

NIMCET English Sample Paper-1

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. Identify the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word in the given context:

The committee's **lucid** presentation on the urban development project left no room for ambiguity or misinterpretation.

- (A) Obscure
- (B) Coherent
- (C) Convoluted
- (D) Ambiguous

Q2. Identify the grammatical error in the following sentence:

Neither the manager nor the assistant designers was aware that the critical architectural blue prints had been misplaced before the presentations began.

- (A) Neither the manager nor
- (B) was aware that
- (C) critical architectural blue prints
- (D) had been misplaced before



Q3. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank grammatically:

By the time the annual software convention concludes next Thursday, our lead development team _____ on this foundational artificial intelligence module for over fourteen months.

- (A) will have been working
- (B) has been working
- (C) would work
- (D) will be working

Q4. Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom underlined below:

It became clear during the cross-examination that the primary witness was merely **drawing the longbow** to impress the jury.

- (A) Behaving in a highly aggressive manner
- (B) Telling the absolute and unvarnished truth
- (C) Exaggerating stories or making far-fetched claims
- (D) Weaponizing personal grievances in a legal court

Q5. Choose the option that represents the correct passive voice transformation of the given sentence:

The senior database administrator regularly updates the security protocols to mitigate external cyber threats.

- (A) The security protocols are being regularly updated by the senior database administrator to mitigate external cyber threats.
- (B) The security protocols were regularly updated by the senior database administrator to mitigate external cyber threats.
- (C) The security protocols are regularly updated by the senior database administrator to mitigate external cyber threats.
- (D) The security protocols have been regularly updated by the senior database administrator to mitigate external cyber threats.



Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 6 to 8 that follow based on the information provided.

The transition toward decentralized algorithmic governance represents a fundamental shift in how digital institutions manage systemic risk and resource allocation. Unlike traditional centralized networks, where a singular authority arbitrates disputes and enforces compliance, decentralized architectures rely on cryptographic consensus mechanisms and game-theoretic incentives to maintain equilibrium. This structural evolution, while democratizing access and reducing arbitrary censorship, introduces novel vulnerabilities, primarily operationalized through coordination failures and protocol exploits. When network participants optimize strictly for individual utility rather than collective security, the foundational consensus mechanism risks structural degradation, emphasizing the persistent tension between individual autonomy and institutional stability.

- Q6.** According to the passage, what distinguishes decentralized architectures from traditional centralized networks?
- (A) Their complete immunity to systemic risks and structural degradation.
 - (B) Their reliance on a singular authority to enforce compliance and arbitrate disputes.
 - (C) Their strict focus on maximizing individual utility over collective security.
 - (D) Their utilization of cryptographic consensus mechanisms and game-theoretic incentives.
- Q7.** Based on the provided text, what is a primary vulnerability introduced by the evolution toward decentralized algorithmic governance?
- (A) Increased instances of arbitrary censorship by institutional authorities.
 - (B) Coordination failures and protocol exploits arising from optimization errors.
 - (C) A complete lack of interest from network participants in individual utility.
 - (D) The physical destruction of hardware maintaining the cryptographic networks.



Q8. What underlying tension does the passage emphasize as a result of decentralized structural evolution?

- (A) The conflict between digital institutions and traditional legal frameworks.
- (B) The disparity between cryptographic capabilities and game-theoretic designs.
- (C) The persistent friction between individual autonomy and institutional stability.
- (D) The direct trade-off between resource allocation speed and hardware requirements.

Q9. Rearrange the following sentences (P, Q, R, S) to form a coherent and logically structured paragraph:

P: This algorithmic sorting dictates not just user engagement, but also the societal perception of objective truth.

Q: Modern digital landscapes are increasingly governed by complex recommendation engines.

R: Consequently, users find themselves trapped inside echo chambers that reinforce prior cognitive biases.

S: These mathematical frameworks parse vast quantities of behavioral data to curate highly personalized feeds.

- (A) QSPR
- (B) QSRP
- (C) SQRP
- (D) SPRQ

Q10. Identify the option that provides antonym:

The newly appointed executive director was widely criticized for her completely **Capricious** approach to corporate restructuring and policy enforcement.

- (A) Arbitrary
- (B) Mercurial
- (C) Steadfast
- (D) Impulsive



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

Concept: This question tests vocabulary in context, specifically identifying synonyms. The word "lucid" means clear, easy to understand, and logically expressed, which directly aligns with the contextual clue "left no room for ambiguity or misinterpretation."

Solution:

- (a) "Lucid" is derived from the Latin word "lucidus," meaning bright or clear. In communication, it denotes clarity of expression.
- (b) "Coherent" means logical, clear, and consistent, making it the most appropriate synonym.
- (c) "Obscure" and "Ambiguous" mean unclear or open to multiple interpretations, which are antonyms.
- (d) "Convolved" means extremely complex and difficult to follow, also opposing the definition.

Final Answer: Coherent

Answer: (B)

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Q2.**Solution**

Concept: This question evaluates understanding of subject-verb agreement rules, specifically concerning compound subjects joined by the correlative conjunction "neither... nor."

Solution:

- (a) When a compound subject is formed using "neither... nor," the verb must agree in number with the closer subject.
- (b) In this sentence, the two subjects are "the manager" (singular) and "the assistant designers" (plural).
- (c) The closer subject to the verb is "the assistant designers," which is plural.
- (d) Therefore, the singular verb "was" is grammatically incorrect and must be replaced with the plural verb "were."

Final Answer: was aware that

Answer: (B)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: This question covers future perfect continuous tense usage, which denotes an ongoing action that will be completed at a specific point in the future.

Solution:

- (a) The context establishes a future deadline: "By the time the annual software convention concludes next Thursday."
- (b) The phrase "for over fourteen months" indicates the duration of an ongoing action up to that future point.
- (c) To express an action that will be in progress up to a specific future time, the future perfect continuous tense formula (will + have + been + verb-ing) is required.
- (d) "Will have been working" perfectly fits this grammatical requirement, whereas other options fail to show this specific timeline.

Final Answer: will have been working

Answer: (A)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: This question tests idiomatic comprehension. The idiom "drawing the longbow" comes from the historical exaggeration of longbow achievements and marksmanship skills.

Solution:

- (a) "Drawing the longbow" is an old English idiom that means to exaggerate statements, tell incredible stories, or make far-fetched claims.
- (b) The context shows a witness attempting to "impress the jury" during a cross-examination, which logically suggests they are embellishing facts.
- (c) Option (C) perfectly matches this definition by highlighting exaggeration and far-fetched claims.
- (d) The other options, describing aggression, unvarnished truth, or weaponizing grievances, do not accurately represent the meaning of this traditional idiom.

Final Answer: Exaggerating stories or making far-fetched claims

Answer: (C)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: This question involves active to passive voice conversion. The original sentence is in the simple present tense, featuring an active subject and an object.

Solution:

- (a) The active sentence structure is: Subject (The senior database administrator) + Verb (regularly updates) + Object (the security protocols).
- (b) In the simple present tense, the passive voice construction utilizes: Object + am/is/are + past participle of the verb + by + Subject.
- (c) Because "the security protocols" is a plural noun phrase, it requires the plural auxiliary verb "are."
- (d) "Are regularly updated" correctly converts the verb phrase, making option (C) the structurally accurate passive choice.

Final Answer: The security protocols are regularly updated by the senior database administrator to mitigate external cyber threats.

Answer: (C)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: This reading comprehension question focuses on identifying specific details explicitly stated in the passage to differentiate between decentralized architectures and traditional centralized networks.

Solution:

- (a) The text states that traditional centralized networks rely on a singular authority to arbitrate disputes and enforce compliance.
- (b) In direct contrast, the text explicitly notes that decentralized architectures rely on cryptographic consensus mechanisms and game-theoretic incentives to maintain equilibrium.
- (c) Option (A) is incorrect because the passage mentions that decentralized structures introduce novel vulnerabilities and risks of structural degradation.
- (d) Option (C) describes a flaw or behavior of participants rather than the structural distinguishing feature of the architecture itself.

Final Answer: Their utilization of cryptographic consensus mechanisms and game-theoretic incentives.

Answer: (D)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: This question requires identifying the specific vulnerabilities and operational challenges associated with decentralized algorithmic governance based on the reading text.

Solution:

- (a) According to the passage, the structural evolution toward decentralized networks reduces arbitrary censorship rather than increasing it, making option (A) incorrect.
- (b) The passage explicitly highlights that this structural transformation introduces novel vulnerabilities, which are primarily operationalized through coordination failures and protocol exploits.
- (c) These failures emerge when network participants prioritize individual utility over collective security, confirming that option (B) represents the accurate vulnerability.
- (d) Option (D) introduces physical destruction of hardware, which is completely outside the scope of the provided text.

Final Answer: Coordination failures and protocol exploits arising from optimization errors.

Answer: (B)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: This question tests the ability to determine the core conclusion and underlying conflict emphasized by the author at the end of the paragraph.

Solution:

- (a) The author explains that when participants optimize for individual utility at the expense of collective security, the system faces structural risks.
- (b) The final sentence explicitly concludes that this dynamic emphasizes the persistent tension between individual autonomy and institutional stability.
- (c) Option (C) matches this textual statement verbatim, summarizing the internal conflict of decentralized governance.
- (d) Options (A), (B), and (D) present external factors, engineering trade-offs, or alternative frameworks that are not mentioned or focused on in the text.

Final Answer: The persistent friction between individual autonomy and institutional stability.

Answer: (C)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: This question requires organizing sentences logically into a coherent paragraph by identifying structural transition words, noun-pronoun relationships, and topical flow.

Solution:

- (a) Sentence Q introduces the broad core topic: modern digital landscapes being governed by complex recommendation engines. This serves as an ideal opening sentence.
- (b) Sentence S follows logically by defining these engines using a demonstrative pronoun phrase: "These mathematical frameworks parse vast quantities of behavioral data..."
- (c) Sentence P builds on this by discussing the impact of this process: "This algorithmic sorting dictates not just user engagement..."
- (d) Sentence R presents the final psychological consequence with the transition word "Consequently," explaining that users become trapped inside echo chambers. This completes the logical sequence Q-S-P-R.

Final Answer: QSPR

Answer: (A)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: This vocabulary question tests the ability to identify the correct antonym for the word "capricious" based on the given corporate context.

Solution:

- (a) The word "capricious" means given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior, indicating unpredictability or impulsiveness.
- (b) Options (A), (B), and (D)—"Arbitrary," "Mercurial," and "Impulsive"—all serve as close synonyms that describe unpredictable, erratic, or whimsical decision-making.
- (c) The question specifically demands an antonym, which must represent constancy, reliability, firmness, and predictability.
- (d) "Steadfast" means resolutely firm, constant, and unwavering, making it the perfect direct antonym to a capricious approach.

Final Answer: Steadfast

Answer: (C)

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Answer Key

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

