

CUET 2026 English May 29 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 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. Identify the figure of speech used in the phrase: 'The multi-millionaire investigator lived in a modest, tiny apartment.'

- (A) Oxymoron
- (B) Irony
- (C) Metaphor
- (D) Hyperbole

2. Rearrange the given phrases to form a meaningful sentence:

P: in the market | Q: global oil prices | R: a sharp decline | S: caused panic

- (A) QPSR
- (B) RQSP
- (C) RQPS
- (D) SPQR

3. Substitute the phrase with a single word: 'A person who looks at the brighter side of things'

- (A) Pessimist
 - (B) Optimist
 - (C) Misanthrope
 - (D) Altruist
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4. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition: 'The administrator was preoccupied _____ preparations for the annual audit.'

- (A) with
 - (B) at
 - (C) in
 - (D) for
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5. Identify the type of clause underlined in the sentence: 'The student who won the scholarship will study at Oxford.'

- (A) Noun Clause
 - (B) Adverb Clause
 - (C) Adjective (Relative) Clause
 - (D) Coordinating Clause
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6. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate word: 'The continuous noise from the construction site served to _____ his growing headache.'

- (A) alleviate
- (B) aggravate
- (C) mollify
- (D) pacify

7. Choose the correct indirect form of the following imperative sentence: The general said to the soldiers, 'Form a defensive perimeter immediately.'

- (A) The general requested the soldiers to form a defensive perimeter immediately.
 - (B) The general ordered the soldiers to form a defensive perimeter immediately.
 - (C) The general said to the soldiers that they should form a defensive perimeter.
 - (D) The general advised the soldiers to form a defensive perimeter immediately.
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8. What is the exact meaning of the idiom: 'To throw down the gauntlet'?

- (A) To accept defeat gracefully
 - (B) To issue a formal challenge
 - (C) To offer a compromise
 - (D) To abandon a project halfway
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9. Choose the synonym for the word: EPHEMERAL

- (A) Eternal
 - (B) Transient
 - (C) Permanent
 - (D) Monolithic
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10. Rearrange the given phrases to form a coherent sentence:

P: her assignment ahead of time | Q: despite facing several interruptions | R: managed to complete | S: the diligent student

- (A) SRQP
- (B) SRPQ

(C) QPSR

(D) PRSQ

