

NIMCET English Sample Paper-3

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 grammatically correct sentence from the options given below.

- (A) Scarcely had the match started when it began to rain heavily.
- (B) Scarcely had the match started than it began to rain heavily.
- (C) Scarcely the match had started when it began to rain heavily.
- (D) Scarcely had the match started then it began to rain heavily.

Q2. Choose the word that is closest in meaning (synonym) to the underlined word in the sentence:

"The speaker's **trenchant** analysis of the economic policy left the audience with no doubts about its flaws."

- (A) Supercilious
- (B) Incisive
- (C) Ambiguous
- (D) Redundant

Q3. Choose the option that correctly changes the given sentence into passive voice:

"The research team is meticulously analyzing the erratic data anomalies."



- (A) The erratic data anomalies are analyzed meticulously by the research team.
- (B) The erratic data anomalies have been analyzed meticulously by the research team.
- (C) The erratic data anomalies are being meticulously analyzed by the research team.
- (D) The erratic data anomalies were being meticulously analyzed by the research team.

Q4. Select the most appropriate antonym for the word **Episodic** in the context of regular patterns.

- (A) Continuous
- (B) Sporadic
- (C) Intermittent
- (D) Incongruous

Q5. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate idiom:

"After weeks of intense deliberation, the selection committee finally decided to _____ and announce the new project head."

- (A) burn the midnight oil
- (B) bite the bullet
- (C) hit the sack
- (D) turn over a new leaf

Q6. Find the error in the following sentence by choosing the incorrect part. If there is no error, select option (D): "Neither the manager nor the senior software engineers (A) / was present in the meeting (B) / to address the system failure. (C) / No error (D)"

- (A) Neither the manager nor the senior software engineers
- (B) was present in the meeting colored to address the system failure.
- (C) No error



Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 7 to 9 that follow based on the contents of the passage.

The democratization of artificial intelligence has sparked a profound paradigm shift in modern software development. Traditionally, programmatic architecture relied on strict, deterministic logic designed exclusively by human engineers. Today, generative models synthesize algorithmic structures dynamically, blurring the line between human intentionality and machine execution. This transition, however, introduces a critical epistemic challenge: the problem of opacity. As deep neural networks scale in complexity, their internal weights and decision-making matrices become progressively uninterpretable. Software developers no longer simply write code; they guide, curate, and audit probabilistic systems, shifting their primary role from creators to systemic synthesizers.

- Q7.** According to the passage, how has the role of software developers evolved with the advent of generative models?
- (A) They now exclusively focus on deterministic logic patterns.
 - (B) They are entirely replaced by autonomous AI software tools.
 - (C) Their role has shifted from core creation to supervising and auditing probabilistic systems.
 - (D) They spend most of their time designing simple, transparent programmatic frameworks.
- Q8.** What does the phrase "the problem of opacity" refer to in the context of the passage?
- (A) The lack of access to computational hardware for common developers.
 - (B) The clear and predictable nature of modern algorithmic code execution.
 - (C) The rising cost of maintaining deterministic software architectures.
 - (D) The difficulty in understanding and interpreting the internal mechanisms of scaled deep neural networks.
- Q9.** Which of the following statements can be inferred as a primary theme of the passage?



- (A) AI development is slowing down due to the inherent complex limitations of neural networks.
- (B) Software engineering is transitioning from absolute deterministic control to managing complex probabilistic outputs.
- (C) Human intentionality has been completely eliminated from the modern programming workflow.
- (D) Traditional programming paradigms are objectively superior to generative AI frameworks.

Q10. Rearrange the following sentences (P, Q, R, S) to form a coherent and logically structured paragraph: P: This feedback loop accelerates the evolutionary adaptation of consumer-facing applications. Q: Modern cloud infrastructure allows applications to gather instantaneous user metrics. R: Consequently, engineering teams can deploy targeted micro-updates within hours rather than months. S: These metrics are then analyzed by automated pipelines to pinpoint behavioral friction inside the app.

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



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

Concept: Correlative conjunctions link grammatically equal elements. The adverb "scarcely" introduces a negative time constraint and must pair specifically with the conjunction "when" (or "before"). Furthermore, when "scarcely" starts a sentence, inversion occurs: the helping verb moves before the subject.

Solution:

- (a) The structure "Scarcely... when" is used to denote an action that happens immediately after another. Option (A) correctly features this pairing.
- (b) When a negative adverbial like "scarcely" is placed at the beginning of a sentence, subject-verb inversion is mandatory. Therefore, "had the match started" is correct, eliminating option (C).
- (c) Option (B) incorrectly uses "than," which pairs with "no sooner."
- (d) Option (D) incorrectly uses "then," which violates standard idiomatic rules.

Final Answer: Scarcely had the match started when it began to rain heavily.

Answer: (A)

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Q2.

Solution

Concept: Vocabulary in context requires evaluating how a word describes a nouns quality. The word "trenchant" is an adjective used to describe expressions, arguments, or analyses that are remarkably clear, sharp, cutting, and intellectually effective.

Solution:

- (a) "Incisive" means intelligently analytical, clear, and direct, making it the closest synonym to "trenchant" in this context.
- (b) "Supercilious" means behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others, which does not fit an economic analysis.
- (c) "Ambiguous" means open to more than one interpretation, which contradicts an analysis that leaves "no doubts."
- (d) "Redundant" means no longer needed or useful, which is irrelevant to the penetrating quality of the critique.

Final Answer: Incisive

Answer: (B)

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Q3.

Solution

Concept: Converting an active voice sentence in the present continuous tense ("is analyzing") to the passive voice requires using the auxiliary structure "is/am/are + being + past participle (V3)." The object of the active sentence becomes the new subject.

Solution:

- (a) The original object is "the erratic data anomalies" (plural), which demands the plural auxiliary verb "are."
- (b) To preserve the progressive aspect of the action, "being" must be inserted before the past participle form of the main verb, which is "analyzed."
- (c) Option (C) perfectly captures this structure: "are being meticulously analyzed."
- (d) Option (A) misses the continuous aspect. Option (B) uses the perfect tense. Option (D) changes the tense to past continuous.

Final Answer: The erratic data anomalies are being meticulously analyzed by the research team.

Answer: (C)

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Q4.

Solution

Concept: Antonyms are words with opposite meanings. The word "episodic" describes events occurring at irregular, isolated intervals, or breaking up into distinct, separated episodes rather than flowing smoothly or unbroken.

Solution:

- (a) Since "episodic" means occurring occasionally or sporadically, its direct opposite in the context of regular, uninterrupted patterns is something that progresses without pause.
- (b) "Continuous" means forming an unbroken whole without interruption, which directly opposes the fragmented nature of episodic events.
- (c) Options (B) "sporadic" and (C) "intermittent" act as synonyms to "episodic" rather than antonyms.
- (d) Option (D) "incongruous" means out of keeping or place, which is unrelated to structural intervals.

Final Answer: Sporadic

Answer: (A)

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Q5.

Solution

Concept: Idiomatic expressions must match the thematic context of a sentence. The sentence describes a selection committee reaching the conclusion of a long, difficult period of thinking and taking decisive action despite underlying hesitation.

Solution:

- (a) The idiom "bite the bullet" means to face a difficult situation with courage or to make a tough, definitive decision that has been delayed. This fits the scenario of concluding weeks of intense deliberation.
- (b) "Burn the midnight oil" means to study or work late into the night, which does not fit the blank structurally or contextually as an action taken to conclude a process.
- (c) "Hit the sack" means to go to bed, which is completely irrelevant.
- (d) "Turn over a new leaf" means to start behaving in a better way, which does not fit a corporate committee selection process.

Final Answer: Hit the sack

Answer: (B)

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Q6.

Solution

Concept: Subject-verb agreement when using correlative conjunctions like "neither... nor" follows the rule of proximity. This means the verb must agree in number and person with the noun or pronoun closest to it.

Solution:

- (a) In the sentence fragment "Neither the manager nor the senior software engineers," the subject consists of a singular noun ("the manager") and a plural noun ("the senior software engineers").
- (b) The auxiliary verb "was" follows the plural noun "senior software engineers," which is the closer subject component.
- (c) Since "senior software engineers" is plural, it requires the plural auxiliary verb "were" instead of the singular "was" to ensure correct grammatical agreement.
- (d) Therefore, part (B) contains the error because "was present" must be replaced with "were present."

Final Answer: Was present in the meeting, coloured to address the system failure.

Answer: (B)

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Q7.

Solution

Concept: Reading comprehension requires identifying explicit factual shifts detailed in the text regarding professional responsibilities and paradigms within software engineering workflows.

Solution:

- (a) The passage outlines a transition from traditional programming methods to workflows that incorporate generative machine learning models.
- (b) It states that software developers no longer simply write code but instead focus on guiding, curating, and auditing probabilistic systems.
- (c) This explicit distinction matches option (B), which highlights that their role has shifted from core creation to supervising and auditing probabilistic systems.
- (d) Options (A), (B), and (D) are incorrect because they either suggest complete automation or reinforce a return to old deterministic programming models.

Final Answer: Their role has shifted from core creation to supervising and auditing probabilistic systems

Answer: (C)

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Q8.

Solution

Concept: Contextual analysis of specialized vocabulary involves linking abstract terminology to the surrounding descriptive evidence provided within the technical passage.

Solution:

- (a) The phrase "the problem of opacity" is directly followed by an explanatory colon in the text, introducing the core issue.
- (b) The passage explains that as deep neural networks scale in complexity, their internal weights and decision-making matrices become progressively uninterpretable.
- (c) This uninterpretable nature directly corresponds to a lack of transparency or clarity in understanding how an AI reaches its final computational conclusions.
- (d) Option (D) accurately summarizes this structural definition, while the other choices introduce unrelated financial, physical, or logical points.

Final Answer: The difficulty in understanding and interpreting the internal mechanisms of scaled deep neural networks.

Answer: (D)

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Q9.

Solution

Concept: Determining the primary theme requires synthesizing the overall argument, identifying the main conflict, and evaluating the overarching narrative shift described throughout the passage.

Solution:

- (a) The passage introduces a contrast between traditional deterministic logic systems and modern generative, probabilistic software frameworks.
- (b) The entire paragraph centers on how developers navigate this shift by moving away from writing strict, human-designed rules toward managing opaque neural structures.
- (c) Option (B) captures this central theme by stating that software engineering is transitioning from absolute deterministic control to managing complex probabilistic outputs.
- (d) Options (A) and (C) present exaggerated claims, while option (D) states a value judgment not supported by the text.

Final Answer: Software engineering is transitioning from absolute deterministic control to managing complex probabilistic outputs

Answer: (B)

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Q10.

Solution

Concept: Coherent paragraph reconstruction relies on establishing a logical sequence of ideas, tracking pronoun referents, and identifying causal connective words across sentences.

Solution:

- (a) Sentence Q serves as the ideal opening statement because it introduces the primary subject: modern cloud infrastructure gathering instantaneous user metrics.
- (b) Sentence S must immediately follow sentence Q because it uses the demonstrative determiner "These metrics" to reference the data mentioned in Q.
- (c) Sentence R begins with the adverb "Consequently," which describes the resulting action taken by engineering teams after analyzing the metrics inside the application.
- (d) Sentence P concludes the sequence by summarizing the entire iterative process as a "feedback loop" that accelerates application adaptation.

Final Answer: QSPR

Answer: (A)

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Answer Key

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

