

## MAINS PRACTICE SHEET

**Q1.**

**A.** Well-acquainted with the philosophical literature of his day and of antiquity, he left behind a rich philosophical legacy in his declarations, presidential messages and addresses, public papers, numerous bills, letters to philosophically minded correspondents (Adams especially), and his only book, Notes on the State of Virginia.

**B.** Scholars in general have not taken seriously Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) as a philosopher, perhaps because he never wrote a formal philosophical treatise.

**C.** Scrutiny of those writings reveals a refined political philosophy as well as a systemic approach to a philosophy of education in partnership with it.

**D.** Yet Jefferson was a prodigious writer, and his writings were suffuse with philosophical content.

- (1) CADB                      (2) BDAC  
(3) DBAC                      (4) ACDB

**Q2.**

**A.** Finland has topped the World Happiness Rankings for the eighth year in a row, thanks to its deeply-rooted values of balance, nature and contentment.

**B.** However, Finnish travel operators are embracing the title as more people link Finland with genuine happiness and well-being.

**C.** Many travellers are now inspired to visit and experience the calm, grounded lifestyle that defines the Finnish version of happiness.

**D.** Though the UN's 2025 World Happiness Report once again named them the happiest, Finns meet the news with a modest shrug and eye roll.

- (1) ABDC                      (2) DBCA  
(3) ADBC                      (4) ACBD

**Q3.**

**(P)** Acquiring a new language provides valuable access to diverse cultures, ideas and worldviews.

**(Q)** This gradual progress eventually results in fluency and enables meaningful communication in real-world contexts.

**(R)** Over time, such regular exposure fosters confidence and reduces the anxiety associated with making errors.

**(S)** A highly effective approach involves immersing oneself daily through conversations, books and media.

- (1) RPQS                      (2) SRQP  
(3) PSRQ                      (4) PSQR

**Q4.**

**A.** This coastal city is built on a scenic mix of islands, reclaimed land and natural beauty.

**B.** Helsinki, where many trips begin or end, offers a glimpse into Finland's national contentment.

**C.** The joy from this freedom and nature access aligns with the UN's happiness measures like longevity, liberty and well-being.

**D.** Visitors can easily rent a bike and explore forest trails or seaside routes across the city.

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- (1) BDCA                      (2) CBDA  
(3) DACB                      (4) BADC

### Q5.

1. And, since there were no enemies, it nested on the ground in complete safety.  
2. The goats ate the undergrowth which provided the dodo with cover; dogs and cats hunted and troubled the old bird.  
3. Dodo, the size of a goose, securely inhabited the island of Mauritius.  
4. The pigs and rats were not far behind who devoured the eggs and young ones, finishing off the feast.  
5. This bird had lost its power of flight since there were no enemies in the island to fly from.  
6. Then man discovered the dodos' paradise in around 1507 and with him came his familiars- dogs, cats, pigs, goats and rats  
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### Q6.

1. Porsena, the King of the Etruscans, had raised a great army and was marching toward Rome.  
2. Then, one morning the army of Porsena was seen coming over the hills from the north.  
3. The Romans did not have very many soldiers at that time, and they knew that they were not strong enough to meet the Etruscans in open battle.  
4. There was once, a war between the Roman people and the Etruscans who lived in the towns on the other side of the Tiber River.

5. So they kept themselves inside their walls and set guards to watch the roads.

6. The city of Rome had never been in such great danger before

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### Q7.

A. Nature writing encompasses a wide variety of works.

B. Nature writing often draws heavily on scientific information and facts about the natural world.

C. At the same time, it is frequently written in the first person and incorporates personal observations and philosophical reflections upon nature.

D. Nature writing is nonfiction or fiction prose or poetry about the natural environment.

E. These include natural history essays, poetry, essays of solitude or escape, as well as travel and adventure writing.

F. These works range from those that place primary emphasis on natural history facts to those in which philosophical interpretation predominates.

1. BFECAD                      2. DBFAEC  
3. ACFDBE                      4. DAFEBC

### Q8.

Jane Goodall, a renowned primatologist and conservationist, was born on April 3, 1934, in London, England.

P. She spent several years living among chimpanzees, observing their behaviour and documenting social structures.

Q. Inspired by Goodall's work, many conservationists today continue to advocate

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for the protection of endangered species and their habitats.

**R.** Goodall's groundbreaking research on chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania, challenged existing scientific norms and expanded our understanding of primates.

**S.** In 1977, Goodall established the Jane Goodall Institute, dedicated to wildlife research, conservation, and community development.

Jane Goodall's contributions to primatology have left a lasting impact on the scientific community and conservation efforts worldwide.

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| 1. PRSQ | 2. RQSP |
| 3. RSPQ | 4. SPQR |

### Q9.

**S1.** The bustling city of Tokyo is not only the capital of Japan but also a global metropolis known for its innovation and technology.

**P.** Tokyo's journey into modernity is closely tied to its rise as an economic powerhouse, marked by the post-World War II era when the city rapidly transformed.

**Q.** Skyscrapers dot the skyline, reflecting the city's economic prosperity and architectural prowess.

**R.** In the aftermath of World War II, Tokyo emerged as a symbol of resilience, rebuilding itself into a vibrant hub of commerce and culture.

**S.** Despite the city's technological advances, traditional elements such as Shinto shrines and cherry blossoms remain integral to Tokyo's identity.

**S6.** Today, Tokyo stands as a captivating blend of tradition and modernity, drawing visitors from around the world.

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| 1. SPQR | 2. RPSQ |
| 3. PRQS | 4. RQPS |

### Q10.

**1.** Academics need to conduct and then publish their research.

**2.** It also represents spent future time as they revise or resubmit their manuscript.

**3.** While service and teaching also play an important role in their professional lives, academic publishing is a mainstay for tenure, promotion, and for impacting the directions of the field.

**4.** When this work does not reach its intended audience, the efforts of the author represent lost time that might have been more productively directed elsewhere.

**5.** A prospective author typically spends months or years working on a submission to a journal.

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### Q11.

**1.** In a formal relationship, on the other hand, feedback is given by an expert, usually an instructor, a more experienced colleague, or a professional editor.

**2.** Having an editorial relationship is a crucial part of the writing process as it helps in getting feedback on one's writing regularly.

**3.** No serious writer should go from draft to finished text without editorial assistance.

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4. In an informal editorial relationship, peers read and offer feedback to one another about their writing.

5. This is because it is often difficult for a writer to view his or her writing from the perspective of an external reader.

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### Q12.

A. To make a protein, constituent amino acids must be linked in the order encoded by RNA.

B. Life depends on a partnership between RNA, which stores instructions, and proteins, which do the work of building and running cells.

C. Today, a complex biological machine called the ribosome handles this task -but only after each amino acid is first "loaded" onto an RNA adapter.

D. But how this partnership began has long puzzled scientists.

E. The catch is that the enzymes responsible for this loading are themselves proteins, creating a chicken-and-egg puzzle that has intrigued chemists for decades.

1. ABCDE                      2. CDABE  
3. BDACE                      4. ADCEB

### Q13.

S1. Sky gazers in India and in other parts of the world will be able to witness a blood moon on September 7 during a total lunar eclipse.

P. This phenomenon is called Rayleigh scattering. When light interacts with particles smaller than its wavelength, the

intensity of the scattered light is inversely proportional to its wavelength.

Q. During a total lunar eclipse, the earth comes between the sun and the moon, blocking direct sunlight from striking the lunar surface. However, not all sunlight is blocked. Only the bluer light is filtered out; the redder light is scattered by the earth's atmosphere, giving the moon its striking colour.

R. The moon will take on a dark red-copper hue. This is the result of a physical effect called Rayleigh scattering.

S. This is why earth sky appears blue: it has the shortest wavelength in visible light. During a blood moon, however, the bluer light is absorbed by the earth's atmosphere while the redder light is refracted towards the moon.

S6. The precise hue depends on dust and smoke levels in the atmosphere.

1. PSQR                      2. RQPS  
3. SQPR                      4. QPRS

### Q14.

S1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become inevitable, however, the technology's success depends whether enterprises can turn messy, fragmented, unstructured data that lies in diverse silos into something reliable, clean and trustworthy.

P. These were the key takeaways from an industry roundtable on Data With out Chaos: Building the Foundations for AI@Work, organised by The Hindu Group and powered by IBM, the tech giant.

Q. AI dazzles with its promise of predictive insights, personalised experiences and automated intelligent decision-making.



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**R.** But these magical offerings fizzle into chaos if the quality of the data it feeds on suffers.

**S.** No doubt data is gold, but there's al-so glass inside, so it is critical to isolate the glass before the gold is put to use.

**S6.** The roundtable, first in the series held in Bengaluru saw the participation of a 10-member panel comprising CXOs, technologists, data scientists, AI strategists, advisers, consultants and educators.

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| 1. SQRP | 2. PRSQ |
| 3. RSQP | 4. QRSP |

### Q15.

**P.** A few days back, Shami, who was not selected for the white ball series Down Under, had said that his responsibility was to play matches and not send up-dates to selectors about his fitness.

**Q.** Asked about Agarkar's reported statement at a discussion that if the pacer was fit he would be in the Indian team touring Australia, Shami, who is playing for Bengal in a Ranji Trophy match against Uttarakhand here, said, Let him say whatever he wants.

**R.** You've seen how I bowled. It's all in front of your eyes.

**S.** Pacer Mohammed Shami on Friday did not give much importance to chief selector Ajit Agarkar's latest statement on his fitness status.

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| 1. SQRP | 2. PQRS |
| 3. SRQP | 4. QRSP |

A Bihar-based gang (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to spread terror just before the Assembly election was (17) \_\_\_\_\_ down by

a joint team of the police of the State and Delhi in the Rohini area early on Thursday. In a 10-minute encounter, nearly 20 police officers (18) \_\_\_\_\_ four members of the gang who were wanted in multiple murder-cum-extortion and were allegedly known for publicly taking (19) \_\_\_\_\_ for violent crimes, the police said. A car, four sophisticated semi-automatic pistols, and one country-made pistol (20) \_\_\_\_\_, from the site of the encounter. The weapons have been sent for forensic analysis, the police said.

- Q16.** (a) allegedly conspired  
(b) allegedly conspiring  
(c) was allegedly conspire  
(d) was allegedly conspiring

- Q17.** (a) turned  
(b) gunned  
(c) pinned  
(d) stunned

- Q18.** (a) was shot dead  
(b) had shot dead  
(c) shot dead  
(d) have shot dead

- Q19.** (a) accountability  
(b) responsibility  
(c) ownership  
(d) integrity

- Q20.** (a) were recovered  
(b) had recovered  
(c) was recovered  
(d) had been recovered

India and Bhutan (21) \_\_\_\_\_ border management and security in a meeting held at Thimphu from October 16-17, a statement by the Union Home

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Ministry said (22) \_\_\_\_\_ .  
The Ministry said the two countries (23) \_\_\_\_\_ bilateral security cooperation and border management issues, including mobile signal (24) \_\_\_\_\_, future road map for integrated check posts, (25) \_\_\_\_\_ of boundary pillars, and cross-border movement.

- Q21.** (a) have reviewed  
(b) reviewed  
(c) was reviewed  
(d) were reviewed

- Q22.** (a) on Thursday  
(b) at Thursday

- (c) in Thursday  
(d) onto Thursday

- Q23.** (a) has reviewed  
(b) have been reviewed  
(c) had reviewed  
(d) had been reviewed

- Q24.** (a) spill over  
(b) spill at  
(c) spill on  
(d) spill in

- Q25.** (a) Maintenance  
(b) Maintainence  
(c) Maintinence  
(d) Maintainance

## ANSWER KEY

1. (b)	2. (c)	3. (c)	4. (d)	5. (c)
6. (b)	7. (d)	8. (a)	9. (c)	10. (b)
11. (b)	12. (c)	13. (b)	14. (a)	15. (a)
16. (b)	17. (b)	18. (c)	19. (b)	20. (a)
21. (b)	22. (a)	23. (c)	24. (a)	25. (a)