

CUET 2026 May 18 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 that is closest in meaning to “obfuscate”.

- (a) Clarify
- (b) Confuse
- (c) Simplify
- (d) Reveal

2. Identify the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Acquaintence
- (b) Acquaintance
- (c) Aqcquaintance
- (d) Acquaintance

3. Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence:

“When the manager resigned suddenly, the company employees were left ____.”

- (a) in hot water

- (b) under the weather
 - (c) high and dry
 - (d) at sixes and sevens
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4. Select the sentence with the correct grammatical usage.

- (a) Neither of the boys were ready for the exam.
 - (b) Neither of the boys was ready for the exam.
 - (c) Neither of the boys are ready for the exam.
 - (d) Neither of the boys have been ready for the exam.
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5. Read the sentence and identify the figure of speech used:

“The wind whispered through the trees.”

- (a) Hyperbole
 - (b) Personification
 - (c) Irony
 - (d) Metaphor
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6. Choose the option that best paraphrases the sentence:

“Technological advancement has significantly altered human interaction.”

- (a) Technology has reduced the need for communication entirely.
 - (b) Human interaction is unaffected by modern inventions.
 - (c) Advances in technology have greatly changed the way people interact.
 - (d) Technology only affects professional communication.
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7. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

“If she _____ harder, she would have succeeded.”

- (a) studies
- (b) studied

- (c) had studied
 - (d) has studied
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8. Read the following passage and answer the question:

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of the modern era. Scientists warn that rising temperatures may lead to severe environmental consequences, including floods, droughts, and biodiversity loss. Governments across the world are attempting to develop sustainable solutions, but implementation remains uneven.

What is the central idea of the passage?

- (a) Governments have solved climate change completely.
 - (b) Climate change poses serious global challenges requiring action.
 - (c) Biodiversity loss is unrelated to climate change.
 - (d) Scientists disagree about global warming.
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9. Identify the figure of speech used in the line:

“Life is a journey filled with unexpected turns.”

- (a) Simile
 - (b) Oxymoron
 - (c) Metaphor
 - (d) Alliteration
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10. Choose the word opposite in meaning to “ephemeral.”

- (a) Temporary
 - (b) Fleeting
 - (c) Permanent
 - (d) Fragile
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