

CUET 2026 May 20 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. RECONDITE

- (a) Manifest
- (b) Arcane
- (c) Pedantic
- (d) Cryptic

2. PULVERULENT

- (a) Dusty or crumbling
- (b) Extremely powerful
- (c) Richly decorated
- (d) Wet and marshy

3. TURPID

- (a) Foul or depraved
- (b) Swollen and distended

- (c) Muddy and cloudy
 - (d) Lethargic
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4. AVUNCULAR

- (a) Kind and friendly like an uncle
 - (b) Greedy and predatory
 - (c) Pertaining to birds
 - (d) Ancestral or ancient
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5. The unexpected loss of funding meant they had to __ their expansion plans for the upcoming quarter.

- (a) scale back
 - (b) scale up
 - (c) phase out
 - (d) cast aside
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6. PERNICIOUS

- (a) Salubrious
 - (b) Nefarious
 - (c) Innocuous
 - (d) Devastating
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7. During the trial, the defense attorney used expert testimonies to __ the claims made by the prosecution's star witness.

- (a) bear out
 - (b) bear down
 - (c) cave in
 - (d) hold up
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8. She was so exhausted by the grueling schedule that she felt ready to __ under the sheer pressure.

- (a) cave in
- (b) buckle up
- (c) give out
- (d) tire out

9. It took the family years to __ the emotional trauma of the disaster.

- (a) get over
- (b) get by
- (c) get through
- (d) get across

10. He promised to __ the discrepancies in the ledger before the auditors arrived.

- (a) iron out
 - (b) clear off
 - (c) gloss over
 - (d) wipe out
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