Rules for Tenses

Aspirants who are preparing for the different Government exams must have a clear idea about the tenses rule for the English language section.

There are three types of tenses:
- Present Tense
- Past Tense
- Future Tense

Each of the three above mentioned tenses can further be divided into sub parts. These sub parts include:
- Simple
- Continuous
- Perfect
- Perfect Continuous

Given below are the rules of tenses for your reference:

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<th>Tense</th>
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<td>Subject + V1 + s/es + Object (Singular)</td>
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<td>Subject + V1 + Object (Plural)</td>
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<td>Simple Future Tense</td>
<td>Subject + will/shall + V1 + Object</td>
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Future Continuous Tense | Subject + will be/shall be + ing + V1 + Object
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Future Perfect Tense | Subject + will have/shall have + V3 + Object
Future Perfect Continuous Tense | Subject + will have been + V1 + ing + Object

In the above table,
V1 refers to first form of verb
V2 refers to second form of verb
V3 refers to the third form of verb

Given below are a few examples that may help simply the concept:
1. Raj speaks German (Simple Present for Singular)
2. They speak German (Simple Present for Plural)
3. She is speaking German (Present Continuous)
4. He has learnt German (Present Perfect for Singular)
5. They have learnt German (Present Perfect for Plural)
6. She has been learning German (Present Perfect Continuous for Singular)
7. They have been learning German (Present Perfect Continuous for Plural)
8. I played football yesterday (Simple Past)
9. I was playing football yesterday (Past Continuous for Singular)
10. They were playing football yesterday (Past Continuous for Plural)
11. They had played football yesterday (Past Perfect)
12. They had been playing football the entire yesterday (Past Perfect Continuous)
13. She will go to school tomorrow (Simple Future)
14. She will be going to the school tomorrow (Future Continuous)
15. She will have gone to school tomorrow (Future Perfect)
16. She will have been going to school tomorrow (Future Perfect Continuous)

To score more in the English language section, candidates must go through the above mentioned tenses rules and practise more with the help of different examples.