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# PREFACE

***“Some goals are so worthy, it’s glorious even to fail”***

***– Capt. Manoj Kumar Pandey***

Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) every year conducts a CDS exam twice a year for candidates who wish to make their career in the defence forces-Army, Navy and Air Force. The Combined Defence Services Examination is conducted for admission to the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Indian Naval Academy (INA), Air Force Academy (AFA), and Officers Training Academy (OTA).

The CDS selection process comprises two stages-written exams and SSB interviews. The final selection of candidates is done based on the performance in both stages. After completing training at IMA, INA, AFA, and OTA, candidates are selected for the post of Lieutenant.

In 2023, Approx. 4.5 Lacs students applied for the CDS examination, the opportunity you get from the Indian Armed Forces is just limitless, which helps in enhancing your personality traits. For a youngster who is aspiring to get a job full of challenges and excitement, then there is no better job than the defence.

This book aims to make aspirants exam-ready, boost their confidence and help them achieve better results in CDS. By making learning Simple, we are also making better careers and a better life for every student. Every day we are moving ahead pursuing our noble cause of spreading knowledge.

This set of solved question papers is designed to enrich students with ample and examoriented practice so that they can clear CDS Examination with extraordinary results. Not one or two but 12 Previous Year Solved Question Paper (2018 to 2023) focussed on polishing every topic. Thorough studying of this book will boost my confidence and familiarise me with exam patterns.

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- **100% updated** with Fully Solved Paper of April & September 2023.
- **Concept Clarity** with detailed explanations of 2018 to 2023 Papers.
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- **Crisp Revision** with Mind Maps.
- **Expert Tips** helps you get expert knowledge master & crack CDS in first attempt.
- **Exam insights** with 5 Year-wise (2023-2019) Trend Analysis, empowering students to be 100% exam ready.

## **Our Heartfelt Gratitude**

Finally, we would like to thank our authors, editors, and reviewers. Special thanks to our students who send us suggestions and constantly help improve our books. To stay true to our motto of ‘Learning Made Simple’, we constantly strive to present information in ways that are easy to understand as well as remember.

Happy Learning!

***All the Best!***

**TEAM OSWAAL**

**I realize what I cannot Control and let the good things flow**

**I courageously move in the direction of my dreams**

**I am Supported fully by the universe**

**I am wrapped in the loving energy of the universe**

**All of my thoughts are aligned with my desires**

**I allow my desires to flow to me now**

## Affirmations for the new "YOU"

**I effortlessly attract my desires**

**//** Accept yourself, love yourself, and keep moving forward. If you want to fly, you have to give up what weighs you down.

**I am open to new experiences and welcome abundance into my life**

**When I let go, I create space for something better.**

**//** I have the power to shift my mindset and see the good in everything.



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# Tips to Crack Combined Defence Services (CDS) in the First Attempt

The CDS Exam is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission or UPSC for recruitment of commissioned officers in the Indian Military Academy, Officers Training Academy, Indian Naval Academy & Indian Airforce Academy. CDS is recognised as one of the reputed National level Examinations in India. Cracking the CDS Exam in the very first attempt, given the difficulty level, can be a laborious task but is quite attainable if done diligently as well as smartly. Here are some tips that you must follow by heart to crack the exam in the very first attempt:

## 1 Think Right

Calming yourself and thinking positive is the first and the best course of action that one is required to take. Think and believe that the exam goal is achievable if worked upon smartly.

## 2

### Start studying from the beginning

All the aspirants are aware of how vast, comprehensive and detailed the syllabus of the CDS exam is. To crack the exam in the first attempt you have to start preparing for the exam from the beginning of your 10th class. It is only then that you will be able to complete the entire syllabus. Following this approach will also allow you plenty of time to revise.

## 3

### Respect the syllabus and arrange the materials accordingly

While preparing for the CDS exam nothing can be labelled as less important. Questions can come from the most unexpected topics too. Laying down your whole syllabus in front of you will help you to decide on the study material you require.

## 4

### Get the right tools and study material

Gathering and preparing from the appropriate study material is something you cannot be ignorant towards. You can refer to Oswaal Books CDS Year-wise 12 Solved Papers along with Question Banks to enhance your preparation. Both the reference books are on the lines of the current syllabus and can be entrusted upon before the examination.

## 5

### Schedule total time for each subject

Creating a schedule which gives due time to all the subjects is a must. Giving proper time to all the subjects daily will help you cover the syllabus on time, giving you enough time for revision.

## 6

### Understand the concepts

No one can crack the CDS exam just by mugging up all the concepts and topics. The syllabus of the exam is in-depth such that you need to understand every concept.

## 7

### Practice a lot of Sample Papers

Year-wise Solved Papers will not only help you in understanding the examination pattern, but they will also help you in figuring out the questions that come up every year and this might give you an edge over other students. You can refer to Oswaal CDS Question Bank, as they include all the typologies of Questions asked in the Examination, Previous Years Papers with solutions, Mind Maps, etc. Referring to various sample papers might also help you in comprehending the areas which require more work.

## 8

### Revise whenever you get time

Make sure you revise as much as possible. The revision will help you in keeping the concepts fresh in your mind.

## 9

### Analysing your performance

While you are solving papers, make sure you keep a track of time i.e. how much time does it take to solve one section or one question? Make a report of the sections and type of questions which take minimum and maximum time.

# Syllabus

Sections	Topics
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spotting Errors Questions</li><li>• Sentence Arrangement Questions</li><li>• Synonyms &amp; Antonyms</li><li>• Selecting Words</li><li>• Ordering of Sentence</li><li>• Reading Comprehension Questions</li><li>• Ordering of words in a sentence</li><li>• Fill in the blank's questions</li><li>• Idioms and Phrases</li></ul>





## NDA vs CDS : Know All the Similarities & Differences

The National Defence Academy (NDA) and the Combined Defence Services (CDS) Exams are gateways to the Indian Armed Forces. Though both the exams are conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, i.e. UPSC, there are many similarities and differences in the recruitment, training, salary, perks and promotion opportunities, etc.

For those who are planning to join Indian Army, Navy or Air Force, it is essential to know the differences and similarities in NDA and CDS. The similarities are given below:

Parameter	NDA	CDS
Age	16.5-19.5 Years	19-25 Years
Eligibility	Men only	Men & Women
Educational Qualification	10+2	Degree
Scheme of Examination	Written+SSB	Written+SSB
Frequency of the Exam	Twice/Year	Twice/Year
Duration of Training	4-4.5 Years 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 Yr. at IMA (For Army cadets) 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 Yr. at Naval Academy (For Naval cadets)/ 3 Yrs. at NDA and 1 & 1/2 Yrs. at AFA Hyderabad (For AF cadets)	18 months for IMA Cadets 37-40 months for Navy Officers 74 months for Air Force Officers
Training Centres	National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune Indian Military Academy, Dehradun Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala Indian Air Force Academy, Hyderabad	Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun for Army Cadets Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala for Navy Cadets Indian Air Force Academy, Hyderabad for Air Force Officers Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai
Degrees awarded	Army Cadets - B.Sc./B.Sc. (Computer)/BA /B.Tech. degree Naval Cadets - B.Tech. degree Air Force Cadets - B.Tech. degree	Army Cadets in IMA - PG Diploma in 'Military and Defence Management OTA Chennai – Post Graduate Diploma in Defence Management and Strategic Studies
Rank assigned after training	Lieutenant	Lieutenant
Stipend during training	Rs. 21,000/- p.m. (fixed)	Rs. 21,000/- p.m. (fixed)



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### Promotional Avenues

Rank	Min. Commissioned Service for Promotion	
	NDA Officer	CDS Officer
Lieutenant	On Commission	On Commission
Captain	02 Years	02 Years
Major	06 years	06 years
Lieutenant Colonel	13 years	13 years
Colonel(Selection)	15 years	15 years
Colonel(Time Scale)	26 years	26 years
Brigadier	On Selection	23 years
Major General	On Selection	25 years
Lieutenant General	On Selection	28 years
General	On Selection	No restrictions

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**APPENDIX-I**

The scheme, standard and syllabus of the examination

**A . SCHEME OF EXAMINATION**

1. The Competitive examination comprises:
  - (a) Written examination as shown in para 2 below.
  - (b) Interview for intelligence and personality test (vide Part 'B' of this Appendix) of such candidates as may be called for interview at one of the Services Selection Centres.
2. The subjects of the written examination, the time allowed and the maximum marks allotted to each subject will be as follows:
  - (a) For Admission to Indian Military Academy, Indian Naval Academy and Air Force Academy:—

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
1. English	2 Hours	100
2. General Knowledge	2 Hours	100
3. Elementary Mathematics	2 Hours	100

- (b) For Admission to Officers' Training Academy:—

Subject	Duration	Maximum Marks
1. English	2 Hours	100
2. General Knowledge	2 Hours	100

The maximum marks allotted to the written examination and to the interviews will be equal for each course i.e. the maximum marks allotted to the written examination and to the interviews will be 300, 300, 300 and 200 each for admission to the Indian Military Academy, Indian Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Officers' Training Academy respectively.

3. The papers in all the subjects will consist of objective type questions only. The question papers (TestBooklets) of General Knowledge and Elementary Mathematics will be set bilingually in Hindi as well as English.
4. In the question papers, wherever necessary, questions involving the metric system of Weights and Measures only will be set.
5. Candidates must write the papers in their own hand. In no circumstances will they be allowed the help of a scribe to write answers for them.
6. The Commission have discretion to fix qualifying marks in any or all the subjects of the examination.
7. The candidates are not permitted to use calculator for answering objective type papers (Test-Booklets). They should not therefore, bring the same inside the Examination Hall.



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Height and Weight: Height requirement varies as per the stream of entry. Weight should be proportionate to height as per the chart given below:-

Age (yrs)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20 yrs	Age: 20 + 01 day - 30 yrs	Age : 30 + 01 Day - 40 yrs	Age: Above 40 yrs
Height (cm)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)
140	35.3	43.1	45.1	47.0	49.0
141	35.8	43.7	45.7	47.7	49.7
142	36.3	44.4	46.4	48.4	50.4
143	36.8	45.0	47.0	49.1	51.1
144	37.3	45.6	47.7	49.8	51.8
145	37.8	46.3	48.4	50.5	52.6
146	38.4	46.9	49.0	51.2	53.3
147	38.9	47.5	49.7	51.9	54.0
148	39.4	48.2	50.4	52.6	54.8
149	40.0	48.8	51.1	53.3	55.5
150	40.5	49.5	51.8	54.0	56.3
151	41.0	50.2	52.4	54.7	57.0
152	41.6	50.8	53.1	55.4	57.8
153	42.1	51.5	53.8	56.2	58.5
154	42.7	52.2	54.5	56.9	59.3
155	43.2	52.9	55.3	57.7	60.1
156	43.8	53.5	56.0	58.4	60.8
157	44.4	54.2	56.7	59.2	61.6
158	44.9	54.9	57.4	59.9	62.4
159	45.5	55.6	58.1	60.7	63.2
160	46.1	56.3	58.9	61.4	64.0
161	46.7	57.0	59.6	62.2	64.8
162	47.2	57.7	60.4	63.0	65.6
163	47.8	58.5	61.1	63.8	66.4
164	48.4	59.2	61.9	64.6	67.2
165	49.0	59.9	62.6	65.3	68.1
166	49.6	60.6	63.4	66.1	68.9
167	50.2	61.4	64.1	66.9	69.7
168	50.8	62.1	64.9	67.7	70.6
169	51.4	62.8	65.7	68.5	71.4
170	52.0	63.6	66.5	69.4	72.3
171	52.6	64.3	67.3	70.2	73.1
172	53.3	65.1	68.0	71.0	74.0
173	53.9	65.8	68.8	71.8	74.8
174	54.5	66.6	69.6	72.7	75.7
175	55.1	67.4	70.4	73.5	76.6
176	55.8	68.1	71.2	74.3	77.4



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Age (yrs)	Minimum weight for all ages	Age: 17 to 20 yrs	Age: 20 + 01 day - 30 yrs	Age : 30 + 01 Day - 40 yrs	Age: Above 40 yrs
Height (cm)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)	Weight (Kg)
177	56.4	68.9	72.1	75.2	78.3
178	57.0	69.7	72.9	76.0	79.2
179	57.7	70.5	73.7	76.9	80.1
180	58.3	71.3	74.5	77.8	81.0
181	59.0	72.1	75.4	78.6	81.9
182	59.6	72.9	76.2	79.5	82.8
183	60.3	73.7	77.0	80.4	83.7
184	60.9	74.5	77.9	81.3	84.6
185	61.6	75.3	78.7	82.1	85.6
186	62.3	76.1	79.6	83.0	86.5
187	62.9	76.9	80.4	83.9	87.4
188	63.6	77.8	81.3	84.8	88.4
189	64.3	78.6	82.2	85.7	89.3
190	65.0	79.4	83.0	86.6	90.3
191	65.7	80.3	83.9	87.6	91.2
192	66.4	81.1	84.8	88.5	92.2
193	67.0	81.9	85.7	89.4	93.1
194	67.7	82.8	86.6	90.3	94.1
195	68.4	83.7	87.5	91.3	95.1
196	69.1	84.5	88.4	92.2	96.0
197	69.9	85.4	89.3	93.1	97.0
198	70.6	86.2	90.2	94.1	98.0
199	71.3	87.1	91.1	95.0	99.0
200	72.0	88.0	92.0	96.0	100.0
201	72.7	88.9	92.9	97.0	101.0
202	73.4	89.8	93.8	97.9	102.0
203	74.2	90.7	94.8	98.9	103.0
204	74.9	91.6	95.7	99.9	104.0
205	75.6	92.5	96.7	100.9	105.1
206	76.4	93.4	97.6	101.8	106.1
207	77.1	94.3	98.6	102.8	107.1
208	77.9	95.2	99.5	103.8	108.2
209	78.6	96.1	100.5	104.8	109.2
210	79.4	97.0	101.4	105.8	110.3

- (a) Weight for height charts given above is for all categories of personnel. This chart is prepared based on the BMI. The chart specifies the minimum acceptable weight that candidates of a particular height must have. Weights below the minimum specified will not be acceptable in any case. The maximum acceptable weight of height has been specified in age wise categories. Weights higher than the acceptable limit will be acceptable only in the case of candidates with documented evidence of body building, wrestling, and boxing at the National level. In such cases the following criteria will have to be met.

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- (i) Body Mass Index should be below 25.
  - (ii) Waist Circumference should be less than 90 cm for males and 80 cm for females.
  - (iii) All biochemical metabolic parameters should be within normal limits. Note: The height and weight for candidates below 17 yrs will be followed as per guidelines by 'Indian Academy of Paediatrics growth charts for height, weight and BMI for 05 yrs to 16 yrs old children'.
- (b) The minimum height required for male candidates for entry into the Armed Forces is 157 cm or as decided by the respective recruiting agency. Gorkhas and candidates belonging to Hills of North Eastern region of India, Garhwal and Kumaon, will be accepted with a minimum height of 152 cm.
- (c) The minimum height required for female candidates for entry into the Armed Forces is 152 cm. Gorkhas and candidates belonging to Hills of North Eastern region of India, Garhwal and Kumaon will be accepted with a minimum height of 148 cm. Note: An allowance for growth of 02 cm will be made for both male and female candidates below 18 years of age at the time of examination. The minimum height requirement for the Flying Branch is 163 cm. Anthropometric standards like sitting height, leg length and thigh length are also required by the flying Branch.
8. Following investigations will be carried out for all officer entries and for pre-commission training academies.
- However examining medical officer/ medical board may ask for any other investigation deemed fit.
- (a) Complete haemogram
  - (b) Urine RE
  - (c) Chest X-ray
  - (d) USG abdomen and Pelvis.
9. Certain standards vary depending on age and type entry viz stds for vision as follows:-

Parameter	Standards : 10+2 entries, NDA(Army), TES and equivalent	Graduate & equivalent entries: CDSE, IMA, OTA, UES, NCC, TGC & equivalent	Post graduate & equivalent entries: JAG, AEC, APS, RVC, TA, AMC, ADC, SL & equivalent
Uncorrected vision (max allowed)	6/36 & 6/36	6/60 & 6/60	3/60 & 3/60
BCVA	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6	Rt 6/6 & Lt 6/6
Myopia	< -2.5 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)	< -3.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)	< -5.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)
Hypermetropia	< +2.5 D Sph, (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)	< +3.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)	< +3.50 D Sph (including max astigmatism $\leq$ +/- 2.0 DCyl)
Lasik/equivalent surgery	Not permitted	Permitted*	Permitted*
Colour perception	CP-II	CP-II	CP-II



**\*LASIK or Equivalent kerato-refractive procedure**

- (a) Any candidate who has undergone any kerato-refractive procedure will have a certificate from the centre where he/she has undergone the procedure, specifying the date and type of surgery.
- (b) In order to be made FIT, the following criteria will have to be met:
  - (i) Age more than 20 yrs at the time of surgery
  - (ii) Minimum 12 months post LASIK
  - (iii) Central corneal thickness equal to or more than 450  $\mu$
  - (iv) Axial length by IOL Master equal to or less than 26 mm
  - (v) Residual refraction of less than or equal to  $\pm 1.0$  D incl cylinder, (provided acceptable in the category applied for).
  - (vi) Normal healthy retina.
  - (vii) Corneal topography and ectasia markers can also be included as addl criteria.

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# Trend Analysis (2023-2019)

CHAPTER NAME	2023	2022		2021		2020		2019	
	Paper-1	Paper-1	Paper-2	Paper-1	Paper-2	Paper-1	Paper-2	Paper-1	Paper-2
SPOTTING ERRORS	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20	15
READING COMPREHENSION	10	10	15	10	10	10	10	20	17
SELECTING WORDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	13
ORDERING OF SENTENCES	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	9
ANTONYMS	10	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
SYNONYMS	10	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10
VOCABULARY	10	10	15	10	10	20	20	23	17
FILL IN THE BLANKS	20	10	10	10		10	10	-	-
CLOZE TEST	10	10	10	10	10	20		15	19
GRAMMAR	20	30	29	30	40	10	10	2	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>





# Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be kind

**01**

Three things that make you special

**02**

Three people you are grateful for and why

**03**

Three simple things you are grateful for

**04**

A challenging experience that made you stronger

**05**

Three ways to inject gratitude into a current challenge

**06**

Describe the last time you did something nice for someone

**07**

A fear you have overcome

**08**

Three activities you enjoy most and why

**09**

What made you smile today?

**10**

Three things you love about your family

**11**

What is your favorite place, and why?

**12**

Three things you love most about yourself

**13**

The last time you were overcome with joy

**14**

A risk you are grateful you took and why

**15**

Three everyday items you are grateful for

**16**

Three songs that bring you joy

**17**

What skill do you have that you are grateful for and why?

**18**

One luxury you are thankful for

**19**

Describe a rejection you are grateful for

**20**

Three things about your body you are grateful for

**21**

What are you most grateful for in your daily life?

**22**

Three things you are grateful for about where you live

**23**

Three items in your home you are grateful for

**24**

Say thank you to someone

**25**

Something in nature you are grateful for

**26**

A person in your past you are grateful for

**27**

Something at school you're grateful for

**28**

Describe the last time you laughed so hard you cried

**29**

What is your proudest accomplishment?

**30**

Three things you want to manifest

# Order Form

## JEE (MAIN) 15 Mock Test Papers (For 2024 Exam)

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Are these reasons enough to get you started?

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**Time Allowed : 2 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 100**

**Instructions**

1. This Test Booklet contains **120** items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
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**Word Classes**

**Directions:** Each of the following sentences has word/words underlined. Read the sentence carefully and find which word class the underlined word/words belongs/belong to. Indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. I like that boy.
  - (a) Noun
  - (b) Demonstrative Pronoun
  - (c) Participle
  - (d) Conjunction
2. Without health there is no happiness.
  - (a) Noun
  - (b) Pronoun
  - (c) Adjective
  - (d) Adverb
3. You have no sense.
  - (a) Noun
  - (b) Determiner
  - (c) Adverb
  - (d) Preposition
4. None of these cars is in use.
  - (a) Reflexive Pronoun
  - (b) Demonstrative Pronoun
  - (c) Distributive Pronoun
  - (d) Indefinite Pronoun
5. We shall now begin to work.
  - (a) Adverb
  - (b) Adjective
  - (c) Conjunction
  - (d) Pronoun
6. Owing to his ill health, he retired from business.
  - (a) Conjunction
  - (b) Preposition
  - (c) Participle
  - (d) Determiner
7. My sister is just sixteen and therefore not eligible to vote.
  - (a) Gerund
  - (b) Adverb
  - (c) Adjective
  - (d) Conjunction
8. They tried to find fault with us.
  - (a) Participle
  - (b) Verb
  - (c) Infinitive
  - (d) Gerund
9. Which way shall we go?
  - (a) Noun
  - (b) Gerund
  - (c) Conjunction
  - (d) Adjective
10. Alas! He is dead.
  - (a) Determiner
  - (b) Conjunction
  - (c) Preposition
  - (d) Interjection





25. several antiquities from other  
P  
nations over the years India has brought back  
Q R S  
(a) RSPQ (b) RQSP  
(c) QRSP (d) QSPR
26. the Aravalli hill ranges  
P  
of the Yamuna river and  
Q  
are spread out over the natural landscapes  
R  
the biodiversity parks  
S  
(a) PRSQ (b) QRSP  
(c) SRQP (d) QSPR
27. the family found out their mother's friends  
P Q  
were going to that some of Poland in a car  
R S  
(a) PRQS (b) QSPR  
(c) SPRQ (d) RQSP
28. earth may seem immense  
P  
from the perspective of humans  
Q  
and almost limitless living on its surface  
R S  
(a) PQRS (b) SPRQ  
(c) QSPR (d) RPSQ
29. in terms of trading volumes,  
P  
have grown substantially  
Q  
market capitalization and turnover  
R  
the Indian financial markets  
S  
(a) PQRS (b) QRPS  
(c) RSPQ (d) SQPR
30. emerge at last into a those who passed through  
P Q  
country of unearthly beauty  
R  
that valley of darkness  
S

- (a) PRQS (b) QSPR  
(c) RPQS (d) SQRP

### Idioms and Phrases

**Directions :** Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d) which is the most appropriate meaning and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

31. Have an axe to grind  
(a) to have a selfish aim or motive  
(b) a thing that causes problems  
(c) an essential equipment for work  
(d) to behave arrogantly
32. Bite the bullet  
(a) to be angry and unhappy  
(b) to start doing something in a very keen way  
(c) to accept something unpleasant and difficult  
(d) to try to do more than you are able to do
33. Laughing stock  
(a) someone who does something very stupid and is made fun of  
(b) to avoid conflict  
(c) to laugh at someone secretly  
(d) a jovial and respected person
34. Pay over the odds  
(a) to get dividends for investments  
(b) to work hard to make payments  
(c) to treat someone in the bad way  
(d) to pay more for something than it is worth
35. Play to the gallery  
(a) to do something alone  
(b) to say things that will make people admire you  
(c) to behave in a very annoying way  
(d) to take big risks in business

36. Be in the soup

- (a) to be in trouble
- (b) to be very healthy
- (c) to be good at the workplace
- (d) to be honest to people

37. A turn of the screw

- (a) to begin to behave in a more positive way
- (b) to change people's opinions in your favour
- (c) to become unpopular
- (d) an action which makes a bad situation worse

38. A white elephant

- (a) someone who is completely good and honest
- (b) something that has cost a lot of money but has no useful purpose
- (c) a situation where you waste time looking for something
- (d) to make someone feel anxious

39. A hot potato

- (a) someone who is very angry
- (b) something that is difficult to deal with
- (c) someone who is holier than appears to be
- (d) to be unable to decide

40. Apples and oranges

- (a) people who are close to each other
- (b) people who argue a lot
- (c) people who are different and thus incomparable
- (d) people who fight over minor issues

### Spotting Errors

**Directions :** Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled as (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

41. Guest is unwelcome when he stays too  
 (a) (b) (c)  
long. No error  
 (d)

42. My friend and benefactor has come.  
 (a) (b) (c)  
No error  
 (d)

43. Either he or I am mistaken. No error  
 (a) (b) (c) (d)

44. Each of these substances  
 (a) (b)  
are found in India. No error  
 (c) (d)

45. Who do you wish to see? No error  
 (a) (b) (c) (d)

46. It was one of the best speeches  
 (a)  
that has ever been made in the Parliament.  
 (b) (c)  
No error  
 (d)

47. I played with same bat that you used.  
 (a) (b) (c)  
 No error  
 (d)

48. His written statement defers in several  
 (a)  
important respects from his oral  
 (b) (c)  
statement. No error  
 (d)

49. I have ordered for three cups  
 (a) (b)  
of coffee. No error  
 (c) (d)

50. One must not boast of one's own  
 (a) (b)  
success. No error  
 (c) (d)

### Synonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words/groups of words. Select the option that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

51. There are plenty of graduates anxious for work.  
 (a) composed (b) eager  
 (c) indifferent (d) prominent
52. The power of the monarchy was circumscribed by the new law.  
 (a) constrained (b) naturalized  
 (c) circumvented (d) notified
53. We caught him eavesdropping outside the window.  
 (a) wandering aimlessly  
 (b) talking loudly  
 (c) listening secretly  
 (d) reflecting calmly
54. The party leader exhorted his members to start preparing for the formation of their government.  
 (a) expected (b) urged  
 (c) facilitated (d) discouraged
55. The local people are hospitable to strangers.  
 (a) surly (b) distant  
 (c) frosty (d) cordial
56. Such traditional methods seem incongruous in our technical age.  
 (a) unswerving (b) constant  
 (c) unvarying (d) inappropriate
57. Mohan has mercurial temperament.  
 (a) volatile (b) pleasant  
 (c) agreeable (d) merciful
58. It is obligatory for all employees to wear protective clothing.  
 (a) voluntary (b) elective  
 (c) optional (d) essential
59. She has a genetic predisposition to liver disease.  
 (a) resistance (b) immunity  
 (c) vulnerability (d) exemption

60. She wore a sardonic smile on her face.  
 (a) mocking (b) respectful  
 (c) reverential (d) deferential

### Ordering of Sentences

**Directions :** In this section, each item consists of six sentences of a passage. The first and sixth sentences are marked as S1 and S6. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled as P, Q, R and S. This is followed by four options each suggesting a sequence of the sentences. Identify the most appropriate option.

61. S1 : Like many of its tropical counterparts, India was a colony of Britain, which ruled out any move to adjust the exchange rate.

S6 : Banks were left with unrecoverable assets.

P : Indebted business failed.

Q : With devaluation made politically impossible, fall in export demand led to sustained and deep deflation.

R : Indebted households liquidated a variety of assets to repay loans when they could.

S : Real interest rates rose.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSPQ (b) QSRP  
 (c) SQPR (d) PSRQ

62. S1 : Consider the potential effect of just a small increase in the earth's atmospheric temperature.

S6 : If the sea level rose only a few feet, dozens of coastal cities would be destroyed and life would change utterly.

P : Some deserts might anyway bloom.

Q : But lands now fertile might turn to deserts, and many hot climates could become uninhabitable.

R : A rise of only a few degrees could melt the polar ice caps and submerge the planet in a short time.

S : Rainfall patterns would change.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SQPR (b) RQSP  
 (c) RSPQ (d) QRSP



63. SI : In the ancient times, the kings and the royal families had their own banner and seal.

S6 : So the high officials commanded great respect because of the descent, ability and character.

P : All the members of the royal family shared in the administration as far as possible.

Q : The royal palace was maintained in a great state.

R : The king was in theory an autocrat.

S : There were opportunities to influence the king in the formulation of policies.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSPQ                      (b) QRPS  
(c) PQSR                      (d) QPSR

64. SI : The rise of East Asia in the late twentieth century may ultimately prove to be a more important world-historical event than the collapse of communism.

S6 : Translated into political terms, this means that industrial capitalism is always accompanied by liberal democracy.

P : In the final two decades of the twentieth century, economic growth rates on the western rim of the Pacific Basin were between two and four times higher than those in the 'developed' economies of Europe and North America.

Q : The widespread assumption has been that modernization means westernization.

R : Certainly, the balance of the world's economy shifted markedly from the West to the East in this period.

S : However, the notion that there is distinctively East Asian political form is less familiar one.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSPQ                      (b) PQSR  
(c) SPQR                      (d) RPSQ

65. SI : Manipur has a long and glorious history from before the beginning of the Christian Era.

S6 : Manipur regained its independence in 1947 and merged into Indian Union in 1949.

P : Then, Manipur came under the British rule in 1891.

Q : The independence and sovereignty remained uninterrupted until the Burmese invasion and occupation for around seven years in the first quarter of the 19th century (1819-1826).

R : The political history of Manipur could be traced back to 33 AD with the coronation of Nongda Lairen Pakhangba.

S : After Pakhangba, a number of kings ruled over the Kingdom of Manipur.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSPQ                      (b) PQRS  
(c) RSQP                      (d) QPRS

66. SI : In agriculture, water is mainly used for irrigation.

S6 : Hence, it is difficult to practice agriculture without assured irrigation during dry seasons.

P : The large tracts of the country are deficient in rainfall and are drought prone.

Q : Winter and summer seasons are more or less dry in most part of the country.

R : Irrigation is needed because of spatio-temporal variability in rainfall in the country.

S : North-Western India and Deccan Plateau constitute such areas.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RPSQ                      (b) RSPQ  
(c) SPQR                      (d) QPRS

67. SI : Vijayanagara or 'city of victory' was the name of both a city and an empire.

S6 : They remembered it as Hampi, a name derived from that of the local Mother Goddess, Pampadevi.

P : In its heyday, it stretched from the river Krishna in the North to the extreme South of the peninsula.

Q : The empire was founded in the fourteenth century.

R : In 1565, the city was destroyed and subsequently deserted.

S : Although it fell into ruin in the seventeenth-eighteenth centuries, it lived on in the memories of people living in the Krishna-Tungabhadra Doab.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PRQS                      (b) SPRQ  
(c) QPRS                      (d) RSPQ

68. SI : During the past two decades, many organizations in both the manufacturing and service sectors have faced dramatic changes in their business environment.

S6 : These changes have had a significant influence on management accounting systems.

P : To succeed in today's highly competitive environment, companies have made customer satisfaction an overriding priority.

Q : They have also adopted new management approaches and manufacturing companies have changed their manufacturing systems and invested in new technologies.

R : Deregulation and extensive competition from overseas companies in domestic markets have resulted in a situation in which most companies now operate in a highly competitive global market.

S : At the same time there has been a significant reduction in product life cycles arising from technological innovations and the need to meet increasingly discriminating customer demands.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS                      (b) RSPQ  
(c) SRQP                      (d) QPRS

69. SI : Gregor Johann Mendel was born on July 22, 1822 in Austria.

S6 : Based on his experiments on a total of seven characteristics in garden pea, he established Law of Segregation and Law of Independent Assortment.

P : His pioneering work laid the foundation of science of genetics and therefore, he is known as the 'Father of Genetics'.

Q : There he was exposed to the lab facilities and got interested in research and teaching.

R : In 1843, Mendel began studying even while being a monk at St. Thomas Monastery in Brno.

S : His experiments focussed on cross-breeding of pea plants and gathering data on the variations of several generations.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSPQ                      (b) PQSR  
(c) PRQS                      (d) SPQR

70. SI : Mahatma Gandhi found in salt a powerful symbol that could unite the nation.

S6 : The tax on salt and the government monopoly over its production, Mahatma Gandhi declared, revealed the most oppressive face of the British rule.

P : On 31 January, 1930, he sent a letter to Viceroy Irwin stating eleven demands.

Q : The idea was to make the demands wide-ranging, so that all classes within Indian society could identify with them and everyone could be brought together in a united campaign.

R : Salt was something consumed by the rich and the poor alike, and it was one of the most essential items of food.

S : The most stirring of all was the demand to abolish the salt tax.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQSR                      (b) SRQP  
(c) RPQS                      (d) QPRS

### Antonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or groups of words. Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

71. Brevity is the soul of wit.

- (a) concision                      (b) economy  
(c) terseness                      (d) verbosity

72. Blend the grains to make a smooth paste.

- (a) separate                      (b) mingle  
(c) coalesce                      (d) amalgamate

73. The project wasted a considerable amount of time and money.  
 (a) substantial (b) trifling  
 (c) plentiful (d) abundant
74. She has always been disdainful of people who haven't been to college.  
 (a) contemptuous (b) dismissive  
 (c) scornful (d) respectful
75. He had a frugal lunch.  
 (a) sparing (b) extravagant  
 (c) meagre (d) delicious
76. He is forced to lead an itinerant life.  
 (a) vagrant (b) roving  
 (c) settled (d) nomadic
77. His malicious intentions were aborted.  
 (a) pernicious (b) spiteful  
 (c) benevolent (d) vindictive
78. Comics tend to perpetuate several myths.  
 (a) cease (b) conserve  
 (c) sustain (d) maintain
79. Krishna is a redoubtable person.  
 (a) formidable (b) fearsome  
 (c) awe inspiring (d) unimpressive
80. The movie is about fusion of old and contemporary ideas.  
 (a) joining (b) bonding  
 (c) separation (d) blending

### Cloze Composition

**Directions :** In this section, there is a passage having some blank spaces with four words or groups of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

It is necessary, \_\_\_\_ 81. (a) in regard to any war, to consider, not its proper justification in  
 (b) connecting  
 (c) describing  
 (d) linking

past agreements, 82. (a) and \_\_\_\_\_ its real justification in the balance of good which it  
 (b) until  
 (c) but  
 (d) unless

is to bring to mankind. At the beginning of a war, each nation, under the influence of what is called  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 83. (a) disloyalty, believes that its own victory is  
 (b) patriotism,  
 (c) infidelity,  
 (d) falseness,

\_\_\_\_\_ 84. (a) nationally certain and of great importance to mankind. The praiseworthiness of  
 (b) individually  
 (c) autonomously  
 (d) both

this belief has become an accepted maxim of common sense : even when war is actually in progress it



85. (a) is held to be natural and right that a citizen of an enemy country  
 (b) has been withheld  
 (c) was held  
 (d) had been withheld

should regard the victory of his side as assured and highly \_\_\_\_\_ 86. (a) unpleasant. By  
 (b) unlikely.  
 (c) desirable.  
 (d) malignant.

concentrating attention upon the supposed advantages of the victory of our own side, we  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 87. (a) becoming more or less blind to the evils inseparable from war and  
 (b) become  
 (c) had become  
 (d) have been becoming

equally certain whichever side may ultimately prove \_\_\_\_\_ 88. (a) successful. Yet so long  
 (b) thriving.  
 (c) victorious.  
 (d) failing.

as these are not fully realized, it is impossible \_\_\_\_\_ 89. (a) to judge justly  
 (b) to be judged  
 (c) to judging  
 (d) having judged

\_\_\_\_\_ 90. (a) whether a war is or is not likely to be beneficial to the human race. Although  
 (b) therefore  
 (c) however  
 (d) since

the theme is trite, it is necessary therefore briefly to remind ourselves what the evils of war really are.

### Prepositions and Determiners

**Directions :** Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four options. Select whichever preposition or determiner you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

91. Steve has gone away. He will be away \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.  
 (a) on (b) by  
 (c) until (d) from
92. I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ Friday morning.  
 (a) in (b) on  
 (c) along (d) at

93. Write your name \_\_\_\_\_ the top of the page.  
 (a) at (b) in  
 (c) by (d) with
94. Sohan is studying \_\_\_\_\_ the university.  
 (a) in (b) at  
 (c) on (d) from
95. He is indebted \_\_\_\_\_ his friend.  
 (a) from (b) with  
 (c) by (d) to
96. Can I be held responsible \_\_\_\_\_ my spouse's debts?  
 (a) for (b) to  
 (c) by (d) with