

Federal Public Service Commission

Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination

Multiple Choice Preliminary Test (MPT) - 2025

Subject 3: English

Total Marks: 50 (Out of 200 Total Marks)

Syllabus Coverage

English, including its vocabulary, grammar usage and comprehension

Main Components:

- **Vocabulary:**

- Word meanings and definitions
- Synonyms and antonyms
- Word formation (prefixes, suffixes, root words)
- Contextual vocabulary usage
- Idioms and phrases
- One-word substitutions

- **Grammar Usage:**

- Parts of speech
- Tenses and their correct usage
- Subject-verb agreement
- Active and passive voice
- Direct and indirect speech
- Sentence structure and formation
- Error detection and correction
- Prepositions and conjunctions

- **Comprehension:**

- Reading comprehension passages
- Main idea identification

- Supporting details analysis
- Inference and conclusion drawing
- Author's tone and purpose
- Critical reading skills
- Logical reasoning based on text
- **Additional Areas:**
 - Fill in the blanks
 - Sentence completion
 - Para jumbles and sentence arrangement
 - Cloze passages

Assessment Details

- Number of MCQs: 50
- Time Allocation: 50 minutes
- Marking: 1 mark per correct answer
- Negative Marking: None
- Weightage: 25% of total MPT marks

Preparation Guidelines

- Build strong vocabulary through daily reading
- Master English grammar rules and their applications
- Practice reading comprehension passages regularly
- Focus on error detection and sentence correction
- Learn common idioms and phrasal verbs
- Develop speed reading skills for time management

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