CDS Exam(II): 2015

#### DO NOT OPEN THIS TEST BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO

T.B.C.: B-ABVB-O-HPJ

Test Booklet Series

# TEST BOOKLET ENGLISH



Time Allowed: Two Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS TEST BOOKLET **DOES NOT** HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS ETC. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.
- 2. Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to encode and fill in the Roll Number and Test Booklet Series Code A, B, C or D carefully and without any omission or discrepancy at the appropriate places in the OMR Answer Sheet. Any omission/discrepancy will render the Answer Sheet liable for rejection.
- 3. You have to enter your Roll Number on the Test Booklet in the Box provided alongside. **DO NOT** write **anything else** on the Test Booklet.
- 4. This Test Booklet contains 120 items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose *ONLY ONE* response for each item.
- 5. You have to mark all your responses *ONLY* on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.
- 6. All items carry equal marks.
- 7. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet as per instructions sent to you with your Admission Certificate.
- 8. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the Answer Sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the Invigilator *only the Answer Sheet*. You are permitted to take away with you the Test Booklet.
- 9. Sheets for rough work are appended in the Test Booklet at the end.
- 10. Penalty for wrong answers:
  - THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
  - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
  - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
  - (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

DO NOT OPEN THIS TEST BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO

#### SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) as	nd
(c) Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate yo	ur
response in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error	r,
your response should be indicated as (d).	

1.	Of all those involved	with the accide	nt none was	seriously injured.	No error
	(a)	(b)	•	(c)	(d)
2.	Radar equipments (a)	that is to be used (b)	for ships mu	st be installed carefu	lly. <u>No error</u> (d)
3.	New types of electrica (a)		been developed (b)	by our engineers	s. <u>No error</u> (d)
4.	Recently I visited Kas (a)	hmir and found	(b)	to be marvellous.	No error (d)
5.	It is of primary impor	tance in swim	ming to learn (b)	to breathe properly. (c)	No error (d)
6.	When the party was o	ver, he looked ar	ound for the girl (b)	who had come wi	th him. No error (d)
7.	After we were driving (a)	for miles on the	winding road (b)	I was suddenly sick. (c)	No error (d)
8.	The forecast was for to	air and warm w (b)	eather and the	day dawned dark and	d chill. No error (d)
9.	To write, to speak or (a)	to act seems (b)	very easy.	No error (d)	
10.	I have not had tea (a)	since two days. (b) (c)	No error (d)		
11.	Beside his mother (a)	he has two aunts (b)	who stay with (c)	him. No error (d)	
12.	This photograph a	ppears to be the	best of the two. (c)	No error (d)	

(Contd.)

13.	Either the operator	or the foreman a	<u>re</u>	to b	lame for the	e acciden	t. No error
	(a)	(b)			(c)		(d)
14.	The article offers	good advice to	who	meve	r must acce	ot it. N	lo error
	(a)	(b)			(c)		(d)
15.	She dislikes	you being most organ	ized	<u>tł</u>	an she is.	No erro	<u>r</u>
	(a)	(b)			(c)	(d)	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	SELE	CTIN	IG W	ORDS		
Dire	ections: In the follo	owing passage at certa	ain po	ints y	ou are give	n a choice	e of three words marked
(a),	(b) and (c), one of	which fits the meaning	ng of t	he pa	ssage. Choo	se the be	st word out of the three.
Mar	k the letter, viz., (a)	), (b) or (c), relating to	this w	vord o	n your Ansv	ver Sheet	Examples K and L have
beer	solved for you.						
• •	<b>K</b> .,		L			•	•
The	(a) boy was in	the school in Simla.	(a)	She	was homes	sick.	•
	(b) horse	1	(b)	It		•	
	(c) dog		(c)	He			
Exp	lanation: Out of t	he list given in item K	C, only	y 'boy	is the corre	ect answe	r because usually, a boy,
and	not a horse or a dog	g, attends school. So '(	a)' is t	o be n	narked on th	ne Answe	r Sheet for item K. A boy
	* 1 °						nat to solve the first item
K yo	ou have to read the	rest of the sentence a	nd the	en see	what fits be	est.	۸.
			Passa	ige - 1	ļ., .		
	16.			17.			
'Wh	at (a) can happe	n to them after us?' Th	nis mo	st (a)	joyous	question	n continually torments the
	(b) will	•		(b)	distressing		·.
	(c) must			(c)	distracting		
	18.					•	19.
pare	ents of these (a) u	nethical children.	So the	ey are	mainly inte	rested in	(a) providing
	(b) u	ınnatural					(b) making
	(c) u	infortunate					(c) giving
		•	20.				
some kind of vocational training for them. (a) But special schools for such children,							
		(	(b) Ye	et			
		. (	(c) He	ence			
		•		3		,	(Contd.)

21.	22.
spread all (a) above the world, la	y emphasis on vocational training. (a) However,
(b) under	(b) Accordingly,
(c) over	(c) Similarly,
	23.
they are taught to make paper bags,	(a) dubious wall hangings etc. This, of course,
	(b) simple
	(c) clumsy
24.	25.
is quite (a) agreeable and adm	irable. But what about play and (a) sport?
(b) astute	(b) game?
(c) additional	(c) grounds?
	Passage - 2
Galileo used mathematical calculati	on as well as observation of nature and was the first astronomer to
	26.
use a telescope. With an instrument	of his own (a) experiment, Galileo observed Jupiter (b) construction,
	(c) calculation,
27.	28.
and four of (a) the moons, the pl	nases of Venus and the spots on the sun. His (a) observing
(b) their	(b) observations
(c) its .	(c) observed
	29.
and calculations confirmed that Co	pernicus and Kepler were right. He saw (a) by his own eyes
	(b) from
•	(c) with
30.	31.
and made other people (a) to see	too that the earth was not the fixed center of (a) an universe
(b) see	(b) a
(c) seeing	(c) the
32.	
as Ptolemy had said. Galileo (a) ins	tead made some important discoveries in mechanics. He did not
(b) al	so
(c) th	erefore
	4 (Contd.)

#### SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

**Directions:** Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (a), (b) or (c) is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter (a), (b) or (c). If none of the substitutions improves the sentence, indicate (d) as your response on the Answer Sheet. Thus a "No improvement" response will be signified by the letter (d).

- 41. It's ten o'clock already. It's high time you went home.
  - (a) you had gone
  - (b) you were going
  - (c) you had been
  - (d) No Improvement
- 42. The students <u>are playing</u> volley-ball since 8 A.M.
  - (a) were playing
  - (b) have playing
  - (c) have been playing
  - (d) No Improvement

- 43. Our plans for the trip fell <u>down</u> because we had no money.
  - (a) off
  - (b) out
  - (c) through
  - (d) No Improvement
- 44. None of these groups <u>has reported</u> accurately on the prevailing situation.
  - (a) have reported
  - (b) was reported
  - (c) has reporting
  - (d) No Improvement

- 45. Among the athletes undergoing training Ramesh was easily the better.
  - (a) best
  - (b) better
  - (c) the best
  - (d) No improvement
- 46. The earth moves round the sun, isn't it?
  - (a) wasn't it?
  - (b) hasn't it?
  - (c) doesn't it?
  - (d) No improvement
- 47. Supposing if he is arrested what will he do?
  - (a) if he will be arrested
  - (b) he is arrested
  - (c) if he was arrested
  - (d) No Improvement
- 48. My students <u>have been interesting</u> in learning French.
  - (a) have been interested
  - (b) are being interesting
  - (c) have also interesting
  - (d) No Improvement
- 49. Hardly <u>I had fallen</u> asleep, when the bell rang.
  - (a) I was fallen
  - (b) had I fallen
  - (c) I fell asleep
  - (d) No improvement
- 50. These days, Radha finds it difficult to make both her ends meet.
  - (a) both ends meet
  - (b) both the ends meet
  - (c) ends meet
  - (d) No Improvement

- 51. My mother always asks us to <u>close the fan</u> when we leave the room.
  - (a) on the fan
  - (b) off the fans
  - (c) turn off the fan
  - (d) No Improvement
- 52. If she does not get <u>more high salary</u>, she will resign.
  - (a) more higher salary
  - (b) high salaries
  - (c) a higher salary
  - (d) No Improvement
- 53. The parents should not <u>discriminate from</u> the girl child.
  - (a) discriminate between
  - (b) discriminate against
  - (c) discriminate at
  - (d) No Improvement
- 54. Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' is <u>another of</u> his greatest works.
  - (a) one of his greatest
  - (b) best of his greatest
  - (c) greatest of his
  - (d) No Improvement
- 55. Some schools require children to wear <u>black</u> <u>leather expensive shoes</u>.
  - (a) black expensive leather shoes
  - (b) expensive leather black shoes
  - (c) expensive black leather shoes
  - (d) No Improvement

		•
56.	It is a good thing for him should recognize	61. No sooner did we reach the railway station
	<u>his faults</u> .	when it began to rain.
	(a) that he to recognise his faults	(a) than
	(b) him recognizing his faults	(b) and
	(c) for him to recognize his faults	(c) while
	(d) No Improvement	(d) No Improvement
57.	Some boys speak their mother-tongue	62. Well-bred children always <u>listen to</u> their parents' advice.
	among one another.	(a) hear to
	(a) between them	(b) agree
	(b) among themselves	(c) obey
	(c) with them	(d) No Improvement
	(d) No Improvement	63. We had not met since then, neither did I wish
58.	Prior than taking any decisions he always	to meet him now.
	consults his lawyer.	(a) never did I wish
	(a) Prior to	(b) nor did I wish
	(b) Previous to	(c) did not I wish
	(c) Prior as	(d) No Improvement
	(d) No Improvement	64. Even she had taken a taxi, she would have
59.	He does not know what the university is.	been late.
Ş).	<del></del>	(a) Even if she had
	(a) an	(b) Although she had
	(b) a	(c) As if she had
	(c) one	(d) No Improvement
	(d) No Improvement	65. He felt sure of his success, though he was
60.	The Prime Minister called on the President.	beginning to get worried.
	(a) by	(a) his succeed
	(b) in	(b) his successes
	(c) to	(c) being succeeded
	(d) No Improvement	(d) No Improvement

(d) No Improvement

#### **COMPREHENSION**

**Directions:** In this section there are **four** short passages. After each passage, you will find some questions based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the questions based on it. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

#### Passage-I

Much rhapsodical nonsense has been written about the "Mona Lisa" and her enigmatic smile, and there have been endless speculations as to her character and the meaning of her expression. It is all beside the mark. The truth is that the "Mona Lisa" is a study of modeling. Leonardo da Vinci had discovered that the expression of smiling is much more a matter of modeling of the cheek and of the forms below the eye than of the change in the line of the lips. It interested him to produce a smile wholly by these delicate changes of surface; hence the mysterious expression.

- 66. The word *rhapsodical* as used in the passage means
  - (a) plain
  - (b) unreadable
  - (c) enthusiastic
  - (d) uniformed
- 67. "Mona Lisa" is the name of
  - (a) a beautiful woman who made history in ancient Rome
  - (b) a famous painting
  - (c) the artist's mistress
  - (d) an art technique
- 68. The truth about the "Mona Lisa" is that it is a study in
  - (a) feminine psychology
  - (b) facial expression
  - (c) feminine form
  - (d) modeling

- 69. The painter was able to produce that strange smile on Mona Lisa's face by
  - (a) delicate changes on the surface of cheeks below the eyes
  - (b) using bright colours
  - (c) using a painting knife
  - (d) looking constantly at a smiling model while painting
- 70. The author of the above passage has examined 'Mona Lisa' from
  - (a) an idealistic angle
  - (b) an imaginary point of view
  - (c) a purely artistic angle
  - (d) a scientific and realistic standpoint

#### Passage-II

It is possible to give wedding presents, birthday and Christmas presents, without any thought of affection at all, they can be ordered by postcard; but the unbirthday present demands the nicest care. It is therefore the best of all, and it is the only kind to which the golden rule of present-giving imperatively applies - the golden rule which insists that you must never give to another person anything that you would not rather keep: nothing that does not cost you a pang to part from. It would be better if this rule governed the choice also of those other three varieties of gifts, but they can be less exacting.

- 71. The author says that wedding, birthday and Christmas presents
  - (a) are always indicators of the giver's affection
  - (b) may not always be given with any thought of affection
  - (c) are given only to flatter the recipient
  - (d) are given only to fulfil an obligation

- 72. 'They can be ordered by postcard' means that
  - (a) the present may only be a postcard
  - (b) the present would be an expensive one
  - (c) the choice does not involve much care
  - (d) the present would not be worth giving

- 73. The 'unbirthday' present is the best of all because
  - (a) it cannot be ordered by postcard
  - (b) it means giving expensive presents
  - (c) its choice needs the utmost care
  - (d) other occasions are better than birthdays for giving presents
- 74. A 'golden rule' is a rule which
  - (a) brings profit
  - (b) is very important
  - (c) is very difficult
  - (d) is very easy

- 75. The writer is of the view that one should give a present that
  - (a) one would like to possess oneself
  - (b) one would like to get rid of
  - (c) cannot be ordered by mail
  - (d) is highly expensive and attractive

#### Passage-III

People project their mental processes into their handwriting. They subconsciously shape and organise their letters, words and lines in ways that directly reflect their personalities. This explains why no two handwritings are - or even can be - alike; the medium is just too personal. Everyday observation confirms the link between handwriting and personality, at least in an elementary way. Precise people construct their words with care, slowly and exactly; dynamic people dash them off. Flamboyant people boldly cover half a page with a few words and a signature, whose size fittingly reflects their expansive sense of self. Most of us have made such observations. But it takes a practiced eye to discern the scores of variations and interpret the subtle interplay of forces at work in any given handwriting. In fact in Europe, handwriting analysis known as graphology, now enjoys scientific acceptance and common use.

- 76. If you are a showy and colourful person, your handwriting is likely to be
  - (a) neat and slow
  - (b) dashing and careless
  - (c) bold and large
  - (d) legible but small
- 77. Graphology is
  - (a) the study of graphs
  - (b) the analysis of handwriting
  - (c) a special branch of phonetics
  - (d) a graphical description of handwriting
- 78. Handwriting analysis is
  - (a) not useful to us
  - (b) an elementary study
  - (c) an imprecise science
  - (d) a means of studying personality

- 79. According to the author, people are:
  - (a) not conscious of what they write
  - (b) aggressive in the nature of their writing
  - (c) not conscious of the way they write
  - (d) not used to personal writing
- 80. The fact that handwriting is related to personality
  - (a) has been noticed by most people
  - (b) is appreciated by dynamic people
  - (c) is restricted to persons who write carefully
  - (d) is known only to graphologists

#### Passage-IV

The simplest method of welding two pieces of metal together is known as pressure welding. The ends of metal are heated to a white heat — for iron, the welding temperature should be about 1300°C — in a flame. At this temperature the metal becomes plastic. The ends are then pressed or hammered together, and the joint is smoothed off. Care must be taken to ensure that the surfaces are thoroughly clean first, for dirt will weaken the weld. Moreover, the heating of iron or steel to a high temperature cause oxidation, and a film of oxide is formed on the heated surfaces. For this reason, a flux is applied to the heated metal. At welding heat, the flux melts, and the oxide particles are dissolved in it together with any other impurities which may be present. The metal surfaces are pressed together, and the flux is squeezed out from the centre of the weld. A number of different types of weld may be used, but for fairly thick bars of metals, a vee-shaped weld should normally be employed. It is rather stronger than the ordinary butt weld.

- 81. The simplest way of welding two pieces of metal together is
  - (a) heating the metal
  - (b) holding it in a flame
  - (c) coating the metal with plastic
  - (d) hammering heated pieces
- 82. Unless the surfaces are cleaned first
  - (a) the metal will not take white heat
  - (b) the resulting weld will be weak
  - (c) the joint will be rough
  - (d) the metal will be less plastic
- 83. When iron is heated to about 1300 degree centigrade
  - (a) flames turn from white to blue
  - (b) chemical reaction starts
  - (c) oxide film is found on its surfaces
  - (d) it turns into steel

- 84. The flux is used to
  - (a) make the metal plastic
  - (b) cool the heated metal
  - (c) cover up any dirt
  - (d) dissolve oxide and other impurities
- 85. For fairly thick bars of metals
  - (a) a vee shaped weld should be used
  - (b) ordinary butt weld should be used
  - (c) a number of different types of weld may be used
  - (d) a pressure weld may be used

#### **SYNONYMS**

**Directions:** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or group of words. Select the word or group of words that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word.

- 86. All these items have been marked down.
  - (a) reserved
  - (b) packed up
  - (c) reduced in price
  - (d) entered
- 87. How can you have the <u>effrontery</u> to ask for another loan?
  - (a) right
  - (b) impudence
  - (c) heart
  - (d) courage
- 88. There was a devastating attack on his work.
  - (a) terrible
  - (b) casual
  - (c) unethical
  - (d) motivated
- 89. The committee conducted an <u>exhaustive</u> inquiry.
  - (a) time-consuming
  - (b) complicated
  - (c) renewed
  - (d) thorough
- 90. He is just <u>laying up</u> a lot of trouble for himself.
  - (a) clearing
  - (b) accumulating
  - (c) accepting
  - (d) removing

- 91. He fought the demon with all his might.
  - (a) heaviness
  - (b) strength
  - (c) density
  - (d) popularity
- 92. Devotees believe that God <u>dwells</u> in their heart.
  - (a) lives
  - (b) insists
  - (c) travels
  - (d) enters
- 93. Not everyone can <u>respond to</u> a difficult question quickly.
  - (a) discuss
  - (b) argue.
  - (c) answer
  - (d) deny
- 94. The sage did not want to be bothered with mundane concerns.
  - (a) worldly
  - (b) meaningless
  - (c) trivial
  - (d) superfluous
- 95. Mountaineering in bad weather is dangerous.
  - (a) threatening
  - (b) shaky
  - (c) perilous
  - (d) slippery

				·
96.	Stellar groupings tend to be unlimited.	98.	He v	was not ready with his annual accounts.
	(a) lengthy		(a)	yearly
	(b) heavenly		(b)	important
	(c) huge		(c)	monthly
	(d) infinite	. *	(d)	permanent
97.	called a <u>dictator</u> .			iety cannot depend upon a <u>fanatic</u> for lance.  optimist
			(b)	martyr
	(b) autocrat		(c)	bigot
	(c) egoist	*	(d)	anarchist
	(d) sychophant	100	, L	ousy person cannot waste his time on
			<u>triv</u> (a) (b)	ial issues.  unimportant  rude  crude
			(c)	
			(d)	tribal
	ANTO			
wo	rections: Each item in this section consists of a sords or group of words. Select the word or group of underlined word.	sentenc of word	e wi	th an underlined word followed by four at is most nearly opposite in meaning to
101	1. The officer exaggerated the damage caused	103.	His	officer was a very strict person.
	by the rowdies.		(a)	pleasant
	(a) underwrote		(b)	open hearted
	(b) condemned		(c)	lenient
	(c) ignored		(d)	indifferent
	(d) underestimated	104.	. Ser	vitude is not helpful for mental growth
102	2. The speaker was unable to pacify the crowd.		(a)	Disservice
	(a) excite		(b)	
	(b) antagonize		(c)	Freedom
	(c) threaten		(d)	
•	(d) challenge		` '	

105. His attitu	ude to poor people is <u>deplorable</u> .	108.	The	paucity of good teachers is the chief
(a) con	nmendable		reas	on for the present condition of these
(b) mis	erable		scho	ools.
(c) equ	itable		(a)	presence
(d) des	irable		(b)	surplus
		•	(c)	appointment
•	st made <u>derogatory</u> remarks about he was served.		(d)	retention
(a) inte	eresting	109.	Don	't you think his account of things was
(b) con	nplimentary	-	mon	otonous?
(c) unn	necessary		(a)	agreeable
(d) che	erful	1	(b)	acceptable
107 11-1			(c)	varied
	n <u>aversion</u> to milk.	1	(d)	indecent
(a) dea		110	Snu	rious drugs can prove to be fatal.
(b) lovi			<u>ори</u> (a)	Virtuous
(c) liki	ng		(b)	Inferior
(d) pet			(c)	Genuine
i ,			(d)	Contemptuous
j		,	(u)	Contemptuous
•	FILL IN THE	BLA	NK	S
Directions: E	Each of the following sentences has a	blank	spa	ce and four words are given below it.
Select the wo Answer Sheet	•	the bla	ank	space and indicate your choice on the
•	not the real and important s science has made.			nat did you think of the film?" ", n't like it very much."
(a) opp	•		(a)	To be honest
· · · · · ·	stion		(b)	Being honest
(c) igno			(c)	To be fair
(d) dou			` '	In honesty
(a) aoa		` <b>'</b>	(4)	in nonesty
	ousers are too long, the	114.	He_	in this school since 2010.
length pl	ease.	(	(a)	studied
(a) dim	inish	•	(b)	was studying
(b) less	•	. (	(c)	has been studying
(c) curt		(	(d)	had studied
(d) redu				
	13			(Contd.)

	hink that's why he has problems."	outside.
(a)	too many	(a) have eaten
(b)	so many	(b) had eaten
(c)	any more	
(d)	much more	(c) were eating
116	if he is willing to fit in with the plans	(d) would eat
	the group.	119. As he was and had saved enough
(a)	There is no objection to him joining the party	money, his family escaped misery when he
(b)	There is no objection on his joining the	died suddenly.
•	party	(a) prudent
(c)	There is no objection to his joining the party	(b) preparatory
(d)		(c) persistent
(u)	the party	(d) providential
117. Ha	aving secured the highest marks in the	120. Some mysteries remain in desert research:
	ass,	especially relating to why some regions,
(a)	) the college had offered him a scholarship	once fertile, are now
(b)		(a) blossoming
	college	(b) cultivable
(c)	a scholarship was offered him by the college	(c) barren
(d)		(d) irrigated

### SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

## SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK