

CUET 2026 May 23 English Shift 2

Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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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 a correct answer and -1 mark for a wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions is 50.
- (iv) Duration of the examination is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. Choose the option that best defines the vocabulary word: Meticulous

- (A) Highly critical of others and easily dissatisfied.
- (B) Operating at a very fast and efficient pace.
- (C) Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.
- (D) Hesitant to make decisions due to fear of failure.

2. Complete the sentence with the correct homonym pair: The project manager visited the construction _____ to check if the new structure was within the line of _____.

- (A) sight, site
- (B) site, sight
- (C) cite, sight
- (D) site, cite

3. What is the meaning of the idiom: "Spill the beans"?

- (A) To make a chaotic mess or cause an accident.
- (B) To reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.
- (C) To waste valuable resources on a useless project.
- (D) To speak aggregate lies to protect someone.

4. Choose the option that is an antonym for the word: Loquacious

- (A) Garrulous
 - (B) Verbose
 - (C) Articulate
 - (D) Taciturn
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5. Complete the sentence using the correct phrasal verb of 'Put': We had to _____ our travel plans because of the sudden heavy rainfall.

- (A) put up with
 - (B) put off
 - (C) put out
 - (D) put across
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6. Which of the following sentences uses the vocabulary word Abstruse correctly?

- (A) She was so abstruse in her spending that she ran out of savings within a month.
 - (B) The instructions were clear and abstruse, allowing us to build the desk in ten minutes.
 - (C) The professor's lecture on quantum physics was so abstruse that only a few advanced students could follow it.
 - (D) He has an abstruse personality and makes friends everywhere he goes.
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7. Identify the correct preposition to complete the sentence: He has been working on this data analysis project _____ last Monday.

- (A) for
 - (B) from
 - (C) since
 - (D) by
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8. Find the correctly spelled word from the options below:

- (A) Extravegant
- (B) Extravagent

- (C) Extravagant
(D) Extravagant
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9. Identify the correct tense structure to fill the blank: By the time the teacher entered the classroom, the students _____ writing their notes.

- (A) have finished
(B) will finish
(C) had finished
(D) finish
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10. Rearrange the fragments to form a logical sentence:

P: the complex constitution regulations

Q: with meticulous care

R: the legal research team

S: analyzed every clause of

- (A) PRSQ
(B) RSPQ
(C) QSPR
(D) RQSP
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