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## Reading Comprehension: Competitive Exam Tips and Strategy

Reading Comprehension holds a significant importance in English language section of competitive examinations. It has a set of questions whose solutions are embedded within the provided comprehension, and candidates can proficiently respond to these questions with accuracy when prepared and well-practiced. For those gearing up for upcoming competitive examinations, it's essential to recognize that the Verbal ability section is often challenging, due to the presence of similar and confusing options. So, it is necessary to approach questions from this section with concentration and attentiveness to avoid losing valuable marks.



# READING COMPREHENSION



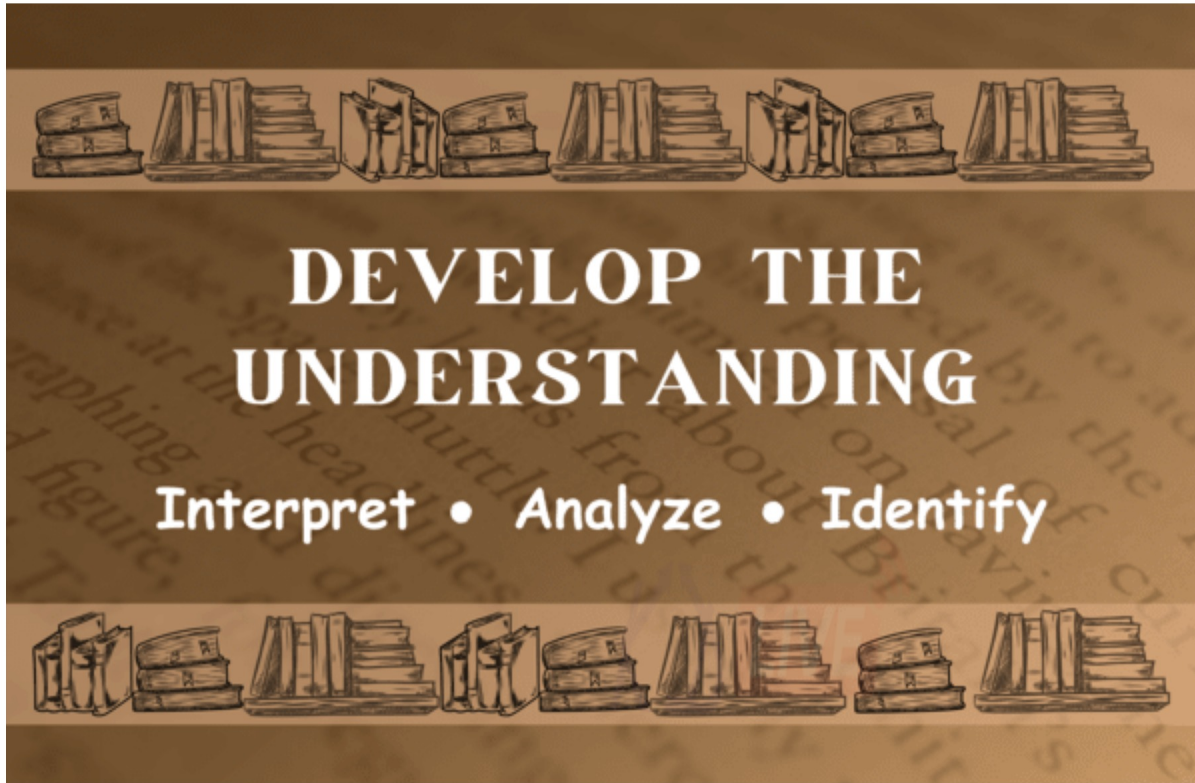
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In this article, we provide an overview of reading comprehensions for competitive exams such as SSC, RRB, Banking, and many others with straightforward tips to assist you in answering the questions more effectively.

## Reading Comprehension: Developing the Understanding

Reading Comprehension requires the skill of actively reading and comprehending the information, present in passages, to effectively answer the given set of questions. To excel in this section, you must:

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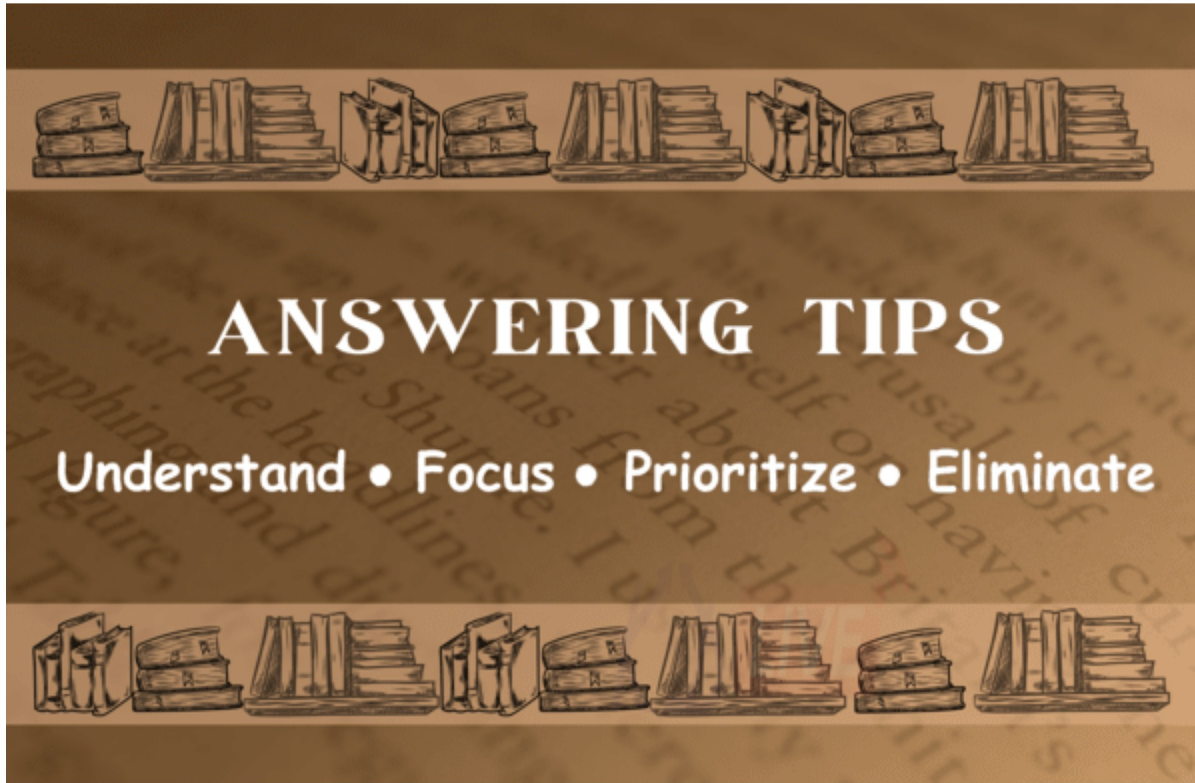
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1. Interpret the tone and style adopted in the comprehension. Achieve an understanding of the core message conveyed in the passage.
2. Use the information provided in the comprehension to answer the questions accurately and according to the text.
3. The length of the given reading comprehension and the vocabulary in it might initially seem tough. However, once you begin reading it, comprehending its content and answering the associated questions becomes more manageable.
4. Analyze the importance of each paragraph. Understand how they contribute to the overall message or argument.
5. Identify and interpret the author's tone. Is it persuasive, informative, critical, or something else?

## Answering Tips for Comprehension

When tackling Reading Comprehensions, certain rules can improve your performance:

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1. **Understand the Message:** Grasp the central message the author is conveying in the comprehension.
2. **Identify Key Arguments:** Recognize the primary arguments the author is using to support their point.
3. **Author's Tone:** Pay attention to the author's tone, which can range from mocking and curious to respectful or condescending. Look out for negative conjunctions such as "but," "nevertheless," "however," and "in spite of." These words often indicate a shift in the author's tone.
4. **Read Questions in One Go:** Reading the questions and then interpreting the relevant information can help you frame answers quickly.
5. **Focus on beginning and end:** Pay special attention to the introduction and conclusion of the reading comprehension. These sections often hold key information that can help in answering questions related to the passage's main topic, tone, or summary.
6. **Prioritize Vocabulary-Based Questions:** Address the questions that include vocabulary-related tasks like antonyms, synonyms, or other word-based queries from the reading comprehension first. These can save time.
7. **Eliminate the Options:** English sections are tricky due to confusing options. If you're unsure of an answer, begin eliminating options that you believe are incorrect until you arrive at the one you are most confident about.



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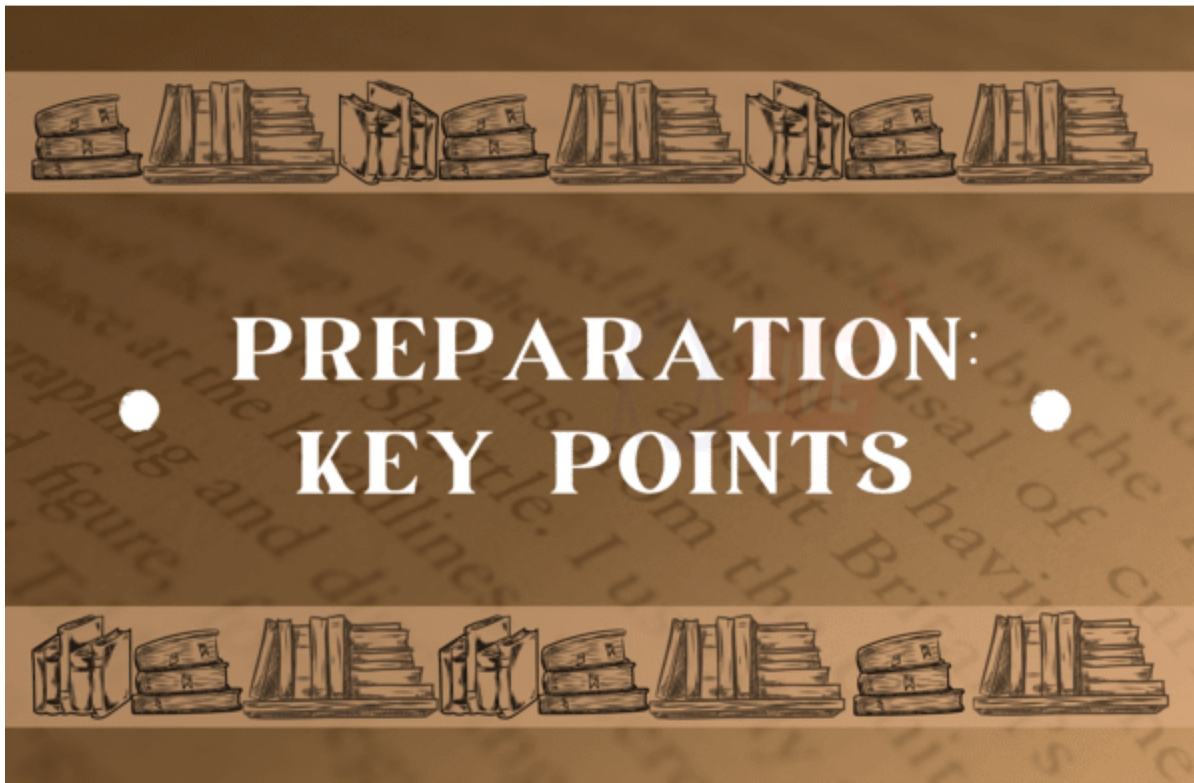
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In reading comprehension, the main rule is to comprehend what you read. While the ability to read quickly can be helpful, comprehension is always more important.

## Reading Comprehension: Key Points for Preparation

Below, we offer some tips to enhance your preparation for this section:



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1. Understand the various types of questions that commonly appear in reading comprehensions. These may include questions on main ideas, details, inferences, author's tone, vocabulary and more.
2. Recognise the skills like analytical thinking, critical reasoning, and the ability to extract and synthesize information from the reading comprehension.
3. Consider how to enhance your reading comprehension skills over time. This could involve practicing regularly, expanding your vocabulary, and enhancing your ability to understand complex texts.
4. A good score in comprehension-based questions can be achieved through practice as the answers are typically straightforward and can be located within the given text itself.
5. Another important tip for reading comprehension questions is to get an idea of the topics from which the comprehension passages may be drawn. Comprehensions are frequently based on current events, economy, social, philosophy, psychology, because applicants are likely to have encountered the news through various sources, thereby being aware of the topic.
6. A highly effective tip to enhance your performance in the reading comprehension section is to develop the habit of reading newspapers. Approach your newspaper reading with a strategic mindset, particularly from the examination perspective. By regularly engaging with such diverse and well-written content, you not only improve your comprehension skills but also stay informed gain a broader perspective.

You should not spend excessive time on any one reading comprehension if you are struggling to answer the questions. Effective time management is important in major competitive exams, and dedicating too much time to a single question can impact your final scores.

## Sample Question for Reading Comprehension

**The following reading comprehension has a set of questions below, read the passage and answer the questions:**

The Amazon Rainforest, often referred to as the "Lungs of the Earth," is the largest tropical rainforest on the planet, covering over 5.5 million square kilometers (2.1 million square miles) in South America. This lush and biodiverse ecosystem plays an important role in regulating the Earth's climate, as it absorbs vast amounts of carbon dioxide and produces a significant portion of the world's oxygen.

The Amazon Rainforest is home to a huge variety of plant and animal species, many of which remain undiscovered by science. From jaguars and tapirs to toucans and poison dart frogs, the diversity of life here is awe-inspiring. Indigenous communities have lived in harmony with this rainforest for generations, relying on its resources while preserving its delicate balance.

However, the Amazon faces numerous threats, including deforestation, illegal logging, and agricultural expansion. Large swathes of the rainforest are being cleared for farming and cattle ranching, leading to habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity. Climate change compounds these problems, causing more frequent droughts and fires.



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Protecting the Amazon Rainforest is not only vital for the well-being of local communities and wildlife but also for the global climate. Efforts to combat deforestation, support sustainable development, and preserve this invaluable natural treasure are essential.

**1. What is the Amazon Rainforest often called due to its ecological significance?**

- a) The Green Jungle b) The Biodiversity Hub c) The Lungs of the Earth d) The Tropical Paradise

**Answer: c) The Lungs of the Earth**

**2. What does the term "biodiverse" mean in the context of the passage?**

- a) Abundant rainfall and humidity b) A wide variety of plant and animal species c) Sustainable agricultural practices d) Decreased oxygen production

**Answer: b) A wide variety of plant and animal species**

**3. What role does the Amazon Rainforest play in the global environment?**

- a) Producing oil and natural gas b) Regulating the Earth's climate c) Supporting the fishing industry d) Generating wind energy

**Answer: b) Regulating the Earth's climate**

**4. What are some of the threats facing the Amazon Rainforest mentioned in the passage?**

- a) Volcanic eruptions and tsunamis b) Deforestation, illegal logging, and agricultural expansion c) Heavy rainfall and flooding d) Wildlife overpopulation

**Answer: b) Deforestation, illegal logging, and agricultural expansion**

**5. Why is it essential to protect the Amazon Rainforest according to the passage?**

- a) To boost the global timber industry b) To support tourism in the region c) To maintain the balance of the global climate and preserve biodiversity  
d) To extract natural resources for industrial use

**Answer: c) To maintain the balance of the global climate and preserve biodiversity**

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Reading comprehension demands not only the ability to read but, more importantly, the skill to understand and interpret text effectively. By grasping the central message of passages, identifying key arguments, and discerning the author's tone, candidates can navigate this section with greater proficiency. To excel in Reading Comprehension, it's essential to prioritize comprehension over speed, ensuring that every word is comprehended. Additionally, familiarity with different question types, strategic reading, and the elimination method can significantly enhance one's performance.



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In wrapping up our exploration of Reading Comprehension, we invite you, to actively engage with us. Have you discovered unique strategies that have helped you succeed in this challenging aspect of exams? Your comments can not only enrich our learning community but also inspire and assist fellow aspirants on their journey. Please feel free to share your thoughts, questions, or any valuable tips you may have in the comments section below. If you wish to read more of such informative content, visit [KD Live](#). We are always here to help and motivate you.



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