

CUET UG 2026

Exam Analysis Report

May 11, 2026 · Shift 1 · 8 Subjects Covered

Accountancy · Economics · Chemistry · English · Business Studies Political Science · Geography · History

Difficulty levels · Topic-wise weightage · Key questions · What to expect next

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Accountancy Moderate	Economics Moderate–Tough	Chemistry Easy–Moderate	English Moderate	Business Studies Easy–Moderate	Pol. Science Moderate	Geography Easy–Moderate	History Moderate
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Overall verdict: Shift 1 was Moderate across most subjects. Numericals dominated Accountancy & Economics. Chemistry was NCERT-friendly. English vocabulary was surprisingly tough. History had more one-liner chronological questions than expected.

Accountancy

Moderate

Focus: Numericals had more weightage than theory. Partnership and Shares were dominant chapters.

Chapter-wise topic weightage

Partnership (Admission, Retirement)	<div style="width: 80%;"></div>	High
Issue & Forfeiture of Shares	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	High
Cash Flow Statement	<div style="width: 60%;"></div>	Medium
Goodwill Valuation	<div style="width: 55%;"></div>	Medium
Redemption of Preference Shares	<div style="width: 50%;"></div>	Medium
Theory (Act, Partnership Deed)	<div style="width: 20%;"></div>	Low
Case Study — Shares & Partnership	<div style="width: 50%;"></div>	Medium

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Gaining Ratio (numerical)	• Goodwill — Average Profit & Super Profit
• Cash Flow Statement — Investing Outflow	• Capital Adjustment — Retirement & Death of Partner
• Issue of Shares	• Partnership Deed — Sections
• Forfeiture & Re-issue of Shares	• Match the Column — Sections & Dimensions
• Preference Shares — Calls in Arrear & Interest	• Theory — Partnership Act (5 questions)
• Redemption of Preference Shares at Par	• Case Study — Shares entry questions

What to prepare for next shifts: Numericals are unavoidable. Focus on Admission, Retirement & Death of Partner; Issue & Forfeiture of Shares; Cash Flow Statement (Indirect Method). All case studies were from Shares and Partnership.

Economics

Moderate–Tough

Focus: Macroeconomics dominated. National Income was the toughest section. Indian Eco was easy.

Chapter-wise topic weightage

National Income (Macroeconomics)		Highest
Microeconomics — Numericals		High
Indian Economic Development		Medium
LPG Reforms		Low–Med
Production, Cost & Market Equilibr		Medium
Demand–Supply (Elasticity)		Medium
Budget Line & Cardinal/Ordinal App		Medium

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• National Income (multiple questions — TOUGH)	• Open Market Economy concept
• Date-based Macroeconomics questions	• Production Cost & Market Equilibrium (Graph — NCERT)
• Cardinal Approach & Ordinal Approach	• Budget Line (direct NCERT question)
• Indian Economy at Eve of Independence	• Calculate Net Income Tax (numerical)
• LPG Reforms — 2 questions	• Demand–Supply Graph (Elasticity)
• Numericals — National Income & Micro	• Paragraph-based questions — Indian Eco

NOT asked: China Policy, Handicraft Industry, Infrastructure, Industrial Policy. Skip these for future shifts. Macroeconomics + National Income numericals = highest priority.

Chemistry

Easy-Moderate

Good news: Mostly NCERT-based. 3 direct numericals. Organic Chemistry dominated.

Chapter-wise topic weightage

Organic Chemistry (overall)		Highest
Amines		High
Electrochemistry (numerical)		High
Physical Chemistry — Kinetics		Medium
d-f Block Elements		Medium
Name Reactions (Match the Column)		Medium
Coordination Compounds (Ligands)		Low-Med
Case-based Questions		Medium

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Organic Chemistry (Maximum questions)	• d-f Block — Identification based
• Amines — 25 marks worth of questions	• Ligands (Coordination Compounds)
• Name Reactions — Match the Column	• Rate of Reaction
• 3 Direct Numericals (NCERT-based)	• Half Life calculation
• Electrochemistry — Kohlrausch Law (390.5 type)	• Pseudo First Order reaction
• Electrochemistry — Numerical	• Case-based questions

Strategy for next shifts: Revise Amines thoroughly — 25 marks alone. Physical Chemistry numericals (Rate, Half Life, Electrochemistry) are high-yield. All questions were NCERT-level — no surprise topics.

English

Moderate

Focus: Vocabulary had unexpectedly high weightage. 3 Reading Comprehensions — some indirect questions.

Section-wise topic weightage

Vocabulary (Antonyms, One-word, Id		Highest
Reading Comprehension (3 passages)		High
Grammar — Question Tags		High
Active-Passive Voice		Medium
Figure of Speech (Match the Column)		Medium
Rearrangement		Medium
Tenses, Verbs, Narration, Preposit		Low-Med

Vocabulary words that appeared in Shift 1

Rattle	Wrath	Benevolent	Belligerent	Flippant
Brittle	Wreath	Philately	Bellicose	Cheeky

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Question Tags (more weightage — practice these)	• Idioms & Phrases
• RC: 1 Wildlife passage (4 Qs — TOUGH)	• One Word Substitution
• RC: 2 Narrative passages (4 Qs each)	• Phrasal Verbs — Fill in blanks (Take & Look)
• RC: Matching question format	• Foreign Words: 3–4 questions
• Figure of Speech: Simile, Metaphor, Personification	• Root Words
• Active–Passive (3–4 questions)	• Types of Analogy
• Rearrangement of sentences: 2 sets	• Narration: 1 question
• Antonyms: 5 questions	• Preposition (Fixed): 1 question

Wildlife RC was the toughest passage — indirect, inference-based questions. Vocabulary (antonyms, one-word, foreign words) = 30%+ of paper. Know your foreign words and root words.

Business Studies

Easy-Moderate

Good paper overall. Case studies were lengthy but doable. NCERT lines & keywords = key strategy.

Chapter-wise topic weightage

Case Studies (4 total — 5 Qs each)	<div style="width: 75%;"></div>	Highest
Principles of Management (Ch 2)	<div style="width: 60%;"></div>	High
Planning Process & Control (Ch 4/8)	<div style="width: 55%;"></div>	High
Organisation (Ch 5)	<div style="width: 40%;"></div>	Medium
Staffing Process (Ch 6)	<div style="width: 45%;"></div>	Medium
Financial Markets (Ch 10)	<div style="width: 35%;"></div>	Medium
Levels of Management (Ch 1)	<div style="width: 20%;"></div>	Low-Med

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• 4 Case Studies (5 questions each — lengthy)	• Match the Column — Management concepts
• Case Study: Types of Plan (Ch 4)	• Dimensions of Management (Chapter 3)
• Case Study: Shares — financial markets	• Features of Management — Interrelated
• Controlling & Planning Process (sequence-based)	• Staffing Process (Chapter 6)
• Principles of Management (select NOT a principle)	• Assertion & Reason — 2 questions
• Money Market Period — Financial Market	• Fill in the blanks — NCERT keyword based
• Levels of Management (Chapter 1)	• Statement-based & Match-the-following Qs
• Esprit de Corps (Chapter 2)	• Divisional Organisation (Chapter 5)

Case studies = 20 out of 50 marks. They were lengthy but all answers come directly from NCERT lines and keywords. Read each case carefully — look for Management terms and match to theory. Don't skip assertion-reason questions — they're direct from NCERT.

Political Science

Moderate

Mix of passage-based, timeline, and match questions. Contemporary World Politics = heavy.

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Article 5 — International Law	• Match the following — Slogans (Ch 5 & 6, Indian Book)
• Passage: Bombay Plan	• USSR stagnation concept
• Passage: Human Security	• EU Timeline questions
• 'Deterrence' — meaning & concept	• Punjab Timeline
• South Asia Timeline questions	• States formed in 1987
• Questions on 2004 elections	• President during Emergency

Chapters 5 & 6 from the Indian Politics book had heavy weightage (slogans & match). International relations, USSR, and EU timeline were directly from NCERT. Know your election years and constitutional articles.

Geography

Easy-Moderate

Relatively easy. Only Book 1 covered — Book 2 had no questions in this shift.

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Water Resources — year-based questions	• Secondary Sector — 1 question
• State-wise traditional water harvesting	• Human Development — Birth Rate, Push & Pull factors
• World Population (Book 1) — multiple questions	• Human Development Index: 2–3 Qs (including founder)
• 2011 Census — Population Density	• Passage: Population (World Wide)

No questions from Book 2 (India — People and Economy) in Shift 1. All questions came from Book 1. Focus on Population, Water Resources, and Human Development Index. Know the HDI founder (Mahbub ul Haq).

History

Moderate

More one-liners than expected. Chronological ordering questions were tricky.

Key topics asked — May 11, Shift 1

• Passage — 3 questions (inference-based)	• One-liner questions (more than expected)
• Ashoka — Chronological order	• Dates — Chronological Order (2–3 questions)
• Map — West to East (Rivers)	• Magadh Empire
• Vijayanagar — Kamlapuram Tank	• Revolt — specific events
• Harappa Civilisation — Drainage System (material used)	• Mahabharata reference question
• Mohenjodaro Discovery	• 'Khoob Ladi Mardani...' — who wrote this poem?

Chronological ordering + passage inference = toughest parts of History. Know rivers (West to East), major dynasties, and colonial-era events. Freedom movement figures — Laxmibai poem was asked directly.

Overall Shift 1 Summary — What the Paper Tells Us

Subject	Difficulty	Surprise element	Best prep strategy for next shift
Accountancy	Moderate	Numericals > Theory (unexpected ratio)	Master Partnership numericals + Shares (all types)
Economics	Mod–Tough	National Income very tough; Micro had more numericals	Focus National Income + Micro numericals. Skip China/Handicraft
Chemistry	Easy–Mod	NCERT-friendly overall; Amines = 25 marks	Amines revision + Physical Chemistry numericals
English	Moderate	Vocabulary very heavy; Wildlife RC was tough	Antonyms, foreign words, root words, phrasal verbs
Business Studies	Easy–Mod	Case studies were lengthy but NCERT-based	Read case studies slowly; match terms to NCERT theory
Political Science	Moderate	Slogans match + South Asia timeline	Ch 5 & 6 Indian Politics; International Org timelines
Geography	Easy–Mod	Book 2 had zero questions	Only Book 1 needed; Population + HDI + Water Resources
History	Moderate	More one-liners + chronological order Qs	Dates, dynasties, Harappa/Vijayanagar, colonial events

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Shift-wise percentile

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