B.A. (Hons.) ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2016-17

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

for CLUSTER 1: French, German, Spanish, Russian

Note: These are sample questions. In the final paper there would be more questions in each section on similar lines.

Time allowed: 3 hours Maximum marks: 100

Instructions:
1. Attempt all questions.
2. The sample question paper has two parts A: Objective Type, B: Descriptive type. The marks for each have been indicated.
3. If more than one answer is selected, the answer will be marked wrong.

SECTION A: OBJECTIVE TYPE (50 marks)

I. REASONING (20 marks)

LOGICAL PROBLEMS
Each problem consists of three statements. Based on the first two statements, the third statement may be true, false, or uncertain.

1. Ravi is thinner than Gaurav.
   Pankaj is thinner than Ravi.
   Gaurav is thinner than Pankaj.
   If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
   a. TRUE
   b. FALSE
   c. UNCERTAIN

2. Pumpkin costs more than potatoes.
   Pumpkin costs less than tomatoes.
   Tomatoes cost more than potatoes and pumpkin.
   If the first two statements are true, the third statement is
   a. TRUE
   b. FALSE
c. UNCERTAIN

**ESSENTIAL PART**

In each question there is an underlined word and four answer choices. Choose the word that is a necessary part of the underlined word. The other choices may not be indispensable part of the underlined word.

1. **Classroom**
   a. Projector
   b. Tables
   c. Student
   d. Chairs

2. **Book**
   a. Stories
   b. Pages
   c. Pictures
   d. Learning

**LETTER & SYMBOL SERIES**

In this question there is a series consisting of letters and/or numbers. Fill in the blanks with one of the options provided so that the series is completed.

1. MDE, NFG, OHI, ______, QLM
   a. PJK
   b. PKL
   c. PQM
   d. ODQ
   e. None of the above

2. E\(_2\)FG, _____, EFG\(_4\), E\(_5\)FG, EF\(_6\)G
   a. E\(_2\)F\(_2\)G
   b. E\(_2\)F\(_3\)G
   c. EF\(_5\)G
   d. EFG\(_7\)
   e. None of the above

**COURSE OF ACTION**

In each question below is a statement followed by two courses of action I and II. Assume everything in the statement is true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s). Choose one of the options given below from (1) to (5)

1. **Statement:** A large number of people suffer from lung diseases every year due to massive air pollution in Delhi.

   **Courses of Action:**
   1. The government should take adequate steps to cut down vehicular pollution on a war footing.
II. The people should leave Delhi and move to other cities.

Options:

(1) only I follows
(2) only II follows
(3) either I or II follows
(4) neither I nor II follows
(5) both I and II follow.

ANALOGIES
In the sentence given below, the relationship between the first two words within quotes is the same as the relationship between the third and the fourth word (blank). Fill in the blanks with one of the choices given in the question.

1. “Speedometer” is related to “speed” in the same way as “compass” is related to “________”.
   a. Geometry
   b. Sailing
   c. Needle
   d. Direction
   e. None of the above

2. “Tumbler” is related to “drinking water” in the same way as “bowl” is related to “________”.
   a. Dish
   b. Soup
   c. Spoon
   d. Food
   e. None of the above

CAUSE AND EFFECT
Read the two statements numbered 1 and 2. There may be a cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. Read both the statements in each question and choose your answer from the options given.

Statements:
1. Air pollution in Delhi has risen to alarming levels.
2. The number of diesel vehicles in Delhi has tripled in the last one year.

Options:

i) statement 1 is the cause and statement 2 is its effect;
ii) statement 2 is the cause and statement 1 is its effect;
iii) both the statements 1 and 2 are effects of independent causes
iv) both the statements 1 and 2 are effects of some common cause.
v) None of the above

**LOGICAL DEDUCTION**

Two statements are followed by two conclusions. You have to take the given two statements to be true even if they seem otherwise. Read the conclusion and then decide which of the given conclusion(s) logically follow(s) from the given statements.

1. **Statements:** All hats are pastries. All shoes are pastries.

Conclusions:
1. Some shoes are hats.
2. No shoe is hat.

**Options:**

i) only conclusion 1 follows
ii) only conclusion 2 follows
iii) either 1 or 2 follows
iv) neither 1 nor 2 follows
v) both 1 and 2 follow.

**The Environment**

Find the word that does not belong in each row and explain why it doesn’t belong

1. A: “green” B: “efficient” C: “environmentally friendly”
   a. Answer: B.
   « Green » & « environmentally friendly » are words used to discuss protecting the environment. « Efficient » is used to talk about many topics.
2. A: to prevent; B: to save; C: to protect
3. A: to disagree; B: to campaign for; C: to oppose
4. A: traffic jams; B: motorway tolls; C: traffic accidents

**II. ARTIFICIAL LANGUAGE (10 marks)**

Given below is a list of three words in an artificial language and their English meanings. The question that follows require you to translate an English word into the artificial language. Choose one from the choices.

1. Here are some words translated from an artificial language.
   *borglrulf* means fan belt
   *nipxborgl* means ceiling fan
rathzutl means tile roof
Which word could mean "ceiling tile"?
   a. borglzutl
   b. rulfborgl
   c. rathrulf
   d. nipxrath

1. helplash means cloudburst
   stenchcho means pinball
   boresstench means ninepin
Which word could mean "cloud nine"?
   a. lashstench
   b. chohelp
   c. helpcho
   d. helpbores

III. READING COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW!

Most people can remember a phone number for up to thirty seconds. When this short amount of time elapses, however, the numbers are erased from the memory. How did the information get there in the first place? Information that makes its way to the short term memory (STM) does so via the sensory storage area. The brain has a filter which only allows stimuli that is of immediate interest to pass on to the STM, also known as the working memory.

There is much debate about the capacity and duration of the short term memory. The most accepted theory comes from George A. Miller, a cognitive psychologist who suggested that humans can remember approximately seven chunks of information. A chunk is defined as a meaningful unit of information, such as a word or name rather than just a letter or number. Modern theorists suggest that one can increase the capacity of the short term memory by chunking, or classifying similar information together. By organizing information, one can optimize the STM, and improve the chances of a memory being passed on to long term storage.

When making a conscious effort to memorize something, such as information for an exam, many people engage in "rote rehearsal". By repeating something over and over again, one is able to keep a memory alive. Unfortunately, this type of memory maintenance only succeeds
if there are no interruptions. As soon as a person stops rehearsing the information, it has the tendency to disappear. When a pen and paper are not handy, people often attempt to remember a phone number by repeating it aloud. If the doorbell rings or the dog barks to come in before a person has the opportunity to make a phone call, he will likely forget the number instantly. Therefore, rote rehearsal is not an efficient way to pass information from the short term to long term memory. A better way is to practice "elaborate rehearsal". This involves assigning semantic meaning to a piece of information so that it can be filed along with other pre-existing long term memories.

Encoding information semantically also makes it more retrievable. Retrieving information can be done by recognition or recall. Humans can easily recall memories that are stored in the long term memory and used often; however, if a memory seems to be forgotten, it may eventually be retrieved by prompting. The more cues a person is given (such as pictures), the more likely a memory can be retrieved. This is why multiple choice tests are often used for subjects that require a lot of memorization.

Glossary:

semantic: relating to the meaning of something

Reading Comprehension questions:

1. According to the passage, how do memories get transferred to the STM?
   A) They revert from the long term memory.
   B) They are filtered from the sensory storage area.
   C) They get chunked when they enter the brain.
   D) They enter via the nervous system.

2. The word elapses in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
   A) passes
   B) adds up
   C) appears
   D) continues

3. All of the following are mentioned as places in which memories are stored EXCEPT the:
   A) STM
   B) long term memory
   C) sensory storage area
   D) maintenance area
4. Look at the four stars that indicate where the following sentence can be added to the passage. Where would the sentence fit best?:

For example, a reader engages in elaborate rehearsal when he brings prior knowledge of a subject to a text.

i) *1
ii) *2
iii) *3
iv) *4

5. The author believes that rote rotation is:
   A) the best way to remember something
   B) more efficient than chunking
   C) ineffective in the long run
   D) an unnecessary interruption

IV. GRAMMAR (10 marks)

Directions: Fill in the blanks using a word or set of words (choose one from the options given below) that best fit(s) the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Although it’s not remotely frightening in the daylight, the estate takes on _____ quality at night.
   A. an eerie
   B. a stately
   C. a jovial
   D. an optimistic
   E. a marvelous

2. I have always preferred _____ areas to _____ ones, because I really like the countryside.
   A. city ... downtown
   B. rural ... urban
   C. attractive ... beautiful
   D. quiet ... tranquil
   E. magnificent ... majestic
3. Though the accident damaged the car pretty severely, mechanics were able to _____ it and make it almost good as new.

A. destroy
B. build
C. salvage
D. hinder
E. cure

SECTION B: DESCRIPTIVE TYPE (50 Marks)

V. ESSAY QUESTION (20 marks) – (300 words)

1. Write a short essay about any book/ film/ TV serial that you have read or seen. How did it change your understanding of something that you earlier accepted unquestioningly? Support your answer with clearly explained references to the text but take care not to write only a plot summary as response. Instead, focus on how the work transformed your ideas.

VI. UNIVERSITY & YOU (15 marks) – (200 words)

Why do you want to do a BA in a foreign language rather than in history, political science, sociology, philosophy etc.?

VII. OPINION (10 marks) – (150 words)
Quotation:
“There is nothing remotely ‘sporting’ about sports that involve animal participants.”

Look at the images above, read the quotation given above and write about what you think of sports that involve animals. Argue your position clearly, in a coherent and logical manner.

VIII. LANGUAGE (5 marks)

In the following passage mark any two groups or classes of words that fulfil the same function and explain what the function is! [For example July, candle, wind, August, sheets etc. are all word that name things and tell us what we are talking about!]

July had been blown out like a candle by a biting wind that ushered in a leaden August sky. A sharp, stinging drizzle fell, billowing into opaque grey sheets when the wind caught it. Along the Bournemouth sea-front the beach-huts turned blank wooden faces towards a greeny-grey, froth-chained sea that leapt eagerly at the cement bulwark of the shore. The gulls had been tumbled inland over the town, and they now drifted above the house-tops on taut wings, whining peevishly. It was the sort of weather calculated to try anyone's endurance.

Considered as a group my family was not a very prepossessing sight that afternoon, for the weather had brought with it the usual selection of ills to which we were prone. For me, lying on the floor, labelling my collection of shells, it had brought catarrh, pouring it into my skull like cement, so that I was forced to breath stertorously through open mouth. For my brother Leslie, hunched dark and glowering by the fire, it had inflamed the convolutions of his ears so that they bled delicately but persistently. To my sister Margo it had delivered a fresh
dappling of acne spots to a face that was already blotched like a red veil. For my mother there was a rich, bubbling cold, and a twinge of rheumatism to season it. Only my eldest brother, Larry, was untouched, but it was sufficient that he was irritated by our failings.
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SAMPLE QUESTIONS

CLUSTER II (JAPANESE, KOREAN, CHINESE)

Maximum Marks: 100  Time Allowed: 3 hours

Note: *These are just sample questions. In the final paper there will be many more questions along similar lines.*

The question paper will be divided into two sections; Section A will consist of multiple choice questions which are to be answered on OMR sheets, and Section B will consist of descriptive questions.

SECTION A: OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS  50 Marks

The multiple choice questions will be based on various topics: questions on application of grammatical concepts, language puzzles (artificial language), reasoning, images/pictures and associations to them, questions on the culture of the East Asian countries, general knowledge/current affairs etc.

Note: *If more than one answer is selected, the question will be marked wrong.*

Sample questions:

**GRAMMAR (10 Marks)**

Choose the right pronoun.

1. Sudha and I are going soon so you can come with ____________.
   
   A. me   B. them   C. her   D. us

Adjective Clauses

2. This new service will be available to all users ______ up for paid membership.

   A. that signed  
   B. that signed it  
   C. which signed  
   D. sign
Prepositional Phrases

3. Surprisingly cost was regarded __________ important factor in choosing a new cell phone by the three teenagers.

A as the least
B of the least
C in the least
D to the least

4. What is the meaning of the simile, select the correct answer from A~C.

Mr. Potter expected his class to be as silent as the grave while he was talking.

The simile silent as the grave:
A. The class had to pretend that they were dead.
B. The class had to visit a grave and be quiet.
C. The class could not make a sound.

5. Find a word that names a necessary part of the underlined word.

Ovation
A. outburst B. bravo C. applause D. encore

Knowledge
A. school_ B. teacher C. textbook D. learning

REASONING: (15 marks)

1. The day after the after tomorrow is four days before Monday. What is today?

A. Monday
B. Tuesday
C. Wednesday
2. If 7,13,2,14,6 is to flame, then 3,13,16,2,21 is to?
   A. voice  
   B. bald  
   C. bloat  
   D. castle

3. Look at the series: 2,1,(1/2),(1/4),… What number should come next?
   A. (1/3)  
   B. (1/8)  
   C. (2/8)  
   D. (1/16)

4. The following question presents a situation and asks you to make a judgment regarding that particular circumstance. Choose an answer based on given information.

   The school principal has received complaints from parents about bullying in the school yard during recess. He wants to investigate and end this situation as soon as possible, so he has asked the recess aides to watch closely. Which situation should the recess aides report to the principal?

   A. A girl is sitting glumly on a bench reading a book and not interacting with peers.
   B. Four girls are surrounding another girl and seem to have possession of her backpack.
   C. Two boys are playing a one-on-one game of basketball and are arguing over the last basket scored.
   D. Three boys are hurled over handheld video game, which isn’t supposed to be in the school grounds.

5. Choose the correct conclusion to the following statements.

   3. Statements: 1. Some doctors are fools. 2. Some fools are rich

      Conclusion: 1. Some doctors are rich. 2. Some rich are doctors
A. Only conclusion 1 follows
B. Only conclusion 2 follows
C. Either 1 or 2 follows
D. Neither 1 nor 2 follows
E. Both 1 and 2 follow

6. Three of the words will be in the same classification, the remaining one will not be. Your answer will be the one word that does NOT belong in the same classification as the others.

Which word does NOT belong with the others?
A. heading                  B. body                  C. letter                  D. closing

7. Look at the relationship between the first two words, and select the word from A~D, which has a similar relationship to the third word.

Marathon is to race as hibernation is to……
A. winter                    B. bear                        C. dream                      D. sleep

ARTIFICIAL LANGUAGE:    (10 marks)

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pixngorbl means ceiling fan
arthtusl means tile roof
Which word could mean "ceiling tile"?
A. gorbltusl                  B. flurgorbl
2. Here are some words translated from an artificial language.

hapllesh means cloudburst
srenchoch means pinball
resbosrench means ninepin
Which word could mean “cloud nine”
A. leshsrench B. ochhapi C. haploch D. haplresbo

GENERAL AWARENESS: (5 marks)

1. Which country is considered to be the largest economy on Asia?
A. China B. Japan C. Korea D. India

2. Which is the political party in power in Japan today?
A. Japan Socialist Party B. Liberal Democratic Party
C. Democratic Socialist Party D. Sokagakkai

COMPREHENSION: (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct answer.

The second dimension is the intellectual. We live in a highly competitive age of science and technology, and can no longer afford the luxury of mediocrity if we are to forge ahead. This rapidly changing nuclear age requires our youth to be intellectually far more alert and competent than their predecessors, and therefore every young man and woman today, studying in schools, colleges and universities must aim at academic ability of the highest order. In a developing nation like ours, where large numbers are still unable to acquire primary education, those undergoing higher education constitute a privileged elite. They must therefore, repay their debt to the society by not wasting a single moment of academic life in futile or disruptive pursuits, but strain every nerve to become able and efficient in their respective fields of study, so that they can serve India with greater efficiency. In this context

1. Intellectuals amongst youth are essential:

   A. For the development of the nation
B. because we need intellectuals
C. Intellectualism is in vogue
D. nations with intellectuals are respected

2. ‘The luxury of mediocrity’ means:-
   A. intellectualism
   B. Advanced knowledge of science and technology
   C. Secondary or insufficient knowledge
   D. Sufficient knowledge

3. Not many go in for higher education because,
   A. it is the privilege of the rich class
   B. only rich people are intellectuals
   C. poor people are debarred from higher education
   D. not all Indians can afford it

SECTION B DESCRIPTIVE  50 Marks

LANGUAGE: (10 MARKS)

1. Select the appropriate words from the following and fill in the blanks in the passage.
   But, if, in, to, was, at, is, for, were, been, be

   In the Orient, human rights ____ women have_____ infringed upon considerably. As you may know, ____ ancient times it is said that wives should be submissive _____ their husbands. It was also said that a wife should have _____ a single husband, and even though her husband _____ dead, she should never remarry.

2. Error correction.

   1. We discussed about the problem so thoroughly, on the eve of the examination, that I found it very easy to work out.
2. A lot of travel delay is caused due to the inefficiency and lack of good management on behalf of the railways.

3. The man to who I sold my house was a cheat.

3. In the question below each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentence are given. The middle four sentences P,Q,R,S are jumbled. Put the sentences in proper order.

S1: While crossing the road, we must obey the policeman on duty.

P: We should always cross the road at the zebra crossing.

Q. We must look to the signal lights and cross the road only when the road is clear.

R. If there are no signal lights at the crossing, we should look to the right, then to the left and again to the right before crossing the road.

S. If the road is not clear we should wait.

S6: We should never run while crossing the road.

4. Rearrange the words and phrases to form meaningful sentences.

1. of mankind/the habit/reading is/ one of/ resources/of/the greatest

2. are/we enjoy/that/belong to us/than if/much more/they/borrowed/reading books/

OPINION: (10 marks)

5. Look at the picture below and write your opinion in about 200 words as to how such social problems can be solved.
MOTIVATION:(10 marks)

Q 6. How relevant do you think learning a foreign language is these days? Write your opinion in about 200 words.

ESSAY: (20 marks)

Write a short essay in 300 words on any film/book/TV serial that you have seen or read recently, and discuss the impact it had on your thinking/life giving concrete examples.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

(1) Attempt All questions
(2) The Question Paper has Four Sections--- Section A and B contain objective type multiple choice questions on GK, Current Affairs, Grammar and reasoning, Section C contains questions on comprehension and language aptitude and Section D is based on composition and essay writing.
(3) If more than one answer is selected, the answer will be marked wrong.

SECTION-A

1. Match the Following:
   (a) Avicenna (a) Orientalist
   (b) Hafiz (b) Poet
   (c) Hitti (c) Philosopher
   (d) Naguib Mahfouz (d) Novelist

   (a) a-c, b-b, c-a, d-d
   (b) a-d, c-a, b-c, d-b
   (c) a-b, c-a, b-c, d-d
   (d) a-d, b-a, c-b, b-c
2. Who is the author of Akbarnamah
   (a) Abdul Qadir Badayuni
   (b) Jalaluddin Mohammad Akbar
   (c) Abul Fazl Faizi
   (d) Abdur-Rahim Khane-Khanan

3. The Great Pyramids of Egypt are known by the name of:
   (a) The Great Pyramids of Pharaohs
   (b) The Great Pyramids of Giza
   (c) The Pyramids of Egypt
   (d) The Sphinx

4. With which of the following Arab countries Iran shares its borders?
   (a) Syria
   (e) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
   (f) Iraq
   (g) Afghanistan

5. The Hotak Dynasty and Durrani empire are predominantly associated with:
   (a) India
   (b) Pakistan
   (c) Afghanistan
   (d) Iran

6. The largest ethnic group in Afghanistan is:
   (a) Tajik
   (b) Hazara
   (c) Uzbek
   (d) Pashtoon

SECTION-B (25 marks)

Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions:

Beginning......... (1) The Soviet occupation, followed....... (2) the period of warring Mujahedeen and subsequently the violent Taliban days, has left Afghanistan badly affected and disabled. Perhaps it is a country......... (3) the longest turbulent historical past in the world. Afghanistan’s proximity......... (4) Iran on the west, Pakistan on the east, the Central Asian Republics.......(5) Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan in the north, a small stretch of border with China with the north-east, enhanced the country’s geo-centric location and strategic importance manifold.
1. (a) with (b) from (c) after (d) since
2. (a) by (b) through (c) with (d) from
3. (a) of (b) with (c) from (d) to
4. (a) to (b) of (c) with (d) by
5. (a) to (b) with (c) of (d) from

6. if FRIEND IS written as HUMJTK, how can CANDLE be written in that code?
   (a) DEQJQM
   (b) DCQHQK
   (c) EDRIRL
   (d) ESJFME

7. A woman introduces a man as the son of the brother of her mother. How is the man related to the woman?
   (a) Uncle
   (b) Grandson
   (c) Son
   (d) Cousin

8. Find the odd one out
   (a) Ginger
   (b) Garlic
   (c) Chilly
   (d) Potato

9. Artists are generally whimsical. Some of them are frustrated. Frustrated people are prone to be drug addicts. Based on these statements which one of the following conclusions is true?
   (a) All Frustrated people are drug addicts
(b) Some artists may be drug addicts
(c) All drug addicts are artists
(d) Frustrated people are whimsical

10. Find out the alternative which will replace the question mark.

CUP: LIP::BIRD?

(a) Bush
(b) Grass
(c) Forest
(d) Beak

Section C  (25 marks)

Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow. Also give a suitable title to the paragraph:

“A major obstacle in the way of healthy education is the understanding of education itself. In Orientalist societies in particular, education has been intrinsically linked with jobs, which are categorized as white collar, blue collar and yellow collar. Whether education is a tool for provision of jobs or emancipation of minds and empowering the individual to take reasoned and well studied decisions for his own good and the society, gets totally blurred in the dominant perception and consciousness of the society. People who believe education is a light that removes darkness of thought and mind is mocked at. There is a mad rush for ‘quality education’ everywhere which only the rich can afford.”

1. What do you understand by the ‘Orientalist societies’?  (2 marks)

2. What do you understand by white collar jobs?  (2 marks)
3. Give a suitable title to the paragraph. (2 marks)

Go through the words of the language A and language B and answer the question given at the end:

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Translate the following using language A:

4. I have a red pen

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5. Pomegranate was not sweet

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6. Where is office?

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7. The Sky is blue

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Re-arrange the following jumbled up sentences to make them into meaningful ones:

8. is / good/ both / for / and / early / rising / adults / old

SECTION-D

1. Write an essay of 250-300 words on any one of the following topics (10 marks)
   
   (a) Language as medium of communication
   (b) A thing of beauty is joy for ever
   (c) World is a global village today
   (d) Be with the time, time shall not be with you

2. Write a short note on any one of the following: 8 marks
   
   (a) Ferdowsi
   (b) Khalil Jibran
   (c) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
   (d) Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhi

3. Write a short note why you want to study the language of your choice and what are your expectations from it. 7 marks

   Or

   Elaborate the following image: