

CUET UG 2026

May 11 — Shift 1 & Shift 2 | Complete Paper Analysis

Subject-wise Topics · Difficulty Levels · Key Questions · Student Strategy

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Shifts Analysed

11

Subjects Covered

50

Qs per Subject

45

Min Duration (mins)

200

Max Score

How to use this guide: Each subject card shows the topics and question types that appeared on May 11, 2026. **Green = Easy**
Blue = Moderate **Red = Tough** — Use this to benchmark your performance and prioritise revision for upcoming CUET shifts.

SHIFT 1

May 11, 2026 · Morning Session · 9 Subjects Covered

ACC ACCOUNTANCY

MODERATE

- Theory – 5 questions
- Partnership Act topics
- Admission of Partner
- Gaining Ratio (Numerical)
- Cash Flow Statement (Investing Outflow)
- Issue, Forfeiture & Re-issue of Shares
- Preference Shares (Calls in Arrear & Interest)
- Redemption of Preference Shares at Par
- Goodwill – Average Profit & Super Profit
- Case Study – Shares (entry questions)
- Capital Adjustment (Retirement & Death)
- Partnership Deed (Sections)

ECO ECONOMICS

MOD-TOUGH

- Macroeconomics – More Weightage
- National Income (Tough – Most questions)
- Date-based questions
- Microeconomics – More Numericals
- Cardinal Approach, Ordinal Approach
- Indian Economic Development – Easy Questions
- Paragraph-based (Eve of Independence)
- LPG Reforms – 2 questions
- Open Market Economy
- Production Cost & Market Equilibrium (Graph)
- Budget Line (Direct NCERT)
- Calculate Net Income Tax
- Demand-Supply Graph (Elasticity)
- No questions: China Policy, Handicraft, Infrastructure

CHE CHEMISTRY

EASY-MODERATE

- Organic Chemistry – Maximum Questions
- 3 Direct Numericals
- NCERT-based questions throughout
- Match the Column – Name Reactions
- Electrochemistry (Numerical)
- Ligands (Coordination Chemistry)
- Case-based Questions
- Amines (25 marks weightage)
- d-f Block – Identification based
- Chemical Kinetics – Rate & Half Life
- Pseudo First Order reactions
- Kohlrausch Law (390.5 question)

ENG ENGLISH

MODERATE

- Grammar – Question Tag (More Weightage)
- RC: 3 passages (Matching type)
- Wildlife RC – 4 Qs (Tough & Indirect)
- 2 Narrative RCs
- Rearrangement – 2 questions
- Figure of Speech – Match Column (Simile, Metaphor, Personification)
- Active-Passive – 3-4 questions

- Tenses, Verbs, Narration
- Antonyms – 5 questions
- Phrasal Verbs (Take & Look)
- Foreign Words – 3-4 questions
- Vocab: Rattle, Brittle, Wrath, Benevolent, Philately
- Vocab: Belligerent, Bellicose, Flippant, Cheeky

BST BUSINESS STUDIES

EASY-MODERATE

- 4 Case Studies (1 with 5 Qs – lengthy)
- Controlling & Planning Process (Sequence)
- Principle of Management (identify NOT a principle)
- Money Market – Financial Market
- Fill in the blanks, Statement based
- Match the Following, Assertion & Reason (2 Qs)
- Ch.1 – Levels of Management
- Ch.2 – Esprit de Corps (Match Column)
- Ch.3 – Dimensions & Features of Mgmt
- Ch.4 – Types of Plan (Case Study)
- Ch.5 – Fill in blanks + Case Study (Divisional)
- Ch.6 – Staffing Process

POL POLITICAL SCIENCE

MODERATE

GEO GEOGRAPHY

EASY-MODERATE

- Article 5 – International Law
- Passage on Bombay Plan
- Passage on Human Security
- 'Deterrence' meaning
- South Asia Timeline
- Questions on 2004 elections
- Match Following – Slogans Ch.5 & 6
- USSR stagnation
- EU Timeline
- Punjab Timeline
- States formed in 1987
- President during Emergency

- Passage: Water Resources (years, states)
- Population (Worldwide) – Book 1 only
- No questions from Book 2
- 2011 Census – Density
- Secondary Sector – 1 question
- Human Development – Birth Rate, Push & Pull
- Human Development Index: 2-3 Qs (Founder)

HIS HISTORY

MODERATE

- Passage – 3 questions
- Ashoka (Chronological orders)
- Map – West to East (Rivers)
- Vijayanagar – Kamlapuram Tank
- Harappa – Drainage System (Material)
- Mohenjodaro Discovery
- More one-liner questions
- Date Questions (Chronological): 2-3 Qs
- Magadh, Revolt, Mahabharat timeline
- Who wrote 'Khoob Ladi Mardani...'

Shift 1 — At a Glance: Difficulty Summary

Subject	Difficulty	High-Weightage Topics	Key Tip
Accountancy	Moderate	Numericals dominated; Partnership & Shares	Practice Goodwill, Capital Adjustment
Economics	Mod-Tough	National Income; Macro > Micro	Focus on Macro numericals & NCERT graphs
Chemistry	Easy-Mod	Organic (max Qs); Amines (25 marks)	Revise Name Reactions & Electrochemistry

English	Moderate	Vocabulary heavy; RC was tough	Build vocabulary; practice RC time mgmt
Business Studies	Easy-Mod	4 Case Studies; NCERT lines	Read NCERT Ch.1-6 carefully
Political Science	Moderate	Timelines; Passages (Bombay Plan)	Practice chronology & passage questions
Geography	Easy-Mod	Book 1 only; Population & HDI	No need to revise Book 2 for this shift
History	Moderate	Chronology; Harappa; Passage Qs	Practise timeline ordering questions

SHIFT 2

May 11, 2026 · Afternoon Session · 6 Subjects Covered

BST BUSINESS STUDIES

EASY

- Case Studies – More Questions
- Previous Year Questions (More Qs from PYQs)
- Doable questions overall
- Students with NCERT + PYQs found it easy
- Straightforward application-based Qs

ACC ACCOUNTANCY

EASY

- Theory-based direct questions
- More questions from Book 1 – Partnership
- Section-based questions
- Capital Adjustment
- Preference Shares

ENG ENGLISH

TOUGH

- Vocabulary section – Tough
- Higher difficulty than Shift 1
- Indirect vocabulary questions
- Focus area: build advanced vocabulary

ECO ECONOMICS

MODERATE

- Microeconomics – Difficult Numericals
- Graph-based questions
- National Income Accounting
- Indian Economic Development – Very Few (4-5 Qs)
- Macroeconomics – Higher Weightage

HIS HISTORY

EASY

- BCE full form
- Who wrote 'Khoob Ladi Mardaani...'
- Naglapuram
- Harappa Artifacts and Sites
- Ulug/Dawa – Postal System
- Nayanars & Alvars
- Passage – Revolt of 1857
- Framing the Constitution (Chronology of Acts)
- Timeline Questions (2-3 Qs)
- Battles questions
- Match the Column + Chronological (More Weightage)

SOC SOCIOLOGY

EASY-MODERATE

- 50% questions from PYQs
- Disease Timeline: Influenza, Spanish Flu, Asian Flu, Hong Kong
- Tribes – Match the Column
- Tea Industry – When did it start
- Sanskritization – Limitations
- Rate of Natural Increase
- Demographic Dividend (Repeated question)
- Books & Thinkers – Match the Column
- Civil Society – Direct Question
- Glocalization – Case Study based
- Regional Newspaper – Match the Column
- Green Revolution, LPG, Make in India (Chronology)
- Alienation – Karl Marx
- Criticism of Malthusian Theory
- Sociologist & Movement
- Re-organization of States
- Logic of Collective Action – Author
- 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment

Shift 2 — At a Glance: Difficulty Summary

Subject	Difficulty	High-Weightage Topics	Key Tip
Business Studies	Easy	PYQs & Case Studies	Do NCERT + last 3 year PYQs
Accountancy	Easy	Partnership (Book 1); Capital Adjustment	Theory Qs were direct — know definitions
English	Tough	Vocabulary (harder than Shift 1)	Daily vocab building is essential
Economics	Moderate	Macro > IED; Numericals in Micro	Practice NI Accounting & graphs
History	Easy	Match-Column; Chronology (More Wt)	Revise timelines & match-column
Sociology	Easy-Mod	50% PYQs; Books & Thinkers; Timelines	Solve last 5 year PYQs first

Student Strategy — What May 11 Tells Us for Upcoming Shifts

NCERT is King	Across ALL subjects in both shifts, NCERT-based direct questions dominated. Students who had finished NCERT reported a significant advantage — especially in Business Studies (Shift 2 rated Easy), Accountancy, and Chemistry.
PYQs = Free Marks	Sociology (Shift 2) had ~50% PYQ repeats. Business Studies Shift 2 was 'doable' because PYQ coverage was high. Solve the last 5 years of CUET question papers for every subject.
English Vocabulary is Non-Negotiable	Shift 1 vocabulary was tough; Shift 2 was tougher. Build a daily vocabulary habit — root words, antonyms, phrasal verbs and foreign words have consistently appeared.
Numericals in Economics — Don't Skip	Both shifts had numerical-heavy Economics papers. National Income (Macro) was the highest-weightage topic. Practise NI calculations, Multiplier, and Budget Line problems.
Match-Column & Chronology are High ROI	History, Sociology, and Political Science all had significant match-column and chronological ordering questions. These are structured and predictable — easy marks with targeted preparation.
Chemistry: Focus on Organic & Electrochemistry	Organic Chemistry gave maximum questions in Chemistry (Shift 1). Amines alone were worth 25 marks. Electrochemistry numericals (Kohlrausch Law) also appeared. Neglect Inorganic at your own risk — d-f Block identification questions came too.