

SYLLABUS FOR THE CSB EXAM

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

The question paper will comprise of 90 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) each of one mark. The question paper is divided into four sections to test the reading, writing, vocabulary and literary skills.

Section I - Comprehension or Reading skills - 20 Marks

Section II - Vocabulary accuracy - 15 Marks

Section III - Grammar - 25 Marks

Section IV - History of English Literature
and General awareness of English - 30 Marks

Section I - Will comprise of two unseen passages with a variety of comprehensive questions (MCQs). The questions will also include word attack skills and literary device.

1) The first passage will be a factual (e.g. instruction, description, report, literary (extract from fiction, essay or biography) or a discursive passage (argumentative, persuasive or interpretative text).

2) The second passage will be a literary passage (poem or an extract from drama).

* The two passages will be of 10 marks each.

Section II - Vocabulary Accuracy -- 15 marks

Questions will be based on antonyms, synonyms, homonyms, word power, to infer meaning, correct spelling etc. to test the vocabulary accuracy of the candidate.

* 3 questions of 5 marks each will be put up in the form of MCQ

Section III - Grammar

This section shall comprise of a variety of short questions involving the use of various structures. Parts of Speech, Phrases, Clauses, Sentences and their types, Narration, Voice, Subject Verb Agreement, Punctuation, Verb Patterns, Question tags, Parts of Speech.

* Five questions based on different grammar topics shall be put. Each question will carry five marks each. Questions will be in the form of MCQs.

Section IV - History of English Literature and general awareness. MCQs based on the Classical and Contemporary literary work. Assorted and miscellaneous questions pertaining to important quotes, characters, sayings, novels, dramas and plays etc. Questions related to famous novels, dramas, poems, and their authors/poets. Prize Winner Books, Biographies, Autobiographies, Movies based on famous novels etc.

* The section carries 30 marks.

Note: The pattern for TGT and PGT remains the same. It is the degree of difficulty that varies. Candidates appearing for the TGT need to be well versed with the graduation level syllabus of English Literature and candidates appearing for the PT need to have command over the basic PG syllabus generally.