



# NTSE (STAGE-II)

## LANGUAGE COMPREHENSIVE TEST (LCT)

(ACADEMIC SESSION 2015-2016)

### SAMPLE PAPER

#### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. Answers are to be given on a separate OMR sheet.
2. There are 50 questions in this test. All are compulsory.
3. Please follow the instructions given on the OMR sheet for marking the answers.
4. Mark your answers for questions 1–50 on the OMR sheet by darkening the circles.
5. There will be a deduction of 1/3 marks for every wrong answer and no marks will be deducted for unattempted questions.
6. If you do not know the answer to any question, do not waste time on it and pass on to the next one. Time permitting, you can come back to the questions, which you have left in the first instance and attempt them.
7. Since the time allotted for this question paper is very limited you should make the best use of it by not spending too much time on any one question.
8. Rough work can be done anywhere in the booklet but not on the OMR sheet/loose paper.
9. Every correct answer will be awarded one mark.
10. Please return the Test-Booklet and OMR sheet to the invigilator after the test.

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**Directions (Q.1 to Q.5) :** Read the following Passage and Answer the Questions given after it.

The New Year is a time for resolutions. Mentally at least, most of us could compile formidable lists of do's and don'ts. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain inveterate smokers, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolutions to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our old bad ways.

1. The phrase 'formidable lists of 'do's and don'ts' means that
  - (1) the bad points of our character are formidable
  - (2) the list is so long that it is frightening
  - (3) the things that need to be included is frightening
  - (4) the realisation that we are so imperfect is frightening
2. The same old favourites recur....with monotonous regularity' implies that
  - (1) we went to be so perfect that we includes some items regularly
  - (2) we have been so regularly doing certain things that they have become monotonous
  - (3) in spite of repeated failures, we still would like to try one more time
  - (4) some favourite actions if repeated often could become nonotonous
3. The auther seems to imply that many are inveterate smokers because
  - (1) they have not really tried to give up smoking
  - (2) they know from past experience they can never succeed in their attempt to give up
  - (3) they want to forget the frustration of not smoking
  - (4) they do not have the will power to stop smoking

4. The author says that most of us fail in our attempts at self-improvement because
  - (1) we set too high goals for ourselves
  - (2) we do not have the persistence of mind
  - (3) our nature is such that we cannot become perfect
  - (4) certain imperfections have become a part and parcel of our lives
5. The author seems to think that others
  - (1) feel happy when we slip back to our old ways
  - (2) do not really want us to improve ourselves
  - (3) are ready to tease and laugh at our attempts
  - (4) might embarrass us by praising our attempts

**Direction (Q. 6 to Q.8):** Out of the given alternative, choose the exact meaning of the idioms/phrases.

6. Between the **devil and the deep sea**
  - (1) to be in a dilemma
  - (2) to be in a temper
  - (3) to choose correctly
  - (4) to live dangerously
7. At a party, he is always in **high spirits**.
  - (1) talkative
  - (2) cheefurl
  - (3) drunk
  - (4) uncontrollable
8. We should guard against our **green-eyed** friends.
  - (1) rich
  - (2) jealous
  - (3) handsome
  - (4) enthusiastic

**Directions (Q. 9 to Q.13):** A sentence is broken into four parts labelled (P), (Q), (R) and (S). You are required to arrange these parts so as to form a complete meaningful sentence and then choose the correct combination.

9. When you
  - (P) which one is closest in meaning
  - (Q) read the four sentences in you text book and decide
  - (R) to the statement you have heard
  - (S) hear a statement
  - (1) SRPQ
  - (2) SQPR
  - (3) SPQR
  - (4) QPSR

10. A typical Prakash Padukone day  
 (P) or even a game of tennis  
 (Q) starts off  
 (R) on some days  
 (S) with an early morning  
 (1) QSPR (2) SQRP (3) RPSQ (4) RSQP
11. When I reached my office  
 (P) to get home early as I had promised  
 (Q) I phoned my mother  
 (R) that I wouldn't be able  
 (S) to tell her  
 (1) PQRS (2) QSRP  
 (3) RPQS (4) SQRP
12. Spiders  
 (P) build webs  
 (Q) in houses  
 (R) that many people fear  
 (S) those eight-legged bugs  
 (1) PQRS (2) PSQR  
 (3) SPQR (4) SRPQ
13. The professor  
 (P) who has explored many jungles  
 (Q) will lecture on the new expedition  
 (R) about which I have read  
 (S) which he is now planning  
 (1) PQRS (2) PRQS  
 (3) QRSP (4) RSPQ

**Direction(Q. 14 to Q. 17) :** Four options are given for the following sentences, find the one that best fits into the blank in each of the following sentences.

- (1) deal with (2) deal by  
 (3) deal out (4) deal in

14. My father..... sugar and allied products.  
 15. I shall not..... him again.  
 16. Some officers.....well.....their clerks.  
 17. A judge should.....equal justice to all.

**Directions(Q.18 to Q.20):** In each of the following questions, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

18. MARVELLOUS  
 (1) Wonderful (2) Attractive  
 (3) Pleasing (4) Charming
19. RELUCTANT  
 (1) Ready (2) Willing  
 (3) Hesitating (4) Inclined
20. ADMIT  
 (1) Adjourn (2) Confess  
 (3) Relate (4) Commit

**Directions (Q. 21 to Q.25) :** The following sentences consist of a word or a phrase which is written in italicised letters. Each of them is followed by four words or phrases. Select the word or the phrase which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the italicised word or phrase.

21. Though generous and **benevolent**, he did not meet with success in his career.  
 (1) beneficent (2) malevolent  
 (3) goodwill (4) liberal
22. **Apathy** for the poor is common to officials of every cadre.  
 (1) indifference (2) sympathy  
 (3) eagerness (4) antipathy
23. You will have to learn to gloss over the **trivial** mistakes of the youngsters.  
 (1) important (2) pardonable  
 (3) insignificant (4) futile
24. An honest person need not **hesitate** to take bold steps.  
 (1) shirk (2) demur  
 (3) act willingly (4) malingering
25. **Hectic** arrangements are on for the coming visit of the Minister.  
 (1) unhurried (2) unhindered  
 (3) feverish (4) fast

**Directions(Q. 26 & 27):** In each of the following questions, there are six sentences marked (S<sub>1</sub>), (S<sub>2</sub>), (P), (Q), (R), (S). The positions of (S<sub>1</sub>) and (S<sub>2</sub>) are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the passage.



**Directions(Q. 37 to Q. 40):** Out of the given alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words or sentence.

**37.** A person coming to a foreign land to settle there.

- (1) Immigrant (2) Emigrant  
 (3) Visitor (4) Tourist

**38.** A speech given at the opening of a ceremony.

- (1) Inaugural (2) Prelude  
 (3) Welcome (4) Thanks

**39.** Examination of a dead body.

- (1) Tanning (2) Postmortem  
 (3) surgery (4) Operation

**40.** A building for storing grains.

- (1) Hanger (2) Dockyard  
 (3) Store (4) Granary

**Directions(Q. 41 to 40):** In the following passage, certain words are omitted and choices of four alternative words are given. Select an appropriate word to fill in the blanks from the alternatives.

The World Bank will take a decision soon on whether to continue supporting the Sardar Sarover dam on the Narmada, which it had been funding .....(41).... it was launched. An internal.....(42)..... of the Sardar Sarovar project....(43).... by the Bank, following protests.....(44).... some environmental groups, is (45)... completion and its board.....(46)... expected to decide in May or .....(47).....1993, whehter to continue funding the .....(48).... . The Bank's Vice-president for .....(49)... sustainable development, Ismail Seralgdn....(50).... commissioned the review, will make appropriate recommendations to the Board soon, according to World Bank sources here.

- 41.** (1) as (2) since  
 (3) when (4) ever

- 42.** (1) assessment  
 (2) opinion  
 (3) examination  
 (4) decision

- 43.** (1) commissioned  
 (2) launched  
 (3) constituted  
 (4) started

- 44.** (1) against (2) of  
 (3) by (4) with

- 45.** (1) getting (2) nearing  
 (3) having (4) filling

- 46.** (1) was (2) is  
 (3) had been (4) have been

- 47.** (1) April (2) August  
 (3) June (4) January

- 48.** (1) effort  
 (2) project  
 (3) people  
 (4) work

- 49.** (1) socially  
 (2) economically  
 (3) environmentally  
 (4) physically

- 50.** (1) whom (2) who  
 (3) whose (4) which

**SAMPLE PAPER (LCT)**
**ANSWER KEY**

Que.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Ans.	2	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	2	2										

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