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Dedication

- *My deep gratefulness to the Almighty, who motivates us and provides the spark and strength to our endeavours.*
- *For my parents who are not in this world, yet always with us and whose blessings I always need.*
- *My love to my children and grandchildren whose affection reassures my life.*

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

For an author, every book (new or revised) is a piece of creation, a dream come true. While embarking on a writing project, authors initially have a translucent image in their mind about the project. The picture gradually emerges clearer as he/she keeps working and improving on the manuscript. In my case, the vision was to create reader-friendly books on the objective and subjective aspects of the English language that would be of relevance to aspirants preparing for competitive examinations.

This book 'Compulsory English' addresses the 'subjective' aspects of competitive examinations and covers the topics like essay, précis, comprehension, etc. The subjective aspect is a very important component of examinations conducted by UPSC, State Public Service Commissions, Reserve Bank of India, State Bank of India and many other organisations.

I am confident that this revised edition with the latest-UPSC solved papers will serve the required purpose most effectively. Readers are the best judge and I look forward to their constructive feedback. I thank Mrs Uma Rani Sinha who has collaborated with me on this project.

Hari Mohan Prasad

Major Examinations Covered in This Book

INTRODUCTION

The book has been designed and developed keeping in view the requirements of the Civil Services Main Examination and other examinations like Indian Forest Service, Indian Economic or Statistical Services and Geologist Examination etc. The book also covers fully the syllabuses of several State Public Service Examinations and Judicial Services Examination.

The book also will also be useful for judicial services examination of Delhi State, CLAT (Common Law Entrance Test), RBI and SBI examinations.

Given below is a brief description of the syllabus of different examinations of the English paper for which the book is intended.

CIVIL SERVICES MAIN EXAMINATION

The aim of the paper is to test the candidate's ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and to express his ideas clearly and correctly in English.

The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows :

- (i) Comprehension of given passages.
- (ii) Précis Writing
- (iii) Usage and Vocabulary
- (iv) Short Essay

INDIAN STATISTICAL SERVICES/INDIA ECONOMIC SERVICES

Candidates will be required to write an essay in English. Other questions will be designed to test their understanding of English and workmanlike use of words. Passages will usually be set for summary or précis.

GEOLOGISTS EXAMINATION

Candidates will be required to write a short Essay in English. Other questions will be designed to test their understanding of English and workmanlike use of words.

INDIAN FOREST SERVICE EXAMINATION

Candidates will be required to write an essay in English. Other questions will be designed to test their understanding of English and workmanlike use of words. Passages will usually be set for summary or précis.

WEST BENGAL PUBLIC SERVICE JUDICIAL EXAMINATION

English Composition, essay, précis writing

WEST BENGAL CIVIL SERVICES MAIN EXAMINATION

Letter writing (within 150 words)/Drafting of Report (within 200 words), Précis Writing, Composition and Translation from Bengali/Hindi/Urdu/Nepali/Santali to English.

WEST BENGAL PSC JUDICIAL SERVICES MAINS EXAM

- English Essay (1000-1100 words)
- Précis
- Words and Phrases
- Comprehension
- Corrections

HPSC (HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION) EXAM

Questions to test the candidate's capacity to understand and write good English. The paper will comprise précis writing expansion, tests in vocabulary and any other form of composition that may be suitable.

HIMACHAL PRADESH JUDICIAL SERVICE EXAM

A choice from three Essays in English on general subjects.
Translation of Hindi passage into English.

HIMACHAL PRADESH ADMINISTRATIVE (MAIN) COMPETITIVE EXAM

The candidates will be tested based on Comprehension of English, correct grammatical expression, clarity & precision. The areas of testing are:

- English
- Vocabulary
- English Composition
- Comprehension of Passages
- Précis Writing

MANIPUR PUBLIC SERVICE EXAMINATION

- Comprehension of given passages
- Précis Writing
- Usage and Vocabulary
- Short Essay

Major Examinations Covered in This Book

MANIPUR JUDICIAL SERVICE

- Essay Writing
- Précis Writing
- Grammar etc.

MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- Essay
- Translation of Marathi passage into English
- Précis-writing
- Letter/Application/Report/Complaint/Request
- Grammar

DELHI JUDICIAL SERVICES

- Essay, Translation and
- Precise writing

MIZORAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- a) Essay Writing
- b) Précis Writing
- c) Letter Writing
- d) Idioms & Phrases
- e) Expansion of passages
- f) Comprehension of given passages

ANDHRA PRADESH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EXAMINATION

- Comprehension
 - Precis-writing
 - Re-arrangement of sentences
 - Correction of sentences
 - Synonyms, Antonyms
 - Filling in the blanks and Correction of spellings
 - Vocabulary and usage
 - Verb, Tenses, Prepositions
 - Active voice and Passive voice
 - Parts of speech
- Paper I (General Essay)

ODISHA JUDICIAL SERVICES EXAMINATION

- (a) Translation and Retranslation of ten lines each
- (b) A short Essay about 150 words
- (c) Précis writing consisting of 300 words

ASOM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EXAM

Candidates will be required to write an essay in English. Other questions will be designed to test their understanding of English and workmanlike use of words. Passages will usually be set for summary or précis.

COMMON LAW ADMISSION TEST (CLAT)

English including Comprehension. In the comprehension section, candidates will be questioned on their understanding of the passage and its central theme, meanings of words used therein etc. The grammar section requires correction of incorrect grammatical sentences, filling blanks in sentences with appropriate words, etc.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

1. Essay
2. Précis writing
3. Comprehension
4. Letter/Report writing

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**Grade B Officers Examination**

- Essay
- Précis
- Comprehension
- Vocabulary based on the passage
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