#### 1. Percentage

- **Basic Formula**: x% of  $y=x100\times yx\% \text{ of } y = \frac{x}{100} \times y$
- % Change: Increase or DecreaseOriginal×100\frac{\text{Increase or Decrease}}{\text{Original}} \times 100
- **Successive** % **Change**: a+b+ab100a + b + \frac{ab}{100}
  - Ex: Increase by 20%, then decrease by 10% \( \text{ 20-10-(20×10)/100=8% net increase20 10 (20\times10)/100 = 8\% \text{ net increase} \)
- Shortcut: If options are far apart, try plugging in 100 directly to simplify.

#### 2. Average

Average = Sum of all valuesNumber of values\frac{\text{Sum of all values}}{\text{Number of values}}

Add/Remove Element: New total=New avg×n\text{New total} = \text{New avg} \times n

For consecutive numbers: average = middle number.

#### 3. Ratio & Proportion

- Ratio: a:b=aba:b = \frac{a}{b}
- If a:b = m:n and b:c = p:q, then a:c =  $mn \times pq \cdot frac\{m\}\{n\} \cdot frac\{p\}\{q\}$
- Convert ratio to actual numbers: Multiply each ratio term by same factor.

#### 4. Profit & Loss

Profit = SP - CP; Loss = CP - SP

%Profit=ProfitCP×100\%Profit = \frac{Profit}{CP} \times 100, %Loss=LossCP×100\%Loss = \frac{Loss}{CP} \times 100

 $SP = CP \times (1 + profit\%100) \times (1 + frac\{profit\%\}\{100\})$ 

 $CP = SP \div (1+profit%100) \cdot (1 + \frac{profit}{3}(100))$ 

#### 5. Time & Work

• Work = Time × Rate; Efficiency is inverse of time.

If A does work in x days, B in y days:

Together:  $1x+1y\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$ 

Shortcut: LCM method – assume total work = LCM of days

#### 6. Time, Speed & Distance

Speed=DistanceTime\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}

Units:

1 km/hr = 5/18 m/s

1 m/s = 18/5 km/hr

Relative Speed:

Same direction: v1-v2v\_1 - v\_2

Opposite direction: v1+v2v\_1 + v\_2

# 7. Simple & Compound Interest

SI =  $P \times R \times T100 \setminus F \times R \times T = P \times R \times T100$ 

 $CI = P(1+R100)TP (1 + \frac{R}{100})^T$ 

For 2 years CI: CI=P(R100+(R100)2)CI = P \left(\frac{R}{100} + \left(\frac{R}{100}\right)^2 \right)

Difference between CI & SI (2 years): P×R21002\frac{P \times R^2}{100^2}

#### 8. Probability & Permutation

Probability = Favorable outcomesTotal outcomes\frac{\text{Favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total outcomes}}

 $nPr = n!(n-r)! \{(n-r)!\}$ 

nCr = n!r!(n-r)! frac(n!)(r!(n-r)!)

If order doesn't matter \\ Use nCr

#### 9. Statistics

Mean = Average

Median = Middle value (sorted data)

Mode = Most frequent value

For grouped data: Use assumed mean method for quick calculation

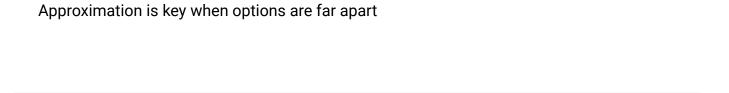
#### 10. Data Interpretation

Understand chart/table before solving

- Estimate values if options are distant
- For pie charts: each 1% = 360100=3.6\frac{360}{100} = 3.6\circ
- Percentage change questions common in DI

#### Speed Tips:

- Eliminate options that are too high/low
- Plug options back into question
- Memorize basic squares, cubes, % to fraction conversions (like 12.5% = 1/8)



TCS NQT - Logical Reasoning Cheat Sheet (Shortcuts & Solving Techniques)

#### 1. Blood Relations

Use family tree method.

Replace names with symbols:

Male: Square; Female: Circle

Horizontal: Same generation

Vertical: Parent-child

Common terms:

Maternal = Mother's side

Paternal = Father's side

**Quick Tip**: Work backward from the question.

#### 2. Direction Sense

• Keep a compass sketch (N, S, E, W).

Turn Left 

Anti-clockwise; Right 

Clockwise

Watch for: net displacement vs total distance

**Example**: Starts facing East \( \mathbb{I} \) Left turn = North

# 3. Seating Arrangement

**Linear**: Left-right based on orientation

Facing North 🛭 Left is left

Facing South \( \mathbb{M} \) Left is right

Circular:

Facing center \( \mathbb{I} \) Left is clockwise

Facing outward 🛭 Left is anti-clockwise

**Trick**: Fix one person and work around.

# 4. Syllogism

Use **Venn Diagrams**:

All A are B 🛭 A inside B

Some A are B 🛭 Overlap

No A is B 🛭 Separate circles

#### Keywords to decode:

All, Some, None, Can't Say

# 5. Coding-Decoding

Check position of letters (A=1, B=2...)

Find patterns:

Reverse order?

+1 or -1 shift?

For symbol/number codes, match known words.

#### 6. Number Series

Look for:

Addition/Subtraction

Multiplication/Division

Square, Cube, Prime patterns

Tip: Check difference between terms first.

# 7. Alphabet Series

Know positions (A=1 to Z=26)

Watch for:

Alternate letters

+2, -3 jumps

**Trick**: Write sequence on paper to visualize.

# 8. Data Sufficiency

Two statements given:

Use one alone?

Combine both?

Answer format:

A: Only 1 alone

B: Only 2 alone

C: Both needed

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D: Either alone

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E: Neither works

# 9. Decision Making

Judge based on rules/conditions

Eliminate options violating any rule

### 10. Figure & Factual Analysis

Observe changes in:

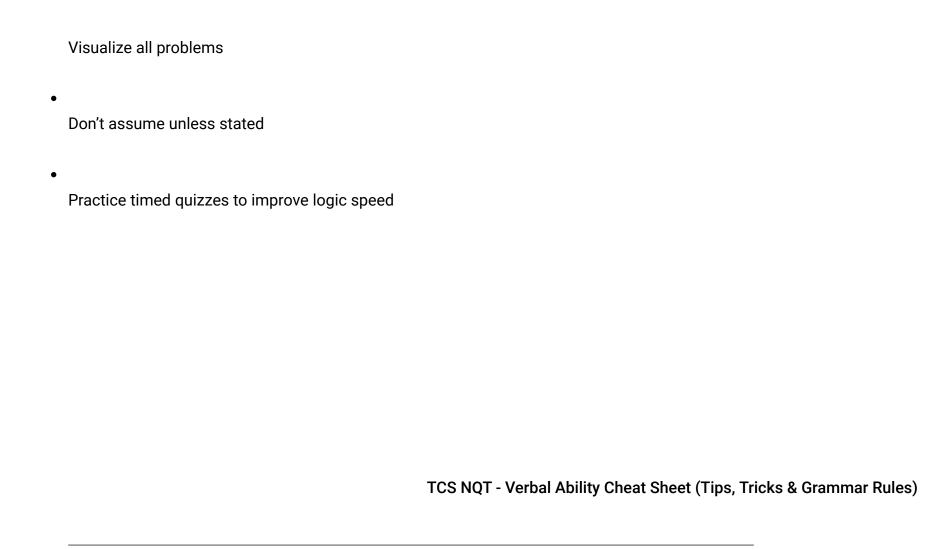
Shape, Size, Position

Look for mirror images, rotations

Pattern Tip: Count edges, lines, or shaded parts

**☐ Speed Strategy:** 

Use table/chart for relations



### 1. Sentence Rearrangement (Para Jumbles)

Look for:

Opening sentence: Usually introduces subject.

Pronouns: Sentences with "he", "it", etc. refer to earlier nouns.

Link words: "However", "Moreover", etc. indicate flow.

Tip: Find pairs of sentences that logically connect.

### 2. Reading Comprehension (RC)

Skim First: Read the first & last lines of para for the main idea.

Then read Qs, return to passage for answers.

Watch for synonyms – questions may paraphrase the passage.

Eliminate extreme or unrelated options first.

# 3. Error Detection / Spotting Errors

Check one part at a time. Common error areas:

Subject-Verb Agreement

Tense consistency

Preposition misuse

Article misuse (a, an, the)

Trick: Read aloud in your head to sense grammatical errors.

### 4. Sentence Completion

- Understand the tone: Positive, negative, contrast?
- Look for linking clues: "but", "because", "although", etc.
- Eliminate irrelevant or grammatically incorrect options.

#### 5. Tenses

Present: I eat, He eats 🛭 habit/general truth

Future: I will eat 🛭 upcoming action

Common mistakes:

Using past when present is needed

Mixing tenses in one sentence

#### 6. Prepositions

Common phrases:

Depend **on**, similar **to**, prefer **to**, listen **to** 

Use "in" for months/years, "on" for days, "at" for time

# 7. Subject-Verb Agreement

Singular subject = singular verb: The boy is playing.

Plural subject = plural verb: The boys are playing.

Be careful with words like: everyone, nobody  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$  singular

#### 8. Articles

- a/an for general things (a book, an apple)
- the for specific items (the sun, the book on the table)

### 9. Vocabulary Tips

Learn common root words:

"bene" (good): benefit, benevolent

"mal" (bad): malfunction, malice

Prefixes/suffixes help guess meaning.

# 10. Common Confusing Words

Affect (verb) vs Effect (noun)

Accept (receive) vs Except (excluding)

Its (belonging to it) vs It's (it is)

#### Speed Tips:

- Read questions before RC passage.
- Eliminate options smartly (grammatical or logical mismatch).
- Memorize high-frequency words.
- Practice with mock tests for grammar spotting.