

# CUET 2026 May 15 Shift 1 English

## Question Paper (Memory-Based) PDF

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### General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. Choose the word closest in meaning to “innocuous”.

- (A) Harmful
- (B) Harmless
- (C) Aggressive
- (D) Suspicious

2. Choose the word opposite in meaning to “vindictive”.

- (A) Revengeful
- (B) Forgiving
- (C) Cruel
- (D) Arrogant

3. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- (A) Neither of the boys were ready for the competition.
- (B) Neither of the boys was ready for the competition.

- (C) Neither of the boys are ready for the competition.  
(D) Neither of the boys have been ready for the competition.
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**4. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence.**

**By the time we reached the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (A) left  
(B) has left  
(C) had left  
(D) leaves
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**5. Choose the correct passive form of the sentence: "They are organizing a cultural fest."**

- (A) A cultural fest is organized by them.  
(B) A cultural fest was being organized by them.  
(C) A cultural fest is being organized by them.  
(D) A cultural fest has been organized by them.
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**6. Choose the correct indirect narration.**

**Riya said, "I will complete the project tomorrow."**

- (A) Riya said that she will complete the project tomorrow.  
(B) Riya said that she would complete the project the next day.  
(C) Riya said that she completed the project tomorrow.  
(D) Riya said she would have completed the project the next day.
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**7. Arrange the following parts in the correct order.**

**P. the scientist presented**

**Q. at the international conference**

**R. his groundbreaking research**

**S. confidently**

- (A) P Q R S
  - (B) P R S Q
  - (C) P S R Q
  - (D) Q P R S
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**8. Read the passage carefully:**

Many students believe that success depends entirely on intelligence. However, researchers have found that consistency and disciplined effort often play a greater role in long-term achievement than natural talent alone.

**What is the main idea of the passage?**

- (A) Intelligence is unnecessary for success.
  - (B) Talent guarantees achievement.
  - (C) Consistent effort is important for success.
  - // Option (D) Researchers dislike talented students.
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**9. Choose the correctly spelt word.**

- (A) Accomodation
  - (B) Acommodation
  - (C) Accommodation
  - (D) Accommmmodation
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**10. Choose the best replacement for the underlined part:**

Each of the players have performed exceptionally well.

- (A) has performed
  - (B) were performing
  - (C) perform
  - (D) have been performing
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