

# TCS NQT Verbal Ability Test (Sample Questions)

**Q1. The first and the last sentences (S1 and S4) of a passage are given, whereas some sentences (S2 and S3) are missing. Identify the alternatives that will meaningfully fill in the blanks against S1 and S2, respectively.**

**S1.** *A train journey changed Gandhi's life and, eventually, the course of history.*

**S2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**S3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**S4.** *"But I have a first-class ticket," Gandhi said. "That doesn't matter," replied the conductor. "No coloureds!"*

**Alternatives:**

**P.** *Mahatma Gandhi pushed the Brits out of India with some unorthodox methods that we often take for granted.*

**Q.** *The conductor insisted Gandhi to move to third class.*

**R.** *It was 1893, late at night in South Africa that a barrister named MK Gandhi was travelling first class when a white passenger entered the compartment, took one look at him and summoned the conductor.*

**S.** *Should he retreat to India or remain in South Africa and fight injustices like the one he had just experienced?*

**Q2. Sentences of a paragraph are given below. While the first and the last sentences (S1 and S4) are given, some sentences (S2 and S3) are missing. Identify the alternatives that will meaningfully fill in the gaps.**

**S1.** *Galen of Pergamon was a Greek physician, surgeon, and philosopher in the Roman Empire.*

**S2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**S3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**S4.** *And yet Galen never conducted anything resembling an experiment.*

**Alternatives:**

**P.** *His writings were the indisputable source of medical authority for more than a thousand years.*

**Q.** *It will be a field marred with arrogance, hubris, and a sheer lack of scientific rigour.*

**R.** *Doubt is not a fearful thing and, as we'll soon learn, it's in fact what propels science forward.*

**S.** *Considered to be one of the most accomplished of all medical researchers, Galen influenced the development of various scientific disciplines, including anatomy, physiology, pathology, pharmacology, and neurology.*

**Q3. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.**

**A.** *Raja was a shoeshine boy.*

- B. Raja was hard working and wanted to take care of his family.
- C. So, after school, he would sit near a cinema hall and polish shoes for a living.
- D. He lived with his mother and sister in a small jhuggi.

**Q4. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.**

*We live in a society that is not bound or connected to a religion or a religious body.*

- a. orthodox
- b. Rudimentary
- c. organic
- d. Secular

**Q5. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.**

*Sujata may not be with us in this world anymore, her mark, however, remains impossible to forget or remove.*

- a. invincible
- b. fallible
- c. gullible
- d. indelible

**Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.**

*My brother loves Sundays because on that day he can be a couch-potato.*

- a. A person who eats potatoes
- b. A lazy person
- c. A person who sleeps whole day
- d. Is allowed to use the sofa

**Q7. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.**

*She was head and shoulders above the others in her dance performance.*

- a. much taller than
- b. far superior than
- c. quite odd from
- d. very jealous of

**Q8. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: Comprise**

- a. Include
- b. Reject
- c. Exclude
- d. Abandon

**Q9. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word: Knave**

- a. Fraud
- b. Idealist

- c. Selfish
- d. Paragon

**Q10. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.**

*The moon was a good two hours / higher than when I had last seen / the sky, and the night, though rainy, / was much light.*

- a. The moon was a good two hours
- b. higher than when I had last seen
- c. the sky, and the night, though rainy,
- d. was much light

**Q11. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.**

*One Sunday when the lady had chained / him up as usual and was about half-way / through the forest, she suddenly thought / she hears the cracking of a tree-branch.*

- a. One Sunday when the lady had chained
- b. him up as usual and was about half-way
- c. through the forest, she suddenly thought
- d. she hears the cracking of a tree-branch

**Q12. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.**

*It was said that if you / yawned beneath the tree, / the pret would jumped down / your throat and ruin your digestion.*

- a. It was said that if you
- b. yawned beneath the tree,
- c. the pret would jumped down
- d. your throat and ruin your digestion