

CUET 2026 English May 30 Shift 1

Question Paper (Memory-Based)

Conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA)



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 that best completes the sentence.

The ____ pupils were berated by the teacher for disturbing the other classes.

- (A) Ruminative
- (B) Rambunctious
- (C) Docile
- (D) Absconding

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

When fire raged through the hamlet, loud cries ____ the air.

- (A) Rend
- (B) Rent
- (C) Render
- (D) Rented

3. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence.

I think his long silence is tantamount ____ a refusal.

- (A) With
 - (B) About
 - (C) By
 - (D) To
-

4. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

He behaved in a ____ manner and refused to give monetary assistance to his family.

- (A) Cowardly
 - (B) Generous
 - (C) Compassionate
 - (D) Niggardly
-

5. Select the option that identifies the antonym(s) of the word "Munificent."

- a. Penurious
- b. Benevolent
- c. Generous
- d. Frugal

- (A) a & d
 - (B) b & d
 - (C) a only
 - (D) b, c & d
-

6. Select the correctly spelled word from the options given below.

- (A) Dissemination

- (B) Dissimination
 - (C) Dessemination
 - (D) Disseminition
-

7. Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom "Too many irons in the fire."

- (A) Being careless with responsibilities
 - (B) Being involved in too many activities at the same time
 - (C) Working with several machines simultaneously
 - (D) Facing unexpected difficulties
-

8. Choose the correct one-word substitution for the given expression.

A vote by the people of a country on an issue of national importance.

- (A) Referendum
 - (B) Plebiscite
 - (C) Election
 - (D) Ballot
-

9. Select the word that is closest in meaning to "Winsome."

- (A) Charming
 - (B) Hostile
 - (C) Arrogant
 - (D) Indifferent
-

10. Choose the word that best matches the following meaning.

"To obtain or gather information from different sources."

- (A) Compile
 - (B) Cull
 - (C) Infer
 - (D) Deduce
-

11. Select the word that is closest in meaning to "Insidious."

- (A) Treacherous
 - (B) Happy
 - (C) Exciting
 - (D) Honest
-

12. Choose the correct term for the following.

The art or science of teaching.

- (A) Pedagogy
 - (B) Philology
 - (C) Epistemology
 - (D) Anthropology
-

13. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to "Cryptic."

- (A) Ambiguous
 - (B) Obscure
 - (C) Apparent
 - (D) Mysterious
-

14. Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentence.

"To err is human, to forgive divine."

- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Antithesis
 - (C) Hyperbole
 - (D) Personification
-

