

# English Notes

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## 1. Reading Comprehension Strategy

Reading Comprehension (RC) is a major part of English section in all competitive exams. Strategy: First read all questions, then read passage with questions in mind, focus on topic sentence of each paragraph.

### Q. How to attempt RC in exam?

Ans: Step 1: Skim the passage (30 sec). Step 2: Read all questions. Step 3: Read passage carefully. Step 4: Find answers directly from passage. Step 5: For inference questions, stick close to what is stated.

### Q. What are inference questions?

Ans: Questions that ask "It can be inferred that..." — answer is not directly stated but logically follows from the passage

### Q. Most common RC question types?

Ans: Main idea/Title, Specific fact, Inference, Vocabulary in context, Author's tone/attitude, Purpose of paragraph

## 2. Sentence Rearrangement (Para Jumbles)

Sentences are given in jumbled order. Rearrange to form a coherent paragraph. Tips: Find the opening sentence (introduces topic, no pronoun reference). Find the closing sentence (conclusion). Look for connector words: However, Therefore, Moreover, Thus, Although.

### Q. Which sentence is likely the first?

Ans: Sentence that introduces the topic generally, does not start with a pronoun (he/she/it/they/this/that), and does not continue a previous thought

### Q. Connector words that show contrast?

Ans: However, But, Yet, Nevertheless, Although, Despite, On the other hand, In contrast

### Q. Connector words that show addition?

Ans: Moreover, Furthermore, Additionally, Also, Besides, In addition, Not only...but also

## 3. Cloze Test Strategy

A passage with blanks. Choose the right word from options. Strategy: Read full sentence, understand context, check grammar (part of speech needed), check collocations (which words go together).

### Q. What is collocation?

Ans: Words that naturally go together. E.g., "make a decision" (not "do a decision"), "heavy rain" (not "strong rain"), "fast food" (not "quick food")

### Q. How to eliminate wrong options in cloze test?

Ans: Check grammar first (is it a noun/verb/adjective needed?), then check meaning, then check collocation

## 4. MCQ Practice

### Q. Choose correct spelling:

- (a) Accommodate
- (b) Acommodate

- (c) Accommodate
- (d) Accomodate

**Answer: (c) Accommodate**

**Q. "Despite \_\_\_ hard, she failed the exam." Fill in:**

- (a) trying
- (b) to try
- (c) tried
- (d) try

**Answer: (a) trying**

**Q. Identify error: "He is one of the student who has passed."**

- (a) He is
- (b) one of
- (c) the student
- (d) who has passed

**Answer: (c) the student**

**Q. Rearrange: (P) he went (Q) after eating (R) to sleep (S) dinner**

- (a) QSPR
- (b) QSRP
- (c) SQPR
- (d) PSQR

**Answer: (a) QSPR**

**Q. Synonym of PERSPICACIOUS:**

- (a) Unclear
- (b) Shrewd
- (c) Lazy
- (d) Honest

**Answer: (b) Shrewd**