

NIMCET English Sample Paper-13

Duration: 5 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 40

Instructions

- This paper contains **10** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct).
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**.
- Each incorrect answer carries: **-1 marks**.
- Unattempted questions carry **0** marks.
- Only one option is correct for each question.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. Select the word that is most nearly **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the capitalized word in the given context:

The professor's speech was marked by an **ANSERINE** approach to the highly volatile geopolitical crisis, leaving the board members utterly dismayed.

- (A) Sagacious
- (B) Puerile
- (C) Sycophantic
- (D) Vacuous

Q2. Identify the correct contextual pair of words to fill the blanks logically and idiomatically:

The CEO was known for her _____ style of governance, which initially seemed tyrannical but ultimately prevented the company from falling into a state of structural _____.

- (A) imperious . . . desuetude
- (B) magisterial . . . efflorescence
- (C) lenient . . . stagnation
- (D) egalitarian . . . turpitude



Q3. Detect the option that best encapsulates the meaning of the idiomatic phrase highlighted below:

When the primary investigator refused to alter the forensic timeline, the corrupt magistrate realized he was up against a man who would **die in the last ditch**.

- (A) Succumb to minor occupational hazards under intense peer pressure.
- (B) Defend a position or principle with ultimate vulnerability and terminal stubbornness.
- (C) Abandon a professional cause at the very onset of structured resistance.
- (D) Deliberately court bankruptcy to evade judicial prosecution.

Q4. Identify the specific part of the given sentence that contains a grammatical error.

If the sentence is completely correct, mark option (D):

No sooner had the dissenting faction voiced their deep-seated reservations regarding the sub-clause, than the chairperson, along with his legal advisors, have summarily adjourned the meeting.

- (A) No sooner had the dissenting faction voiced their deep-seated reservations regarding the sub-clause
- (B) than the chairperson, along with his legal advisors
- (C) have summarily adjourned the meeting
- (D) No error

Q5. Choose the alternative that best repairs the underlined portion of the sentence to conform to the rules of standard written English:

Had the infrastructure committee been cognizant of the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting would have been initiated months before the multi-tier bridge collapsed under its own static load.

- (A) Had the infrastructure committee been cognizant of the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting would have been initiated months before
- (B) If the infrastructure committee were cognizant of the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting would be initiated months before



- (C) Should the infrastructure committee have been cognizant of the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting had been initiated months prior
- (D) If the infrastructure committee was cognizant about the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting would have initiated months ago

Q6. Which of the following sentences exhibits completely flawless grammatical syntax, subject-verb agreement, and correct modifier placement?

- (A) Walking down the narrow corridor of the ancient archives, the musty smell of century-old parchment immediately overwhelmed the young paleographer.
- (B) Neither the principal archivist nor the junior researchers admits that a significant percentage of the classical manuscripts has been irretrievably damaged.
- (C) The committee members were aggregate in agreement that every single one of the candidates who were interviewed are exceptionally qualified.
- (D) Having spent years analyzing the macro-economic indices, the fiscal policy was rewritten by the finance minister to counteract inflation.

Directions for Questions 7 to 9: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow based on structural implications and contextual assertions.

"The democratization of critical thought in the digital age has simultaneously birthed an epistemological crisis wherein the traditional boundaries of specialized expertise are aggressively contested by decentralized networks of lay observers. This phenomenon, often intellectualized as the egalitarian leveling of information hierarchies, frequently degenerates into a dogmatic anti-intellectualism. The core hazard lies not in the proliferation of alternative paradigms, but in the institutionalized collapse of epistemic humility. When the consensus of calibrated inquiry is flattened by the sheer algorithmic velocity of unvetted polemics, the public sphere loses its capacity for objective validation, rendering public discourse highly susceptible to ideological capture."

Q7. Based on the passage, what constitutes the most fundamental threat to public discourse within the context of decentralized information systems?



- (A) The deliberate suppression of alternative hypotheses by a monolithic cadre of institutional authorities.
- (B) The structural degradation of epistemic humility coupled with the algorithmic flattening of calibrated expertise.
- (C) The systemic financial insolvency of traditional print media entities and academic journals.
- (D) A lack of technological infrastructure capable of sorting subjective political ideologies from empirical proofs.

Q8. Which of the following best describes the author’s tone toward the current evolution of information hierarchies?

- (A) Highly sanguine regarding the long-term democratic viability of decentralized networks.
- (B) Analytically critical of the transition from egalitarian access to dogmatic anti-intellectualism.
- (C) Utterly indifferent to the systemic changes, viewing them as historical inevitabilities.
- (D) Superficially dismissive without engaging the underlying sociological tenets.

Q9. What can be reasonably inferred about the phrase “ideological capture” as used in the concluding sentence of the passage?

- (A) Public discourse becomes entirely subjugated by unverified, polarized belief systems due to a lack of empirical verification baselines.
- (B) Independent research teams are forced to adopt state-sponsored propaganda to survive institutional auditing frameworks.
- (C) Algorithmic software systems undergo critical failure states when exposed to dense philosophical texts.
- (D) The intellectual elite regain complete hegemony over information distribution pathways via state intervention.

Q10. Rearrange the following four sentences (P, Q, R, S) in the most logically coherent order to form a structured paragraph:



P: This reductionist perspective, however, obfuscates the intricate web of biochemical dependencies that regulate neural plasticity.

Q: Early neuropsychological studies frequently isolated singular anatomical regions to explain comprehensive cognitive behaviors.

R: Consequently, contemporary neurological models prioritize dynamic network configurations over localized cerebral modularity.

S: For decades, this localized paradigm governed both clinical diagnostics and pharmacological interventions.

(A) QSPR

(B) QPSR

(C) SQPR

(D) SPQR



Detailed Solutions**Q1.****Solution**

Concept: To find the correct antonym, we must first define the highlighted word based on its etymology and context. The word **ANSERINE** originates from the Latin *anser* (meaning "goose"). Contextually, it describes an approach that left board members "utterly dismayed" during a volatile crisis, implying something foolish, silly, or goose-like.

Solution:

Let's analyze the definition of each option to find the absolute opposite meaning:

- **Sagacious:** Having or showing keen mental discernment, sound judgment, and practical wisdom (shrewd/wise). This is the exact opposite of being foolish or anserine.
- **Puerile:** Childishly silly or trivial (synonymous in tone).
- **Sycophantic:** Behaving or done in an obsequious way in order to gain advantage (fawning).
- **Vacuous:** Having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence (mindless/empty).

Since **Anserine** denotes foolishness, its ideal antonym is **Sagacious**.

Final Answer:

Answer: (A)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: The context requires a pair of words where the first blank matches something that "initially seemed tyrannical," and the second blank describes a negative state of structural decline that tyrannical/strict governance might prevent.

Solution:

Let's evaluate how well each word pair fits the semantic requirements of the sentence:

- **Option (A) imperious ... desuetude:** *Imperious* means assuming power or authority without justification (arrogant/domineering), which aligns perfectly with "seemed tyrannical." *Desuetude* means a state of disuse or inactivity, fitting a company falling into structural neglect or stagnation.
- **Option (B) magisterial ... efflorescence:** *Efflorescence* means reaching an optimum stage of development or blossoming, which makes no sense since a tyrannical style wouldn't be credited with preventing a positive "blossoming."
- **Option (C) lenient ... stagnation:** *Lenient* completely contradicts "seemed tyrannical."
- **Option (D) egalitarian ... turpitude:** *Egalitarian* (promoting equal rights) directly contradicts a style that looks tyrannical.

Thus, **imperious** and **desuetude** form the only logically sound and idiomatic pair.

Final Answer: imperious ... desuetude

Answer: (A)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: The idiomatic phrase "**die in the last ditch**" historically refers to a defender or soldier who fights to the absolute end, defending a position or a principle until the very last line of defense is breached, refusing to surrender under any circumstances.

Solution:

Let's examine how the context supports this definition:

- The investigator refuses to alter a forensic timeline despite facing pressure from a corrupt magistrate.
- This indicates an unyielding commitment to a principle or professional boundary.
- Option (B) accurately captures this behavior by describing someone who will defend a position with "ultimate vulnerability and terminal stubbornness."

Final Answer:

Defend a position or principle with ultimate vulnerability and terminal stubbornness.

Answer: (B)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: When a singular subject is paired with an additive phrase introduced by prepositions like *along with*, *as well as*, or *together with*, the grammatical subject remains singular. The verb must agree with this singular head noun, ignoring any plural elements within the additive phrase.

Solution:

Let's break down the grammatical components of the sentence:

- **Correlative Adverbial Clause:** "No sooner had . . . than" is structured correctly here.
- **Subject of the Second Clause:** "the chairperson" is a singular noun phrase.
- **Additive Modifier:** ", along with his legal advisors," is parenthetical and does not change the singular nature of the subject.
- **Verb Phrase:** The sentence uses the plural present perfect auxiliary verb "**have** summarily adjourned". This is a subject-verb agreement error. It must be replaced by the singular present perfect auxiliary **has** (or the simple past **adjourned** to align with the past perfect tense used in the first clause).

Therefore, the error lies explicitly within segment (C).

Final Answer: have summarily adjourned the meeting

Answer: (C)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: The sentence describes an unfulfilled past condition and its hypothetical past result, which requires a **third conditional** structure. The standard syntax for a third conditional sentence is:

If + Past Perfect (or inverted variant), would have + Past Participle

Solution:

Let's verify the grammatical structure of the choices:

- **Option (A):** Uses inversion ("Had the infrastructure committee been...") to elegantly replace the standard "If" clause in the past perfect tense. The main clause follows up correctly with the past counterfactual structure ("would have been initiated"). This is completely flawless and idiomatic.
- **Option (B):** Uses the second conditional ("were...", "would be"), which incorrectly frames a completed past event (the bridge already collapsed) as a present hypothetical scenario.
- **Option (C):** Mixes conditional forms incorrectly ("Should... have been").
- **Option (D):** Uses the simple past "was" instead of the subjunctive/past perfect, creating an incorrect conditional structure.

Thus, option (A) is the grammatically correct configuration.

Final Answer:

Had the infrastructure committee been cognizant of the shifting seismic thresholds, the structural retrofitting would have been initiated months before

Answer: (A)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: A grammatically correct sentence must avoid common pitfalls such as dangling modifiers, pronoun-antecedent mismatches, and subject-verb agreement errors.

Solution:

Let's analyze each sentence line-by-line:

- **Option (A):** Contains a **dangling modifier**. The opening participial phrase "Walking down the narrow corridor..." describes an action, so the noun immediately following the comma must be the person doing the walking. Instead, the sentence places "the musty smell" after the comma, making it sound like the smell was walking down the hall.
- **Option (B):** Follows the rule of proximity for "neither... nor" constructions perfectly; the singular noun "junior researchers" matches the singular verb **admits**. Additionally, "percentage" functions as a singular noun here, which correctly takes the singular verb **has been**. This sentence is completely flawless.
- **Option (C):** Contains a subject-verb agreement mismatch. The subject phrase "every single one" is singular, which conflicts with the plural verb **are** at the end of the clause.
- **Option (D):** Contains a **dangling modifier**. The phrase "Having spent years analyzing..." modifies the person who did the analysis (the finance minister). However, because the sentence uses the passive voice, "the fiscal policy" immediately follows the modifier, which is logically incorrect.

Therefore, option (B) is the only syntactically flawless sentence.

Final Answer:

Neither the principal archivist nor the junior researchers admits that a significant percentage of the classical manuscripts has been irretrievably damaged.

Answer: (B)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: To find the fundamental threat to public discourse, we must isolate the core risk identified by the author in the provided passage.

Solution:

Let's trace the author's argument in the text:

- The passage states: "The core hazard lies not in the proliferation of alternative paradigms, but in the institutionalized **collapse of epistemic humility**."
- It goes on to explain that this hazard manifests "When the consensus of **calibrated inquiry is flattened** by the sheer algorithmic velocity of unvetted polemics..."

This maps directly onto option (B), which highlights the structural loss of epistemic humility combined with the algorithmic flattening of specialized expertise.

Final Answer:

The structural degradation of epistemic humility coupled with the algorithmic flattening of calibrated expertise.

Answer: (B)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: The author's tone can be inferred from their choice of words when evaluating a trend. We want to determine the author's stance on how digital media has transformed information hierarchies.

Solution:

Let's analyze the vocabulary used throughout the passage:

- The author uses precise, academic terms ("democratization of critical thought," "epistemological crisis," "calibrated inquiry") to analyze the situation objectively. This indicates an **analytical** tone.
- The author explicitly warns that this shift "frequently **degenerates into a dogmatic anti-intellectualism**," showing a clear critique of the current trend.

This balanced, critical evaluation matches option (B) perfectly: *analytically critical of the transition from egalitarian access to dogmatic anti-intellectualism*.

Final Answer:

Analytically critical of the transition from egalitarian access to dogmatic anti-intellectualism.

Answer: (B)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: "Ideological capture" must be interpreted in the context of the final sentence: "When the consensus of calibrated inquiry is flattened by the sheer algorithmic velocity of unvetted polemics, the public sphere loses its capacity for objective validation, rendering public discourse highly susceptible to ideological capture."

Solution:

Let's look at the cause-and-effect relationship detailed by the author:

- **Cause:** The public sphere loses its ability to validate facts objectively because specialized expertise is flattened by unverified online arguments.
- **Effect:** Public discourse becomes vulnerable to "ideological capture."

This implies that without objective baselines to verify facts, public discussion becomes dominated and controlled by unverified, polarized belief systems. This matches option (A).

Final Answer:

Public discourse becomes entirely subjugated by unverified, polarized belief systems due to a lack of empirical verification baselines.

Answer: (A)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: To arrange the sentences logically, we must identify structural links, such as pronoun references, transitional phrases, and the chronological flow of ideas.

Solution:

Let's analyze the relationships between the sentences:

- **Sentence Q** introduces a historical scientific approach: "Early neuropsychological studies frequently isolated singular anatomical regions..." This serves as an ideal opening statement.
- **Sentence S** connects directly to Q by referencing this historical approach: "For decades, **this localized paradigm** governed both clinical diagnostics..." Thus, **Q → S** forms a clear opening pair.
- **Sentence P** introduces a counterpoint to the localized paradigm: "**This reductionist perspective, however**, obfuscates the intricate web..." This critiques the paradigm mentioned in S. Thus, **S → P** forms the next link.
- **Sentence R** provides the modern conclusion resulting from that critique: "**Consequently**, contemporary neurological models prioritize dynamic network configurations..." This naturally concludes the paragraph by showing where the field stands today.

Combining these links gives the sequence: **Q → S → P → R**, which corresponds to option (A).

Final Answer:

Answer:

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Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	A	2	A	3	B	4	C	5	A
6	B	7	B	8	B	9	A	10	A

