

# Federal Public Service Commission

## Central Superior Services (CSS) Examination

Multiple Choice Preliminary Test (MPT) - 2025

### Subject 3: English

<b>Total Marks: 50 (Out of 200 Total Marks)</b>
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#### 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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