

CUET UG 2026

3-Day Exam Analysis

May 11 · May 12 · May 13 | What came, what didn't, what to focus next

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■ How to use this guide: Find your subject below. See which topics came in 3 days, what difficulty to expect, and what to SKIP (not asked yet = likely coming). Revise accordingly before your shift.

Overall difficulty snapshot — 3 days

| Subject | May 11 S1 | May 11 S2 | May 12 S1 | May 12 S2 | May 13 S1 | Trend |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| Accountancy | Moderate | Easy | Moderate | — | Moderate | Stable |
| Economics | Mod–Tough | Moderate | Moderate | — | Easy–Mod | Getting easier |
| English | Moderate | Tough | Moderate | — | Mod–Tough | Getting tougher |
| Business Studies | Easy–Mod | Easy | Easy | — | Easy | Consistently easy |
| History | Moderate | Easy | — | — | Moderate | Stable |
| GAT | — | — | Moderate | Moderate | — | Moderate |
| Mathematics | — | — | — | Difficult | — | Difficult |
| Physics | — | — | — | Easy–Mod | — | Easy–Mod |
| Political Science | Moderate | — | — | — | Easy–Mod | Getting easier |
| Geography | Easy–Mod | — | — | — | One-liners | NCERT direct |
| Sociology | — | Easy–Mod | — | — | — | PYQ-heavy |

— = subject not reported in that shift. Data is memory-based from students.

Accountancy

Moderate

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----|
| Partnership (All types) | | 80% |
| Issue & Forfeiture of Shares | | 75% |
| Goodwill Valuation | | 60% |
| Cash Flow Statement | | 50% |
| Redemption of Preference Shares | | 45% |
| Financial Statement Analysis | | 35% |
| Theory (Partnership Act, Characteris | | 30% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

| | |
|---|--|
| • Gaining Ratio (numerical) | • Cash Flow Statement — Investing Outflow |
| • Capital Adjustment — Retirement & Death | • Changes in Profit Sharing Ratio (3 Qs) |
| • Issue of Shares (2 questions) | • Purchase Consideration (2 Qs) |
| • Forfeiture & Re-issue of Shares | • Partnership Act — Section-based |
| • Preference Shares — Calls in Arrear | • Case Study — Shares entry questions |
| • Redemption of Preference Shares at Par | • Financial Statement — definition-based Qs |
| • Goodwill — Average & Super Profit | • Which is NOT a characteristic of partnership |
| • Goodwill — Capitalisation method | • Settlement meaning (1 question) |

Not asked in 3 days — lower priority:

X Fund flow statement X Computerised accounting X Dissolution of firm

■ Numericals > Theory in every shift. Master all types of Partnership numericals and Shares comprehensively — together they cover 70%+ of the paper.

Economics

Moderate — Macro heavy

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

| | | |
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| National Income (Macroeconomics) | | 85% |
| Money & Banking | | 55% |
| Budget | | 45% |
| Indian Economic Development | | 45% |
| Micro — Demand, Supply, Elasticity | | 40% |
| Balance of Payments | | 30% |
| Micro — Market forms | | 30% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

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| • National Income Accounting (most Qs) | • Microeconomics Numericals |
| • Aggregate Supply & Demand | • Indifference Curve questions |
| • Money & Banking (4–5 Qs each shift) | • GDP Deflator |
| • Budget — Case Study format | • Foreign Exchange (1 question) |
| • Balance of Payments — Match column | • TC, MC Curve — Product (1 question) |

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| • LPG Reforms — 2 Qs | • IED — TISCO year question |
| • India, China, Pakistan — comparison | • Cardinal & Ordinal Approach |
| • Indian Eco — Rural chapter (Case Study) | • Budget Line (direct NCERT) |

Not asked in 3 days — lower priority:

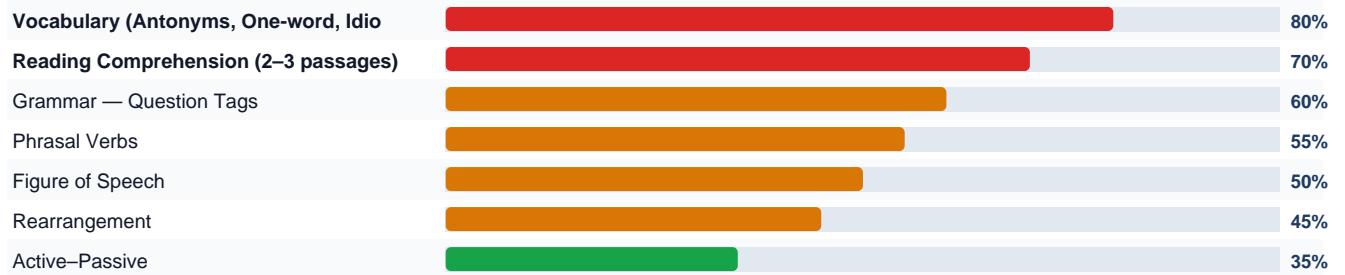
× China Policy × Handicraft Industry × Infrastructure × Industrial Policy × Determinants of Income had zero Qs in May 13

■ **Macroeconomics (National Income) is asked in every single shift — don't skip a single formula. Micro numericals are trickier than theory. Indian Eco is easy marks — always prepare it.**

English

Moderate →
Getting Tougher

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)



Topics asked across all 3 days

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|--|---|
| • Vocabulary — Antonyms (5 Qs) | • RC: AI / Rajasthan Painting (May 13) |
| • One Word Substitution | • Question Tags (more weightage) |
| • Foreign Words (3–4 Qs in Shift 1) | • Figure of Speech — Simile, Metaphor, Metonymy |
| • Root Words | • Rearrangement (4–5 Qs, options confusing) |
| • Idioms & Phrases | • Active–Passive (2–3 Qs) |
| • Phrasal Verbs — Take, Look, Get, Cut, Crop | • Homophones — Bear, Boar, Beer |
| • RC: Narrative passages (most shifts) | • Adjective — OSASCOMP / few-lesser-less |
| • RC: Wildlife passage (tough, indirect) | • Spelling Errors (1 Q each shift) |

Not asked in 3 days — lower priority:

X Foreign words dropped in May 12 X No poetry/prose from textbook

■ Vocabulary = 25–35% of the English paper every shift. Memorise antonyms, foreign words, and one-word substitutions. Rearrangement is getting harder — don't rely on elimination, read all options carefully.

Vocabulary words spotted across 3 days — revise these:

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| Rattle | Philately | Taciturn | Pangram |
| Brittle | Belligerent | Sporadic | Diligent |
| Wrath | Bellicose | Tumultuous | Pertinent |
| Wreath | Flippant | Ostentatious | Plutocracy |
| Benevolent | Cheeky | Nefarious | |

Business Studies

Easy — Easiest subject so far

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----|
| Case Studies (4–5 Qs each) | | 80% |
| Principles of Management (Ch 2) | | 65% |
| Planning & Controlling (Ch 4 & 8) | | 60% |
| Financial Market (Ch 10) | | 50% |
| Staffing (Ch 6) | | 45% |
| Motivation (Ch 7) | | 45% |
| Organisation (Ch 5) | | 40% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

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|---|--|
| • 4–5 Case Studies per shift | • Planning & Controlling relationship |
| • Case Study: Types of Plan (Ch 4) | • Delegation concept |
| • Case Study: Shares / Financial Markets | • NCERT keywords — fill in the blanks |
| • Case Study: Motivation (Maslow Theory) | • Assertion & Reason (2 Qs) |
| • Motivation Process & Maslow Theory | • Match the column — Management concepts |
| • Principles of Management — select NOT a principle | • Financial Market — SIDBI as 1st stock exchange |
| • Levels of Management (Ch 1) | • Consumer Protection & Consumer organisation |
| • Esprit de Corps (Ch 2) | • Business Environment (2–3 Qs, May 12) |

■ PYQs are repeating! Students who covered NCERT + Previous Year Questions are finding this easy. Case study answers are always NCERT lines/keywords — don't over-think.

General Aptitude Test (GAT)

Moderate — Very predictable

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

| | | |
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| Quantitative Aptitude (35–36 Qs) | | 75% |
| Reasoning (14–15 Qs) | | 60% |
| General Knowledge / Static GK | | 50% |
| Current Affairs (2024–2025) | | 30% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

| | |
|---|---|
| • Mensuration — 2D & 3D (2 Qs) | • Height & Distance / Trigonometry |
| • Statistics — Median, Range, Lower Limit | • GP & AP questions |
| • Permutation & Combination (1 Q) | • Non-verbal Reasoning (3–5 Qs) |
| • Probability (1–2 Qs) | • Clock, Calendar (1 Q each) |
| • LCM & HCF based Ratio | • Blood Relation (1 Q) |
| • Time & Work (1 Q) | • Direction (1 Q) |
| • Compound Interest | • Coding & Decoding (1 Q) |
| • Time, Speed & Distance | • Static GK dominated (2024–2025 current affairs) |

■ 35–36 out of 50 questions are Quant + Reasoning every shift. Target 35 correct for a good score. Static GK > Current Affairs. Good attempt = 35 questions.

Mathematics

Difficult —
Toughest subject
seen

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)



Topics asked across all 3 days

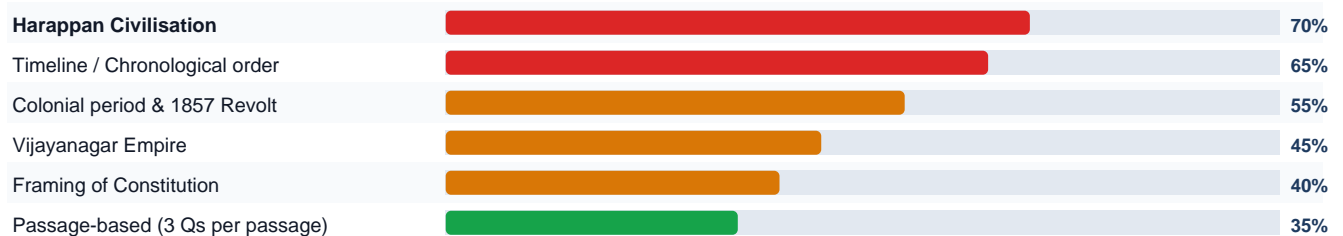
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| • Calculus — AOD (increasing/decreasing, local maxima) | • Degree of Order |
| • Matching — Integration Formulas | • Matrices — easy questions |
| • Probability (4–5 direct Qs) | • Determinants — Adjoint A, $ A =?$, $ 4A =?$ |
| • LPP — Figure-based, feasible region | • Continuity & Differentiability — statement-based |
| • Vector & 3D — direct + statement type | |

■ Calculus was harder than PYQ. Vectors/3D and Probability were PYQ-level. Attempt Probability + Matrices + Vectors first (easier). Save Calculus for last.

History

Moderate — Dates
& timelines heavy

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)



Topics asked across all 3 days






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| • Harappan Phase — maximum questions (May 13) | • Revolt of 1857 — Place & Leader (May 13) |
| • Harappa — Drainage system material | • Who wrote 'Khoob Ladi Mardani...' |
| • Mohenjodaro discovery | • BCE full form |
| • Ashoka — Chronological orders | • Framing Constitution — Law Minister |
| • Ashoka's Inscriptions (May 13) | • Mahatma Gandhi — Drafting Committee (True/False) |
| • Vijayanagar — Kamlapuram Tank | • Battles — Match the Column |
| • Vijayanagar — Amarnayak system | • Peasants & Zamindars — Land classification |
| • Map — Arrange rivers West to East | • Al-Biruni's account |
| • Mahajanpadas — arrange East to West | • Travellers (foreigners) |

■ Chronological ordering questions appear in every shift — practice arranging events/dynasties by date. Harappan Civilisation is the single most repeated topic. Know the founders, key sites, and materials.

Political Science

Moderate →
Getting easier

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

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| International Relations & Organisati |  | 65% |
| Timeline / Chronological Qs |  | 60% |
| Indian Politics (Ch 5 & 6) |  | 55% |
| Constitutional provisions |  | 40% |
| Passage-based |  | 35% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

| | |
|--|--|
| • USSR stagnation & declaration | • J&K; war question |
| • EU timeline questions | • States formed in 1987 |
| • Shimla Agreement 1972 | • States formed — North-East (chronology) |
| • Water Treaty — India & Pakistan | • Global Warming — signed year |
| • WTO & SAFTA — signed year | • Article 5 — International Law |
| • Match the Column — Treaties | • Passage on Bombay Plan |
| • South Asia Timeline | • Passage on Human Security |
| • Match — Slogans (Ch 5 & 6 Indian book) | • Population Chronology — during Partition |
| • Congress Split 1969 — V.V. Giri | • President during Emergency |

■ Ch 5 & 6 from the Indian Politics textbook appear in every shift (slogans, match the column). International organisations + timeline questions are the backbone. Know your years.

Geography

Easy–Moderate —
Book 1 only so far

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)

| | | |
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| Population (Book 1) |  | 70% |
| Human Development Index |  | 60% |
| Water Resources |  | 50% |
| Primary Activities & Settlement |  | 45% |
| Sub-fields of Human Geography |  | 35% |

Topics asked across all 3 days

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|---|--|
| • World Population — multiple Qs | • Allen Churchill's definition (Ch 1) |
| • 2011 Census — Population Density | • Primary Activities — types |
| • Human Development Index — 2–3 Qs (founder) | • Population Growth (+ and –) |
| • Human Dev — Birth Rate, Push & Pull factors | • Population Distribution |
| • Water Resources — year-based | • Settlement — Semi-cluster |
| • State-wise traditional water harvesting | • Mining — Surface and Underground |
| • Demographic Transition Theory | • Passage: Indian Population & Cyberspace (May 13) |
| • Sub-field of Human Geography (Match) | |

Not asked in 3 days — lower priority:

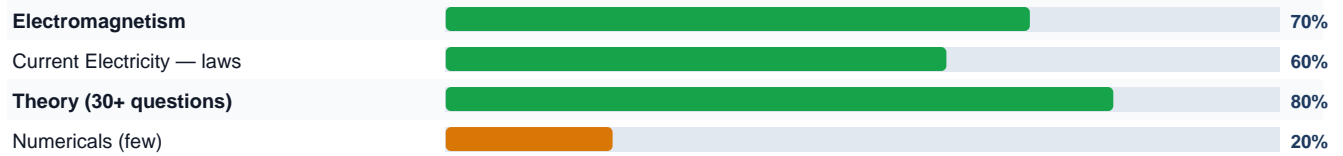
X Book 2 had ZERO questions in May 11 Shift 1 — but may appear in later shifts

■ All questions in 3 days came from Book 1. HDI founder (Mahbub ul Haq) is a favourite. One-liner + passage format = 70% of the paper. Very NCERT-friendly.

Physics

Easy–Moderate
(May 12 data only)

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)



Topics asked across all 3 days

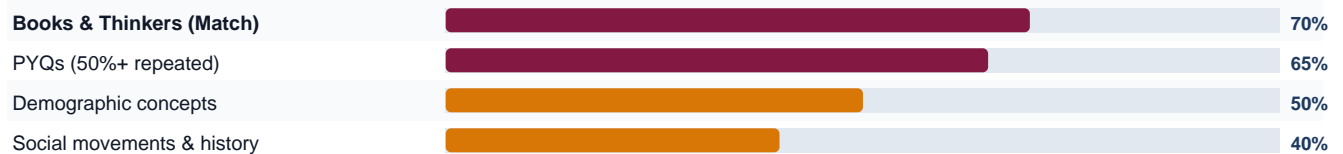
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| • Electromagnetism (multiple Qs) | • Theory dominated (30+ out of 50) |
| • Current Electricity — laws | • Very few numericals |

■ Physics in May 12 was 80% theory — numericals were minimal. Focus on understanding concepts and laws over formula-heavy calculations.

Sociology

Easy–Moderate
(May 11 S2 data)

Topic weightage (based on 3-day data)



Topics asked across all 3 days

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| • PYQs — 50%+ questions repeated! | • Glocalization (Case Study) |
| • Disease timeline — Influenza, Spanish Flu, Asian Flu | • Green Revolution, LPG, Make in India (Chronology) |
| • Tribes — Match the Column | • Alienation — Karl Marx |
| • Tea Industry — when started | • Criticism of Malthusian Theory |
| • Sankritization | • 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment |
| • Demographic Dividend (Repeated Q) | • Logic of Collective Action — who wrote? |
| • Books & Thinkers — Match the Column | • Re-organization of States |
| • Civil Society (direct Q) | |

■ 50% of questions are PYQs. If you've done past papers, you have a major advantage. Books & Thinkers matching is the single most important topic to prepare.

Last-minute strategy for upcoming shifts

| Subject | Your #1 focus | Quick win | Skip / deprioritise |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Accountancy | Partnership numericals (all types) | Shares — Issue & Forfeiture (PYQ) | Fund flow, Dissolution |
| Economics | National Income formulas | Indian Eco — LPG, IED (easy marks) | China Policy, Handicraft, Infrastructure |

| Subject | Your #1 focus | Quick win | Skip / deprioritise |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| English | Vocabulary (antonyms, one-word) | Phrasal Verbs (get/cut/look/take) | Long grammar rules |
| Business Studies | Case Studies — NCERT keyword read | PYQs — most repeat directly | Nothing — it's all easy |
| GAT | Quant: Mensuration + Statistics | Reasoning basics (clock/calendar) | Obscure current affairs |
| Mathematics | Probability + Matrices | Vectors & 3D (PYQ level) | Calculus AOD (hardest) |
| History | Harappan sites + Chronology | 1857 Revolt key people & places | Medieval architecture details |
| Pol. Science | Ch 5 & 6 Indian book (slogans) | Treaties + signed years | Detailed party history |
| Geography | Population + HDI (Book 1) | Water harvesting (state-wise) | Book 2 (not yet appeared) |
| Sociology | Books & Thinkers match column | Solve 5 years of PYQs | Obscure sociologists |

5 patterns from 3 days you must know

PYQs repeat — especially BST & Sociology

Business Studies and Sociology had 50%+ PYQ repetitions. If you haven't solved past papers — do it tonight. 1 hour of PYQs = more marks than 3 hours of new syllabus.

Paper is getting tougher with each shift

English RC passages went from Narrative (easy) to Wildlife and AI topics (tough, indirect). Rearrangement options are designed to confuse. Don't expect it to stay easy.

Macroeconomics dominates Economics every shift

National Income, Money & Banking, Budget appear in every single shift. Microeconomics has tricky numericals. Indian Eco is easy marks — never skip it.

Case Studies = 20–25 marks in BST & Accountancy

Read NCERT thoroughly and know the terminology. All case study answers are NCERT keywords — you don't need to think outside the book. Slow reading > fast guessing here.

NCERT is everything — don't go beyond it

Chemistry, Geography, Business Studies, and Physics — 100% NCERT. No coaching-specific or advanced content has appeared. If it's in NCERT, it's fair game. If it's not, don't bother.

Check marks vs percentile

Predict your college
What score gets you into DU, BHU, JNU?

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