

CUET 2026 May 26 Shift 1 English

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 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. Match the word “ventriloquism” with its correct meaning.

- (A) Speaking in a way that makes the voice seem to come from somewhere else
 - (B) Using too many words to express an idea
 - (C) Fear of public speaking
 - (D) Speaking informally
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2. What does “circumlocution” mean?

- (A) Silent behaviour
 - (B) Speaking indirectly using many words
 - (C) Humorous imitation
 - (D) Deep hatred for society
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3. Choose the correct meaning of “taciturnity.”

- (A) Cheerfulness
 - (B) Talkativeness
 - (C) Habit of speaking very little
 - (D) Informal language
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4. A “colloquialism” is:

- (A) A scientific theory
 - (B) A formal legal phrase
 - (C) An informal everyday expression
 - (D) A poetic device
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5. Choose the correctly spelt word.

- (A) Cristallize
 - (B) Crystallise
 - (C) Crystallize
 - (D) Crystalize
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6. Fill in the blank with the correct verb.

The fusion band _____ playing since 9 a.m.

- (A) have been
 - (B) has been
 - (C) were
 - (D) are
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7. Choose the antonym of “misanthropic.”

- (A) Hostile
 - (B) Cruel
 - (C) Sociable
 - (D) Bitter
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8. What does “burlesque” mean?

- (A) Serious speech
 - (B) A humorous imitation or parody
 - (C) Religious blessing
 - (D) Violent protest
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9. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.

Despite many difficulties, she managed to _____ the challenge successfully.

- (A) pull off
 - (B) break down
 - (C) give away
 - (D) call out
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10. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

The British Royal Society became a subject of laughter because of its _____ attitude.

- (A) vain
 - (B) wane
 - (C) vein
 - (D) vane
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11. What does “treacherous” mean?

- (A) Loyal
 - (B) Dangerous and untrustworthy
 - (C) Honest
 - (D) Intelligent
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12. Choose the meaning of “tumultuous.”

- (A) Calm and peaceful
 - (B) Noisy and disorderly
 - (C) Short and clear
 - (D) Bright and colourful
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13. What is the meaning of “benediction”?

- (A) Punishment
 - (B) Formal blessing
 - (C) Argument
 - (D) Complaint
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14. A “misanthrope” is a person who:

- (A) Loves nature deeply
 - (B) Dislikes humankind
 - (C) Enjoys travelling
 - (D) Speaks too much
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15. The idiom “ducks and drakes” means:

- (A) To spend money carelessly
 - (B) To work very hard
 - (C) To avoid responsibility
 - (D) To make quick decisions
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