English Language — Free Notes

Reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, error spotting, fillers, para-jumbles and cloze tests.

Key topics

Reading Comprehension: Find the main idea, tone and inference; read questions before the passage.

Grammar & Error Spotting: Subject-verb agreement, tenses, articles, prepositions, parallelism, pronouns.

Vocabulary: Synonyms, antonyms, idioms and phrases, one-word substitution, commonly confused words.

Sentence Improvement & Fillers: Choose the option that fits grammar and meaning; check both blanks in double fillers.

Para Jumbles: Find the opening sentence, then link pronouns, connectors and time order.

Cloze Test: Read the full passage once for context before filling blanks.

Study tips

• Read one editorial a day and note 5 new words.
• Revise grammar rules with 20 error-spotting questions daily.
• Attempt RC first if you are strong at reading.

Practice questions

1. Choose the correct sentence.
(A) Each of the boys have a book. (B) Each of the boys has a book. (C) Each of the boy has a book. (D) Each of the boys having a book.
Answer: B. 'Each' is singular, so it takes the singular verb 'has' with plural 'boys'.

2. Synonym of 'Abundant':
(A) Scarce (B) Plentiful (C) Rare (D) Tiny
Answer: B. Abundant means existing in large quantities — plentiful.

3. Antonym of 'Transparent':
(A) Clear (B) Opaque (C) Obvious (D) Bright
Answer: B. Transparent lets light through; opaque does not.

4. Meaning of the idiom 'to burn the midnight oil':
(A) To waste money (B) To work late into the night (C) To start a fire (D) To be very angry
Answer: B. It means studying or working late at night.

5. One word for 'a person who can speak many languages':
(A) Linguist (B) Polyglot (C) Bilingual (D) Orator
Answer: B. A polyglot knows and uses several languages.

6. Fill in the blank: She is good ___ mathematics.
(A) in (B) at (C) on (D) with
Answer: B. The correct preposition is 'good at' a subject or skill.

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