

# CUET 2026 Complete Preparation Guide



*For UG Admission — NTA CUET (UG)*

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## Preface

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The **Central University Entrance Test (CUET)** has emerged as one of the most important gateways for admission to undergraduate programs across India. With increasing competition and a vast syllabus, students often find it challenging to prepare in a structured and effective manner. This book is designed to address that very need, providing a **comprehensive, well-organized, and student-friendly guide** for CUET aspirants.

This book covers **all sections of the CUET exam** — Language, Domain Subjects, and General Test — in a **systematic manner**. Each chapter is carefully explained with **conceptual clarity, examples, practice questions, and previous year questions** to ensure that students not only learn but also apply their knowledge efficiently.

The **Language section** focuses on grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension with detailed explanations, helping students build strong fundamentals. The **Domain Subjects section** — including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Commerce, and Humanities — provides chapter-wise notes, MCQs, and practice exercises aligned with the latest CUET syllabus. The **General Test section** emphasizes Logical & Analytical Reasoning, Quantitative Aptitude, and Current Affairs, preparing students for diverse question types.

Additionally, this book includes **Full-length mock tests** with detailed solutions, allowing students to assess their preparation, improve time management, and gain confidence before the actual examination.

It is our sincere hope that this book serves as a **reliable companion** for every CUET aspirant, helping them navigate the preparation journey effectively and achieve success in their desired courses.

We wish all students the very best in their CUET preparation and future academic endeavors.

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## Part I: CUET Overview

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### 1. About the CUET Exam

The **CUET (Common University Entrance Test)** is a **national-level entrance exam** conducted by the **National Testing Agency (NTA)** for admission to undergraduate (UG) programs in central and participating universities across India.

#### Key Points:

- **Purpose:** CUET standardizes the admission process for various universities, replacing individual entrance exams for each university.
- **Who Can Appear:** Students completing or completed Class 12 or equivalent.
- **Exam Format:** Online, computer-based test (CBT), consisting of multiple-choice questions (MCQs) across multiple domains.
- **Sections:**
  1. **Language Proficiency** – English & other Indian languages.
  2. **Domain Subjects** – Science, Commerce, Humanities, or Arts-related subjects.
  3. **General Test** – Analytical skills, logical reasoning, quantitative aptitude, and current affairs.

**Why It Matters:** CUET ensures fair evaluation across all applicants and makes the admission process uniform, transparent, and merit-based.

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## 2. Eligibility, Pattern, and Syllabus

### 2.1 Eligibility Criteria

- **Educational Qualification:** Candidates must have passed or appearing in Class 12 (or equivalent) exams.
- **Age Limit:** Usually, there is **no upper age limit**, but specific universities may have their own age criteria.
- **Nationality:** Indian citizens; some universities may allow foreign nationals/NRI students.

### 2.2 Exam Pattern

- **Mode:** Online (Computer-Based Test)
- **Duration:** Varies depending on the number of subjects chosen (usually 1–3 hours per section)
- **Type of Questions:** Multiple-choice questions (MCQs)
- **Marking Scheme:**
  - Correct Answer: +1 mark
  - Incorrect Answer: 0 marks (No negative marking in most sections)
- **Sections:**
  1. **Languages:** Test knowledge of English and/or other Indian languages (reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary).
  2. **Domain Subjects:** Based on Class 12 syllabus of chosen subjects.
  3. **General Test:** Logical reasoning, quantitative aptitude, and general knowledge.

### 2.3 Syllabus

- **Language Section:** Grammar, comprehension, vocabulary, sentence correction.

- **Domain Subjects:** Topics as per Class 12 syllabus for Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics), Commerce (Accounts, Business Studies, Economics), and Humanities (History, Political Science, Sociology, etc.).
  - **General Test:** Logical reasoning, data interpretation, basic mathematics, general awareness, and current affairs.
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### 3. Important Dates & Application Process

#### 3.1 Important Dates (Tentative, varies each year)

- **CUET Notification Release:** Usually in March
- **Application Start Date:** March/April
- **Application End Date:** April/May
- **Admit Card Release:** 1–2 weeks before exam
- **Exam Dates:** May–July (depending on the university schedule)
- **Result Declaration:** Usually within 2–3 weeks after the exam

#### 3.2 Application Process

1. **Register:** Visit the official NTA CUET website and create a candidate profile.
2. **Fill Application Form:** Enter personal details, academic qualifications, and select exam subjects.
3. **Upload Documents:** Passport-size photo, signature, and Class 12 mark sheet.
4. **Pay Fees:** Online payment via net banking, debit/credit card, or UPI.
5. **Submit & Print Confirmation:** Save the application confirmation and fee receipt for reference.

**Tip:** Always double-check subject choices and personal details before submission, as corrections may not be allowed later.

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## 4. CUET Preparation Strategy

### 1. Understand the Syllabus & Exam Pattern

- Make a list of subjects and topics for both language and domain sections.
- Check previous year question trends and difficulty level.

### 2. Create a Study Plan

- Divide time between **language proficiency, domain subjects, and general test.**
- Allocate more time to weaker areas.
- Include **revision and practice tests** in your schedule.

### 3. Focus on NCERT & Reference Books

- For Science/Commerce/Humanities subjects, **NCERT books of Class 11 & 12** are most important.
- For English: Grammar books, vocabulary guides, and comprehension practice.
- For General Test: Logical reasoning and current affairs magazines.

### 4. Practice Mock Tests

- Solve **previous year papers** and **full-length mocks** regularly.
- Analyze mistakes and improve speed & accuracy.

### 5. Revision & Notes

- Make short notes for **important formulas, definitions, and dates.**
- Revision in the last month should focus only on **key points and weak areas.**

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