

General English,
Reading Comprehension,
Verbal Reasoning,
Verbal Ability

Want to
CRACK **the section
on General
English?**

Let's get started!

ABOUT THE SECTION

This is a high scoring section wherein the answers to data based questions seldom go wrong. Also, the options given for the **"tone of the passage"** questions are so different from each other that it is usually easy to arrive at the final correct answer. Following is the breakdown of questions and marks:

TOPICS TO PREPARE



SPECIAL FOCUS

Here's what you need to know about these topics, based on some of the question papers from the previous years -

- Your knowledge of **basic fundamentals and concepts of English Grammar** is checked in error correction section. This involves questions on **parts of speech, usage of tenses, phrasal verbs, syntax, clauses, reported speech, conditional sentences, and punctuation.**
- The number of such questions can range from 6-8 and the topics vary from finding the incorrect part of a sentence, identifying the parts of speech, to filling in the blanks with the **correct forms of verbs and tenses.**
- **Vocabulary** is an indispensable aspect of the English section in SNAP. There are 6-7 direct questions asking the **meaning/synonym/antonym of a word or a phrasal verb.**
- Meanings of **common idioms and phrases** are also very often asked and you have an edge over others if you're well versed with them.
- Ability to solve **questions on Analogy** is directly proportional to one's acquaintance with words. The more you expand your word-pool, the higher are your chances of solving such questions.
- There are usually 3-4 questions wherein you're asked to identify similarity/dissimilarity of words, a relationship between words/sentences and also homophones.

PREPARATION TIPS

Grammar is the plinth and the foundation of a language. If grammar is your forte, other parts of the **Verbal Ability section** like the Reading comprehension pose absolutely no threat to you as you can skim and scan through the passages easily.

Reading and referring to a **good grammar book** really helps

Questions related to tenses and reported speech are asked very often and practising exercises specific to these topics can increase your score by at least 3 marks.

Learn at least 20 words daily along with their usage and synonyms.

Keep two dictionaries downloaded on your phone.

Questions on analogy can be cracked by checking the pattern and forming small sentences to identify and verify the relationship between words. You may come across some words which are alien to you; try to break them and identify the root words.

Solving previous years' papers gives a fair idea of the difficulty level of the paper and also helps you figure your areas of strengths and the areas you lag in to define your scope of improvement.

Reading and practising is the key to acing the Verbal Ability section.