

CUET 2026 English May 27 Shift 1

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. Select the correct indirect speech form of the given sentence.

The teacher said, "Do not waste your time."

- (A) The teacher advised us do not waste our time.
- (B) The teacher advised us not to waste our time.
- (C) The teacher said that we did not waste our time.
- (D) The teacher ordered that do not waste time.

2. Choose the correct passive voice form of the sentence.

"People speak English all over the world".

- (A) English has spoken all over the world.
- (B) English is spoken all over the world.
- (C) English was spoken all over the world.
- (D) English speaks all over the world.

3. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence.

(P) because she had prepared well

(Q) the interview confidently

(R) she answered

(S) all the questions in

(A) RQSP

(B) RPSQ

(C) SRQP

(D) QSPR

4. Identify the correctly spelt word.

(A) Tumultous

(B) Tumultuos

(C) Tumultuous

(D) Tumultouss

5. Choose the word that best matches the meaning of “Misanthropist.”

(A) A person who loves mankind

(B) A person who hates or distrusts people

(C) A person who studies history

(D) A person who travels frequently

6. Choose the correct meaning of the word “Validate.”

(A) To make invalid

(B) To criticize openly

(C) To confirm or prove the truth of something

(D) To decorate beautifully

7. An “Iconoclast” is a person who:

- (A) blindly follows traditions
 - (B) opposes established beliefs or customs
 - (C) worships idols regularly
 - (D) studies ancient sculptures
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8. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom “Hand in glove.”

- (A) To work in close cooperation
 - (B) To hide one’s intentions
 - (C) To lose an opportunity
 - (D) To fight aggressively
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9. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom “To upset the apple cart.”

- (A) To arrange things properly
 - (B) To spoil a plan or create trouble
 - (C) To earn huge profits
 - (D) To behave foolishly
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10. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom “A man of letters.”

- (A) A postman
 - (B) A person skilled in literature or writing
 - (C) A businessman dealing in books
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(D) A government officer

11. Select the correct indirect speech form of the sentence.

Ravi said, "I have completed my assignment."

- (A) Ravi said that he has completed his assignment.
 - (B) Ravi said that he had completed his assignment.
 - (C) Ravi said that I had completed my assignment.
 - (D) Ravi said that he completed his assignment.
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12. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom "By the book."

- (A) Acting strictly according to rules
 - (B) Reading many books regularly
 - (C) Solving problems creatively
 - (D) Ignoring official instructions
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