

Conjunction (समुच्चयबोधक)

SSC CGL English Grammar / Types, Correlatives, Common Errors

1. Conjunction kya hai?

Do words, phrases ya clauses ko jodne wala word. (and, but, or, because, although, if...)

Type	Words	Use
Coordinating (समानाधिकरण)	and, but, or, nor, yet, so, for	Barabar ke clauses jodta hai
Subordinating (व्यधिकरण)	because, since, although, though, if, unless, while, when, before, after, until, that, so that	Main + subordinate clause
Correlative	either...or, neither...nor, both...and, not only...but also, whether...or, hardly...when, no sooner...than, as...as, so...as	Jodi me aate hain

2. Correlatives ke rules

Parallelism: dono side same form!

- **Either...or / neither...nor:** "He is either a fool or a liar." Dono ke baad same part of speech.
- **Not only ... but also:** "He is not only intelligent but also hard-working." Dono ke baad same structure. "He not only sings but also dances."
- **Both ... and** (not "both ... as well as"): "Both Ram and Shyam came."
- **Whether ... or:** "I don't know whether he will come or not."
- **As ... as** (positive), **so ... as** (negative): "He is as tall as I." "He is not so tall as I."
- **Hardly/Scarcely ... when/before; No sooner ... than** ("then" [WRONG]).
- **Such ... as/that:** "such a nice boy that everybody loves him."

3. Use of important conjunctions

Conjunction	Rule/Example
Although / Though	Contrast. But/yet saath me nahi: "Although he is poor, he is honest." ("although ... but" [WRONG])
Because / Since / As / For	Reason: "He failed because he did not study."

Conjunction	Rule/Example
Unless	Negative if: "Unless you work hard, you will fail." (Unless ke saath not [WRONG] - already negative)
If	Condition: "If you work hard, you will pass."
Lest	Kahin ... na ho jaye: "Run fast lest you should miss the train." (lest ke saath should ya na; not use not)
Till / Until	Tak: "Wait till I come."
While / Whereas	Contrast/time: "He is rich whereas I am poor."
In order that / So that	Purpose: "He works hard so that he may succeed."
As if / As though	Aisa lagta hai: "He talks as if he were a king." (were)

Exam Trap (SSC)

- Lest + should: "Lest he should fail" - "lest he does not fail" [WRONG].
- Unless + not [WRONG]: "Unless he does not come" [WRONG] -> "Unless he comes".
- Because / for / as: "because" sabse strong reason, "for" me comma, "as" starting me.
- That (conjunction) aur which/who (relative) alag hain.
- Though + yet ok: "Though he is poor, yet he is honest" (SSC me galti nahi). Although ... but galat.
- Both ... as well as [WRONG]. Not only ... but also [RIGHT].
- Scarcely ... than [WRONG] -> scarcely ... when/before.
- As long as (jab tak), so long as; as soon as (jaise hi).
- Than comparative ke baad, then time ke liye: "taller than", "then he went".

4. Quick Revision

- Correlatives ke baad same part of speech (parallelism).
- Lest + should; Unless me not nahi.
- Hardly...when, No sooner...than.
- Although/Though ke saath but nahi.
- Neither...nor ke baad nearer subject se verb.

Q. "Hardly had he reached than..." sahi?

Ans. Galat. Sahi: "Hardly had he reached when..." (hardly ke saath when).

Q. "He is not only intelligent but also he is hard-working" sahi?

Ans. Galat (parallelism). Sahi: "He is not only intelligent but also hard-working."

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