

SATYENDRA NATH TAGORE CIVIL SERVICES STUDY CENTRE
ADMISSION TEST: COMPOSITE COURSE BATCH 2025

Booklet No. **100485**

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Date of the test: 7th April 2024, Sunday

Total duration of the test: 2 hours (12.00 pm to 2.00 pm)

Total Marks: 200

The Question and Answer Booklet comprises the following:

Section	Type	No. of Questions	Marks
A	MCQ	35	70
B	Short essay type questions	4	80
C	Essay	1	50
	TOTAL	40	200

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the instructions carefully for each section before answering the questions.
2. The MCQ in Section A need to be answered in the OMR sheet.
3. The answers for Sections B and C need to be written in the Booklet.
4. There is space for rough work at the end of the booklet.
5. No outside paper is allowed.
6. At the end of the exam, candidates are to submit the Q&A booklet and the OMR sheet to the invigilator.
7. 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.
8. Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to fill in the Roll Number carefully without any omission or discrepancy at the appropriate places in the OMR sheet. Any omission/discrepancy will render the OMR sheet liable for rejection.
9. You have to enter your Roll Number in the OMR sheet in the box provided alongside.

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SECTION A (Multiple Choice Questions)
Question Paper Booklet

Full marks: 70

INSTRUCTIONS for SECTION-A:

1. This section contains **35 questions**. All the questions are compulsory. Each item comprises four answers. Select the response you think is correct.
2. All responses have to be darkened either in BLUE or BLACK ball point pen only on the OMR sheet provided separately.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the OMR sheet, you should hand over the Q&A booklet and the OMR sheet to the Invigilator.
5. Sheets for rough work are appended in the Test booklet at the end of the Q&A booklet.
6. 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.
7. If an answer is overwritten/scratched, no marks will be awarded.

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Questions 1 to 5 are based on Passage 1

Passage 1 (2x5=10marks)

Reading is a fundamental skill that plays a vital role in our lives. It's not just about deciphering words on a page but about the doors it opens, the knowledge it imparts, and the worlds it allows us to explore. Reading is an essential tool for learning, expanding our horizons, and fostering imagination.

When we read, we acquire knowledge. Whether it's reading textbooks, newspapers, or online articles, we gain information that helps us understand the world. Books, in particular, are a treasure trove of knowledge. They contain the wisdom of generations, the discoveries of great minds, and the stories of diverse cultures. Reading books can educate us on history, science, literature, and countless other subjects. It's like having a mentor, guiding us through the complexities of life.

Reading also broadens our horizons. It exposes us to different viewpoints, perspectives, and experiences. When we read about characters from various backgrounds or explore far-off lands through the pages of a novel, we step into their shoes and see the world from a different angle. This broadening of perspective fosters empathy and understanding, making us more tolerant and open-minded individuals.

Furthermore, reading fuels our imagination. Whether it's a fantasy novel, a science fiction story, or a compelling mystery, books transport us to other worlds and challenge us to envision the unimaginable. Our minds become the canvas, and words paint the pictures. It's a magical experience that ignites creativity and inspiration.

Moreover, reading is a skill that transcends academic boundaries. It's not just about scoring well on tests; it's about developing critical thinking, analytical skills, and the ability to communicate effectively. A person who reads regularly is likely to have a broader vocabulary, better writing skills, and an improved ability to express their thoughts and ideas.

In our modern digital age, reading has taken on new forms. E-books and audiobooks have made it more accessible and convenient. With just a few clicks or taps, we can access a vast library of literature. However, there's something timeless and intimate about holding a physical book, flipping its pages, and smelling the scent of paper and ink.

In conclusion, reading is not just a hobby; it's a cornerstone of education, personal growth, and cultural enrichment. It empowers us with knowledge, broadens our perspectives, ignites our imagination, and equips us with essential skills. Whether we're reading for pleasure, information, or self-improvement, reading is a journey that enriches our lives and shapes us into more informed, empathetic, and creative individuals.

Q.1. What are some of the benefits of reading mentioned in the passage?

- (A) Acquiring knowledge
- (B) Physical exercise
- (C) Developing cooking skills
- (D) Enhancing video game proficiency

Q.2. How does reading broaden our horizons and foster empathy?

- (A) By encouraging isolation
- (B) By exposing us to different viewpoints and experiences
- (C) By promoting narrow-mindedness
- (D) By making us less tolerant

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Q.3. What role does reading play in developing critical thinking and communication skills?

- (A) It has no impact on critical thinking or communication skills
- (B) It broadens horizons but does not impact skills
- (C) It expands vocabulary, improves writing skills, and enhances communication abilities
- (D) It only helps with imagination but not critical thinking or communication

Q.4. What are the advantages of reading physical books compared to digital formats?

- (A) Physical books are more expensive
- (B) Digital formats are more environmentally friendly
- (C) Physical books offer a timeless and intimate experience
- (D) Digital formats are easier to access

Q.5. How does reading enrich our lives and shape us as individuals, according to the passage?

- (A) Reading has no impact on personal growth
- (B) Reading makes us less informed and less creative
- (C) Reading empowers us with knowledge, broadens our perspectives, and equips us with essential skills, making us more informed, empathetic, and creative individuals
- (D) Reading only fosters creativity but not empathy.

Questions 6 to 10 are based on Passage 2

PASSAGE 2 (2x5=10marks)

Political education has many connotations. It may be defined as the preparation of a citizen to take well informed, responsible and sustained action for participation in the national struggle in order to achieve the socio-economic objectives of the country. The predominant socio-economic objectives in India are the abolition of poverty and the creation of a modern democratic, secular and socialist society in place of the present traditional, feudal, hierarchical and in egalitarian one.

Under the colonial rule, the Congress leaders argued that political education was an important part of education and refused to accept the official view that education and politics should not be mixed with one another. But when they came to power in 1947, they almost adopted the British policy and began to talk of education being **defiled** by politics. 'Hands off education' was the call to political parties. But in spite of it, political infiltration into the educational system has greatly increased in the sense that different political parties vie with each other to capture the mind of teachers and students. The wise academicians wanted political support, without political interference. What we have actually received is infinite political interference with little genuine political support. This interference with the educational system by political parties for their own ulterior motives is no political education at all and with the all-round growth of elitism, it is hardly a matter for surprise that real political education within the school system (which really means the creation of a commitment to social transformation) has been even weaker than in the pre-independence period.

During that time only, the struggle for freedom came to an end and the major non-formal agency of political education disappeared. The press played a major role by providing some political education. But it did not utilize the opportunity to the full and the strangle hold of vested interests continued to dominate it. The same can be said of political parties as well as of other institutions and agencies outside the school system which can be expected to provide political education. After analysing all these things, it appears that we have made no progress in genuine political education in the post-independence period and have even slid back in some respects. For instance, the education system has become even more elite-oriented. Patriotism has become the first casualty. The father of the nation gave us the courage to

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oppose government when it was wrong, in a disciplined fashion and on basic principles. Today, we have even lost the courage to fight on basic issues in a disciplined manner because agitational and anarchic politics for individual, group or party aggrandizement has become common. In the recent times the education system continues to support domination of the privileged groups and domestication of the under-privileged ones. The situation will not change unless we take vigorous steps to provide genuine political education on an adequate scale. This is one of the major educational reforms we need, and if it is not carried out, mere linear expansion of the existing system of formal education will only support the status quo and hamper radical social transformation.

Q.6. Which word is nearly opposite in meaning as “defile” as used in the passage?

- (A) disparage
- (B) forgery
- (C) degenerate
- (D) sanctify

Q.7. According to the passage, what should be the main purpose of political education?

- (A) To champion the cause of elitism
- (B) To bring qualitative change in the entire education system
- (C) To create an egalitarian society
- (D) To prepare the young generation with high intellectual acumen.

Q.8. How has politics been related to educational institutions after independence?

- (A) Although they got political support but there was no interference of politics.
- (B) It is clear that they got almost no political support as well as political interference.
- (C) They got political support at the cost of political interference.
- (D) There was substantial interference without political support.

Q.9. Based on the passage, which is the major drawback of the present education system?

- (A) The education system mainly represents the oppressed sections of the society.
- (B) The present education system promotes the domination of the privileged few.
- (C) It is based on the British model of education.
- (D) It is highly hierarchical and egalitarian in nature.

Q.10. Which is the most opposite in meaning to the word ‘hamper’ as used in the passage?

- (A) accelerate
- (B) envision
- (C) foster
- (D) initiate

Q.11. The cost price of a product is two-fifth of its selling price. Find the profit or loss percentage on that product?

- (A) 50% gain
- (B) 50% loss
- (C) 150% gain
- (D) 150% loss

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Q.12. Find the missing term in the following series:

22, 33, 46, 63, 82, ?

- (A) 103
- (B) 107
- (C) 109
- (D) 105

Q.13. In what time, does an investment double at the simple interest rate of 5% per annum?

- (A) 10 years
- (B) 20 years
- (C) 5 years
- (D) 15 years

Q.14. A woman travels by car and covers her whole journey with an average speed of 40 km/h. She covers 25% of her journey with a speed of 40km/h and 20% of her journey with a speed of 20 km/h. What is the speed of the car for the remaining 55% of her journey?

- (A) 50 km/h
- (B) 53.82 km/h
- (C) 60 km/h
- (D) 62.86 km/h

Q.15. In a class, the ratio of girls and boys is 4:5. If 10 more girls join in the class, the ratio of girls and boys becomes 6:5. Find the number of boys in the class.

- (A) 25
- (B) 30
- (C) 35
- (D) 40

Q.16. After 9 years, Arnab's age will be 3 times the age of his own 9 years before. What is the present age of Arnab?

- (A) 20 years
- (B) 25 years
- (C) 18 years
- (D) 13 years

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Q.17. Radha is looking at a photograph. She says, "his mother is the wife of my father's son." How is the person in the photograph related to Radha?

- (A) Son
- (B) Nephew
- (C) Cousin
- (D) Uncle

Q.18. Manowar first walks 20 meters straight. He then turns right and walks 10 meters straight. He again turns right and walks 16 meters straight. After that, he again turns right and walks 7 meters straight. Now, how far is Manowar from his initial position?

- (A) 5 m
- (B) 7 m
- (C) 2 m
- (D) 3 m

Q.19. The speed of a boat is 6 km/h in still water and the speed of the current is 2 km/h. The boat takes 3 hours more in upstream than in downstream for the same distance. Find the distance.

- (A) 20 km
- (B) 24 km
- (C) 30 km
- (D) 27 km

Q.20. Statement: Rishav's recent investment in the share of company X is very risky.

Assumptions:

- i) Higher return is associated with higher risk.
- ii) Rishav may incur huge losses on his investment.

Decide which assumption (s) is (are) implicit in the statement.

- (A) Only assumption i is implicit.
- (B) Only assumption ii is implicit.
- (C) Both i and ii are implicit.
- (D) Neither i nor ii is implicit

Q.21. In a certain coding language, MOTIVATION is written as OQVKXCVKQP. What will be the code for INSPIRATION?

- (A) KPURKTCVPQR
- (B) KPURKTCVQKP
- (C) KPURKTCVQPK
- (D) KPURKTCVKQP

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Q.22. Who wrote Panchatantra and Hitopadesha?

- (A) Dandi
- (B) Vishnu Sharma
- (C) Vatsayayana
- (D) Harisena

Q.23. A person can directly move to Supreme Court in case of any violation of Fundamental rights. Which Article allows this?

- (A) Article 31
- (B) Article 32
- (C) Article 42
- (D) Article 20

Q.24. The Ken- Betwa River Link Project is a joint project between two states

- (A) Goa & Maharashtra
- (B) Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Tripura and Meghalaya
- (D) West Bengal & Odisha

Q.25. "The State is everywhere; it hardly leaves a void". This declaration defines the term

- (A) Welfare State
- (B) Socialist State
- (C) Autocratic State
- (D) Police State

Q.26. Consider the proposed tax receipts of the Government of India in the Interim Budget 2024-2025.

i) Goods and Services Tax

ii) Income Tax

iii) Corporation - tax

Arrange the above tax receipts in descending order :

- (A) i, ii, iii
- (B) i, iii, ii
- (C) ii, iii, i
- (D) ii, i, iii

Q.27. Who founded the Ghadr Party in San Francisco in the USA?

- (A) Lala Hardayal
- (B) Ajit Singh
- (C) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (D) P. Mitra

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Q.28. Which of the following National Mission/ Missions on climate change is / are under 'National Action Plan on Climate Change' (NAPCC)?

- (i) National Mission for a Green India
- (ii) National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency
- (iii) National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system
- (iv) National Health Mission

Select the correct answer code:

- (A) i and iv only
- (B) iv only
- (C) i, ii and iii only
- (D) All of the above

Q.29. Which among the following is/are a member country of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)?

- (i) Saudi Arabia
- (ii) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- (iii) Bahrain

Select the correct answer code:

- (A) i, ii only
- (B) ii only
- (C) iii only
- (D) All of the above

Q.30. Which state has the highest number of Ramsar sites in India?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Karnataka
- (C) Tamil Nadu
- (D) Kerala

Q.31. The Indian economy is considered as

- (A) Capitalist economy
- (B) Socialist economy
- (C) Mixed economy
- (D) Gandhian economy

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Q.32. The headquarters of the 'International Labour Organization' is located at

- (A) London
- (B) Geneva
- (C) Switzerland
- (D) Washington D C

Q.33. Indian National Congress, later rechristened INC-1, from 1885 till today had _____ female Presidents.

- (A) 5
- (B) 6
- (C) 4
- (D) 7

Q.34. Which International tribunal has the right to prosecute individuals for committing war crimes and crimes against humanity?

- (A) United Nations Security Council
- (B) United Nations General Assembly
- (C) International Criminal Court
- (D) International Court of Justice

Q.35. According to the Human Development Report 2023-2024, what is the rank of India in the Human Development Index (HDI)?

- (A) 46
- (B) 71
- (C) 134
- (D) 154

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SECTION B (Short essay-type questions)

Question Paper Booklet

Full marks: 80

INSTRUCTIONS for SECTION-B:

1. This section contains **7 questions**. You will attempt **any 4** of the 7 Questions.
2. Each Question is of **20 marks** and the **maximum word limit is 50**.
3. The answer is to be written within the given space below each question.
4. The answers are expected to be legible enough without any overwriting.
5. Please use Blue or Black ball point pens only for writing the answers.

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1. The Indian Diaspora

Ans.

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2. Milan 2024

Ans.

3. Mahsa Amini

Ans.

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4. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Ans:

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5. "The youth of our country are in a quandary. Their grandparents and parents grew up with Gandhian values of sacrifice or Nehruvian or Indira Gandhi's Crypto- Marxian economic austerity and themselves are watching dazzling fairytale display of prosperity at Jamnagar. Celebrate poverty or prosperity?" Elucidate.

Ans.

6. Dr. M. S. Swaminathan

Ans.

SECTION C (Essay)
Question Paper Booklet

Full marks: 50

7. Electoral Bond

Ans.

INSTRUCTIONS for SECTION-C:

1. This section contains 4 essay topics, out of which you will attempt any one (1).
2. The maximum word limit is 250.
3. The essay is to be written within the space given below.
4. The essay is expected to be legible without any overwriting.
5. Please use blue or black ball point pens only for writing the essay.

[50 marks: word limit 250]

Q. Write an essay on any one of the following topics.

1. Power attracts the worst and corrupts the best.
2. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder.
3. We are an impossibility in an impossible universe.
4. A free press could be good or bad, but most certainly without freedom, the press will never be anything but bad.

Ans.

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SECTION C (Essay)
Question Paper Booklet

Full marks: 50

INSTRUCTIONS for SECTION-C:

1. This section contains **4 essay topics, out of which** you will attempt **any one (1)**.
2. The **maximum word limit is 250**.
3. The essay is to be written within the space given below.
4. The essay is expected to be legible without any overwriting.
5. Please use blue or black ball point pens only for writing the essay.

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Q. Write an essay on any one of the following topics.

[50 marks: word limit 250]

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Ans.

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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

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SECTION C (Essay)
Question Paper Booklet

Full marks: 10

INSTRUCTIONS for SECTION C:

1. The section contains 4 essay topics, out of which you will attempt any one (1).
2. The maximum word limit is 150.
3. The essay is to be written under the space given below.
4. The essay is expected to be in your own words and handwriting.
5. Highlight the start and end of the essay by writing the words "Start" and "End".

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1). Write an essay on any one of the following topics. (10 marks, word limit 150)

1. Power is not a good thing to have.
2. It is better to be a poor king than a rich slave.
3. Wealth is a curse to a person.
4. A person who is not happy with his lot is not really happy in life. Discuss with an example.

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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your name and roll number in the space provided at the top of the page.
2. The Marking Scheme A card is provided in the question paper.
3. The answer for questions B and C should be written in the space provided.
4. Do not write anything in the rough work area at the end of the page.
5. Do not write anything in the space provided.
6. At the end of the exam, the answer card should be handed over to the invigilator and the answer sheet should be kept with you.
7. If you are unable to answer a question, you may write "I don't know" in the space provided. If you do not have a printed answer, you may write "I don't know" in the space provided. If you do not have a printed answer, you may write "I don't know" in the space provided.
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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

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