How CTET thinks — and how to use these sheets

1 The CDP section at a glance

Part	Questions
Child Development (primary / elementary school child)	15
Concept of Inclusive Education and Children with Special Needs	5
Learning and Pedagogy	10
Total — same in Paper I and Paper II	**30**

1 mark per question, no negative marking — never leave a question blank. Qualifying mark: 60% (90 of 150) for the whole paper; relaxation for reserved categories as per government rules.

2 How to use this pack (10-day plan)

1. **Days 1–4:** one sheet per sitting (pages 3–13). Say each highlighted line aloud.
2. **Day 5:** attempt the 20 practice questions on page 15 without looking.
3. **Days 6–8:** re-read only the pages where you made mistakes, plus page 14 (traps).
4. **Day 9:** read page 2 (this page) and page 14 again.
5. **Day 10 (exam eve):** skim the yellow highlights only. Sleep early.

The CTET answer compass — most CDP questions test one philosophy

CTET follows the National Curriculum Framework (NCF 2005), the RTE Act 2009 and NEP 2020. They all share one idea: **the child actively builds knowledge, and the teacher creates the conditions for it.** When two options look right, choose the one that fits this idea.

Options that are usually RIGHT

- Child-centred, activity-based, learning by doing
- Child constructs knowledge (constructivism)
- Links learning to the child's life and experience
- Group work, discussion, peer learning
- All children learn together (inclusion)
- Errors show how the child is thinking
- Continuous, formative assessment with feedback
- Intrinsic motivation, curiosity, interest
- Home language and diversity as a resource
- Teacher as facilitator, guide, co-learner
- Open-ended questions, thinking, reasoning

Options that are usually WRONG

- Rote memorisation, repeated copying, drill as the main method
- Punishment, fear, scolding, humiliation
- Comparing or ranking children against each other
- Labelling ("slow learner", "weak", "dull")
- Separating children by ability, disability, gender or background
- Textbook-only or lecture-only teaching
- Rewards and prizes as the main motivator
- Ignoring or immediately correcting errors without asking why
- "Only", "always" — extreme options are rarely right
- Blaming the child or the family for failure
- Teacher as the only source of knowledge

Read the question stem slowly

Many CDP questions are classroom situations. Ask: "*What would a caring teacher who believes every child can learn do here?*" Watch for words like **most appropriate**, **best**, **NOT** and **except** — they change the answer.

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Exam
12–13 Dec

The whole Child Development and Pedagogy section — 30 marks — in 15 pages

Made for the last 10 days. One topic per page, key terms highlighted, exam traps marked, and 20 practice questions with answers.

What's inside

- Development and its principles; heredity and environment
- Socialisation, Bronfenbrenner, child-centred education, NCF 2005
- **Piaget** — key terms and the four stages
- **Vygotsky** — ZPD, scaffolding, private speech; Piaget vs Vygotsky table
- **Kohlberg** — six stages with example reasons; Gilligan's criticism
- Intelligence theories and Gardner's eight intelligences
- Language and thought — Piaget, Vygotsky, Chomsky, Skinner
- Gender as a social construct; individual differences
- Assessment of, for and as learning; CCE; Bloom's taxonomy
- Inclusive education, RTE and RPwD Acts, learning disabilities
- How children learn; errors and alternative conceptions
- Thorndike, Pavlov, Skinner, Bandura, Köhler, Bruner, Ausubel
- Motivation, Maslow, emotion, NEP 2020 facts
- **20 exam traps** and **20 practice questions**

★ A taste of the exam-traps page

Wrong idea	CTET answer
Assimilation means changing a schema	Changing a schema is **accommodation**
A child talking to herself has a problem	It is **private speech** that guides her thinking (Vygotsky)
Negative reinforcement is punishment	It **increases** behaviour by removing something unpleasant

+ 17 more traps in the full pack

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