English has the biggest share of the SSC CGL paper. Let us start with a general understanding of the pattern of the exam.

SSC CGL 2018 Tier I Exam Pattern

Tier I Exam is Online computer-based of **200 marks in 60 minutes**. There is a **negative marking of 0.50 Marks** for each wrong answer. There is no sectional cut off. Exam Pattern for Tier I is given in the table below.

Subject	Qs	Marks	Time
General Intelligence & Reasoning	25	50	60 minutes (For VH & Candidates suffering from Cerebral Palsy: 80 minutes)





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General Awareness	25	50	
Quantitative Aptitude	25	50	
English Language	25	50	
Total	100	200	

Read the detailed exam pattern for SSC CGL 2018:

Detailed SSC CGL Exam Pattern

How to Prepare English for SSC CGL 2018

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



Breakup of English in Tier I Exam

A brief outline of the paper pattern for English in both Tier 1 Exam is given in the table below:

Topics	Subtopic	Qs in Tier I
Vocabulary	Synonyms & Antonyms	2-3



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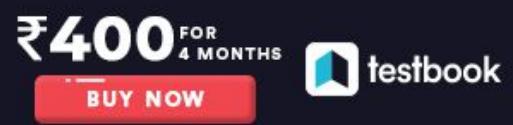
Grammar	Fill in the blanks	1-2
	Cloze test	0
	Spellings	1-2
	Idioms and Phrases	1-2
	One-word substitution	4-5
	Phrase Replacement	1-2
Reading Comprehension	Phrase Replacement	2-3
	Sentence correction/Error Spotting	2-3
	Active-Passive Voice	0
	Direct-indirect	0
	Fill in the blanks	2-3
Verbal Ability		5
Verbal Ability	Sentence Jumbles	0
	Para Jumbles	0
Total		25

Prepare English for SSC CGL - Vocabulary





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1. This section is very important in SSC CGL Tier I Exam. The maximum number of questions are asked from this section. Thus your preparation must focus on strengthening your vocabulary skills.

2. Direct questions will be asked on the following topics in the exam.

- *Synonyms & Antonyms*
- *Phrase or Idiom Meaning*
- *One Word Substitution*
- *Spellings*
- *Fill in the Blanks*
- *Phrase Replacement*

3. The interesting thing about building a vocabulary is that it doesn't require any extraordinary efforts. You can build it 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.

4. Solve the vocabulary sections from previous years' papers and time yourself.

5. Read English for Competitive Exams

English for Competitive Exams Modules

6. Try out mnemonic techniques to remember vocabulary.

Mnemonic Techniques to remember Vocab

7. Practice Vocab questions on [Testbook's app](#) every day. Bookmark the questions that you got wrong and practise them later to achieve accuracy.



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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.

Easily Confused Words

Difference between Similar Sounding Words & their Usage

9. Practice sectional tests of English every day. Chart your growth through Testbook's analysis.

Prepare English for SSC CGL - Grammar

1. There are questions on the following topics:

- *Error Spotting*
- *Phrase Replacement*
- *Fill in the Blanks*



2. Questions will mostly test you on basic grammar rules, so these need to be revised every day.

3. Read these article for tips on topics in Grammar: (1) [52 Tips for Error Spotting](#) (2) [Easy Tips for Grammar](#) (3) [General Tips on Tenses](#) (4) [On Present Tenses](#) (5) [Using Common & Proper Nouns correctly with Articles](#), (6) [Common Errors Made in Degrees of Comparison](#), (7) [Gerunds](#) (8) [Difference between “its” and “it’s”](#) (9) [Non-Finite Verbs with Examples](#).

Prepare English for SSC CGL - Comprehension





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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.

Speed Reading Techniques for Reading Comprehension

3. Practise one comprehension question daily. Constant practice will help you achieve accuracy and minimize the time required.

After you go through how to prepare English for, also read more about SSC CGL Tier I Exam 2018:

How to Prepare for SSC CGL Tier I Exam
SSC CGL Model Questions Paper (Live Leak)

Official SSC CGL Tier I Question Paper

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