

## 1. Percentage

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**Basic Formula:**  $x\% \text{ of } y = \frac{x}{100} \times y$

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**% Change:**  $\frac{\text{Increase or Decrease}}{\text{Original}} \times 100$

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**Successive % Change:**  $a + b + \frac{ab}{100}$

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Ex: Increase by 20%, then decrease by 10%  $\Rightarrow 20 - 10 - \frac{(20 \times 10)}{100} = 8\%$  net increase

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**Shortcut:** If options are far apart, try plugging in 100 directly to simplify.

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## 2. Average

- **Average** =  $\frac{\text{Sum of all values}}{\text{Number of values}}$
  - **Add/Remove Element:**  $\text{New total} = \text{New avg} \times n$   
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  - For consecutive numbers: average = middle number.
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## 3. Ratio & Proportion

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

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## 4. Profit & Loss

- Profit = SP - CP; Loss = CP - SP
- $\% \text{Profit} = \frac{\text{Profit}}{\text{CP}} \times 100$ ,  $\% \text{Loss} = \frac{\text{Loss}}{\text{CP}} \times 100$
- $\text{SP} = \text{CP} \times (1 + \frac{\% \text{Profit}}{100})$
- $\text{CP} = \frac{\text{SP}}{1 + \frac{\% \text{Profit}}{100}}$

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## 5. Time & Work

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

- If A does work in x days, B in y days:
  - Together:  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$
  - Shortcut: LCM method – assume total work = LCM of days
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## 6. Time, Speed & Distance

- $\text{Speed} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Time}}$
- Units:
- $1 \text{ km/hr} = \frac{5}{18} \text{ m/s}$

- 1 m/s = 18/5 km/hr

Relative Speed:

- Same direction:  $v_1 - v_2$  or  $v_1 + v_2$
- Opposite direction:  $v_1 + v_2$  or  $v_1 - v_2$

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## 7. Simple & Compound Interest

- $SI = \frac{P \times R \times T}{100}$

- $CI = P \left(1 + \frac{R}{100}\right)^T$

- For 2 years CI:  $CI = P \left( \frac{R}{100} + \left( \frac{R}{100} \right)^2 \right)$
  - Difference between CI & SI (2 years):  $P \times R^2 \times \frac{1}{100^2}$
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## 8. Probability & Permutation

- Probability =  $\frac{\text{Favorable outcomes}}{\text{Total outcomes}}$
- $nPr = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$
- $nCr = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$
- If order doesn't matter → Use  $nCr$

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## 9. Statistics

- Mean = Average
- Median = Middle value (sorted data)
- Mode = Most frequent value
- For grouped data: Use assumed mean method for quick calculation

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## 10. Data Interpretation

- Understand chart/table before solving

- Estimate values if options are distant
  - For pie charts: each 1% =  $\frac{360}{100} = 3.6^\circ$
  - Percentage change questions common in DI
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#### ⌘ 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)
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Approximation is key when options are far apart

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

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### 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.

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## 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 ⇨ Left turn = North

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### 3. Seating Arrangement

- **Linear:** Left-right based on orientation
  - Facing North ⇨ Left is left
  - Facing South ⇨ Left is right

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**Circular:**

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Facing center → Left is clockwise

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Facing outward → Left is anti-clockwise

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

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## 4. Syllogism

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**Use Venn Diagrams:**

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All A are B → A inside B

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Some A are B → Overlap

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No A is B → Separate circles

Keywords to decode:

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All, Some, None, Can't Say

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## 5. Coding-Decoding

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

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Find patterns:

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Reverse order?

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+1 or -1 shift?

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For symbol/number codes, match known words.

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## 6. Number Series

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Look for:

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Addition/Subtraction

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Multiplication/Division

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Square, Cube, Prime patterns

Tip: Check difference between terms first.

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## 7. Alphabet Series

- Know positions (A=1 to Z=26)
- Watch for:
  - Alternate letters
  - +2, -3 jumps

Trick: Write sequence on paper to visualize.

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## 8. Data Sufficiency

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Two statements given:

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Use one alone?

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Combine both?

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Answer format:

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A: Only 1 alone

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B: Only 2 alone



- C: Both needed
- D: Either alone
- E: Neither works

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## 9. Decision Making

- Judge based on rules/conditions
  - Eliminate options violating any rule
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## 10. Figure & Factual Analysis

- Observe changes in:
  - Shape, Size, Position
- Look for mirror images, rotations

**Pattern Tip:** Count edges, lines, or shaded parts

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☒ **Speed Strategy:**

- Use table/chart for relations
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Visualize all problems

- Don't assume unless stated
- Practice timed quizzes to improve logic speed

TCS NQT - Verbal Ability Cheat Sheet (Tips, Tricks & Grammar Rules)

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## 1. Sentence Rearrangement (Para Jumbles)

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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.
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## 2. Reading Comprehension (RC)

- **Skim First:** Read the first & last lines of para for the main idea.
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Then read Qs, return to passage for answers.

- Watch for synonyms – questions may paraphrase the passage.
  - Eliminate extreme or unrelated options first.
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### 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.

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## 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

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**Present:** I eat, He eats ☐ habit/general truth

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**Past:** I ate ☐ completed action

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**Future:** I will eat ☐ upcoming action

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**Perfect:** I have eaten ☐ action done

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Common mistakes:

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Using past when present is needed

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Mixing tenses in one sentence

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## 6. Prepositions

- Common phrases:
  - Depend **on**, similar **to**, prefer **to**, listen **to**
- Use “in” for months/years, “on” for days, “at” for time

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## 7. Subject-Verb Agreement

- Singular subject = singular verb: The boy **is** playing.
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**Plural subject = plural verb:** The boys **are** playing.

- Be careful with words like: everyone, nobody → singular
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## 8. Articles

- a/an for general things (a book, an apple)
  - the for specific items (the sun, the book on the table)
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## 9. Vocabulary Tips

- Learn common root words:

- "bene" (good): benefit, benevolent
  - "mal" (bad): malfunction, malice
  - Prefixes/suffixes help guess meaning.
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## 10. Common Confusing Words

- Affect (verb) vs Effect (noun)
- Accept (receive) vs Except (excluding)
- Its (belonging to it) vs It's (it is)

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☒ **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.
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