

CUET 2026 May 19 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. Despite losing his job, he managed to _____ by doing small freelance projects.

- (a) white elephant
- (b) eke out a living
- (c) at sixes and sevens
- (d) Fabian policy

2. Hobson's choice means:

- (a) A difficult puzzle
- (b) No real choice at all
- (c) A secret agreement
- (d) Extreme happiness

3. After the sudden resignation of the manager, the entire office was _____.

- (a) white elephant
- (b) at sixes and sevens

- (c) eke out
 - (d) break through
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4. The abandoned airport project became a _____ for the government.

- (a) white elephant
 - (b) cortege
 - (c) discourse
 - (d) brevity
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5. A long procession, especially for a funeral, is called a:

- (a) philistine
 - (b) cortege
 - (c) itinerary
 - (d) discourse
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6. Choose the pair of antonyms.

- (a) adroit – skillful
 - (b) verbose – lengthy
 - (c) corpulent – emaciated
 - (d) philately – stamp collection
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7. An _____ speaker can explain difficult ideas very clearly and skillfully.

- (a) itinerant
 - (b) adroit
 - (c) emaciated
 - (d) cantankerous
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8. "Brevity" means:

- (a) Loudness
 - (b) Intelligence
 - (c) Shortness in speech or writing
 - (d) Confusion
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9. The professor's explanation was so _____ that students lost interest quickly.

- (a) verbose
 - (b) adroit
 - (c) taciturn
 - (d) concise
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10. A person who travels from place to place is known as:

- (a) itinerant
 - (b) emaciated
 - (c) sagacious
 - (d) corpulent
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