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Institute of Design & Art, Bhubaneswar

NIFT Entrance Exam — Mock Paper 1

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SECTION A — General Ability Test (GAT)

Quantitative Ability

Q1. A shopkeeper marks an item 40% above cost price and gives a 10% discount. What is his overall profit percentage?

- (a) 24% (b) 26% (c) 30% (d) 36%

Q2. If the ratio of boys to girls in a class of 45 is 4:5, how many girls are there?

- (a) 20 (b) 25 (c) 18 (d) 27

Analytical / Logical Reasoning

Q3. Find the odd one out: Needle, Scissors, Thimble, Umbrella

- (a) Needle (b) Scissors (c) Thimble (d) Umbrella

Q4. If CANDLE is coded as DBOEMF, how is TABLE coded?

- (a) UBCMF (b) UBCMG (c) SZAKD (d) UACMF

English Comprehension

Q5. Choose the correct synonym of 'Meticulous'.

- (a) Careless (b) Thorough (c) Lazy (d) Quick

Q6. Fill in the blank: She has a keen eye ____ detail.

- (a) at (b) for (c) with (d) on

Communication Ability

Q7. Choose the correct one-word substitute: 'A person who studies maps.'

- (a) Cartographer (b) Geologist (c) Cartoonist (d) Archivist

Q8. Identify the correctly punctuated sentence.

- (a) Its a beautiful design. (b) It's a beautiful design. (c) Its' a beautiful design. (d) Its a, beautiful design.

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q9. Which Indian city is known as the 'Manchester of India' for its textile industry?

- (a) Surat (b) Ahmedabad (c) Mumbai (d) Coimbatore

Q10. The Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Pochampally Ikat belongs to which state?

- (a) Odisha (b) Telangana (c) Gujarat (d) Tamil Nadu

Answer Key (Section A): Q1: (b) Q2: (b) Q3: (d) Q4: (a) Q5: (b) Q6: (b) Q7: (a) Q8: (b) Q9: (b) Q10: (b)

SECTION B — Creative Ability Test (CAT)

CAT Q1. Illustration Based on a Theme

20 marks

Illustrate the theme 'Freedom' using any visual style of your choice. Use color, form, and composition to convey the emotion behind the theme without using any text.

CAT Q2. Color & Mood Board

15 marks

Create a mood board using five colors that represent the feeling of 'a monsoon morning in a village.' Briefly explain, in 40 words, why you chose each color.

CAT Q3. Object Transformation

15 marks

Sketch how a simple pair of scissors could be transformed into an imaginative object or character, while still visually retaining its original form.

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SECTION A — General Ability Test (GAT)

Quantitative Ability

Q1. A train 150m long crosses a pole in 15 seconds. What is its speed in km/hr?

- (a) 30 km/hr (b) 36 km/hr (c) 40 km/hr (d) 45 km/hr

Q2. What is 25% of 25% of 800?

- (a) 40 (b) 50 (c) 60 (d) 80

Analytical / Logical Reasoning

Q3. Complete the series: 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ?

- (a) 36 (b) 40 (c) 42 (d) 44

Q4. Pointing to a photograph, a man says, 'She is the daughter of my grandfather's only son.' How is the girl related to the man?

- (a) Sister (b) Cousin (c) Niece (d) Daughter

English Comprehension

Q5. Choose the correct antonym of 'Abundant'.

- (a) Plenty (b) Scarce (c) Huge (d) Rich

Q6. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (a) He don't like sketching. (b) He doesn't likes sketching. (c) He doesn't like sketching. (d) He not like sketching.

Communication Ability

Q7. Choose the correct one-word substitute: 'One who is skilled in many fields.'

- (a) Specialist (b) Versatile (c) Generalist (d) Polymath

Q8. Choose the idiom that means 'to do something at the last minute.'

- (a) Beat around the bush (b) Down to the wire (c) Once in a blue moon (d) A piece of cake

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q9. Which Indian state is famous for the 'Bandhani' tie-dye textile art?

- (a) Rajasthan/Gujarat (b) Kerala (c) Punjab (d) Bihar

Q10. NIFT was established under the aegis of which Ministry of the Government of India?

- (a) Ministry of Education (b) Ministry of Textiles (c) Ministry of Culture (d) Ministry of Commerce

Answer Key (Section A): Q1: (b) Q2: (b) Q3: (c) Q4: (a) Q5: (b) Q6: (c) Q7: (d) Q8: (b) Q9: (a) Q10: (b)

SECTION B — Creative Ability Test (CAT)

CAT Q1. Storyboard from a Sound

20 marks

Imagine you hear a sudden thunderclap followed by rain. Create a four-panel storyboard depicting what happens next in a busy marketplace.

CAT Q2. Pattern Design

15 marks

Design a repeating textile pattern inspired by 'raindrops on a window,' suitable for a summer scarf. Use at least three colors.

CAT Q3. Emotive Typography

15 marks

Hand-letter the word 'CHAOS' in a way that visually represents its meaning through letterform distortion, without using any additional imagery.

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SECTION A — General Ability Test (GAT)

Quantitative Ability

Q1. If the cost price of 12 pens equals the selling price of 10 pens, find the profit percentage.

- (a) 10% (b) 16.6% (c) 20% (d) 25%

Q2. The average of 5 consecutive numbers is 27. What is the largest number?

- (a) 27 (b) 28 (c) 29 (d) 30

Analytical / Logical Reasoning

Q3. Choose the word that does NOT belong: Silk, Cotton, Linen, Leather, Wool

- (a) Silk (b) Cotton (c) Leather (d) Wool

Q4. If 'PAPER' is written as 'QBQFS', how is 'PENCIL' written?

- (a) QFODJM (b) QFODIM (c) QFOCJM (d) QEODJM

English Comprehension

Q5. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase 'to think outside the box.'

- (a) To follow rules strictly (b) To think creatively/unconventionally (c) To avoid decisions (d) To pack items neatly

Q6. Choose the correctly spelled word.

- (a) Recieve (b) Receive (c) Receve (d) Receeve

Communication Ability

Q7. Choose the correct one-word substitute: 'A place where clothes are made or manufactured.'

- (a) Boutique (b) Garment factory (c) Textile mill (d) Atelier

Q8. Identify the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- (a) The team of designers are presenting today. (b) The team of designers is presenting today. (c) The team of designers were presenting today. (d) The team of designer is presenting today.

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q9. Who is credited as one of the founding figures of India's National Institute of Design (NID)?

- (a) Charles Correa (b) Ray & Charles Eames (Eames Report) (c) Le Corbusier (d) Laurie Baker

Q10. Which fashion week is considered India's leading platform for showcasing designer collections?

- (a) Lakme Fashion Week (b) Paris Fashion Week (c) Met Gala (d) Milan Fashion Week

Answer Key (Section A): Q1: (c) Q2: (c) Q3: (c) Q4: (a) Q5: (b) Q6: (b) Q7: (d) Q8: (b) Q9: (b) Q10: (a)

SECTION B — Creative Ability Test (CAT)

CAT Q1. Design from a Constraint

20 marks

Using only circles and straight lines, design a fashion accessory (any one: earring, brooch, or belt buckle). Show the front view with color and material notes.

CAT Q2. Silhouette Study

15 marks

Sketch three different silhouettes for a kurta suitable for three different occasions: casual wear, festive wear, and office wear.

CAT Q3. Visual Metaphor

15 marks

Create a visual metaphor for the phrase 'breaking free from tradition' using any combination of imagery, without using text.

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SECTION A — General Ability Test (GAT)

Quantitative Ability

Q1. A sum of money doubles itself in 8 years at simple interest. Find the rate of interest per annum.

- (a) 10% (b) 12.5% (c) 15% (d) 8%

Q2. What is the next number in the series: 5, 11, 23, 47, ?

- (a) 93 (b) 94 (c) 95 (d) 96

Analytical / Logical Reasoning

Q3. A is the brother of B. B is the sister of C. C is the father of D. How is A related to D?

- (a) Uncle (b) Father (c) Grandfather (d) Brother

Q4. Which figure completes the analogy: Thread is to Fabric as Brick is to ____?

- (a) Cement (b) Wall (c) Sand (d) Roof

English Comprehension

Q5. Choose the correct synonym of 'Aesthetic'.

- (a) Ugly (b) Artistic (c) Functional (d) Cheap

Q6. Choose the sentence with correct tense usage.

- (a) I have finished my sketch yesterday. (b) I finished my sketch yesterday. (c) I am finishing my sketch yesterday. (d) I finish my sketch yesterday.

Communication Ability

Q7. Choose the correct one-word substitute: 'Handwriting that is impossible to read.'

- (a) Illegible (b) Illegal (c) Incoherent (d) Indecisive

Q8. Choose the idiom meaning 'to reveal a secret unintentionally.'

- (a) Let the cat out of the bag (b) Hit the nail on the head (c) Under the weather (d) Once bitten, twice shy

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

Q9. The Ajrakh printing craft, known for its geometric patterns, primarily originates from which two Indian states?

- (a) Gujarat and Rajasthan (b) Odisha and West Bengal (c) Kerala and Tamil Nadu (d) Punjab and Haryana

Q10. Which government initiative promotes the branding and export of India's handloom and handicraft products?

- (a) Make in India (b) One District One Product (ODOP) (c) Digital India (d) Skill India

Answer Key (Section A): Q1: (b) Q2: (c) Q3: (a) Q4: (b) Q5: (b) Q6: (b) Q7: (a) Q8: (a) Q9: (a) Q10: (b)

SECTION B — Creative Ability Test (CAT)

CAT Q1. Redesign a Traditional Motif

20 marks

Choose one traditional Indian motif (e.g., paisley, peacock, lotus) and redesign it in a modern, minimalist style suitable for a contemporary fashion label's logo.

CAT Q2. Composition from Random Shapes

15 marks

Using only three geometric shapes — one circle, one triangle, and one rectangle — repeated as many times as needed, create an interesting visual composition titled 'Balance.'

CAT Q3. Character Design for a Brand Mascot

15 marks

Design a simple mascot character for a sustainable fashion brand aimed at young adults. Briefly describe, in 40 words, the personality your design conveys.

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SECTION A — General Ability Test (GAT)

Quantitative Ability

- Q1. A tailor has 3.5 meters of fabric and uses 0.7 meters per shirt. How many complete shirts can he make?
(a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 7
- Q2. If 8 workers can complete a task in 15 days, how many days will 12 workers take to complete the same task?
(a) 8 (b) 10 (c) 12 (d) 15

Analytical / Logical Reasoning

- Q3. Find the missing term: AZ, BY, CX, DW, ?
(a) EV (b) EU (c) FV (d) DV
- Q4. Statement: All fabrics are materials. Some materials are expensive. Conclusion: Some fabrics are expensive. Is the conclusion valid?
(a) Valid (b) Invalid (c) Cannot be determined (d) Partially valid

English Comprehension

- Q5. Choose the correct meaning of 'Versatile.'
(a) Limited in ability (b) Able to adapt to many functions (c) Old-fashioned (d) Expensive
- Q6. Choose the correctly structured sentence.
(a) Neither the designer nor the tailors was ready. (b) Neither the designer nor the tailors were ready. (c) Neither the designer or the tailors were ready. (d) Neither designer nor tailors was ready.

Communication Ability

- Q7. Choose the correct one-word substitute: 'A person who designs the interior of buildings.'
(a) Architect (b) Interior Designer (c) Urban Planner (d) Civil Engineer
- Q8. Choose the idiom meaning 'an obvious problem that no one mentions.'
(a) The elephant in the room (b) A wild goose chase (c) Barking up the wrong tree (d) A blessing in disguise

General Knowledge & Current Affairs

- Q9. Channapatna toys, known for their lacquerware craftsmanship, are traditionally made in which Indian state?
(a) Karnataka (b) Kerala (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Maharashtra
- Q10. Which Indian designer is well known for popularizing hand-embroidered bridal couture on the global stage?
(a) Ritu Kumar (b) Manish Malhotra (c) Sabyasachi Mukherjee (d) All of the above

Answer Key (Section A): Q1: (b) Q2: (b) Q3: (a) Q4: (c) Q5: (b) Q6: (b) Q7: (b) Q8: (a) Q9: (a) Q10: (d)

SECTION B — Creative Ability Test (CAT)

CAT Q1. Design a Public Awareness Poster

20 marks

Design a poster to raise awareness about 'reducing textile waste' for display in a college campus. Use imagery, color, and minimal text to communicate the message.

CAT Q2. Abstract Emotion Through Form

15 marks

Using only abstract shapes and color (no recognizable objects), create a composition that expresses the feeling of 'celebration.'

CAT Q3. Product Line Extension

15 marks

Sketch three coordinated accessory items (e.g., bag, footwear, and a scarf) that could belong to a single fashion collection themed 'Coastal Odisha.'