

SUBJECT WISE SYLLABUS

ENGLISH

Reading Comprehension

(Section – A)

Ability to comprehend, analyze and interpret an unseen text Three/four unseen texts of varying lengths (150-250 words) with a variety of objective type, multiple choice questions (including questions to test vocabulary) testing factual and global comprehension.

Writing ability

(Section – B)

Testing ability to express facts views/opinions in a coherent and logical manner in a style suitable to the task set.

B.1 One short writing task such as: notice, message or a postcard.

B.2 Writing a report of an event, process, or place.

B.3 Writing an article / debate / speech based on visual / verbal input on a given concurrent topic for e.g. environment, education, child labour, gender bias, drug-abuse etc presenting own views fluently.

B.4 Writing a letter (formal/informal) on the basis of verbal / visual input. Letter types include:(a) letter to the editor; (b) letter of complaint; (c) letter of request; (d) descriptive, personal letters.

Grammar and Usage

(Section – C)

Ability to apply the knowledge of syntax, language/grammatical items and to use them accurately in context.

The following grammatical structures will be tested:

- (1) Tenses
- (2) Modals
- (3) Voice
- (4) Subject – verb concord
- (5) Connectors
- (6) Clauses
- (7) Parts of speech
- (8) Punctuation
- (9) Sequencing to form a coherent sentence or a paragraph

Literature

(Section – D)

- To test the candidate’s familiarity with the works of writers of different genres and periods of English Literature.
- The candidate should have a thorough knowledge of :-
- Shakespeare’s works.
- Romantic Period (e.g. Shelley, Wordsworth, Keats, Coleridge, Byron etc.)
- 19th & 20th Century American and English Literature (e.g. Robert Frost Hemingway, Ted Huges, Whitman, Hawthorne, Emily Dickinson, Bernard Shaw etc.)
- Modern Indian Writing in English (e.g. Anita Desai, Vikram Seth, Nissim Ezekiel, K.N. Daruwala, Ruskin Bond, R.K. Narayan, Mulk Raj Anand, Khushwant Singh etc.)
- Modern Writings in English from different parts of the world.