

CUET 2026 May 21 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 “ebullient”.

- (a) Gloomy
 - (b) Cheerful and enthusiastic
 - (c) Silent
 - (d) Careless
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2. Choose the word opposite in meaning to “disdain”.

- (a) Respect
 - (b) Anger
 - (c) Pride
 - (d) Doubt
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3. A person who collects stamps is called a:

- (a) Numismatist
- (b) Archaeologist

- (c) Philatelist
 - (d) Linguist
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4. Choose the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Deliterious
 - (b) Deleterious
 - (c) Deletearious
 - (d) Delaterious
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5. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

The church bells began to _____ loudly at noon.

- (a) peel
 - (b) peal
 - (c) pale
 - (d) poll
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6. Choose the correct meaning of “petulance”.

- (a) Deep wisdom
 - (b) Childish irritability
 - (c) Great courage
 - (d) Honest behaviour
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7. Select the sentence with the correct usage of “furtherance”.

- (a) He spoke in furtherance of the new policy.
 - (b) She furtherance the work yesterday.
 - (c) The furtherance was quickly running.
 - (d) They are furtherance to school.
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8. What is a hamlet?

- (a) A large kingdom
 - (b) A type of poem
 - (c) A small village
 - (d) A musical instrument
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9. Identify the figure of speech in the expression: "Deafening silence"

- (a) Hyperbole
 - (b) Metaphor
 - (c) Oxymoron
 - (d) Personification
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10. Read the passage and answer the question.

Riya loved reading adventure stories. Every weekend, she visited the library and borrowed two new books. Her friends often asked her for recommendations because she always selected exciting novels.

Why did Riya's friends ask her for book recommendations?

- (a) She wrote books herself
 - (b) She worked in a library
 - (c) She usually chose interesting books
 - (d) She read books in a library
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