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# CUET 2025-26

COMMON UNIVERSITY  
ENTRANCE TEST

# KNOWLEDGE TRADITIONS SYLLABUS

For DU, BHU, JNU, VBU and other Central Universities

# KNOWLEDGE TRADITIONS-PRACTICES IN INDIA-316

*Note:*

*There will be one Question Paper which will have 50 questions out of which 40 questions need to be attempted.*

## Knowledge Traditions and Practices of India

### 1 Agriculture: A Survey

Agriculture in Prehistory and Proto history/ Textual Sources/ Types of Lands/ Rain-Fed and Irrigated Crops/ Implements/ Seed and Sowing/ Manures/ Pests and Their Management/ Cattle Management/ Horticulture and Arboriculture/ Fishing/ Agriculture and Society

### 2 Architecture: A Survey

- Early and Classical Architecture

Temple Architecture/ Rock-Cut Structures/ Monolithic Temples/ Constructed Temples/ Public and Private Architecture

Architecture: A Survey

- Medieval & Colonial Architecture

Fort and Palace Architecture/ Mosques/ Mausoleums/ Colonial Architecture

### 3 Dance: A Survey

- Classical Dance Forms

Classical Period/ Middle Period/ Modern Period/ Classical Dance Forms/ Bharatanayam/ Kathakali/ Kathak/ Kucipudi/ Manipuri/ O'issi/ Sattriya

- Folk Dance Forms

Chau/ Bihu/ Rauf/ Padayani/ DolluKunitha/ Dandiya/ Ghumar/ Kalbelia/ Chau&fla/ Bhangra/ Giddha/ Garba/ Lava)i/ Bamboo Dance

### 4 Education Systems and Practices: A Survey

Goals of Indian Education/ Teaching and Learning/ the Teacher and the Student/ Centres of Education/ Temples as First Schools/ Gurukulas/ Viharas and Universities/ Community- Supported Education/ The Continuing System

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Two Types of Knowledge and the Right Pupil/ Mere Intellectual Knowledge Is Not Enough/The Link between Teacher and Pupil/ Teachers Invite Students to Come to Them/Controlling the Mind and the Senses: the Goal of Indian Education/ Teacher's Directives to Students on their Completion of Study/ what Is a Useful Life?/Hsüan-tsang's (Xuanzang) Impressions of Indian Education/ Hsüan-tsang's (XuanZang) Description of Nalanda University

An Italian Explorer's Record of Indian Education in the 17th Century/ A Description of Indian Education in the 18th Century/ The Teacher's Subsistence/ Respect for the Teacher/Physical Education and Sports/ Description of the University at Navadveep (Nuddeah) in Bengal in 1791/ Love of Learning and Support for Education among Indians/ A Widespread Colonial Network of Indigenous Schools

## 5 Ethics: Individual and Social

The Cosmic Order/ Buddhist Ethics/ Jain Ethics/ Sikh Ethics/ The Bhakti

Movement Primary Texts on Ethics: Individual and Social: A Selection

From Jain Granthas/ From Buddhist Granthas/ From Asoka's Edicts/ From the Kural (tr. P.S. Sundaram)

## 6 Martial Arts Traditions: A Survey

- Texts/ Practice of Martial Arts/ Stick Combat/ Kaaripayau Martial Arts Traditions: A Selection from Primary Texts Wrestling in the Mahabharata/ Mallapura\_a/ Marmasastram

## 7 Language and Grammar

Languages of India/ Study of Language in India/ Disciplines of Language Studies in India/ Classification of Speech-Sounds/ Theory of Grammar

## 8 Other Technologies: A Survey

Harappan Technologies/ Later pottery/ Glass/ Water Management/ Textile Technology/

Wing Technology/ Pyrotechnics/ Cosmetics and Perfumes

Other Technologies: A Selection from Primary Texts

Gemmology/ Water Management/ Textiles and Garments/ Perfumes and Cosmetics