CDS Exam(II): 2015

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Test Booklet Series

TEST BOOKLET ENGLISH



Time Allowed: Two Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS

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- 3. You have to enter your Roll Number on the Test Booklet in the Box provided alongside. **DO NOT** write anything else on the Test Booklet.
- 4. 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.
- 5. You have to mark all your responses *ONLY* on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.
- **6.** All items carry equal marks.
- 7. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet as per instructions sent to you with your Admission Certificate.
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- 9. Sheets for rough work are appended in the Test Booklet at the end.
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 - THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
 - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
 - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
 - (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

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SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response in 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).

1.	Of all those involved	with the accid	lent none was	seriously injured.	No error
	(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)
2.	Radar equipments	that is to be used	d for ships mu	ıst be installed carefu	lly. No error
	(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)
3.	New types of electrica	l circuits ha	as been developed	by our engineers	s. No error
	(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)
4.	Recently I visited Kas	hmir and four	nd the sceneries	to be marvellous.	No error
	(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)
5.	It is of primary impor	tance in swi	mming to learn	to breathe properly.	No error
	. (a)		(b)	(c)	(d)
6.	When the party was o	ver, he looked a	around for the gir	who had come wi	th him. No error
	(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)
7.	After we were driving	for miles on the	ne winding road	I was suddenly sick.	No error
	(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)
8.	The forecast was for t	air and warm	weather and the	e day dawned dark an	d chill. No error
	(a)	(b)) .	(c)	(d)
9.	To write, to speak or	to act seems	very easy.	No error	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
10.	I have not had tea	since two day	s. No error		
	(a)	(b) (c)	(d)		
11.	Beside his mother	he has two aunts	who stay with	him. No error	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
12.	This photograph a	ppears to be tl	he best of the two	. No error	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	

13.	Either the operator	or the foreman are	to blame for the	accident. No error
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
14.	The article offers	good advice to who	omever must accep	t it. No error
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
15.	She dislikes	you being most organized	than she is.	No error
•	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	SELECTI	NG WORDS	
Dire	ections: In the follo	wing passage at certain p	oints you are given	a choice of three words marked
(a),	(b) and (c), one of	which fits the meaning of	the passage. Choos	se the best word out of the three.
Mar	k the letter, viz., (a)	, (b) or (c), relating to this	word on your Answ	er Sheet. Examples K and L have
beer	solved for you.			
• •	K .,	L		
The	(a) boy was in	the school in Simla. (a)	She was homesi	ck.
	(b) horse	' (b)	It	
	(c) dog	(c)	Не	
Exp	lanation: Out of th	ne list given in item K, on	ly 'boy' is the corre	ct answer because usually, a boy,
and	not a horse or a dog	s, attends school. So '(a)' is	to be marked on the	e Answer Sheet for item K. A boy
is us	sually referred to as	'he', so for item L, '(c)' is t	the correct answer.	Notice that to solve the first item
K yo	ou have to read the	rest of the sentence and th	en see what fits be	st.
		Pass	age - 1	
	16.		17.	
'Wh	at (a) can happer	n to them after us?' This m	ost (a) joyous	question continually torments the
	(b) will		(b) distressing	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	(c) must		(c) distracting	•
	18.			19.
pare	nts of these (a) u	nethical children. So th	ey are mainly inter	ested in (a) providing
	(b) u	nnatural	•	(b) making
	(c) u	nfortunate		(c) giving
		20.		
some kind of vocational training for them. (a) But special schools for such children,				
(b) Yet				
	(c) Hence			
	,	•	3	(Contd.)

21.	22.
spread all (a) above the world, lay	emphasis on vocational training. (a) However,
(b) under	(b) Accordingly,
(c) over	(c) Similarly,
	23.
they are taught to make paper bags,	(a) dubious wall hangings etc. This, of course,
	(b) simple
	(c) clumsy
24.	25.
is quite (a) agreeable and admir	rable. But what about play and (a) sport?
(b) astute	(b) game?
(c) additional	(c) grounds?
	Passage - 2
Galileo used mathematical calculation	on as well as observation of nature and was the first astronomer to
	26.
use a telescope. With an instrument	of his own (a) experiment, Galileo observed Jupiter
	(b) construction,
	(c) calculation,
27.	28.
and four of (a) the moons, the ph	ases of Venus and the spots on the sun. His (a) observing
(b) their	(b) observations
(c) its .	(c) observed
	29.
and calculations confirmed that Cop	ernicus and Kepler were right. He saw (a) by his own eyes
• •	(b) from
•	(c) with
30.	31.
and made other people (a) to see	too that the earth was not the fixed center of (a) an universe
(b) see	(b) a
(c) seeing	(c) the
32.	
	ead made some important discoveries in mechanics. He did not
(b) als	
(c) the	eretore
	4 (Contd.)

Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (a), (b) or (c) is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter (a), (b) or (c). If none of the substitutions improves the sentence, indicate (d) as your response on the Answer Sheet. Thus a "No improvement" response will be signified by the letter (d).

- 41. It's ten o'clock already. It's high time you went home.
 - (a) you had gone
 - (b) you were going
 - (c) you had been
 - (d) No Improvement
- 42. The students <u>are playing</u> volley-ball since 8 A.M.
 - (a) were playing
 - (b) have playing
 - (c) have been playing
 - (d) No Improvement

- 43. Our plans for the trip fell <u>down</u> because we had no money.
 - (a) off
 - (b) out
 - (c) through
 - (d) No Improvement
- 44. None of these groups <u>has reported</u> accurately on the prevailing situation.
 - (a) have reported
 - (b) was reported
 - (c) has reporting
 - (d) No Improvement

- 45. Among the athletes undergoing training Ramesh was easily the better.
 - (a) best
 - (b) better
 - (c) the best
 - (d) No improvement
- 46. The earth moves round the sun, isn't it?
 - (a) wasn't it?
 - (b) hasn't it?
 - (c) doesn't it?
 - (d) No improvement
- 47. Supposing if he is arrested what will he do?
 - (a) if he will be arrested
 - (b) he is arrested
 - (c) if he was arrested
 - (d) No Improvement
- 48. My students <u>have been interesting</u> in learning French.
 - (a) have been interested
 - (b) are being interesting
 - (c) have also interesting
 - (d) No Improvement
- 49. Hardly <u>I had fallen</u> asleep, when the bell rang.
 - (a) I was fallen
 - (b) had I fallen
 - (c) I fell asleep
 - (d) No improvement
- 50. These days, Radha finds it difficult to make both her ends meet.
 - (a) both ends meet
 - (b) both the ends meet
 - (c) ends meet
 - (d) No Improvement

- 51. My mother always asks us to <u>close the fan</u> when we leave the room.
 - (a) on the fan
 - (b) off the fans
 - (c) turn off the fan
 - (d) No Improvement
- 52. If she does not get <u>more high salary</u>, she will resign.
 - (a) more higher salary
 - (b) high salaries
 - (c) a higher salary
 - (d) No Improvement
- 53. The parents should not discriminate from the girl child.
 - (a) discriminate between
 - (b) discriminate against
 - (c) discriminate at
 - (d) No Improvement
- 54. Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' is another of his greatest works.
 - (a) one of his greatest
 - (b) best of his greatest
 - (c) greatest of his
 - (d) No Improvement
- 55. Some schools require children to wear <u>black</u> <u>leather expensive shoes</u>.
 - (a) black expensive leather shoes
 - (b) expensive leather black shoes
 - (c) expensive black leather shoes
 - (d) No Improvement

56.	It is a good thing for him should recognize	61.	No sooner did we reach the railway station
	<u>his faults</u> .		when it began to rain.
	(a) that he to recognise his faults		(a) than
•	(b) him recognizing his faults		(b) and
	(c) for him to recognize his faults		(c) while
	(d) No Improvement		(d) No Improvement
57.	Some boys speak their mother-tongue among one another.		Well-bred children always listen to their
			parents' advice.
	(a) between them		(a) hear to
			(b) agree
	(b) among themselves		(c) obey
	(c) with them		(d) No Improvement
	(d) No Improvement	63.	We had not met since then, neither did I wish
58.	Prior than taking any decisions he always	05.	to meet him now.
	consults his lawyer.		(a) never did I wish
	(a) Prior to		(b) nor did I wish
	(b) Previous to		(c) did not I wish
	(c) Prior as		(d) No Improvement
	(d) No Improvement		
	(a) No improvement	64.	
59.	He does not know what the university is.		been late.
	(a) an .		(a) Even if she had
	(b) a		(b) Although she had
	(c) one		(c) As if she had
	(d) No Improvement		(d) No Improvement
,	(4)	65.	He felt sure of his success, though he was
60.	The Prime Minister called on the President.		beginning to get worried.
	(a) by		(a) his succeed
	(b) in		(b) his successes
	(c) to		(c) being succeeded
	(d) No Improvement		(d) No Improvement

COMPREHENSION

Directions: In this section there are **four** short passages. After each passage, you will find some questions based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the questions based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

Passage-I

Much rhapsodical nonsense has been written about the "Mona Lisa" and her enigmatic smile, and there have been endless speculations as to her character and the meaning of her expression. It is all beside the mark. The truth is that the "Mona Lisa" is a study of modeling. Leonardo da Vinci had discovered that the expression of smiling is much more a matter of modeling of the cheek and of the forms below the eye than of the change in the line of the lips. It interested him to produce a smile wholly by these delicate changes of surface; hence the mysterious expression.

- 66. The word *rhapsodical* as used in the passage means
 - (a) plain
 - (b) unreadable
 - (c) enthusiastic
 - (d) uniformed
- 67. "Mona Lisa" is the name of
 - (a) a beautiful woman who made history in ancient Rome
 - (b) a famous painting
 - (c) the artist's mistress
 - (d) an art technique
- 68. The truth about the "Mona Lisa" is that it is a study in
 - (a) feminine psychology
 - (b) facial expression
 - (c) feminine form
 - (d) modeling

- 69. The painter was able to produce that strange smile on Mona Lisa's face by
 - (a) delicate changes on the surface of cheeks below the eyes
 - (b) using bright colours
 - (c) using a painting knife
 - (d) looking constantly at a smiling model while painting
- 70. The author of the above passage has examined 'Mona Lisa' from
 - (a) an idealistic angle
 - (b) an imaginary point of view
 - (c) a purely artistic angle
 - (d) a scientific and realistic standpoint

Passage-II

It is possible to give wedding presents, birthday and Christmas presents, without any thought of affection at all, they can be ordered by postcard; but the unbirthday present demands the nicest care. It is therefore the best of all, and it is the only kind to which the golden rule of present-giving imperatively applies - the golden rule which insists that you must never give to another person anything that you would not rather keep: nothing that does not cost you a pang to part from. It would be better if this rule governed the choice also of those other three varieties of gifts, but they can be less exacting.

- 71. The author says that wedding, birthday and Christmas presents
 - (a) are always indicators of the giver's affection
 - (b) may not always be given with any thought of affection
 - (c) are given only to flatter the recipient
 - (d) are given only to fulfil an obligation

- 72. 'They can be ordered by postcard' means that
 - (a) the present may only be a postcard
 - (b) the present would be an expensive one
 - (c) the choice does not involve much care
 - (d) the present would not be worth giving

- 73. The 'unbirthday' present is the best of all because
 - (a) it cannot be ordered by postcard
 - (b) it means giving expensive presents
 - (c) its choice needs the utmost care
 - (d) other occasions are better than birthdays for giving presents
- 74. A 'golden rule' is a rule which
 - (a) brings profit
 - (b) is very important
 - (c) is very difficult
 - (d) is very easy

- 75. The writer is of the view that one should give a present that
 - (a) one would like to possess oneself
 - (b) one would like to get rid of
 - (c) cannot be ordered by mail
 - (d) is highly expensive and attractive

Passage-III

People project their mental processes into their handwriting. They subconsciously shape and organise their letters, words and lines in ways that directly reflect their personalities. This explains why no two handwritings are - or even can be - alike; the medium is just too personal. Everyday observation confirms the link between handwriting and personality, at least in an elementary way. Precise people construct their words with care, slowly and exactly; dynamic people dash them off. Flamboyant people boldly cover half a page with a few words and a signature, whose size fittingly reflects their expansive sense of self. Most of us have made such observations. But it takes a practiced eye to discern the scores of variations and interpret the subtle interplay of forces at work in any given handwriting. In fact in Europe, handwriting analysis known as graphology, now enjoys scientific acceptance and common use.

- 76. If you are a showy and colourful person, your handwriting is likely to be
 - (a) neat and slow
 - (b) dashing and careless
 - (c) bold and large
 - (d) legible but small
- 77. Graphology is
 - (a) the study of graphs
 - (b) the analysis of handwriting
 - (c) a special branch of phonetics
 - (d) a graphical description of handwriting
- 78. Handwriting analysis is
 - (a) not useful to us
 - (b) an elementary study
 - (c) an imprecise science
 - (d) a means of studying personality

- 79. According to the author, people are:
 - (a) not conscious of what they write
 - (b) aggressive in the nature of their writing
 - (c) not conscious of the way they write
 - (d) not used to personal writing
- 80. The fact that handwriting is related to personality
 - (a) has been noticed by most people
 - (b) is appreciated by dynamic people
 - (c) is restricted to persons who write carefully
 - (d) is known only to graphologists

Passage-IV

The simplest method of welding two pieces of metal together is known as pressure welding. The ends of metal are heated to a white heat — for iron, the welding temperature should be about 1300°C — in a flame. At this temperature the metal becomes plastic. The ends are then pressed or hammered together, and the joint is smoothed off. Care must be taken to ensure that the surfaces are thoroughly clean first, for dirt will weaken the weld. Moreover, the heating of iron or steel to a high temperature cause oxidation, and a film of oxide is formed on the heated surfaces. For this reason, a flux is applied to the heated metal. At welding heat, the flux melts, and the oxide particles are dissolved in it together with any other impurities which may be present. The metal surfaces are pressed together, and the flux is squeezed out from the centre of the weld. A number of different types of weld may be used, but for fairly thick bars of metals, a vee-shaped weld should normally be employed. It is rather stronger than the ordinary butt weld.

- 81. The simplest way of welding two pieces of metal together is
 - (a) heating the metal
 - (b) holding it in a flame
 - (c) coating the metal with plastic
 - (d) hammering heated pieces
- 82. Unless the surfaces are cleaned first
 - (a) the metal will not take white heat
 - (b) the resulting weld will be weak
 - (c) the joint will be rough
 - (d) the metal will be less plastic
- 83. When iron is heated to about 1300 degree centigrade
 - (a) flames turn from white to blue
 - (b) chemical reaction starts
 - (c) oxide film is found on its surfaces
 - (d) it turns into steel

- 84. The flux is used to
 - (a) make the metal plastic
 - (b) cool the heated metal
 - (c) cover up any dirt
 - (d) dissolve oxide and other impurities
- 85. For fairly thick bars of metals
 - (a) a vee shaped weld should be used
 - (b) ordinary butt weld should be used
 - (c) a number of different types of weld may be used
 - (d) a pressure weld may be used

SYNONYMS

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or group of words. Select the word or group of words that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word.

- 86. All these items have been marked down.
 - (a) reserved
 - (b) packed up
 - (c) reduced in price
 - (d) entered
- 87. How can you have the <u>effrontery</u> to ask for another loan?
 - (a) right
 - (b) impudence
 - (c) heart
 - (d) courage
- 88. There was a devastating attack on his work.
 - (a) terrible
 - (b) casual
 - (c) unethical
 - (d) motivated
- 89. The committee conducted an <u>exhaustive</u> inquiry.
 - (a) time-consuming
 - (b) complicated
 - (c) renewed
 - (d) thorough
- 90. He is just <u>laying up</u> a lot of trouble for himself.
 - (a) clearing
 - (b) accumulating
 - (c) accepting
 - (d) removing

- 91. He fought the demon with all his might.
 - (a) heaviness
 - (b) strength
 - (c) density
 - (d) popularity
- 92. Devotees believe that God <u>dwells</u> in their heart.
 - (a) lives
 - (b) insists
 - (c) travels
 - (d) enters
- 93. Not everyone can <u>respond to</u> a difficult question quickly.
 - (a) discuss
 - (b) argue.
 - (c) answer
 - (d) deny
- 94. The sage did not want to be bothered with mundane concerns.
 - (a) worldly
 - (b) meaningless
 - (c) trivial
 - (d) superfluous
- 95. Mountaineering in bad weather is dangerous.
 - (a) threatening
 - (b) shaky
 - (c) perilous
 - (d) slippery

98. He was not ready with his annual accounts. 96. Stellar groupings tend to be unlimited. (a) yearly (a) lengthy (b) important (b) heavenly (c) monthly (c) huge (d) permanent (d) infinite 99. Society cannot depend upon a fanatic for 97. One who rules with unlimited power is guidance. called a dictator. (a) optimist (a) anarchist (b) martyr (b) autocrat (c) bigot (c) egoist (d) anarchist (d) sychophant 100. A busy person cannot waste his time on trivial issues. (a) unimportant (b) rude (c) crude (d) tribal **ANTONYMS** Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or group of words. Select the word or group of words that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word. 103. His officer was a very strict person. 101. The officer exaggerated the damage caused by the rowdies. (a) pleasant (a) underwrote (b) open hearted (c) lenient (b) condemned (c) ignored (d) indifferent (d) underestimated 104. Servitude is not helpful for mental growth. 102. The speaker was unable to pacify the crowd. (a) Disservice (a) excite (b) Retirement (b) antagonize (c) Freedom (c) threaten (d) Termination

(d) challenge

105. His attit	tude to poor people is deplorable.	108.	The	paucity of good teachers is the chief
(a) con	mmendable		reaso	on for the present condition of these
(b) mi	serable		scho	ols.
(c) equ	uitable		(a)	presence
(d) des	sirable		(b)	surplus
			(c)	appointment
_	est made <u>derogatory</u> remarks about like was served.		(d)	retention
(a) into	eresting			t you think his account of things was
(p) cor	mplimentary	-	mone	otonous?
(c) uni	necessary		(a)	agreeable
(d) che	eerful		(b)	acceptable
107 II- h			(c)	varied
	an <u>aversion</u> to milk.		(d)	indecent
(a) dea		110.	Snur	ious drugs can prove to be fatal.
	, ₆			Virtuous
` '	ing			Inferior
(d) pet			` ´	Genuine
4 × 2			` '	Contemptuous
i				
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	Each of the following sentences has a l			
	ord you consider most appropriate for t	he bl	ank s	space and indicate your choice on the
Answer Shee	et.		M	
·				at did you think of the film?" ",
	es science has made.			n't like it very much."
· · · · · · ·	pose		` '	To be honest
	estion	1		Being honest
(c) ign		1	` '	To be fair
(d) dou	ubt	. •	(d)	In honesty
112. These to	rousers are too long, the	114.	He_	in this school since 2010.
length p		((a)	studied
(a) din	ninish		(b)	was studying
(b) less	sen			has been studying
(c) cur	tail	((d)	had studied
(d) red				
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	nink that's why he has problems."	outside.		
(a)	too many	(a) have eaten		
(b)	so many	(b) had eaten		
(c)	any more			
(d)	much more	(c) were eating		
116	if he is willing to fit in with the plans	(d) would eat		
of t	the group.	119. As he was and had saved enough		
(a)	There is no objection to him joining the party	money, his family escaped misery when he		
(b)	There is no objection on his joining the	died suddenly.		
·	party	(a) prudent		
(c)		(b) preparatory		
•	party	(c) persistent		
(d)	There was no objection for his joining the party	(d) providential		
117. Ha	ving secured the highest marks in the	120. Some mysteries remain in desert research:		
cla	ss,	especially relating to why some regions,		
(a)	the college had offered him a scholarship	once fertile, are now		
(b)	773 (1)	(a) blossoming		
	college	(b) cultivable		
(c)	a scholarship was offered him by the college	(c) barren		
(d)	a college scholarship had been offered to him	(d) irrigated		