



TNPSC GROUP II/IIA - 2025

GENERAL ENGLISH

SYLLABUS

Unit I: Grammar (25 Questions)

1. Parts of speech
2. Concord
3. Tense
4. Active voice and passive voice
5. Types of sentences:
 1. Statement, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory,
 2. Transformation of statements into imperatives,
 3. Interrogatives into statements,
 4. Assertives into negatives,
 5. Exclamatory sentences into Statement,
 6. Imperatives into Inquisitive Interrogatives,
 7. Imperatives into Appreciative Statements.
6. Verbs:
 1. Main Verbs and Auxiliary Verbs ,
 2. Regular and Irregular Verbs,
 3. Infinitives, Gerunds, Participles,
7. Question tags
8. Sentence patterns
9. Types of sentences:
 1. Simple, Compound and Complex, Phrases and clauses
 2. Degrees of comparison: Positive, Comparative and Superlative,
 3. Direct into Indirect and Indirect to Direct
10. Synthesis of sentences
11. Punctuations.

Unit II: Vocabulary (15 Questions)

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| 1. Synonyms, | 3. Homonyms, |
| 2. Antonyms, | 4. Homophones, |

5. Collocations,
6. Idioms & Phrases,
7. Phrasal verbs,
8. Spelling of words,
9. Correct usage of words,
10. One word substitution,
11. Word creation,

12. Singular and plural (including Zero plural),
13. Derivatives
14. Abbreviations,
15. British and American English,
16. Compound words and
17. Figures of speech.

Unit III: Writing Skills (10 Questions)

1. Letter writing (formal and informal) – Types of Letters (Multiple Choice Question),
2. Jumbled sentences,
3. Finding out the right order of sentences,
4. Making queries (Multiple Choice Question),
5. Inferences,
6. Blanks,
7. Substitutions.

Unit IV: Technical Terms (10 Questions)

1. Administrative Terms,
2. Department related, General and Official terms,
3. Official Correspondence (only basics).

Unit V: Reading Comprehension (20 Questions)

1. Unseen passages (News Paper, Headlines, Editorials, Government related News),
2. Question Types:
 1. Strong question,
 2. Weak question,
 3. Match the following,
 4. Sentence Completion,
 5. Ascertainment of facts (Multiple Choice Question)
 6. Choose the best response.

Unit VI: Translation (5 Questions)

1. Word Translation,
2. Sentence Translation,
3. Tense related translation tasks,
4. Tense/ Voice related tasks.

Unit VII: Literary Works (15 Questions) (SSLC Standard)

1. Figures of Speech;
2. Appreciation and Analysis of Poetry;
3. Lines of Significance

Poems: (Old Syllabus - 16, Newly added - 14)

1. I Dream of Spices – Raj Arumugam
2. The Crocodile – Lewis Carroll
3. Teamwork – Edger Albert Guest
4. From a Railway Carriage – Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson
5. A Tragic Story – William Makepeace Thackeray
6. Sea Fever – John Masefield
7. Courage – Edger Albert Guest
8. The Age of Chivalry – George Krokos
9. Wandering Singers – Sarojini Naidu
10. The Listeners – Walter de la mere
11. Your Space – David Bates
12. Special Hero – Christine M. Kerschan
13. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening – Robert Frost
14. Leisure – William Henry Davies
15. A Poison Tree – William Blake
16. The Power of a Smile – Tupac Shakur
17. On Killing a Tree – Gieve Patel
18. Advice from a Tree – Ilan Shamir
19. The Spider and The Fly – Mary Howitt
20. Never Trust a Mirror – Erin Hanson
21. The River – Ilan Shamir
22. Nature the Gentlest Mother – Emily Dickinson
23. The Comet – Norman Littleford
24. The Star – Jane Taylor
25. The Stick-Together Families – Edgar Albert Guest
26. Memories of My Dad – Rebecca D. cook

27. Life – Henry Van Dyke
28. **The Grumble Family - L.M. Montgomery**
29. The Secret of the Machines – Rudyard Kipling
30. The House on Elm Street – Naida Bush.

Prose: (Old syllabus – 11; Newly added – 18)

1. His First Flight – Liam O’ Flaherty
2. **The Night the Ghost Got In – James Grover Thurber**
3. **Empowered Women Navigating the World**
4. **The Attic – Satyajit Ray**
5. **Tech Bloomers**
6. The Last Lesson – Alphonse Daudet
7. The Dying Detective - Arthur Canon Doyle
8. Learning The Game - Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar
9. **I Can’t Climb Trees Anymore – Ruskin Bond**
10. **Old Man River – Dorothy Deming (Drama)**
11. **Seventeen Oranges – Bill Naughton**
12. Water – The Elixir of Life – Sir C.V. Raman
13. **From Zero to Infinity – Biography of Srinivasa Ramanujan**
14. A Birthday Letter – Jawaharlal Nehru
15. The Nose Jewel – C.Rajagopalachari
16. **Hobby – Turns A Successful Career**
17. Sir Isaac Newton – The Ingenious Scientist – Nathaniel Hawthorne
18. My Reminiscence – Rabindranath Tagore
19. **Sea Turtles – Sheker Dattatri**
20. **When the Trees Walked – Ruskin Bond**
21. **A Visitor from Distant Lands**
22. **Sports Stars – Mithali Dorai Raj**
23. **The Last Stone Carver – Sigrun Srivastav**
24. **Eidgah – Munshi Premchand**
25. **The Wind on Haunted Hill – Ruskin Bond**
26. **A Prayer to the Teacher – Subroto Bagchi**
27. The Tempest – Tales From Shakespeare
28. **A Hunter Turned Naturalist – Jim Corbett**
29. The Cat and the Painkiller (An Extract from the Adventures of Tom Sawyer) – Mark Twain.