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# Preface

Main objective of this book is to supply a comprehensive resource that encompasses every conceivable type of question ranging from fundamental concepts to sophisticated levels. The content is organized in a logical manner. Each theme or chapter consists a diverse questions, also contains questions from different exams which provides students with extensive practice in tackling real world exam situations.

Embarking on a career through competitive exams is a difficult path, requiring not only dedication but also reliable study resources that are thorough and easy to use. The inspiration behind "Mastering MCQs" stemmed from this need, prompting the creation of a dependable guide for individuals preparing for a range of competitive exams, such as the UPSC, SSC, CUET and others.

# Exam Preparation Tips

## **1. Exam Format**

Start by carefully examining the official syllabus and exam format to understand what material to focus on and the layout of the paper.

## **2. Examine the Official Syllabus**

Start by carefully examining the official syllabus to understand what to study and the structure of the paper. Since every college's syllabus is unique, it is crucial to thoroughly examine the syllabus beforehand for effective preparation.

## **3. Make a Schedule**

Create a daily or weekly schedule that covers all subjects comprehensively and allots additional time for challenging subjects.

## **4. Practice of Mock Tests**

Take as many times mock tests from our book, as you can to reproduce actual test conditions, develop stamina, and make the most of your time.

## **5. Practice of Previous Year Papers**

Utilize last year's question paper to practice under simulated exam circumstances. Review your results and pinpoint areas where you can enhance your performance.

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## **Syllabus -**

**Questions from the Language Section will be from the following topics but are not limited to:**

### **1. Reading Comprehension:**

There will be three types of passages (maximum 300 words):

- i. Factual
- ii. Narrative
- iii. Literary

### **2. Verbal Ability**

- i. Rearranging the parts
- ii. Match the following
- iii. Choosing the correct word
- iv. Synonyms and Antonyms

## Chapter 1

Q 1. Complete the sentence with the most suitable option -

She will choose nothing else for dinner.....

- (1) except salad
- (2) only salad
- (3) than salad
- (4) none of these

Explanation -

Except word is added here for showing that particular thing exists

Q 2. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the word "Ambivalent":

- (1) Contadictory
- (2) Unresolved
- (3) Wavering
- (4) Opposed

Explanation -

Ambivalent means mixed feelings about something or someone or unable to decide between two ways or situations etc.

Q 3. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the word "Humble":

- (1) Showy
- (2) Luxurious
- (3) Uncivil
- (4) None of these

Explanation -

Uncivil is the most appropriate option

Q 4. Carpenter.....the table and had it set up :

- (1) Make
- (2) Manufactured
- (3) Constructed
- (4) Made

Q 5. Choose the correct option for filling the blank in following option :

Trouser fits on you, you.....take it :

- (1) need not
- (2) would
- (3) should
- (4) will

Explanation-

The correct option is 3 : "should", because modal should is used for giving advice or recommendations

Q 6. Select the correct synonym of 'Deceive':

- (1) happy
- (2) fine
- (3) wrong
- (4) None of these

Q 7. Complete the sentence with the most suitable option -

She will choose nothing else for dinner.....

- (1) except salad
- (2) only salad
- (3) than salad
- (4) none of these

Explanation -

Except word is added here for showing that particular thing exists

Q 8. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the word "Ambivalent":

- (1) Contadictory
- (2) Unresolved
- (3) Wavering
- (4) Opposed

Explanation -

Ambivalent means mixed feelings about something or someone or unable to decide between two ways or situations etc.

Q 9. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the word "Humble":

- (1) Showy
- (2) Luxurious
- (3) Uncivil
- (4) None of these

Explanation -

Uncivil is the most appropriate option

Q 10. Carpenter.....the table and had it set up :

- (1) Make
- (2) Manufactured
- (3) Constructed
- (4) Made

Q 11. Choose the correct option for filling the blank in following option :

Trouser fits on you, you.....take it :

- (1) need not

- (2) would
- (3) should
- (4) will

Explanation-

The correct option is 3 : "should", because modal should is used for giving advice or recommendations

Q 12. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word :

- (1) Contadictory
- (2) Connotations
- (3) Occured
- (4) None of these

Explanation -

The incorrect word is Occured, the correct spelling is "Occurred"

Q13. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word :

- (1) Segregation
- (2) Wilfull
- (3) Accommodation
- (4) Luxurious

Explanation -

The incorrect word is Wilful, correct spelling is "Willful" which means intentional

Q 14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word :

- (1) Accidentally
- (2) Immediately
- (3) Guarantee
- (4) Questionnaire

Explanation -

The incorrect word is Questionaire, correct spelling is "Questionnaire"

Q 15. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word :

- (1) Predominant
- (2) Refurbishment
- (3) Disappearence
- (4) Grasshopper

Explanation -

The incorrect word is Disappearence, correct spelling is "Disappearance"

Q 16. Complete the sentence with the suitable verb :

My younger brother.....to delhi last month.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) None of these

Q 17. Select the CORRECT word for a given sentence :

The grapes are.....

- (1) soar
- (2) sour
- (3) sore
- (4) None of these

Explanation -

The correct word is , so the correct option is 2

Q 18. A pair of books.....lying on the table.

- (1) is
- (2) are

(3) were

(4) am

Explanation -

"A pair of books" shows that it is a collective noun which comes with a singular helping verb, so "is" is the correct answer.

Q 19. Mr. Ramgopal.....his sons runs a business in the market.

(1) and

(2) with

(3) as well as

(4) None of these

Explanation -

"as well as" are used to join two subjects that's why option 3 is the correct answer.

Q 20. Select the CORRECT word for a given sentence :

He is.....for this post.

(1) illegible

(2) eligible

(3) illegible

(4) None of these

Explanation -

The correct word is eligible, so the correct option is 2

Q 21. Select the appropriate phrasal verb for the given sentence -

A good student must .....the wishes of his teachers.

(1) carry about

(2) carry on

(3) carry out

(4) carry off

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "carry out" which means to do or complete something especially when it is told to do

Q 22. Select the appropriate phrasal verb for the given sentence -

He left me to.....his garden in his absence.

(1) look out

(2) look for

(3) look after

(4) look into

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "look after" which means, to take care of someone or something

Q 23. Select the appropriate phrasal verb for the given sentence -

The cat will.....the mouse and kill it.

(1) fly out

(2) fly at

(3) fly away

(4) fly off

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "fly at" which means, suddenly attack on someone or something

Q 24. Fill the correct preposition in a given sentence :

Ram is sitting .....the mat.

(1) in

(2) to

(3) on

- (4) None of these

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "on" which tell about the position

Q 25. Select the CORRECT word for a given sentence :

Distribute these apples .....your friends

- (1) between  
(2) amongst  
(3) with  
(4) amidst

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "amongst", which is used for, each one of a group of three or more people

Q 26. Select the correct order of pronoun for a given sentence :

.....,..... and ..... are friends.

- (1) I, he and you  
(2) You, he and I  
(3) He, you and I  
(4) You, I and he

Q 27. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

If I were ....., I ..... help you.

- (1) he, will  
(2) he, should  
(3) him, should  
(4) him, will

Q 28. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... should do ..... duty.

- (1) One, his
- (2) Everyone, his
- (3) One, One's
- (4) Everyone, his

Q 29. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

We enjoyed .....much.

- (1) too
- (2) very
- (3) ourselves very
- (4) None of these

Q 30. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... Rita or her friends lost ..... way.

- (1) Either, his
- (2) Either, her
- (3) Either, their
- (4) None of these

Q 31. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... should do ..... duty.

- (1) Everyone, his
- (2) Everyone, her
- (3) Everyone, one's
- (4) Everybody, his

Explanation -

If the subject of the sentence is unclear then, pronoun will be used according to masculine gender, that's why correct option is 1, "Everyone, his"

Q 32. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

He will not object to ..... going there.

- (1) me
- (2) my
- (3) myself
- (4) None of these

Q 33. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

I have ..... pen.

- (1) no, any
- (2) not, any
- (3) no
- (4) None of these

Q 34. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... cannot do this work.

- (1) Everyone
- (2) No one
- (3) Everbody
- (4) Nobody

Q 35. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

He .....scold anybody.

- (1) is
- (2) does

- (3) has
- (4) None of these

Q 36. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

She ..... stolen your toys.

- (1) is
- (2) does
- (3) has
- (4) was

Q 37. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... you take a bath everyday?

- (1) is
- (2) do
- (3) did
- (4) was

Q 38. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... the teacher not give the test yesterday?

- (1) was
- (2) did
- (3) had
- (4) has

Q 39. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

I ..... never refused him anything till yesterday.

- (1) had
- (2) was
- (3) did

(4) do

Q 40. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

You ..... wasting your parents money.

(1) do

(2) are

(3) have

(4) did

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

The original population that created a community on that land before others is the indigenous people who have lived in a particular place.

Despite being less than 5% of the world's total population, indigenous people represent 15% of the world's poorest people. The access to healthcare and education is more restricted for indigenous communities, and their lives are shorter than for non-indigenous people. Many of these languages are in danger of disappearing due to their being not taught in schools, and it is estimated that one indigenous language is being lost.

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was previously agreed upon, is a document that backs up the progress made by indigenous communities. The document provides a comprehensive list of rights, which includes indigenous peoples' rights to education and healthcare, participation in political and legal processes, and the protection of indigenous languages.

Q 41. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Access" from the option given :

(1) permission

(2) entrance

(3) distance

(4) doorway

Q 42. Choose the option that is the Antonym of the word "Disappearing" :

(1) dwindle

(2) emerge

(3) fall away

(4) vanish

Q 43. Action should be taken to confirm that indigenous people have equal access to :

(1) education

(2) legal matters

(3) healthcare

(4) both (1) and (3)

Q 44. Phrasal verb "Agreed Upon" which is used in passage means :

(1) planned

(2) separate

(3) individual

(4) disoriented

Q 45. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Indigenous" from the option given :

(1) alien

(2) strange

(3) exotic

(4) native

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

The richest feature of the region lies in its rivers, glaciers, and forests, despite the fact that the Himalayas are the youngest mountain ranges in the world and there is a abundance of minerals which lies on the bases of these mountains. Today, India is

protected by the Himalayas, but their importance has increased due to modern communication.

Their role is to provide protection against ice events that come from the Arctic region, which impact the climate in Siberian Central Asia.

They are responsible for protecting against polar ice events that affect the climate in Siberian Central Asia.

The indigenous culture of the region is diverse and infused with pastoralism. The communities who reside in the foothills are not deterred by the cold. Coughs, snake bites, bronchitis, and wounds were treated by the Himalayan people using plants from the forests.

Q 46. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Diverse" from the option given :

- (1) distinct
- (2) parallel
- (3) identical
- (4) alike

Explanation -

The correct synonym of word "Diverse" is "Distinct", which means different and not of the same kind.

Q 47. Choose the correct antonym of the word "Abundance" from the option given :

- (1) prosperity
- (2) lack
- (3) riches
- (4) bounty

Q 48. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Pastoralism" from the option given :

- (1) suburban

- (2) activity of herding
- (3) urban
- (4) none of these

Q 49. Mineral which are found on the bases of foothills stands for -

- (1) chemicals
- (2) living
- (3) inactive
- (4) naturally occurring substances

Explanation -

The correct option is 4, "Naturally occurring substances" which are generally homogeneous in nature and found in the earth.

Q 50. Select the correct meaning of the word "Infallible" from the following options :

- (1) that can't be separated
- (2) person who can't make a mistake
- (3) which can't be satisfied
- (4) none of these

## Chapter 2

Q 51. Select the correct meaning of the word "Fatal" from the following options :

- (1) who believes in fate
- (2) that which causes death
- (3) cruel and wicked man
- (4) none of these

Q 52. Select the correct option for a given sentence :

..... i went, my friends went with me.

- (1) Whenever
- (2) Wherever
- (3) When
- (4) Where

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "Wherever", because it has used here as subordinate conjunction which is used for connecting two sentences.

Q 53. Select the correct conjunction for a given sentence :

He speaks ..... he were very wise.

- (1) as
- (2) as if
- (3) if
- (4) that

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "as if", as it is used here as subordinate conjunction which is used for connecting two sentences.

Q 54. Select the correct and most suitable conjunction for a given sentence :

Rahul ran fast .....he missed the train.

- (1) but
- (2) nevertheless
- (3) still
- (4) however

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "nevertheless", The difference between nevertheless and however is one of formality, nevertheless is bit more formal and emphatic than however.

Q 55. Select the correct and most suitable conjunction for a given sentence :

Madan is poor ..... he is satisfied with his condition.

- (1) still
- (2) but
- (3) however
- (4) nevertheless

Explanation -

The difference between nevertheless and however is one of formality, nevertheless is bit more formal and emphatic than however.

Q 56. Select the correct and most suitable conjunction for a given sentence :

It is raining heavily ..... you should take your umbrella with you.

- (1) then
- (2) so
- (3) therefore
- (4) however

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

To preserve international peace and security, the United Nations is obligated to take

effective collective measures for prevention and removal of threats to the peace.

The goal is to establish friendly relations among nations and achieve international cooperation to solve economic, social, and cultural problems.

The Organization's foundation lies in the principle of the equal rights of all its members.

All Members are required to support the United Nations in any action it takes in line with the current Charter.

As far as necessary, the organization will make sure that non-United Nations states adhere to these principles for maintaining international peace and security.

The States who participated in the United Nations Conference on International Organization will be the original Members of the United Nations or having been a part of the declaration by the United Nations on January 1, 1942.

Q 57. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Prevention" from the option given :

- (1) aid
- (2) obstacle
- (3) assistance
- (4) help

Q 58. Select the correct meaning of the word "Declaration" from the following options :

- (1) secret
- (2) official statement
- (3) ignorance
- (4) quiet

Q. 59. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Adhere" from the option given :

- (1) obey
- (2) neglect
- (3) release
- (4) loose

Q 60. Choose the correct antonym the word "Effective" from the option given :

- (1) valid
- (2) useful
- (3) direct
- (4) worthless

Q 61. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Establish" from the option given :

- (1) ruin
- (2) authorize
- (3) remove
- (4) displace

Q 62. Select the correct and most suitable conjunction for a given sentence :

.....i was writing letters, my mother was sleeping.

- (1) As
- (2) When
- (3) While
- (4) Because

Q 63. Select the correct and most suitable verb for a given sentence :

I ..... this girl somewhere before.

- (1) had seen
- (2) saw
- (3) have seen
- (4) seen

Q 64. Select the correct and most suitable verb for a given sentence :

He ..... the taj at agra twice.

- (1) had seen
- (2) has seen
- (3) saw
- (4) seen

Q65. Select the correct and most suitable verb for a given sentence :

I ..... in this house for two years.

- (1) am living
- (2) have been living
- (3) have living
- (4) have lived

Q 66. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

..... girls are absent today.

- (1) Many a
- (2) Many
- (3) Few
- (4) Some

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "Many", as it is used where countable plural nouns are used.

Q. 67. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence : ..... flowers fades unseen.

- (1) Some
- (2) Many
- (3) Many a
- (4) few

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "Many a", as it is used with countable noun with singular number.

Q68. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

..... books are missing from the library.

- (1) Many
- (2) Some
- (3) Few
- (4) Very few

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "Some", as it is used when quantity is shown anywhere.

Q 69. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

She gave me ..... advice.

- (1) more
- (2) much
- (3) some
- (4) many

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "much", as it is used when quantity is shown in sentence.

Q 70. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

..... boy gets a prize.

- (1) Many a
- (2) Every
- (3) Each
- (4) Either

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "Each", as it

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :

Computer systems are considered artificial intelligence when they can handle tasks that needs human intelligence like decision making and solving complex problems.

Banking, safety, medicine, and engineering are just a few of the fields where artificial intelligence has been widely used. At the moment, we are scrutinizing all the emerging technologies, including IoT, big data, machine learning, and robotics which are driven by artificial intelligence.

Google successfully completed the self-driving test for its driverless car in 2014, and in 2016, Hanson Robotics introduced Sophia, which was the first social humanoid robot. There are different types of models are releasing now a days like CHAT GPT etc. which are involved in increasing ranges of the different tasks like manipulations in texts, generation of images. AI will become continue to increase in our lives. We should think critically that how much we want its development and deployment in future.

Q 71. Choose the correct synonym of the word "intelligence" from the option given :

- (1) brilliance
- (2) inability
- (3) disinclination
- (4) skill

Q 72. Choose the correct antonym of the word "scrutinize" from the option given :

- (1) analyze
- (2) penetrate
- (3) ignore
- (4) scan

Q 73. Choose the correct synonym of the word "emerging" from the option given :

- (1) remote
- (2) distant
- (3) appearing
- (4) later

Q 74. Choose the correct synonym of the word "generation" from the option given :

- (1) multiplying
- (2) formation
- (3) spawning
- (4) destruction

Q 75. Choose the correct meaning of the word "manipulation" from the option given :

- (1) using something
- (2) control on someone or something
- (3) process of changing
- (4) influencing

Explanation -

Correct option is 2, "control on someone or something". Manipulation is to control on someone or something usually unfairly

Q 76. Choose the correct antonym of the word "deployment" from the option given :

- (1) arrange
- (2) extend
- (3) positioning
- (4) conclude

Q 77. Select the correct and most suitable verb for a given sentence :

She ..... her home task till sunset.

- (1) finished
- (2) had finished
- (3) has finished
- (4) none of the above

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "had finished", as the word task used in this sentence shown

Q 78. Select the correct and most suitable determiner for a given sentence :

Let us go for ..... walk.

- (1) some
- (2) little
- (3) a little
- (4) few

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "a little", it is used to show a small quantity as little becomes almost negative.

Q 79. Select the correct and most suitable determiner for a given sentence :

I have spent ..... money i had.

- (1) the little
- (2) a little
- (3) some
- (4) few

Q 80. Select the correct and most suitable determiner for a given sentence :

Did u see ..... persons at the dinner?

- (1) some
- (2) few
- (3) a few
- (4) many

Q 81. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

There is not ..... hope of her recovery.

- (1) some
- (2) a little
- (3) a few
- (4) much

Q 82. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

He has hardly ..... sense.

- (1) some
- (2) little
- (3) any
- (4) a little

Q 83. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

Sorry, we haven't have ..... books on music.

- (1) some
- (2) few
- (3) any
- (4) little

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "any", as it is used in negative and interrogative sentence.

Q 84. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

I ..... rather die than beg.

- (1) will
- (2) would
- (3) should
- (4) must

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "would", as it is used in sentence where "rather" is given.

Q 85. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

There is ..... water in the jug.

- (1) little
- (2) some
- (3) a little
- (4) few

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "some", as it denotes "little quantity" with uncountable nouns.

Q 86. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

Will you give me ..... money?

- (1) much
- (2) some
- (3) more
- (4) little

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "more", as it denotes greater quantity.

Q 87. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

She ..... run fast to catch the bus.

- (1) can
- (2) must
- (3) should
- (4) would

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "must", as it is used when necessity is shown in the sentence.

Q 88. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

She ..... serve her old mother in law.

- (1) would
- (2) should
- (3) must
- (4) could

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "must", as it is used when emphatic advice is shown.

Q 89. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

Work hard ..... you will get low marks.

- (1) therefore
- (2) or
- (3) otherwise
- (4) if

Q 90. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

We lived in Mumbai .....1995 to 2010.

- (1) to
- (2) in
- (3) from
- (4) for

Q 91. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

We should not laugh ..... anyone.

- (1) on
- (2) at
- (3) in
- (4) for

Q 92. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

Nisha is confident ..... her success.

- (1) for
- (2) on
- (3) of
- (4) in

Q 93. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

My father is not agreed ..... me in this matter.

- (1) from
- (2) to
- (3) on
- (4) with

Q 94. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

He was appointed ..... the post of manager.

- (1) from
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) to

Q 95. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

I did ..... my father's advice.

- (1) because of
- (2) according to
- (3) on behalf of
- (4) for the sake of

Q 96. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

My father works hard so that his friends ..... live well.

- (1) can
- (2) would
- (3) should
- (4) may

Q 97. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

A drunkard ..... drive.

- (1) would not
- (2) need not
- (3) must not
- (4) should not

Q 98. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

We ..... keep our promises.

- (1) should
- (2) must
- (3) could
- (4) would

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follows:

Mahatma Gandhi was a prominent political figure in India who led the nation and initiated the Salt March in 1930, the Non-Cooperation Movement in 1922, and the Quit India Movement in 1942.

In South Africa, he experienced racial discrimination and prejudice directed at Indians and the injustice imposed on them. When Gandhi was in South Africa, he personally suffered the shame and humiliation.

Gandhi's Satyagraha began in Champaran and Kheda, where landlords, mostly Britishers worsened the lot of farmers by enforcing taxes and driving them into extreme poverty. The peasants were compelled to grow cash crops rather than the food crops that they needed to survive.

Gandhi used non violence, non cooperation, and nonviolent resistance as his three main lines of defense against British rule.

The campaign was a huge national success, with participation from people in all walks of life, including Indian women. The movement came to an end in February 1922 when there was a violence occurred in Chauri Chaura, Uttar Pradesh.

In 1930, Gandhi started a new Satyagraha to protest the salt tax. He traveled from Ahmadabad to Dandi, Gujarat to produce salt on his own.

On January 30, 1948, Gandhi was killed at Birla House in New Delhi. The assassin, Nathuram Godse, with ties to the extremist Hindu group Hindu Mahasabha, killed Mahatma Gandhi due to support of Pakistan.

Q 99. Choose the correct synonym of the word "prominent" from the option given :

- (1) Depressed
- (2) Invisible
- (3) Extended
- (4) None of these

Q 100. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Prejudice" from the option given :

- (1) Approval
- (2) Injustice
- (3) Tolerance
- (4) None of these

Q 101. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Compelled" from the option given :

- (1) Unaccountable
- (2) Forcing someone to do something
- (3) Permitted
- (4) None of these

Q 102. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Resistance" from the option given :

- (1) Aid
- (2) Struggle
- (3) Peace
- (4) Promotion

Q 103. Choose the correct synonym of the word "Defense" from the option given :

- (1) Surrender
- (2) Citadel
- (3) Hurt

(4) None of these

Q 104. Choose the correct antonym of the word "Violence" from the option given :

(1) Terrorism

(2) Order

(3) Rampage

(4) Disturbance

**Answers and Explanations -**

**Q. 1 (1)**

**Q. 2 (1)**

**Q. 3 (3)**

**Q. 4 (4)**

**Q. 5 (3)**

**Q. 6 (C)**

**Q. 7 (1)**

**Q. 8 (1)**

**Q. 9 (3)**

**Q. 10 (4)**

**Q. 11 (3)**

**Q. 12 (3)**

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Q. 39 (3)

Q. 40 (2)

Q. 41 (2)

Q. 42 (2)

Q. 43 (4)

Q. 44 (1)

Q. 45 (4)

Q. 46 (1)

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Q. 76 (3)

Q. 77 (2)

Q. 78 (3)

Q. 79 (1)

Q. 80 (4)

Q. 81 (4)

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Q. 88 (3)

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Q. 90 (3)

Q. 91 (1)

Q. 92 (3)

Q. 93 (4)

Q. 94 (4)

Q. 95 (2)

Q. 96 (4)

Q. 97 (3)

Q. 98 (2)

Q. 99 (3)

**Q. 100 (2)**

**Q. 101 (2)**

**Q. 102 (2)**

**Q. 103 (2)**

**Q. 104 (2)**

# CUET (UG) Exam Paper 2024 SET (A)

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### ENGLISH

#### Solved

Q 1. Re-arrange the following phrases in the right sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) for seven hours but was hardly
- (B) because of the absence of any motivation
- (C) able to decide who the murderer was
- (D) she worked on the case

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (C), (D), (B).
- (2) (D), (A), (C), (B).
- (3) (D), (C), (B), (A).
- (4) (A), (B), (C), (D).

Q2. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

The candidate assured the interviewers that the dip in her grades during her second semester was an \_\_\_\_\_ since she had always been a top scorer in the first semester.

- (1) anomaly
- (2) allay
- (3) adage
- (4) abatement

Q3. Match the words in List-I with their definitions in List-II :

List-I (Words)	List-II (Definitions)
(A) Theocracy	(I) One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions
(B) Megalomania	(II) One who collects and studies objects or artistic works from the distant past
(C) Apothecary	(III) A government by divine guidance or religious leaders
(D) Antiquarian	(IV) A morbid delusion of one's power, importance or godliness

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
- (2) (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
- (3) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)

Q 4. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

A small \_\_\_\_\_ between two children ended up as a group fight.

- (1) altercation
- (2) match

(3) contest

(4) race

Q 5. Replace the underlined word with the most appropriate SYNONYM.

For sometime now, we've been toying with the idea of transferring all our business from physical to online sales only.

(1) launch

(2) showing

(3) considering

(4) careful

Q 6. Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

At first the workers were agreeable to the proposals of their Manager, but later they were reconciled to the new proposals.

(1) resistant

(2) estranged

(3) cooperate

(4) agreed

Q 7. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate words given in **List-II** :

List - I (Sentences)

List - II (Words)

(A) She was able to give a explanation in the court

(I) collaborate/d

(B) The Rockland Hospital with AIIMS to conduct a screening

(II) corroborate/ing

(C) Her efforts are despite 4% improvement.

(III) credible

(D) The doctors with their diagnosis with tests.

(IV) creditable

Q 8. Fill in the blank with the **correct** option.

Most of the guests arrived for the concert \_\_\_\_\_ bus.

- (1) by
- (2) with
- (3) from
- (4) through

Q 9. Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

. Why did you make that flippant remark about her choice of clothes ?

- (1) sarcastic
- (2) disrespectful
- (3) casual
- (4) indifferent

Q 10. Select the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word.

The thief showed his disbelief when informed that his partner had been arrested.

- (1) displayed
- (2) concealed
- (3) battled
- (4) marked

Q 11. Fill in the blank with the **correct** option.

The President finally had to \_\_\_\_\_ the demands of the public for his resignation.

- (1) ignore
- (2) initiate
- (3) accede to
- (4) condone

Q 12. Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) for organizations which provide
  - (B) services to customers on a face-to-face basis,
  - (C) employees with whom they deal is very important
  - (D) the **correct** answer from the options given below :
- (1) (A), (B), (D), (C).
  - (2) (C), (A), (B), (D).
  - (3) (B), (D), (A), (C).
  - (4) (D), (A), (C), (B).

Q 13. Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) as a concept fundamental to
  - (B) especially with the injunction to treat equals equally
  - (C) justice is associated with the notion of equity and equality,
  - (D) ethical theory and political philosophy,
- Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :
- (1) (D), (B), (C), (A).
  - (2) (C), (A), (B), (D).
  - (3) (B), (A), (D), (C)
  - (4) (A), (D), (C), (B).

14. Match the idioms in List-I with their meanings in List-II :

List-I (Idioms)

List-II (Meanings)

- |     |                           |       |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| (A) | blow the gaff             | (I)   | feel unable to deal with something    |
| (B) | at the end of your tether | (II)  | feel terribly ashamed and embarrassed |
| (C) | be full of beans          | (III) | divulge a secret                      |
| (D) | want to curl up and die   | (IV)  | be full of energy                     |

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
- (2) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
- (3) (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Q 15. Match the blanks in **List-I** with the Prepositions in **List-II** :

- | List-I (Sentences)  |       | List-II (Prepositions) |
|---|-------|------------------------|
| (A) The edited version of her article is indistinguishable<br>her first version | (I)   | with                   |
| (B) I just don't feel any affinity his prose style.                             | (II)  | to                     |
| (C) Her ideas are not all that dissimilar mine.                                 | (III) | for                    |
| (D) It would be wrong to mistake his diffidence his arrogance                   | (IV)  | from                   |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)
- (2) (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
- (3) (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)

(4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Q 16. Re-arrange the parts in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :

- (A) students with tools for critical thinking
- (B) cooperative learning is an
- (C) that enhances creativity and provides
- (D) eclectic and unique teaching method

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (C), (B), (D). (2) (B), (D), (C), (A).
- (3) (B), (A), (D), (C). (4) (C), (B), (D), (A).

**Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.**

When I was in my late teens and still undecided about which language I should write in, he told me that the language one is born into, one's mother tongue, can be the only possible medium of creative expression.

For most of his life, my father, Sripat Rai, had been a Hindi editor and critic. Off and on, he translated writings into English from Hindi. He was fond of saying that a failed writer becomes a critic. The weight of his literary expectation came, eventually, to rest on me. He seemed happy that I was showing an inclination for writing. "She will go far," he told my mother after reading the first story that I sent him from Melbourne.

My father's pronouncement on the mother tongue stayed with me when I later started writing fiction in Hindi. Another thing that I barely acknowledged even to myself was that I felt something like shame whenever I thought of writing in English. It seemed wrong for a granddaughter of Premchand even to be thinking so. Our family had a certain linguistic pride. I knew that Premchand was famous, but I had not at that time realised the extent of his popularity.

The fact that I was the granddaughter of Premchand, followed me everywhere.

Everyone had a story to tell about their personal engagement with his fiction — the shopkeeper, the long time cook in my father's Delhi house, a tea vendor, etc. The list

was long, for there was practically no one who had not read something by him that had moved them. However, it was this very ubiquity, the reverence and love that he inspired in people, that made of him something too large for me to comprehend in the early years of my life. It led also to the strange feeling that, without having read him and just by being related to him, I had somehow inhaled his writing. The reading happened much later.

Q 17. The author grew up with the expectation that she would take up \_\_\_\_\_ .

Fill in the blank with the **correct** option to complete the sentence.

- (1) editorship of a magazine.
- (2) translation of literary pieces.
- (3) creative writing.
- (4) the job of a critic.

Q 18. When her father said, “She will go far,” he meant that \_\_\_\_\_ .

Fill in the blank with the **correct** option to complete the sentence.

- (1) she will travel widely.
- (2) she will achieve great heights in life.
- (3) she will go too far, one of these days.
- (4) she will settle in a far-off place.

Q 19. Choose a Statement which is **not** true with respect to the passage :

- (1) The author felt pressurized to write in Hindi because of her father.
- (2) She felt obligated to carry on the legacy of Premchand.
- (3) Her family was chauvinistic about the English language.
- (4) She was in awe of the extensive reach of her grandfather’s writings.

Q 20. Premchand became too large for her to understand mainly because of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (A) his ability to connect with people from all walks of life.
- (B) the fact that she feared him.
- (C) the kind of love and reverence that he inspired in people.
- (D) her constant anxiety of failing him.

Choose the *correct* answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) and (D) only.
- (2) (A) and (C) only.
- (3) (B) and (C) only.
- (4) (C) and (D) only.

Q 21. 'Inhaled his writing' refers to :

Choose the correct option from the following.

- (1) imbibing his style subconsciously.
- (2) being compelled to write like him.
- (3) being influenced by what people said about him.
- (4) her father's expectation from her.

Q 22. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Ubiquity" as it appears in the passage :

- (1) Occasional
- (2) Restricted
- (3) Omnipresence
- (4) Unwanted

**Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.**

Free will is the ability to decide and act free from any influence of past events or environment. It implies complete freedom to make any choice absolutely. We clearly don't have free will. Our decisions and actions are never divorced from our past.

We have a conditioned mind. Our memories, past impressions and experiences bias and shape our thoughts and actions in the present. It is our karmic imprint. Not just what we are born with, but also what we accumulate while living. We can consider it as the result of our genetic code, upbringing and environment. It's our backstory.

The only way to experience free will is to get rid of all such conditioning; to neutralise our karmic imprint; to be independent of our psychological coding. That's possible only if we can purify our mind by letting go of all our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs.

Then we can reside in the truth of our being.

The above is an exacting definition of free will. What we commonly mean by free will is that we have a choice in most situations like, who you choose to marry, what profession you pursue or how you react to someone's aggression. Sounds reasonable. But here's the catch. Our ability to make that choice too is significantly restricted, dictated by our predispositions.

This applies even to our ability to bring about change within ourselves. Despite a strong resolve to be calmer, kinder or less anxious, our ability to manifest that change depends, partly on our emotional and mental wiring. That's why some people succeed in such efforts more than the others.

If you wish to expand the scope of your agency, explore ways to engage in sustained inner work, deepen your self-awareness, examine and reform your conditioned beliefs. But then, I wonder if your inclination to embark on that journey too depends on your current karmic coding.

Q 23. The author argues that humans don't have "free will" because \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blank with the *correct* option to complete the sentence.

- (1) our decisions are shaped by past events and environmental influences.
- (2) we are born with pre-determined choices that we are forced to make.
- (3) we are always dictated by our mind to make irrational choices.
- (4) human beings are born slaves of social constructs and expectations.

Q 24. "Karmic imprint" referred to in the passage implies \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blank with the *correct* option to complete the sentence.

- (1) the ability to bring about change in oneself.
- (2) our genetic code, upbringing and environment.
- (3) the truth of our being, our individuality.
- (4) the wrong doings and vices of our past lives.

Q 25. "Free will" can be experienced if \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blank with the **correct** option to complete the sentence.

- (1) we embrace our past experiences and conditioning.
- (2) we make choices without considering the consequences.
- (3) we let go of our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs.
- (4) we accumulate more and more karmic imprints.

Q 26. The author proves that the idea of "free will" is a myth by suggesting that \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blank with the *correct* option to complete the sentence.

- (1) our ability to make a choice is restricted by our predispositions.
- (2) we are unable to bring a change in ourselves.
- (3) our choices are solely guided by the current environment.
- (4) our choices are completely independent of past events and our genetic code.

Q 27. What does the author propose as a means to expand the scope of one's agency ?

Choose the *correct* option.

- (1) Making choices frequently and impulsively.
- (2) Engaging in sustained inner work and self-awareness.
- (3) Holding on to fixed beliefs and stringent mindsets.
- (4) Ignoring one's past experiences and dispositions.

Q 28. What do you think could be a suitable title for this passage ?

Choose the **most appropriate** option.

- (1) Definition of "Free Will".
- (2) Our backstory – key to a successful life.
- (3) Do human beings really have "Free Will" ?
- (4) Making Choices – Every Man's Prerogative!

**Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.**

On a chilly winter evening, nothing warms you up better than a cup of hot cocoa. Chocolate was first consumed in liquid form by the Olmec people of northwestern Central America around 1500 BCE. It was even enjoyed by the Aztec Emperor Montezuma, and the Aztec word for it (*xocolatl*, pronounced *shoh-kwah-tl*) evolved into the English word *Chocolate*.

But the Aztecs didn't serve their cocoa hot. And since sugar had not yet arrived from Europe, back then, the drink was often flavoured with peppers and spices. It may not have been quite as indulgent as today's version, but it was more palatable if you believed, as the Aztecs did, that chocolate was a gift from the Gods and had healing properties.

After the Spanish arrived in the Americas in the 1500s, liquid chocolate made its way across the pond, where wealthy Europeans added sugar and drank it warm. In

*Chocolate: History, Culture and Heritage*, author Bertram Gordon says hot chocolate became “the beverage of the aristocracy,” as sugar was still a luxury.

Soon enough, though, hot chocolate caught on with the masses. Chocolate houses — a cross between cafes and casinos — started popping up around 17th-century Europe. In these lively places, hot chocolate was poured from gilded pots into elegant cups (for a posh experience, one can still find it today at the famed Parisian tearoom Angelina’s, which is also in New York City). But by the end of the 18th century, chocolate houses had mostly died off, partly because the cost of chocolate was much higher than that of coffee or tea.

Taking a tour of international cups of cocoa, Italians serve it like a thick pudding. Colombians serve it with a dollop of soft cheese while Mexicans punch it up with vanilla, chilli powder and cinnamon. And Filipinos serve it with mango chunks.

Q 29. Cocoa was first introduced by the

- (1) American people.
- (2) Olmec people.
- (3) Aztec people.
- (4) Spanish people.

Q 30. The Aztec people made their cocoa palatable by

- (1) serving it cold.
- (2) adding sugar to the drink.
- (3) spiking it with spices.
- (4) drinking it as a medicine.

Q 31. Why did hot chocolate become “the beverage of the aristocracy” in Europe ?

- (1) The essential ingredient was out of reach of the commoners.

- (2) The Queen had a marked chocolate maker.
- (3) Only wealthy Europeans could buy it.
- (4) It was being consumed by the pharma companies.

Q 32. The Chocolate Houses didn't survive past the 18th century as

- (1) people preferred tea /coffee to hot chocolate.
- (2) it catered to the not so elite of the society.
- (3) chocolate was costlier than tea or coffee.
- (4) the supply of cocoa dwindled over the years.

Q33. Choose the correct statement from the following :

- (1) Italians serve hot chocolate flavoured with spices.
- (2) Mexicans serve hot chocolate topped with a dollop of cream.
- (3) Colombians serve hot chocolate topped with a dollop of cheese.
- (4) Filipinos served hot chocolate flavoured with peppers.

Q 34. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined expression in the following sentence :

Soon enough, though, hot chocolate caught on with the masses.

- (1) was readily available in cafes.
- (2) became popular among the commoners.
- (3) hot chocolate did not appeal to people.
- (4) masses got attracted to the rich experience of drinking hot chocolate

**Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.**

Coffee's genetic make-up is no trivial concern; 10 million tonnes of the crop were grown and sold in 2022-23. The coffee that we drink comes from two species: Coffea Canephora, which is also known as Robusta and Coffea Arabica, known as Arabica. In

many cases, beans from the two species are blended to make a brew. But the beans of single species are also roasted and sold. Overall, Arabica beans represent around 56% of all coffee sold.

Most genetic variation in living organisms comes from hybridization with other species. However, this is a relatively rare event for *Coffea Arabica* because it has more than two copies of each chromosome — a phenomenon called polyploidy. *Coffea Canephora* has two copies of each chromosome, but *Coffea Arabica* contains multiple copies. This makes it much more difficult for Arabica to interbreed with other species.

As a result, *Coffea Arabica*'s main source of single nucleotide variation is mutation, which occurs at a steady rate over time. However, the species is also relatively young, having formed as a hybrid of Robusta and *Coffea Eugenioides* — another coffee species that is not widely cultivated — within the past 50,000 years. From that single plant, which has basically no variation, you create the whole species, and then the variation is only the novel mutations that have occurred since that event.

Despite this, there is substantial variation in the physical characteristics of the Arabica coffee plant, including different flavour profiles in the beans and variations in disease resistance, says emeritus geneticist Juan Medrano at the UC Davis Coffee Center at the University of California, Davis. "We're always talking about low variability at the DNA level, but there is variability at the structural level, at the chromosomal level, at the level of deletions ... and insertions," Medrano says.

Q 35. Which of the following varieties of coffee is the most sold in the world ?

- (1) *Coffea Canephora*
- (2) *Coffea Arabica*
- (3) *Coffea Eugenioides*
- (4) A blend of *Coffea Canephora* and *Coffea Arabica*

Q 36. Which of the following species of coffee has more than two copies of each chromosome ?

- (1) Arabica
- (2) Robusta
- (3) Coffea Eugenioides
- (4) A blend of Arabica and Robusta

Q 37. Which of the following statements is true about Coffea Arabica ?

- (1) Hybridization is the main source of its genetic variation.
- (2) It has only two copies of each chromosome.
- (3) It displays the phenomenon of polyploidy.
- (4) It is easily interbred with other species.

Q 38. Which of the following species of coffee developed only in the last 50,000 years ?

- (1) Coffea Canephora
- (2) Coffea Eugenioides
- (3) Arabica
- (4) Robusta

Q 39. Which of the following types of variability is not very high for Coffea Arabica ?

- (1) Variability at the structural level.
- (2) Variability at the chromosomal level.
- (3) Variability at the level of deletions and insertions.
- (4) Variability at the DNA level.

Q 40. Choose the statement that is factually **incorrect** from the options given below.

- (1) It is possible to roast the beans of a single species of coffee.
- (2) Two species of coffee can be blended to make a brew.
- (3) Due to its genetic make-up, novel mutations do not occur in the species Coffea Arabica.
- (4) Variations in disease resistance can be seen in the Arabica coffee plant.

Q 41. Re-arrange the following phrases in correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) created by human
- (B) collective cultural heritage
- (C) all languages
- (D) communities are our

Choose the *correct* answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B), (D), (C).
- (2) (B), (A), (D), (C).
- (3) (C), (A), (D), (B).
- (4) (D), (B), (C), (A).

Q 42. Fill in the blank with the **correct** option, to form a meaningful sentence.

The Principal addressed us in the assembly and \_\_\_\_\_ the rumours of an early summer break.

- (1) defended
- (2) quashed
- (3) cleared
- (4) rebuked

**Q 43.** Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate phrasal verbs given in **List-II** :

<b>List-I (Sentences)</b>	<b>List-II (Phrasal verbs)</b>
(A) She was very with him for his offensive remarks on women in politics	(I) give away
(B) I have plenty of interesting books to book lovers.	(II) cut down
(C) Strange that people easily to temptation and ruin their reputation!	(III) cut up
(D) Rahul is trying to on his smoking.	(IV) give in

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
- (2) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
- (3) (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

**Q 44.** Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate adverbs given in **List-II** :

<b>List-I (Sentences)</b>	<b>List-II</b>
<b>(Adverbs)</b>	
(A) I thought the restaurant would be expensive but it was affordable.	(I) badly
(B) It was a serious accident. But the car was damaged.	(II) reasonably
(C) The meeting was a disaster as it was very organized.	(III) quickly
(D) Mira is gifted,	(IV) hardly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
- (2) (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
- (3) (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
- (4) (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

**Q 45.** Choose the appropriate word pair to complete the sentence :

I didn't know Rahul was in the hospital. If I \_\_\_\_\_, I would \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- (1) knew, go
- (2) had known, have visited
- (3) have known, be going
- (4) know, had gone

**Q 46.** Identify the option closest in meaning to the underlined word :

The movie star's biography is a glossy, sycophantic portrayal.

- (1) cowardly
- (2) domineering
- (3) flattering
- (4) insolent

**Q 47.** Choose the correct ANTONYM of the underlined word :

The Minister unleashed a compliment against the newspaper for its biased editorial on illiteracy among women in his constituency.

- (1) denunciation
- (2) endorsement
- (3) regulation
- (4) speculation

**Q 48.** Choose the correct SYNONYM for redoubtable from the options given below.

- (1) flimsy
- (2) perplexing
- (3) formidable
- (4) voluble

**Q 49.** Choose the correct ANTONYM for sullen from the options given below.

- (1) morose
- (2) reticent
- (3) timid
- (4) genial

**Q 50.** Rearrange the following parts in the **correct** sequence to make a meaningful sentence :

- (A) are inborn but our
- (B) constituents of flavour, are learned
- (C) our responses to basic tastes
- (D) perceptions of smells, the main

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (B), (D), (A), (C).
- (2) (A), (C), (B), (D).
- (3) (C), (A), (D), (B).
- (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

**Answers and Explanations -**

**Q 1. (2)**

**Q 2. (1)**

**Q 3. (1)**

**Q 4. (1)**

**Q 5. (3)**

**Q 6. (1)**

**Q 7. (1)**

**Q 8. (1)**

**Q 9. (2)**

**Q 10. (2)**

**Q 11. (3)**

**Q 12. (4)**

**Q 13. (2)**

**Q 14. (1)**

**Q 15. (1)**

**Q 16. (2)**

**Q 17. (3)**

**Q 18. (2)**

**Q 19. (3)**

Q 20. (3)

Q 21. (1)

Q 22. (3)

Q 23. (2)

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Q 25. (1)

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Q 31. (1)

Q 32. (3)

Q 33. (3)

Q 34. (2)

Q 35. (2)

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Q 42. (2)

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Q 46. (3)

Q 47. (1)

Q 48. (3)

Q 49. (4)

Q 50. (3)

# CUET (UG) Mock Test Paper

## English

## Solved

Time Allowed : 45 Min.

Maximum Marks : 200

### General Instructions :

- (i) This paper consists of 50 MCQs, attempt any 40 out of 50
- (ii) Correct answer or the most appropriate answer: Five marks (+5)
- (iii) Any incorrect option marked will be given minus one mark (-1)
- (iv) Unanswered/Marked for review will be given no mark (0)
- (v) If more than one option is found to be correct then Five marks (+5) will be awarded to only those who have marked any of the correct options
- (vi) If all options are found to be correct then five marks (+5) will be awarded to all those who have attempted the question.
- (vii) Calculator/any electronic gadgets are not permitted.

Q 1. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

The fire was started ..... a short circuit.

- (1) Due to
- (2) By
- (3) Because of
- (4) None of these

Q 2. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

The instructions ..... be followed carefully.

- (1) Should
- (2) Could
- (3) Must
- (4) None of these

Q 3. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

..... Novels are missing from the book shelf.

- (1) Many
- (2) Few
- (3) Some
- (4) Very few

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "Some", as it is used when quantity is shown anywhere.

Q 4. Select the correct and most suitable conjunction for a given sentence :

Anu, It is raining heavily outside ..... you should take your raincoat with you.

- (1) so
- (2) then

- (3) however
- (4) therefore

Q 5. Select the correct and most suitable word for a given sentence:

India's foreign policy reflects ..... desire to be an important world power.

- (1) his
- (2) her
- (3) their
- (4) None of these

Q 6. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

Kannada writer Shivarama Karanth awarded ..... Padma Bhushna.

- (1) with
- (2) by
- (3) the
- (4) None of these

Q 7. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I would like to ask you for ..... advice.

- (1) few
- (2) some
- (3) little
- (4) a few

Q 8. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The examination of my daughters ..... over.

- (1) are
- (2) is
- (3) were
- (4) None of these

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin -

The twenty-seventh Conference of the Parties, in the signatory countries to the United Nations Framework Convention, the parties stressed the importance of addressing climate change in 2022. Achieving net-zero emissions and fulfilling the Paris Agreement's objective of confining global warming to significantly below 2 °C, with a particular emphasis on keeping it at or below 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, requires managing various uncertainties.

These uncertainties arise from the interrelated scientific, technological, economic, social, and political complexities surrounding global climate change.

According to latest findings based on in situ data from the WMO's Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) observational network, the globally averaged surface levels of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) hit record highs in 2022, with CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at 417.9±0.2 parts per million (ppm), CH<sub>4</sub> at 1923±2 parts per billion (ppb) and N<sub>2</sub>O at 335.8±0.1 ppb.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Annual Greenhouse Gas Index (AGGI), radiative forcing by long-lived greenhouse gases (LLGHGs) saw a 49% increase from 1990 to 2022, with carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) making up approximately 78% of this rise. [5] The CO<sub>2</sub> increase from 2021 to 2022 was marginally less than the rise seen from 2020 to 2021, and marginally less than the average annual growth rate over the previous decade; this was likely due in part to natural variability, as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions continued to rise. The growth in CH<sub>4</sub> levels from 2021 to 2022 was somewhat less pronounced than the increase from 2020 to 2021, although it still surpassed the typical annual increase over the past ten years.

Q 9. Choose the correct synonym of the word "convention" from the option given:

- (1) order
- (2) manners
- (3) treaty

(4) rudeness

Q 10. Choose the correct synonym of the word "uncertainty" from the option given:

(1) oscillation

(2) confusion

(3) reserve

(4) None of these

Q 11. Choose the correct antonym of the word "confining" from the option given :

(1) expanding

(2) limiting

(3) binding

(4) catching

Q 12. Choose the correct antonym of the word "Complexity" from the option given:

(1) elaboration

(2) ease

(3) involvement

(4) directness

Q 13. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Emphasis" from the option given:

(1) intensity

(2) action

(3) importance

(4) All of the above

Q 14. Choose the correct synonym of the word "marginal" from the option given:

- (1) central
- (2) negligible
- (3) major
- (4) core

Q 15. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

She spends so ..... time playing football that he has no time for anything else.

- (1) many
- (2) much
- (3) more
- (4) None of these

Q 16. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The Ganga is ..... longest river in India.

- (1) the
- (2) a
- (3) an
- (4) None of these

Q 17. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

..... Students passed the entrance examination this year.

- (1) the few
- (2) fewer
- (3) less
- (4) a few

Explanation -

The correct option is 2, "fewer", as it is used for indicating very small number.

Q 18. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

We ..... Respect other's sentiments.

- (1) should
- (2) ought to
- (3) need to
- (4) would

Q 19. Select the correct and most suitable form of verbs for a given sentence:

Please give me your pen. I ..... mine at home.

- (1) forgot
- (2) have forgotten
- (3) forget
- (4) forgotten

Q 20. Select the correct and most suitable form of verbs for a given sentence:

I praised him for what he ..... for the poor.

- (1) did
- (2) had done
- (3) has done
- (4) None of these

Q 21. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I can easily ..... myself according to new surroundings.

- (1) adopt
- (2) adept

- (3) adapt
- (4) None of these

Explanation -

The correct option is 3, "adapt", as it is used to denote suitability for new conditions.

Q 22. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

We should not laugh ..... anyone.

- (1) on
- (2) at
- (3) to
- (4) None of these

Q 23. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I ..... learn this chapter till morning.

- (1) should
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) can

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The Vietnam War was a prolonged expensive and deeply contentious conflict that saw the communist administration of North Vietnam at odds with South Vietnam, which was supported by its main ally, the United States. U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war started in 1954, but fighting had been ongoing in the region since several decades earlier. Vietnam became a unified Socialist Republic in 1976, however violent clashes persisted for the following 15 years, encompassing confrontations with nearby China and Cambodia. In 1986, the economy started to flourish under a comprehensive free market policy, driven by rising oil

export earnings and a significant influx of foreign investment. Trade and diplomatic ties between Vietnam and the US began again in the 1990s.

The impacts of the Vietnam War in the US persisted well beyond the date when the final troops arrived back in their homeland in 1973. The US nation spent over \$120 billion on the Vietnam conflict from 1965-73; this enormous expenditure resulted in a significant rise in inflation, further aggravated by a global oil crisis in 1973 and sharply increasing fuel prices.

By November 1967, the number of U.S. troops in Vietnam was **g nearing** 500,000, and U.S. casualties had totalled 15,058 fatalities and 109,527 injured. From July 1966 to December 1973, over 503,000 US servicemen deserted, and a powerful anti-war movement within the US military led to violent demonstrations, homicides, and mass imprisonment of personnel stationed in Vietnam and those inside the United States. As the initial US forces were withdrawn, those who stayed behind grew increasingly frustrated and disheartened due to aggravating issues with a leadership. Thousands of military personnel were given dishonorable discharges for abandoning their posts.

Q 24. Choose the correct synonym of the word "prolonged" from the option given:

- (1) ending
- (2) short
- (3) extended
- (4) None of these

Q 25. Choose the correct synonym of the word "persisted" from the option given:

- (1) unturned
- (2) continue
- (3) cease

(4) None of these

Q 26. Choose the correct antonym of the word "confrontation" from the option given:

(1) encounter

(2) calm

(3) fight

(4) opposition

Q 27. Choose the correct synonym of the word "flourish" from the option given:

(1) prosper

(2) fail

(3) root

(4) bloom

Q 28. Choose the correct synonym of the word "homicides" from the option given:

(1) hits

(2) fail

(3) killing

(4) None of these

Q 29. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

A drunkard ..... drive.

(1) need not

(2) should not

(3) must not

(4) None of these

Q 30. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I ..... cut my hair every month.

(1) has to

(2) had to

(3) have to

(4) None of these

Q 31. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence :

..... boys are absent today in class.

(1) Many

(2) Many a

(3) Few

(4) Some

Explanation -

The correct option is 1, "Many", as it is used where countable plural nouns are used.

Q 32. Select the incorrect spelt word:

(1) Preliminary

(2) Diciplinary

(3) Fascinate

(4) None of these

Q 33. All the books .....shifted in the shelf.

(1) should be

(2) must

- (3) needs to be
- (4) None of these

Q 34. Select the correct and most suitable verb for a given sentence :

I ..... in this house for two years.

- (1) am living
- (2) have living
- (3) have been living
- (4) have lived

Q 35. He was working on his computer with his brother next to .....

- (1) himself
- (2) him
- (3) his own
- (4) None of these

Q 36. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The president is attending an international seminar .....america.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) into
- (4) None of these

Q 37. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The cat sleeps.....her bed.

- (1) inside
- (2) under

(3) beneath

(4) in

Q 38. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

Students .....follow the rules of the institution.

(1) must

(2) should

(3) needs to

(4) ought to

Q 39. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I am sure the professor.....in his room.

(1) will

(2) should

(3) shall

(4) must

Q 40. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

He died .....cholera last night.

(1) from

(2) of

(3) with

(4) None of these

Q 41. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The authorities will look .....the matter.

(1) in

(2) to

(3) into

(4) None of these

Q 42. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The library is equipped .....the latest books

(1) for

(2) from

(3) of

(4) with

Q 43. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

Gandhiji lived and died .....his beliefs

(1) in

(2) for

(3) of

(4) None of these

Q 44. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

They built this monument 500 years ago. This must .....a great structure.

(1) has

(2) has been

(3) have been

(4) None of these

Q 45. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

Work hard lest you ..... Fail.

- (1) would
- (2) Should
- (3) might
- (4) could

Q 46. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

The President will appear ..... television tomorrow.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) in
- (4) None of these

Q 47. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the word “benevolent”

- (1) friendly
- (2) self centered
- (3) noble
- (4) soft

Q 48. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the word “ruthless”

- (1) savage
- (2) cruel
- (3) sensitive
- (4) warm

Q 49. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word :

- (1) accomodate
- (2) accommodate
- (3) acommodate
- (4) None of these

Q 50. Select the correct and most suitable option for a given sentence:

I am feeling .....now.

- (1) very better
- (2) better
- (3) best
- (4) fine

**Answers and Explanations -**

**Q 1. (2)**

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