

# CUET UG 2026

Complete Exam Analysis

May 11 – May 25, 2026 · All Subjects · All Shifts

**What came · What to skip · Difficulty trends · Last-minute strategy**

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Subject	Overall difficulty	Key pattern	Last-minute focus
English	Moderate → Getting Tougher	Vocab 30%+ · RC indirect	Antonyms, synonyms, phrasal verbs, idioms
Accountancy	Moderate	Numericals > Theory every shift	Partnership all types + Shares
Economics	Moderate (Macro tough)	National Income every shift	Macro formulas + Indian Eco easy marks
Business Studies	Easy	PYQs repeating heavily	NCERT keywords + case studies
History	Easy to Moderate	Harappa + timeline every shift	Chronological orders + Harappa sites
Political Science	Easy to Moderate	Match/True-False > theory	Ch5 & 6 slogans + treaty years
Geography	Easy to Moderate	Passage-heavy · Book 1 only	Population + HDI + Water Resources
Chemistry	Moderate	Organic + Electrochemistry	Amines · Electrochemistry numericals
Mathematics	Moderate to Difficult	Integration + Probability heavy	Probability + Matrices + Vectors first
Physics	Easy to Moderate	Theory 60% · Match the Column	EMI + Current Electricity + Ray Optics
Biology	Moderate	Reproduction + Biotech heavy	Chapter 1–4 + Biotechnology
GAT	Moderate	35–36 Quant/Reasoning every shift	Mensuration + Stats + PYQ Reasoning
Sociology	Easy to Moderate	50%+ PYQs repeating	Books & Thinkers match + PYQs

Compiled from student reports · May 11–25 · All shifts · Not official NTA data.

■ **How to use this guide:** Find your subject. Read 'what came' to calibrate. Read 'skip' to save time. Read the strategy tip before your shift. Paper is getting tougher with each passing week — prepare accordingly.

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# English

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Moderate → Getting Tougher

## Trend — difficulty increasing every shift

Date / Shift	Difficulty	Special pattern
May 11 S1	Moderate	Vocab heavy · Wildlife RC tough & indirect
May 11 S2	Tough	Vocabulary section hardest of all shifts
May 12 S1	Moderate	RC narrative · Phrasal verbs heavy · No foreign words
May 13 S1	Mod–Tough	RCs lengthy · Rearrangement confusing · getting harder
May 13 S2	Easy–Mod	Max vocabulary words seen across any shift
May 14 S1	Moderate	RC at end · lengthy · indirect questions
May 15 S1	Moderate	Match the Column dominant · Good attempt 45–48
May 18 S1	Mod–Tough	Advanced FoS (Enjambment, Caesura) · rare idioms
May 19 S1	Easy–Mod	Sentence rearrangement easy · idioms difficult
May 20 S1	Easy	Good attempt 45–48 · Varanasi RC indirect
May 21 S1	Moderate	10 synonym/antonym questions
May 22 S1	Easy–Mod	Elimination method worked · Match the Column heavy

## Topics asked across all shifts

• Reading Comprehension — 2 passages (10 Qs) every shift	• Active / Passive Voice — 1–2 questions
• Vocabulary (Synonyms / Antonyms) — 5–10 Qs	• Narration — 1–2 questions
• Phrasal Verbs — Take, Look, Get, Cut, Call, Drop etc.	• One-word Substitution — 1–2 questions
• Rearrangement — 4–6 questions (getting confusing)	• Spelling Errors — 1 question per shift
• Figures of Speech — Simile, Metaphor, Metonymy, Personification	• Grammar — Tenses, Preposition, Article, Adjective
• Idioms & Phrases — 3–6 questions every shift	• Foreign Words — May 11 S1 only (3–4 questions)
• Question Tags — more weightage in May 11	• Homophones — Bear/Boar/Beer, Accept/Except

## Vocabulary words spotted across all shifts — must revise

Rattle	Ostentatious	Ecstatic	Infallible
Brittle	Nefarious	Pedagogy	Expedient
Wrath	Pangram	Pecuniary	Corpulent
Benevolent	Diligent	Acrimonious	Emaciated
Philately	Pertinent	Amenable	Brevity
Belligerent	Plutocracy	Fickle	Cantankerous
Bellicose	Hazardous	Flummox	Stoic
Flippant	Dearth	Immaculate	Umbrage
Cheeky	Mutinous	Imperious	Vindicate
Taciturn	Avarice	Verbose	Vitiate

Sporadic	Imprecise	Innocuous	Rescind
Tumultuous	Somber	Fastidious	Gregarious

Not asked (lower priority): Foreign words (not seen after May 11) | No poetry/prose from textbook

■ Vocab = 25–35% of every English paper. Rearrangement is getting harder — don't rely on elimination, read all options. RC passages are increasingly indirect and passage-based. Know 10 idioms cold — Hit the Sack repeated multiple times.

## Accountancy

May 11–20 · All Shifts

Moderate

• Partnership — Admission, Retirement, Death (3 Qs, May 12)	• Cash Flow Statement — Investing Outflow (1 question)
• Changes in Profit Sharing Ratio (3 questions)	• Purchase Consideration (2 questions)
• Gaining Ratio & Sacrificing Ratio	• Analysis of Financial Statements — definition based
• Goodwill — Average Profit, Super Profit, Capitalisation	• Partnership Deed — Section based questions
• Issue of Shares (2 questions every shift)	• Capital Adjustment — Retirement & Death of Partner
• Forfeiture & Re-issue of Forfeited Shares	• Case Study — Shares entry questions
• Preference Shares — Calls in Arrear & Interest	• Which is NOT a characteristic of partnership
• Redemption of Preference Shares at Par	• Theory — Partnership Act (5 questions, May 11)

Not asked (lower priority): Fund Flow Statement | Computerised Accounting | Dissolution of firm (rarely)

■ Numericals > Theory in every shift. Partnership numericals and Shares together cover 70%+ of marks. Master all types of Partnership questions. Case studies always from Shares/Partnership.

## Economics

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Moderate (Macro heavy)

• National Income Accounting — every single shift	• GDP Deflator
• Money & Banking — 4–5 questions every shift	• Foreign Exchange — 1 question
• Budget — Case Study format (many shifts)	• Microeconomics Numericals — Tricky
• Balance of Payments — Match the Column	• Indifference Curve / Cardinal & Ordinal Approach
• LPG Reforms — 2 questions multiple shifts	• TC & MC Curve — Product questions
• India, China, Pakistan — Comparative Development	• Supply / Elasticity of Demand — graph based
• Indian Economic Development — Rural Chapter (Case Study)	• 5 Year Plans — Arrange chronologically (May 20)
• Aggregate Supply & Demand	• Marginal Product, Average Variable Cost

Not asked (lower priority): China Policy | Handicraft Industry | Infrastructure | Industrial Policy | Determinants of Income (zero Qs in May 13)

■ Macro > Micro weightage in every shift. National Income is non-negotiable — every formula must be memorised. Indian Eco is easy marks — never skip it. Micro numericals are tricky — focus on Indifference Curve and Elasticity.

## Business Studies

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Easy — Easiest subject

• Case Studies — 4–5 per shift (Types of Plan, Motivation)	• Motivation — Maslow Theory (May 13, May 20)
• Previous Year Questions — 50%+ repeating (May 11 S2)	• Business Environment — 2–3 questions (May 12)
• Controlling & Planning Process — Sequence Based	• Consumer Protection — Consumer Organisation
• Principles of Management — 'select NOT a principle'	• Organising vs Controlling (definition based)
• Money Market / Financial Market — NCERT based	• Assertion & Reason — 2 questions (May 11)
• SIDBI as 1st stock exchange (direct question, May 12)	• Chapter 1 — Levels of Management
• Delegation concept	• Chapter 2 — Esprit de Corps
• Staffing Process — Placement & Orientation, Selection Test	• Financial Management — Capital Budgeting, Working Capital (May 20)

■ **PYQs are repeating heavily — 50%+ in some shifts. If you haven't done past papers, do them tonight. Case study answers are always NCERT keywords — slow reading wins here. Don't skip any chapter — everything has appeared.**

## History

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Easy to Moderate

• Harappan Civilisation — maximum questions in every shift	• Framing Constitution — Law Minister, Chronology of Acts
• Harappa — Drainage system material, Mohenjodaro	• Mahatma Gandhi — Chairman of Drafting Committee (T/F)
• Bricks / Beads / Bones — 9–10 questions (May 21)	• Revolt of 1857 — Place & Leader
• Chronological ordering — every shift	• Peasants & Zamindars — Classification of Land
• Ashoka's Inscriptions & Chronological orders	• Al-Biruni's Account, Ibn Battuta, Francois Bernier
• Vijayanagar — Kamlapuram Tank, Amarnayak, Travellers	• Bhakti-Sufi tradition — Nayanars & Alvars
• Map — Arrange Rivers West to East	• 'Khoob Ladi Mardani...' — who wrote this? (May 11 S1 & S2)
• Mahajanpadas — arrange East to West	• Timeline — Jhansi ki Rani death, Chandragupta Maurya

■ **Harappan Civilisation is the single most repeated topic across all shifts. Know all key sites, materials, and drainage details. Chronological ordering questions appear every shift — practice date arrangements. Bhakti-Sufi became high weightage from May 21 onwards.**

## Political Science

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Easy to Moderate

• Match the Column — slogans, treaties (every shift)	• J&K; War
• True/False + Multiple Statement (10–15 Qs in later shifts)	• North-East State formation — chronology
• USSR — Stagnation, Declaration	• Global Warming — year signed
• EU, South Asia, Punjab Timelines	• Passage on Bombay Plan & Human Security
• Shimla Agreement 1972	• President during Emergency
• Water Treaty — India & Pakistan (Tashkent)	• ASEAN, First Election 1977, 1971 Election (later shifts)
• WTO & SAFTA — signed year	• Ch5 & Ch6 slogans from Indian Politics book
• Congress Split 1969 — V.V. Giri, President Election	• Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Nagaland — year of formation

■ Ch5 & Ch6 from Indian Politics textbook appear in every shift — know slogans. Treaty years are a recurring theme — make a quick reference list. Book 2 gained high weightage from May 13 S2 onwards.

## Geography

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Easy to Moderate

• Passage on Indian Population & Cyberspace (5 Qs per topic)	• Primary Activities, Mining (Surface & Underground)
• World Population — Book 1 (multiple questions)	• Population Growth (+ and –), Population Distribution
• 2011 Census — Population Density	• Settlement — Semi-cluster type
• Human Development Index — 2–3 Qs (HDI founder: Mahbub ul Haq)	• Transport (More weightage from May 14 onwards)
• Demographic Transition Theory	• National Waterways — arrange by length (May 20)
• Water Resources — year-based, state-wise harvesting	• Railway Zones (Match), Ports arrangement (May 14+)
• Allen Churchill's definition — Chapter 1	• Green Revolution, Golden Quadrilateral Project
• Sub-fields of Human Geography (Match)	• Book 2 chapters — appeared from May 13 S2 onwards

Not asked (lower priority): Book 2 had zero questions in May 11 S1 — appeared later, so revise both now

■ HDI founder Mahbub ul Haq is a favourite across every shift. Passage-based format = 70% of the paper. Transport & Communication became dominant from May 14 onwards — don't skip it for remaining shifts.

## Chemistry

May 11–25 · All Shifts

Moderate

• Organic Chemistry — Maximum questions every shift	• Solutions — Ideal/Non-Ideal, Molarity, Van't Hoff factor
• Amines — 25 marks worth of questions (May 11)	• Biomolecules — Vitamins, Proteins, Carbohydrates
• Name Reactions — Match the Column	• SN1 & SN2 reactions (paragraph based from May 25)
• Electrochemistry — Kohlrausch Law, E-cell, SRP order	• Alcohol dehydration, Monochlorination
• Electrochemistry Numericals — many shifts	• Henry's Law, Raoult's Law (Solutions — May 19+)
• d-f Block — Lanthanoids, Actinoids, Mish Metal	• Sewage Treatment, Bio-gas Plant (match column)
• Coordination Compounds — IUPAC, isomerism (every shift)	• Battery types — Match, identify secondary cell
• Kinetics — Rate Law, Half Life, Activation Energy graph	• PCR sequence, Enzymes (Biotechnology crossover)

■ NCERT-level throughout — no beyond-NCERT questions seen. Organic Chemistry + Electrochemistry = 50%+ of paper every shift. Amines must be revised completely — 25 marks in May 11 alone. Solutions chapter became high weightage from May 19 onwards.

## Mathematics

May 12–25 · All Shifts

Moderate to Difficult

Chapter	Questions seen	Difficulty
<b>Integrals (Definite &amp; Indefinite)</b>	5–6 Qs · Substitution, by parts, formula	<b>Moderate — lengthy</b>
<b>Differential Equations</b>	5–6 Qs · Match order/degree, variable sep.	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Matrices &amp; Determinants</b>	7–8 Qs · Adjoint, $ A $ , $ \text{adj } A $ , k-value	<b>Easy</b>
<b>Probability</b>	4–5 Qs · Conditional, Bayes' theorem, cards	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Application of Derivatives (AOD)</b>	5–6 Qs · Increasing/decreasing, maxima/minima	<b>Difficult</b>
<b>Vectors &amp; 3D Geometry</b>	3–4 Qs · Angle, direction cosines, distance	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>LPP</b>	3 Qs · Feasible region, maximize, constraints	<b>Easy</b>
<b>Application of Integrals</b>	4–5 Qs · Area under curve, parabola	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Continuity &amp; Differentiability</b>	2–3 Qs · Statement based, graph	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Relations &amp; Functions</b>	2–4 Qs · Equivalence, domain, one-to-one	<b>Easy</b>
<b>Inverse Trigonometry</b>	1–2 Qs · Principle branch	<b>Easy</b>

■ Match the Column format dominates Maths — especially Integrals and DE formulas. Attempt Probability + Matrices + Vectors first (easier) and save Calculus/AOD for last. May 21 onwards — paper became easier and longer (40+ good attempt).

## Physics

May 12–25 · All Shifts

Easy to Moderate

• Theory dominated — 60%+ in most shifts	• Ray Optics — Mirrors, Lens Formula, Microscope
• Match the Column — 2 questions every shift	• Wave Optics — Interference, diffraction (2 questions)
• Current Electricity — laws, Kirchoff's (every shift)	• Semiconductors — Sequence, theory, p-type vs n-type
• EMI — $E = BvL$ , statement based	• Moving Charge & Magnetism — Magnetic field at centre
• Electromagnetic Waves — Theory, increasing/decreasing order	• Magnetism & Matter — 1–2 theory questions
• Electrostatics — 4–5 Qs · Quantization of charge, torque	• Modern Physics — Dual Nature, Atom (high weightage May 24)
• Capacitor — combination, capacitance	• Solenoid numerical (May 14)
• AC — Find voltage, LCR, resonating frequency	• Bohr Model, Compound Microscope

■ **Good attempt = 45–47 questions. Focus on theory + dimensions — 60% of marks. EMI, Current Electricity, and Electrostatics appear in every shift. Modern Physics (Dual Nature, Atom) became dominant from May 24 onwards.**

## Biology

May 14–22 · All Shifts

Moderate

• Chapter 1 — Pollen Grain, Double Fertilisation, Male Gametophyte (sequence)	• Chapter 8 — Enzymes, PCR sequence, Sewage Treatment
• Chapter 2 — Spermatogenesis, Menstrual Cycle hormones	• Chapter 9 — Biotechnology applications (case based)
• Chapter 3 — Contraceptive Methods (Match), GIFT full form	• Chapter 10 — RNA Interference, Gene Silencing
• Chapter 4 — Incomplete Dominance, Down Syndrome	• Chapter 11 — Population Density, Population Interaction
• Chapter 4 — Honey bee sex determination, DNA fingerprinting	• Chapter 12 — Decomposition sequence (2 questions)
• Chapter 5 — Transcription in Prokaryotes/Eukaryotes (Match)	• Chapter 13 — Levels of Diversity, Biodiversity evil quartet
• Chapter 6 — Human Evolution, Divergent & Convergent	• Biotechnology — Maximum questions overall
• Chapter 7 — Drugs & Alcohol passage, Malaria sequence	• Reproduction — Second highest weightage

■ **Biotechnology and Reproduction are the two highest-weightage units. Sequence-based questions (PCR, Sewage Treatment, Spermatogenesis) appear every shift. Ecology (Decomposition, Population) — repeated topic across all Biology shifts. Good attempt = 36–40 questions.**

## General Aptitude Test (GAT)

May 12–25 · All Shifts

Moderate

• Quant — 15–22 questions every shift	• Height & Distance (trigonometry)
• Reasoning — 15 questions every shift	• AP & GP — 1 question each
• Static GK dominates (20+ questions most shifts)	• Blood Relation — 1 question (sometimes lengthy + picture)
• Current Affairs — only 2–3 questions (2024–2025)	• Coding & Decoding — 1–2 questions (alphanumeric May 24)
• Mensuration — 2–3 questions (2D & 3D, formula based)	• Calendar — specific date calculation (appears every shift)
• Statistics — Mean, Median, Mode, Range	• Embedded Figure, Mirror Image, Non-verbal (3–4 questions)
• Permutation & Combination — 1 question	• Direction Test — 1 question
• Probability — coin, ball, dice	• Clock — angle between hands (1–2 questions)
• Compound Interest / SI	• Series — alphabetical + number series
• Time & Work, Time Speed Distance	• Seating Arrangement — 1 question

■ 35–36 questions = good attempt every shift. 35–36 from Quant + Reasoning, rest from GK. Static GK > Current Affairs. Calendar + Clock + Blood Relation appear in every single shift — master them. GK became tougher from May 20 onwards.

## Sociology

May 11 S2 · May 19 S2

Easy to Moderate

• 50%+ questions based on PYQs (May 11 S2)	• Green Revolution, LPG, Make in India — Chronology
• Books & Thinkers — Match the Column	• 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment
• Demographic Dividend (Repeated across shifts)	• Logic of Collective Action — who wrote?
• Disease timeline — Influenza, Spanish Flu, Asian Flu, Hong Kong	• Re-organization of States
• Tribes — Match the Column	• Demographic theory, Jajmani system (May 19 S2)
• Sankritization, Alienation (Karl Marx)	• Imagined community, Nation State (May 19 S2)
• Criticism of Malthusian Theory	• Women social reformers — Match the books
• Glocalization — Case Study Based	• Glocalisation, Commercialization of media

■ 50% PYQ repetition means past papers are your biggest asset. Books & Thinkers matching = most important single topic. Demographic concepts appear in every Sociology shift.

### Last-shift strategy — where to invest your last hours

Subject	#1 focus	Quick win	Skip / Low priority
English	Vocabulary + Phrasal Verbs	Idioms (Hit the Sack repeats!)	Foreign words (rarely appears)
Accountancy	Partnership numericals all types	Shares PYQs — repeat directly	Fund Flow, Dissolution
Economics	National Income formulas	Indian Eco (LPG, IED easy marks)	China Policy, Handicraft
Business Studies	Solve 5 years PYQs tonight	Case Studies — NCERT keyword read	Nothing — it's all easy

Subject	#1 focus	Quick win	Skip / Low priority
History	Harappa + Chronological ordering	1857 Revolt key people & places	Medieval architecture detail
Pol. Science	Ch5 & Ch6 slogans + treaty years	USSR/EU timeline (direct NCERT)	Detailed party history
Geography	Population + HDI + Transport	Water harvesting state-wise	Book 1 vs Book 2 — revise both
Chemistry	Amines + Electrochemistry	Solutions — Henry/Raoult's Law	Nothing in NCERT is out of scope
Mathematics	Probability + Matrices	Vectors & 3D (PYQ level)	Calculus AOD (hardest section)
Physics	EMI + Electrostatics + Current Elec.	Match the Column theory questions	Complex wave optics derivations
Biology	Biotechnology sequence-based Qs	Reproduction Ch1–3	Skip no unit — all appeared
GAT	Calendar + Clock + Blood Relation	Solve PYQ Reasoning section	Obscure current affairs 2025

### 5 patterns from 15 days you MUST know before your shift

#### PYQs repeat heavily in Business Studies and Sociology

50%+ of BST and Sociology questions are direct PYQs. 1 hour of past papers = more marks than 3 hours of new syllabus. If you haven't done it — do it now.

#### English difficulty is rising with every shift

Vocabulary, Rearrangement, and RC passages have gotten harder every week. Indirect questions now dominate RC. Elimination strategy is failing. Read all options carefully.

#### National Income appears in every Economics shift without exception

Not a single Economics shift went without National Income questions. If you remember one thing from Economics, make it National Income formulas.

#### Match the Column format dominates everywhere

History, Geography, Pol Science, Chemistry, Maths, Physics — all use Match the Column extensively. Recognise this and practice it specifically. Don't just read — practice matching exercises.

#### NCERT is the only source — nothing beyond it has appeared

Chemistry, Geography, Business Studies, Physics, Biology — 100% NCERT across 15 days. If it's not in NCERT, don't waste time on it. If it IS in NCERT, it's fair game.

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