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# Syllabus & Analysis

## Syllabus for CUET English

**Note:** There will be one Question Paper which will have 50 questions out of which all 50 questions need to be attempted.

**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 200-250 words):

## 2. Verbal Ability

# English Paper Analysis

## Chapter-wise Analysis of Question Papers 2023-2025

S. No.	Name of the Chapter	NTA CUET Question Papers		
		2023 (No. of Que.)	2024 (No. of Que.)	2025 (No. of Que.)
1.	Reading Comprehension	15 (3 Passages)	22 (4 Passages)	12 (3 Passages)
2.	Parajumbles	3	6	8
3.	Voice	2	—	—
4.	Narration	2	—	—
5.	Synonyms	4	4	5
6.	Antonyms	2	4	5
7.	Idioms and Phrases	2	1	3
8.	Phrasal Verbs	1	2	1
9.	Change Sentences	2	—	—
10.	Error Spotting	1	—	—
11.	Fill in the Blank	11	6	10
12.	Adverb	1	—	—
13.	Adjective/ Adjective Clause	1	—	1
14.	Letter	2	—	—
15.	Question Tag	1	—	—
16.	Word Meanings/ Definitions	—	2	1
17.	Verb Form	—	1	1
18.	Homonyms	—	1	1
19.	Preposition	—	1	1
20.	Figure of speech	—	1	1

## Syllabus for CUET General Aptitude Test

**Note:** There will be one Question Paper which will have 50 questions out of which 50 questions need to be attempted.

**The Question Paper will contain questions from the following topics:**

- General Knowledge, Current Affairs,
- General Mental Ability, Numerical Ability,
- Quantitative Reasoning (Simple application of basic mathematical concepts arithmetic/algebra geometry/mensuration/statistics),
- Logical and Analytical Reasoning.

## General Aptitude Test Paper Analysis



### Chapter-wise Analysis of Question Papers 2023-2025

S. No.	Name of the Chapter	NTA CUET Question Papers (2023-2025)		
		2023 (No. of Que.)	2024 (No. of Que.)	2025 (No. of Que.)
1.	<b>GENERAL AWARENESS</b>	<b>20</b>		
1.1	History	2	3	4
1.2	Geography	6	1	4
1.3	Indian Polity	–	5	3
1.4	Economy	1	2	–
1.5	Science	5	2	2
1.6	General Knowledge	5	7	5
1.7	Current Affairs	1	7	2
2.	<b>LOGICAL REASONING</b>	<b>20</b>		
2.1	Analogy & Classification	4	2	1
2.2	Series	1	2	2
2.3	Coding & Decoding	1	1	1
2.4	Blood Relations	1	1	1
2.5	Directions & Distance	–	1	1
2.6	Order & Ranking	1	3	–
2.7	Mathematical Operations	–	–	–
2.8	Logical Sequence of Words	–	–	–
2.9	Clock & Calendar	4	2	1
2.10	Venn Diagrams & Number Puzzle	2	2	–
2.11	Cube & Dice	–	–	–
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## NTA CUET SOLVED PAPER 2025

(HELD ON: 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025 SHIFT 1)

### Instructions

*Attempt all 50 questions out of the given 50 questions. Each question carries 5 marks. One mark will be deducted for a wrong answer.*

**Full Marks: 250**

**(Time: 60 Minutes)**

**Direction (Q 1 to 4): Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:-**

While melatonin supplements may seem like a quick fix for sleep problems, health experts caution against relying on them as a magic long-term solution. The supplements, available in various forms like gummies, pills, and liquid, have become increasingly popular among individuals struggling with sleep issues. However, experts advise that they should only be used under medical supervision and for specific purposes.

According to Dr. Neetu Jain, a sleep specialist, melatonin supplements are not effective for individuals with underlying anxiety or depression. People with these conditions require psychiatric consultation and therapy, such as cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), to address their sleep problems. CBT is a talking therapy that helps individuals cope with challenges in life by addressing their thought processes. It is a first-line treatment for sleep-related problems before resorting to pharmacological treatments.

Melatonin supplements are most beneficial for individuals with irregular work shifts, those crossing time zones, or individuals recovering from periods of poor sleep patterns. However, experts warn that prolonged use of these supplements can lead to side effects like grogginess and nausea.

Moreover, melatonin supplements are not sedatives or sleep-inducing drugs but rather “physiological supplements” that support the brain in restoring the quality, structure, and pattern of sleep. Experts emphasise the importance of good “sleep hygiene”, including avoiding stimulating activities or drinks in the evening, reducing screen time, and engaging in relaxing activities before bed.

Individuals struggling with sleep issues should consult a sleep specialist to determine the underlying cause of their problem and develop a personalized treatment plan.

1. Why do health experts caution against relying on melatonin supplements as a long-term solution?
  - (a) They are highly addictive and can cause withdrawal symptoms.
  - (b) They are only effective for individuals with severe sleep disorders.
  - (c) They do not address underlying sleep issues and may have side effects.
  - (d) They are not approved by medical authorities for sleep treatment.
2. According to Dr. Neetu Jain, why are melatonin supplements ineffective for individuals with anxiety or depression?
  - (a) People with these conditions need psychiatric treatment rather than sleep aids.
  - (b) Melatonin supplements increase anxiety and depressive symptoms.
  - (c) Individuals with anxiety & depression require stronger medication.
  - (d) The melatonin supplements interfere with antidepressants.
3. What is the primary purpose of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in sleep treatment?
  - (a) To replace medication with herbal alternatives.
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4. What is the significance of the term “physiological supplements” in describing melatonin?

- (a) It suggests melatonin directly induces sleep without any other support.
- (b) It highlights the idea that melatonin supports natural biological processes to improve sleep.
- (c) It means melatonin is a type of drug with strong sedative effects.
- (d) It implies that melatonin is only useful for people with physiological sleep disorders.

**Direction (Q 5 to 8): Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-**

People came to him when the patient was on his last legs. Dr. Raman often burst out “Why couldn’t you have come a day earlier?” The reason was obvious - the visiting fee was twenty-five rupees, and more than that people liked to shirk the fact that the time had come to call Dr. Raman; for them there was something ominous in the very association. As a result, when the big man came on the scene, it was always a quick decision one way or another. There was no scope or time for any kind of wavering or whitewashing.

Long years of practice had bred in the doctor a certain curt truthfulness; for that very reason, his opinion was valued; he was not a mere doctor expressing an opinion but a judge pronouncing a verdict. The patient’s life hung on his words. This never unduly worried him. He never believed that agreeable words ever saved lives. He did not think it was any of his business to provide unnecessary hope when, as a matter of course, nature would tell them the truth in a few hours. However, when he glimpsed the faintest sign of hope, he rolled up his sleeve and stepped into the arena: it might be hours or days, but he never withdrew till he wrested the prize from the Yama’s hands.

Today, the doctor felt that he himself needed someone to tell him soothing lies. He mopped his brow and sat down beside the bed where lay his dearest friend in the world.

5. Why did Dr. Raman feel that he needed someone to tell him “soothing lies” at the end of the passage?
  - (a) He was exhausted and needed rest.
  - (b) He was worried about his own health and needed solace.
  - (c) He was emotionally distressed over his friend’s condition.
  - (d) He had lost faith in his medical abilities.

6. What does the reference to “wresting the prize from Yama’s hands” symbolize?
  - (a) His struggle to save his patients from the clutches of death.
  - (b) His greed for fame and success.
  - (c) His rivalry with other doctors.
  - (d) His belief in mythology over medicine.
7. What is the primary theme reflected in this passage?
  - (a) The importance of financial planning for medical treatment.
  - (b) The inevitability of fate and death.
  - (c) The balance between truth and compassion in a doctor’s profession.
  - (d) The limitations of medical science in modern times.
8. What quality of Dr. Raman made his opinions highly valued?
  - (a) His ability to provide emotional support.
  - (b) His tendency to use complex medical jargon.
  - (c) His blunt and truthful nature.
  - (d) His reputation for never making mistakes.

**Direction (Q 9 to 12): Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-**

As to your studies I wish you to learn Latin, Trench, and dancing. I insist particularly on dancing because it is often neglected yet crucial to success in life. First impression depends on two things: dress and address—both within our control. Neglecting these often leads to slights, coldness, and contempt, which even integrity and talents cannot always overcome. Ignoring what ensures others’ favourable opinions suggests arrogance or defiance—never without serious consequences. Neglect of appearance implies disrespect for others and often stems from poor sense as much as poor nature. The maxim, “Desire to please, and you will infallibly please,” explains this well.

Slovenliness can be cured with effort, but a graceful carriage requires early habit, often with the dancing master’s help. Awkwardness creates prejudice: stumbling in manner suggests insecurity or a lack of confidence. In contrast, openness, freedom, and self-possession set others at ease, revealing inner harmony. Grace in women secures affections and signals a well-balanced soul, just as awkwardness in men impedes gallantry and connection.

Lastly, avoid pouring over books until bent double; this habit is hard to break and harmful to both health and esteem. A stoop diminishes public and private standing. You are upright now, walking boldly and spiritedly—preserve this carefully. Elasticity of limbs and upright deportment is vital to worldly success as much as actions.

Do not, by neglecting how to enter a room properly, stumble at the very threshold of good graces. Remember, nothing prejudices people more than awkwardness.

9. The author advises about the importance of elegance in one’s carriage to
  - (a) facilitate self-esteem and personal growth
  - (b) avoid prejudice and signs of insecurity and nervousness
  - (c) enhance the ability to focus on learning and excellence
  - (d) show one’s bountiful possessions.
10. What does the author warn against when studying?
  - (a) Ignoring worldly advantages in pursuit of knowledge.
  - (b) Focusing solely on dancing and physical exercises.
  - (c) Developing a stoop that harms one’s health and reputation.
  - (d) Spending too much time on books instead of practical tasks.
11. Neglecting one’s attire and manner of speaking leads to
  - (a) permanent alienation from society
  - (b) a lack of inner harmony and balance
  - (c) a misunderstanding of one’s integrity and talents
  - (d) humiliation, indifference, or scorn from others
12. The maxim “Desire to please, and you will infallibly please” implies that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) genuine intent to please others resonates positively and usually succeeds
  - (b) overdoing the efforts to please others often involves compromise and bears negatively
  - (c) desire to please ends up in neglect of one’s own happiness
  - (d) sycophancy can unerringly lead you to be out of favour
13. From the given options, select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-
 

He gazed \_\_\_\_\_ at his beautiful parental home in the valley, his thoughts drifting to a memorable past.

  - (a) zestfully
  - (b) yieldingly
  - (c) yearningly
  - (d) woefully
14. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate adverbs given in **List-II**:-

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Adverbs)	
A.	She looked at him _____, trying to hide her excitement.	I.	efficiently
B.	He _____ admitted that he had forgotten the appointment.	II.	confidently

C.	They finished the project _____, avoiding any last minute stress.	III.	eagerly
D.	The professor spoke _____, capturing everyone's attention.	IV.	sheepishly

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

- (a) A - II, B - I, C - IV, D - III
- (b) A - I, B - III, C - II, D - IV
- (c) A - IV, B - III, C - II, D - I
- (d) A - III, B - IV, C - I, D - II

15. Select the synonym for the word: **QUERULOUS**.

- (a) Imbecile (b) Stoic
- (c) Petulant (d) Deficient

16. From the given options, select the most appropriate expression to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

The athlete's career took a dramatic \_\_\_\_\_ after her record-breaking performance.

- (a) close call (b) lasting impression
- (c) downward spiral (d) upward trajectory

17. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- A. the sycamore tree whose leaves and pods produce a natural
- B. other plants that might compete for water and nutrients
- C. few other plants can grow beneath the canopy of
- D. herbicide that reaches into the surrounding soil, inhibiting

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) A, C, B, D (b) A, B, C, D
- (c) C, A, D, B (d) C, B, D, A

18. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- A. meadow, casting long shadows that whispered
- B. twilight's golden hues spread over the
- C. jasmine, promised mysteries yet to unfold
- D. forgotten secrets, while the air, heavy with

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) C, B, D, A (b) B, C, D, A
- (c) B, A, D, C (d) C, B, A, D

19. Select the idiom that best fits the meaning implied in the given sentence:-

During the meeting, her casual and thoughtless remarks deeply annoyed and irritated her colleagues.

- (a) keep someone at bay
- (b) rub someone up the wrong way
- (c) have it out with someone
- (d) be at loggerheads with others

20. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- A. caused by harmful UVA light, which can lead to skin
- B. powerful antioxidants that protect the skin from damage
- C. carotenoids, found in foods like carrots and tomatoes, are
- D. aging and wrinkles, though they cannot replace sunscreen.

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

- (a) C, B, D, A (b) C, B, A, D
- (c) B, A, D, C (d) B, A, C, D

21. Match the definitions in **List-I** with the words in **List-II**:-

List-I (Definitions)	List-II (Words)
A. Few words packed with meaning, concise	I. Circumlocution
B. Talking around, a way of talking indirectly	II. Colloquial
C. Informal, less grammatically rigid language	III. Magniloquent
D. Sonorous, emphasizing style at the expense of thought	IV. Laconic

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

- (a) A - II, B - IV, C - I, D - III
- (b) A - IV, B - I, C - II, D - III
- (c) A - IV, B - I, C - III, D - II
- (d) A - III, B - IV, C - I, D - II

22. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to the highlighted word:-

These results closely **accord** with our predictions.

- (a) conflict (b) manage
- (c) react (d) approve

23. Select the synonym for the word :Nimble

- (a) Austere (b) Agile
- (c) Languid (d) Lazy

24. Select the appropriate word from the given option to complete the sentence:-

The \_\_\_\_\_ actions of the mill owners were eventually exposed, leading to widespread public outrage.

- (a) treacherous (b) riveting
- (c) unpretentious (d) ingenuous

25. Select the appropriate verb forms to fill in the blanks in the given sentence:-

If I \_\_\_\_\_ to renew the books, I \_\_\_\_\_ to pay a fine.

(a) phoned, wouldn't have  
 (b) had phoned, wouldn't have had  
 (c) have phoned, wouldn't  
 (d) phone, didn't have

26. Select the most appropriate antonym for the underlined word in the following sentence:-  
 Her **devious** actions irritated everyone.  
 (a) obscure (b) straightforward  
 (c) devilish (d) diverting

27. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-  
 A. as we tend to put our personal pursuits aside for other responsibilities  
 B. successful people find time to unwind by creatively stimulating their mind  
 C. we think are more important although the most highly motivated and  
 D. finding time to follow our hobbies away from work can be a challenge  
 Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:  
 (a) B, A, C, D (b) D, A, C, B  
 (c) D, A, B, C (d) A, C, B, D

28. From the given options, select the word that is opposite in meaning to the highlighted word in the given sentence:-  
 He **affable** charm helped her to navigate the tense meeting with a warm smile and easy humor, disarming even her harshest critics.  
 (a) gullible (b) surly  
 (c) tactless (d) gracious

29. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-  
 A. share the principle that life is precious and must not be  
 B. pacifists, guided by the belief that war is never justified,  
 C. opposing all forms of violence, even in self-defense  
 D. wasted, with some drawing their views from religion and Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-  
 (a) B, C, A, D (b) B, A, D, C  
 (c) C, B, A, D (d) C, B, D, A

30. Select the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence:-  
 Her speech was filled with such **hackneyed** expressions that it felt like she was reading from a well-worn script.  
 (a) shallow (b) trite  
 (c) innovative (d) jagged

31. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-  
 A. networks within the brain, improving overall cognitive  
 B. exercise helps build key connections between the  
 C. performance and stalling the onset of Alzheimer  
 D. there's a growing body of research proving that  
 Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:  
 (a) D, B, A, C (b) D, A, B, C  
 (c) C, A, B, D (d) C, B, D, A

32. From the given options, select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-  
 Her new book was wonderfully \_\_\_\_\_ of the long forgotten memories of bygone times.  
 (a) evasive (b) evocative  
 (c) contextual (d) obnoxious

33. Select the synonym for the underlined word in the following sentence:-  
 Amid the whispered **retractions** that shadowed her every step, she walked with a quiet dignity as if truth itself walked beside her.  
 (a) adulation (b) vindication  
 (c) slander (d) vendetta

34. Match the definitions in **List-I** with the words in **List-II**:-

	<b>List-I (Definitions)</b>	<b>List-II (Words)</b>
A.	A person who supports a particular idea or party	I. Fanatic
B.	Someone with a very strong belief that something is great	II. Radical
C.	Someone who believes that there should be extreme change	III. Reactionary
D.	Someone opposed to change or new ideas	IV. Adherent

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:  
 (a) A - III, B - IV, C - I, D - II  
 (b) A - IV, B - II, C - III, D - I  
 (c) A - IV, B - I, C - II, D - III  
 (d) A - III, B - I, C - IV, D - II

47. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate homonyms from **List-II**:-

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Homonyms)	
A.	She has a personal _____ in the success of the play.	I.	vain
B.	Brush up	II.	steak
C.	Her _____ efforts to fix the broken device only ended up frustrating her.	III.	vane
D.	The conversation sizzled like a _____ on the grill, heated and rich with unspoken tension.	IV.	stake

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

(a) A - III, B - IV, C - I, D - II  
 (b) A - I, B - III, C - II, D - IV  
 (c) A - II, B - III, C - I, D - IV  
 (d) A - IV, B - II, C - III, D - I

48. Select the most appropriate word from the given options to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

As the storm approached, we could hear the distant \_\_\_\_\_ of thunder in the sky.

(a) rumble (b) crackle  
 (c) ripple (d) clank

49. Select the synonym for the word: **ENTAIL**

(a) Exclude (b) Require  
 (c) Eliminate (d) Postpone

50. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to the word **BERATE**.

(a) Endorse (b) Censure  
 (c) Gentle (d) Liberate

## Answer Key

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (c)  
 11. (d) 12. (a) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (c) 16. (d) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (b) 20. (b)  
 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (b) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (b) 29. (b) 30. (b)  
 31. (a) 32. (b) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (a) 36. (a) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (c)  
 41. (d) 42. (c) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (d) 47. (a) 48. (a) 49. (b) 50. (a)

## MOCK TEST PAPER

## Instructions

**Attempt all 50 questions out of the given 50 questions. Each question carries 5 marks. One mark will be deducted for a wrong answer.**

**Full Marks: 250**

**(Time: 60 Minutes)**

**Comprehension: Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow.**

South India is known for its music and for its arts and rich literature. Madras or Chennai can be called the cultural capital and the soul of Mother India. The city is built low in pleasant contrast to the ghoulish tall structures of Mumbai and Kolkata. It has vast open spaces and ample greenery. The majestic spacious Mount Road looks like a river, wide and deep. A stroll on the Marina beach in the evening with the sea glistening in your face is refreshing. The breeze soothes the body, it refreshes the mind, sharpens the tongue and brightens the intellect.

One can never feel dull in Chennai. The intellectual and cultural life of the city is something of a marvel. Every street corner of Chennai has a literary forum, a debating society and music, dance and dramatic club. The intelligent arguments, the sparkling wit and dashing irony enliven both the political and the literary meetings. There is a young men's association which attracts brilliant speakers and equally brilliant listeners to its meetings. It is a treat to watch the speakers use their oratorical weapons. Chennai speakers are by and large sweet and urbane, though the cantankerous, fire-eating variety is quite often witnessed in political campaigning. The urbane speakers weave their arguments slowly like the unfolding of a leisurely Carnatic raga.

Music concerts and dance performances draw packed houses. There is hardly any cultural family in Chennai that does not learn and patronise music and dance in its pristine purity. Rukmani Devi Arundale's 'Kalakshetra' is a renowned international centre. It has turned out hundreds of celebrated maestros and dancers who have brought name and glory to our country. Carnatic music has a peculiar charm of its own. It has the moon's soft beauty and moon's soft pace. Thousands of people flock to the temple 'maidans' to get

drunk with the mellifluous melodies of their favourite singers. They sit out all night in the gruelling heat, swaying to the rhythm of 'nadaswaram' and rollicking with the measured beats of 'mridangam'. M.S. Subbulakshmi is considered to be the nightingale of the South.

The Gods might descend from heaven to see a South Indian damsel dancing. There are several varieties of South Indian dance – Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali, etc. Age cannot wither nor custom stale its beautiful variety. Bharatnatyam is the most graceful and enchanting dance form, whereas Kathakali is most masculine and virile. South Indian dances combine voluptuousness with purity. Here, every muscle and fibre of the body vibrates into life, and as the tempo increases, a divine flame like passion bodies forth as if making an assault on heaven.

South Indian dress, particularly of the males, is puritanically simple. There you cannot distinguish a judge from an 'ardali' by their dress. South Indian ladies too look charming and graceful in their colourful Kanjeevaram and Mysore silk sarees.

South Indian cuisine, especially 'dosa', 'idli' and 'vada' are so delicious that now we can enjoy them almost everywhere in India as well as in some foreign countries. The Madras 'idli', which was a favourite of Gandhiji, is served with 'sambhar' and 'coconut chutney'.

1. For what is South India mainly known?
  - (a) For tasty food.
  - (b) For its traditional, music, art, literature.
  - (c) For scenic beauty.
  - (d) For its delicate and precise ways.

2. Why is it a treat to watch the speakers?
  - (a) Because they use oratorical weapons.
  - (b) Because they are witnessed in campaigning.
  - (c) Because they weave their arguments fastly.
  - (d) Because they argue and complain a lot.
3. What is M.S. Subbulakshmi considered to be?
  - (a) Graceful and enchanting
  - (b) Masculine and virile
  - (c) Nightingale of the South
  - (d) Moon's soft beauty
4. Why are South Indian dances special?
  - (a) Because Gods come from heaven to see them.
  - (b) Because there aren't many varieties of dance.
  - (c) Because they are pure as well as sensuous.
  - (d) Because they make an assault on heaven.

**Comprehension: Read the passage given below and answer the four questions that follow:**

On 10 November 2016, the Indian government decided to demonetise the 500 and 1,000 rupee notes, the two biggest denominations of the Indian currency system. These notes accounted for 86% of the country's circulating cash. With little warning, India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi announced to the citizenry that these notes would be rendered ineffective with immediate effect. People were given time till the end of the year to deposit or exchange them for newly introduced 2,000 and 500 rupee notes.

The government's goal was to combat India's Thriving underground economy on several fronts: eradicate counterfeit currency, fight tax evasion (only 1% of the population pays taxes), eliminate black money accumulated from money laundering and terrorist-financing activities, and to promote a cashless economy. Individuals and entities with huge sums of black money acquired from parallel cash systems were forced to take their large-denomination notes to a bank, and account for them satisfactorily and submit the proof of tax paid. If the individual could not provide the proof of making any tax payments on the cash he/she possessed, a penalty of 200% on the tax due was to be imposed.

Demonetisation had a severe impact on the gold market. The extraordinary demand for the yellow metal brought a stiff hike in its cost. However, the government made it mandatory that every buyer had to submit his/her PAN card details for purchases made.

Many Indians switched to alternative payment methods. The biggest gainers were mobile wallet companies that offered easy transactions through a large network of partners. Alibaba-backed Paytm saw a sevenfold increase in overall traffic. Customers found the option of prepaid cash cards useful. Other alternatives included mobile payment systems linked to e-commerce businesses like Ola Money, Free Charge, and Flipkart Wallet.

5. What did the government make mandatory for every buyer to purchase gold?
  - (a) To submit the proof of tax paid
  - (b) To submit the PAN card details
  - (c) To opt for mobile payment systems
  - (d) To submit the proof of citizenship
6. Why did the government decide to demonetise the 500 and 1,000 rupee notes?
  - (a) To fight tax evasion
  - (b) To eliminate black money
  - (c) To eradicate counterfeit currency
  - (d) All of these
7. What was the impact of demonetisation on the entities with huge sums of black money?
  - (a) They were forced to take their large-denomination notes to bank.
  - (b) They were asked to submit the proof of tax aid.
  - (c) A penalty of 200% on the black money was to be imposed.
  - (d) Both (a) and (b)
8. Which of the following statement is NOT TRUE, according to the passage?
  - (a) Alibaba-backed Paytm saw a sevenfold increase in overall traffic.
  - (b) On 10 November 2016, the Indian government decided to demonetise the two biggest denominations of the Indian currency system.
  - (c) Demonetisation had a severe impact on the stock market.
  - (d) People were given time till the end of the year to deposit or exchange the notes.
9. Rearrange the parts to form a meaningful sentence:
 

A. who listens without judging and offers honest advice,	(b) B, C, A, D
B. a true friend is someone	(d) C, B, A, D
C. and stands by you during both success and failure,	
D. making life's journey easier and happier	

  - (a) B, A, C, D
  - (c) A, B, C, D
10. Rearrange the parts to form a meaningful sentence:
 

A. which encouraged many young innovators to try new ideas,	(b) B, D, A, C
B. the science fair featured low-cost projects with big impact,	(d) B, C, A, D
C. and some of these prototypes won state-level awards	
D. drawing attention from teachers and local industry,	

  - (a) B, A, D, C
  - (c) D, B, A, C



List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Adverbs)	
A.	The child waited _____ for the magician to begin the show.	I.	bravely
B.	He spoke _____ about his mistake in front of everyone.	II.	neatly
C.	The soldiers fought _____ till the last moment.	III.	eagerly
D.	She arranged the files _____ before the meeting.	IV.	honestly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (b) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (c) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (d) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV

15. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate adverbs given in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Adverbs)	
A.	The teacher explained the concept _____ so everyone could understand.	I.	shyly
B.	The players celebrated their victory _____.	II.	clearly

C.	He accepted the criticism _____ and promised to improve.	III.	humbly
D.	She entered the room _____, avoiding everyone's eyes.	IV.	joyfully

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (b) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
- (c) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
- (d) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III

**16. Choose the correct synonym of the word:**

Niggardly

17. Choose the correct synonym of the word:

## Mercenary

**Comprehension:** Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:

Archaeology is the scientific study of the remains of past human culture. Archaeologists investigate the lives of early people by studying the objects those people have left behind. Such objects include buildings, artwork, tools, bones and pottery. Archaeologists may make exciting discoveries, such as a tomb filled with gold or the ruins of a magnificent temple in the midst of a jungle. However, the discovery of a few stone tools or grains of hardened corn may reveal even more about early people.

Archaeological research is the chief means to learn about societies that existed before the invention of writing about 5,000 years ago. It also provides an important supplement to our knowledge of ancient societies that left written records. In America, archaeology is considered a branch of anthropology, the scientific study of humanity and human culture. European archaeologists, however, think of their work as closely related to the field of history. Archaeology differs from history in that historians mainly study the lives of people as recorded in written documents. Archaeologists look for information about how, where, and when cultures developed. Like other social scientists, they search for reasons why major changes have occurred in certain cultures. Some archaeologists try to understand why ancient people stopped hunting and started farming. Others develop theories about what caused people to build cities and to set up trade routes. In addition, some archaeologists look for reasons behind the fall of such early civilisations as the Mayas in Central America and the Romans in Europe.

Archaeologists examine any evidence that can help them explain how people lived in past times. Such evidence ranges from the ruins of a large city to a few stone flakes left by someone making a stone tool long ago.

The three basic kinds of archaeological evidence are artefacts, features and ecofacts. Artefacts are objects that were made by people and can be moved without altering their appearance. Artefacts include objects like arrowheads, pots and beads. Artefacts from a society with a written history may also include clay tablets and other written records. Features consist mainly of houses, tombs, irrigation canals and other large structures built by ancient peoples. Unlike artefacts, features cannot be separated from their surroundings without changing their form. Ecofacts reveal how ancient people responded to their surroundings.

**18. What is the primary focus of archaeology?**

- (a) Studying written documents from ancient societies.
- (b) Investigating the lives of early people through material remains.
- (c) Preserving ancient ruins and monuments.
- (d) Developing theories about the future of human civilization.

**19. Why is archaeology particularly important for studying societies from over 5,000 years ago?**

- (a) Because these societies had complex trade systems.
- (b) Because these societies existed before the invention of writing.
- (c) Because these societies only left behind ecofacts.
- (d) Because these societies were the first to build cities.

**20. What kind of evidence would an archaeologist look for to explain how ancient people responded to their surroundings?**

- (a) Artefacts and ecofacts.
- (b) Written records and documents.
- (c) Religious texts.
- (d) Trade routes.

**21. Which of the following civilizations is mentioned in the passage as an example of early civilizations studied by archaeologists?**

- (a) The Indus Valley civilization.
- (b) The Mayas and Romans.
- (c) The Mesopotamians and Egyptians.
- (d) The Greeks and Phoenicians.

**22. Match the definitions in List-I with the words in List-II:-**

List-I (Definitions)		List-II (Words)	
A.	One who can use both hands equally well	I.	Omnipotent
B.	One who knows everything	II.	Misanthrope
C.	One who is all-powerful	III.	Omniscient
D.	One who hates mankind	IV.	Ambidextrous

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV
- (b) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (c) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
- (d) A-IV, B-I, C-III, D-II

**23. Match the definitions in List-I with the words in List-II:**

List-I		List-II	
A.	Fear of confined spaces	I.	Nyctophobia
B.	Fear of water	II.	Acrophobia
C.	Fear of heights	III.	Claustrophobia
D.	Fear of darkness	IV.	Hydrophobia

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (b) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (c) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I
- (d) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III

**24. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:**

The artist's paintings are known for their \_\_\_\_\_ use of color and light.

- (a) dull
- (b) skillful
- (c) careless
- (d) random

**25. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:**

The grocer

P : Did not listen to the protests of the customer

Q : Who was in the habit of weighing less

R : Whom he had cheated

S : With great audacity

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) QSPR
- (c) QPRS
- (d) PQSR

**26. Match the blanks in List-I with appropriate Homonyms in List-II.**

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Homonyms)	
A.	The prisoner was kept in a small _____ for weeks.	I.	cell
B.	The shopkeeper wanted to _____ all the old stock quickly.	II.	sell
C.	She felt _____ during the long lecture.	III.	bored
D.	The teacher wrote the equations on the white _____.	IV.	board

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (b) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (c) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (d) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

**27. Match the words given in List-I with their meaning given in List-II.**

List-I (Words)		List-II (Meaning)	
A.	Dispute	I.	To adjust or modify something to suit a new condition

**Answer Key**

(Scan QR Code for Detailed Explanations)

1. (b)	2. (a)	3. (c)	4. (c)	5. (d)	6. (c)	7. (d)	8. (c)	9. (a)	10. (b)
11. (b)	12. (a)	13. (b)	14. (a)	15. (c)	16. (a)	17. (c)	18. (b)	19. (b)	20. (a)
21. (b)	22. (b)	23. (a)	24. (b)	25. (c)	26. (a)	27. (a)	28. (a)	29. (a)	30. (b)
31. (a)	32. (a)	33. (c)	34. (a)	35. (a)	36. (b)	37. (a)	38. (b)	39. (a)	40. (c)
41. (a)	42. (b)	43. (a)	44. (b)	45. (c)	46. (a)	47. (a)	48. (a)	49. (b)	50. (a)

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