CMAT General Awareness

40 Important GK Questions with Answers

A free practice set from CatMock

Exam fact (NTA CMAT bulletin)	Detail
General Awareness questions	20 of 100
Marks for the section	80 of 400
Marking	+4 correct, -1 wrong, 0 unattempted
Time	180 minutes for the whole paper, no sectional limit

How to use this set. Attempt all 40 questions in one sitting of 20 minutes without looking at the answers. Mark each answer, then check the key on the last pages. For every miss, write the fact in your own words in the revision tracker. Repeat the questions you missed after 7 days.

This practice set covers stable facts that CMAT-style questions keep returning to. It does not replace the daily reading of business and economy news. Always confirm the latest exam details on the official NTA CMAT website (cmat.nta.nic.in).

Polity and Constitution

Q1. Which Article of the Constitution abolishes untouchability?

(A) Article 15
(B) Article 17
(C) Article 19
(D) Article 21

Q2. The ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is the:

(A) Speaker
(B) Prime Minister
(C) Vice-President
(D) President

Q3. A Money Bill can be introduced only in the:

(A) Rajya Sabha
(B) Lok Sabha
(C) Either House
(D) Joint sitting

Q4. Fundamental Duties are placed in which part of the Constitution?

(A) Part III
(B) Part IV
(C) Part IV-A
(D) Part V

Q5. The Constitution of India came into force on:

(A) 15 August 1947
(B) 26 November 1949
(C) 26 January 1950
(D) 26 January 1949

Q6. The Governor of a State is appointed by the:

(A) Chief Minister
(B) President
(C) Prime Minister
(D) Chief Justice of India

Economy, Banking and Business

Q7. The Reserve Bank of India was established in:

(A) 1925
(B) 1935
(C) 1947
(D) 1949

Q8. Which body regulates the securities market in India?

(A) RBI
(B) IRDAI
(C) SEBI
(D) NABARD

Q9. GST was rolled out in India on:

(A) 1 April 2016
(B) 1 July 2017
(C) 1 April 2018
(D) 1 January 2017

Q10. NITI Aayog replaced which body?

(A) Finance Commission
(B) Planning Commission
(C) National Development Council
(D) Economic Advisory Council

Q11. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is operated by:

(A) RBI
(B) SBI
(C) NPCI
(D) SEBI

Q12. One-rupee notes in India are issued by the:

(A) RBI
(B) SBI
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) NABARD

Q13. The Union Budget is called the 'Annual Financial Statement' under Article:

(A) 110
(B) 112
(C) 266
(D) 280

Q14. Startup India was launched in:

(A) 2014
(B) 2015
(C) 2016
(D) 2017

Q15. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana mainly aims at:

(A) Crop insurance
(B) Financial inclusion
(C) Rural housing
(D) Skill training

Q16. Which sector contributes the largest share to India's GDP?

(A) Agriculture
(B) Industry
(C) Services
(D) Mining

Q17. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) in India is published by the:

(A) RBI
(B) National Statistics Office (MoSPI)
(C) SEBI
(D) NITI Aayog

History

Q18. The Battle of Plassey was fought in:

(A) 1757
(B) 1764
(C) 1857
(D) 1526

Q19. The first Governor-General of independent India was:

(A) Lord Mountbatten
(B) C. Rajagopalachari
(C) Lord Wavell
(D) Lord Cornwallis

Q20. Who gave the slogan 'Do or Die' during the Quit India Movement?

(A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Subhas Chandra Bose
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru
(D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak

Q21. The Dandi March of 1930 protested against the:

(A) Salt law
(B) Land revenue system
(C) Indigo cultivation
(D) Rowlatt Act

Q22. Who was the first President of India?

(A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
(B) Dr S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Dr B. R. Ambedkar
(D) Sardar Patel

Geography

Q23. Which is the largest Indian state by area?

(A) Rajasthan
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Uttar Pradesh

Q24. The Tropic of Cancer passes through how many Indian states?

(A) 6
(B) 7
(C) 8
(D) 9

Q25. Chilika Lake is located in:

(A) Odisha
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Kerala

Q26. Which river is called 'Dakshin Ganga'?

(A) Godavari
(B) Krishna
(C) Kaveri
(D) Mahanadi

Q27. Which Indian state has the longest mainland coastline?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Andhra Pradesh

Science and Technology

Q28. Which gas is the most abundant in Earth's atmosphere?

(A) Oxygen
(B) Nitrogen
(C) Carbon dioxide
(D) Argon

Q29. Which vitamin does the skin make when exposed to sunlight?

(A) Vitamin A
(B) Vitamin C
(C) Vitamin D
(D) Vitamin K

Q30. Chandrayaan-3 made its soft landing on the Moon on:

(A) 23 August 2023
(B) 14 July 2023
(C) 7 September 2019
(D) 2 September 2023

Q31. The Aditya-L1 mission is designed to study the:

(A) Moon
(B) Sun
(C) Mars
(D) Venus

Q32. India's first satellite was:

(A) Aryabhata
(B) Bhaskara
(C) INSAT-1A
(D) Rohini

Books, Awards, Culture and Sports

Q33. Who wrote 'The Discovery of India'?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Rabindranath Tagore
(D) S. Radhakrishnan

Q34. The ancient text 'Arthashastra' was written by:

(A) Kautilya
(B) Kalidasa
(C) Banabhatta
(D) Vishakhadatta

Q35. India's highest civilian honour is the:

(A) Bharat Ratna
(B) Padma Vibhushan
(C) Param Vir Chakra
(D) Ashoka Chakra

Q36. Kuchipudi, a classical dance form, originates from:

(A) Andhra Pradesh
(B) Kerala
(C) Odisha
(D) Manipur

Q37. Who was the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal?

(A) Abhinav Bindra
(B) Neeraj Chopra
(C) Rajyavardhan Rathore
(D) Leander Paes

Q38. Which city will host the 2028 Summer Olympics?

(A) Paris
(B) Los Angeles
(C) Brisbane
(D) Tokyo

World Affairs and Organisations

Q39. The World Trade Organization (WTO) is headquartered in:

(A) Geneva
(B) New York
(C) Paris
(D) Washington, D.C.

Q40. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is headquartered in:

(A) Geneva
(B) Washington, D.C.
(C) London
(D) Tokyo

Answer Key with Quick Explanations

Q	Ans.	Answer	Why
1	B	Article 17	Article 17 abolishes untouchability and makes its practice an offence.
2	C	Vice-President	The Vice-President presides over the Rajya Sabha (Article 89).
3	B	Lok Sabha	Money Bills start in the Lok Sabha; the Rajya Sabha can only recommend changes.
4	C	Part IV-A	Part IV-A (Article 51A), added by the 42nd Amendment.
5	C	26 January 1950	It was adopted on 26 November 1949 and came into force on 26 January 1950.
6	B	President	The President appoints the Governor (Article 155).
7	B	1935	RBI began operations on 1 April 1935 and was nationalised in 1949.
8	C	SEBI	SEBI regulates stock exchanges, brokers and mutual funds.
9	B	1 July 2017	GST replaced several indirect taxes from 1 July 2017.
10	B	Planning Commission	NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission on 1 January 2015.
11	C	NPCI	NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) runs UPI.
12	C	Ministry of Finance	The Government of India (Ministry of Finance) issues one-rupee notes and coins; RBI issues other notes.
13	B	112	Article 112 requires the Annual Financial Statement to be laid before Parliament.
14	C	2016	Startup India was launched on 16 January 2016.
15	B	Financial inclusion	It gives every household access to a basic bank account.
16	C	Services	The services sector has the largest share of gross value added.
17	B	National Statistics Office (MoSPI)	The National Statistics Office under MoSPI publishes CPI.
18	A	1757	1757, when the East India Company defeated Siraj-ud-Daulah.
19	A	Lord Mountbatten	Mountbatten served first; C. Rajagopalachari was the first Indian holder.
20	A	Mahatma Gandhi	Gandhi gave it in his speech of 8 August 1942.
21	A	Salt law	It challenged the British salt tax and monopoly.
22	A	Dr Rajendra Prasad	Dr Rajendra Prasad held office from 1950 to 1962.
23	A	Rajasthan	Rajasthan is the largest state by area.
24	C	8	Eight: Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Tripura and Mizoram.
25	A	Odisha	Chilika is a coastal lagoon in Odisha.
26	A	Godavari	The Godavari, because of its length and size in peninsular India.
27	A	Gujarat	Gujarat has the longest mainland coastline.
28	B	Nitrogen	Nitrogen makes up about 78 percent of dry air.
29	C	Vitamin D	Sunlight triggers vitamin D production in the skin.
30	A	23 August 2023	India landed near the lunar south pole on 23 August 2023.
31	B	Sun	Aditya-L1 is India's first dedicated solar mission, launched on 2 September 2023.
32	A	Aryabhata	Aryabhata was launched in 1975.
33	A	Jawaharlal Nehru	Nehru wrote it during his imprisonment in 1944.

Q	Ans.	Answer	Why
34	A	Kautilya	Kautilya, also known as Chanakya.
35	A	Bharat Ratna	The Bharat Ratna; Padma Vibhushan is the second-highest civilian award.
36	A	Andhra Pradesh	It comes from Andhra Pradesh.
37	A	Abhinav Bindra	Abhinav Bindra won the 10 m air rifle gold at Beijing 2008.
38	B	Los Angeles	Los Angeles hosts in 2028; Paris hosted in 2024 and Brisbane hosts in 2032.
39	A	Geneva	WTO headquarters are in Geneva.
40	B	Washington, D.C.	The IMF, like the World Bank, is based in Washington, D.C.

Score and Revision Tracker

Scoring: +4 for each correct answer and -1 for each wrong answer, the same as the CMAT marking scheme. Maximum score here is 160.

Attempt	Date	Correct	Wrong	Score	Topics to revise
Attempt 1					
Attempt 2					
Attempt 3					
Attempt 4					

Five-minute daily routine

- Read one business or economy news item and note the who, what, when in one line.
- Revise 5 static facts from this set or your own notes.
- Attempt 5 mixed questions under a timer of 4 minutes.
- Once a week, redo every question you got wrong.

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