

How to Score High in CAPF Comprehension and Precis Writing - Complete Strategy for 2026

The **CAPF Assistant Commandant Exam** is one of the toughest competitive exams conducted by UPSC. While Paper I checks objective knowledge, **Paper II (Essay, Comprehension, and Precis Writing)** is where many aspirants either make or break their final selection.

Among all sections, **Comprehension and Precis Writing** carry significant weight. Scoring high here requires clarity, practice, and exam-oriented strategies. In this guide, you'll learn the best techniques to **score high in CAPF comprehension and precis writing for 2026**.

Importance of Comprehension & Precis in CAPF Paper II

- **Direct Impact on Merit:** Even a difference of 20-30 marks can decide selection.
- **Tests Officer-like Qualities:** Summarising, analyzing, and understanding are crucial skills for an Assistant Commandant.
- **Scoring Potential:** With proper strategy, these sections are easier to master than essays.

Section 1: How to Score High in CAPF Comprehension

1. Read the Passage Thoroughly

- Avoid skimming. Read **once for overall meaning** and **second time for details**.
- Underline **keywords, facts, and central ideas**.

2. Understand the Question Before Writing

- Many students copy irrelevant lines from the passage.
- Instead, **paraphrase the question** in your mind to ensure accuracy.

3. Write in Your Own Words

- UPSC values your ability to **interpret**, not copy.

- Use synonyms and reframe sentences without distorting meaning.

4. Keep Answers Short and Relevant

- Do not beat around the bush.
- If asked for two reasons, write **two crisp points** only.

5. Practice with Editorials

- Daily practice with **The Hindu, Indian Express, or PIB articles** helps in sharpening comprehension ability.

Section 2: How to Score High in CAPF Precis Writing

Precis writing tests your ability to **summarise long texts** into concise versions while preserving the essence.

1. Identify the Central Theme

- Ask: “What is the passage mainly about?”
- Eliminate examples, repetition, and extra details.

2. Maintain Logical Order

- Keep the sequence of ideas as in the passage.
- Don't randomly shuffle points.

3. Use Simple, Formal Language

- Avoid fancy or complex vocabulary.
- Keep it precise, neutral, and easy to read.

4. Observe Word Limit

- Precis should be **one-third of the original passage**.
- If the passage is 300 words, aim for 100 words.

5. Title Your Precis

- Give a **short, meaningful title** reflecting the central idea.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ❑ Copy-pasting sentences directly.
- ❑ Missing out the main idea while cutting examples.
- ❑ Making the precis longer than one-third.
- ❑ Using casual or vague language.
- ❑ Ignoring grammar and tense consistency.

7-Day Practice Plan

- **Day 1-2:** Practice 2 comprehension passages daily.
- **Day 3-4:** Write one precis daily with strict word count.
- **Day 5-6:** Attempt mixed practice (1 comprehension + 1 precis in one sitting).
- **Day 7:** Write a timed mock test for both.

How Victor Growth Coaching Helps in Comprehension & Precis Writing

At **Victor Growth Coaching, Kochi**, we ensure aspirants master these scoring sections with:

- **Daily comprehension and precis practice sessions.**
- **Expert feedback on writing** to correct grammar, structure, and conciseness.
- **Model answers with explanations** to show how UPSC expects responses.
- **Time-bound tests** to build speed and accuracy.
- **Language improvement workshops** for better vocabulary and sentence formation.

With **14+ years of experience** in UPSC and Defence exam coaching, Victor Growth has guided hundreds of successful candidates. If you want to score high in CAPF Paper II, Victor Growth is your trusted partner.

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FAQs on CAPF Comprehension and Precis Writing

Q1. How many marks are allocated for Comprehension and Precis in CAPF Paper II?

They carry around **30-40 marks combined**, making them crucial for overall success.

Q2. What is the word limit for Precis Writing in CAPF?

Precis should be about **one-third of the original passage length**.

Q3. Can I use quotes or examples in Precis Writing?

No, precis should **exclude examples, data, or quotations**—only the main idea remains.

Q4. How much time should I spend on Comprehension and Precis in the exam?

Around **1 hour collectively** — 30 minutes for comprehension and 30 minutes for precis.

Q5. How do I avoid copying from the passage in comprehension answers?

Paraphrase using **your own words** while keeping the meaning intact.

Q6. Is handwriting important for scoring in Paper II?

Yes, neat and legible handwriting helps the examiner read easily and award marks fairly.

Q7. Does Victor Growth provide individual feedback for writing practice?

Yes, Victor Growth offers **personalised evaluation** for every essay, comprehension, and precis attempt.

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