

CUET 2026 May 12 (Shift-1) English

Question Paper (Memory-Based) PDF

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General Instructions

- (i) The test is of 1 hour duration.
- (ii) The question paper consists of 50 questions. The maximum marks are 250.
- (iii) 5 marks are awarded for every correct answer, and 1 mark is deducted for every wrong answer.

1. Choose the correct meaning of the word “Taciturn”.

- (A) Very talkative
- (B) Reserved or silent
- (C) Extremely angry
- (D) Careless in behaviour

2. The word “Sporadic” means: ____.

- (A) Continuous
- (B) Regular
- (C) Occurring at irregular intervals
- (D) Permanent

3. A “Dipsomaniac” is a person who: ____.

- (A) Loves reading books
- (B) Has an uncontrollable craving for alcohol
- (C) Suffers from insomnia

(D) Speaks many languages

4. Rearrange the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph:

- A. Finally, the results were announced.
- B. The students entered the examination hall.
- C. They started writing their answers carefully.
- D. The invigilator distributed the question papers.

- (A) BADC
 - (B) BDCA
 - (C) BDAC
 - (D) BACD
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5. Rearrange the following words to make a meaningful sentence:

- A. always
- B. honesty
- C. the best policy
- D. is

- (A) BADC
 - (B) BDAC
 - (C) BACD
 - (D) BCDA
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6. Rearrange the following sentences correctly:

- A. The rain stopped after an hour.
- B. Dark clouds gathered in the sky.
- C. Children started playing outside again.
- D. Soon, it began to rain heavily.

- (A) BADC
- (B) BDAC
- (C) BACD

(D) DCBA

7. Identify the poetic device used in the line: “The wind whispered through the trees.”

- (A) Simile
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Personification
 - (D) Hyperbole
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8. Which poetic device is used in the phrase: “Time is a thief.”

- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Oxymoron
 - (D) Irony
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9. Identify the poetic device in the line: “She sells seashells on the seashore.”

- (A) Assonance
 - (B) Simile
 - (C) Alliteration
 - (D) Repetition
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10. Match the following phobias correctly:

- A. Xenophobia — P. Fear of strangers/foreigners
- B. Gerascophobia — Q. Fear of growing old
- C. Necrophobia — R. Fear of dead bodies/death

- (A) A–P, B–Q, C–R
 - (B) A–Q, B–P, C–R
 - (C) A–R, B–Q, C–P
 - (D) A–P, B–R, C–Q
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