

CUET 2026 English May 25 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. Choose the word which is closest in meaning to *salubrious*.

- (A) Harmful
 - (B) Healthy
 - (C) Expensive
 - (D) Bitter
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2. Select the antonym of the word *expedite*.

- (A) Delay
 - (B) Complete
 - (C) Improve
 - (D) Accelerate
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3. Choose the correctly spelt word.

- (A) Orninthology
 - (B) Orinthology
 - (C) Ornithology
 - (D) Ornethology
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4. The idiom *axe to grind* means:

- (A) To sharpen a weapon
 - (B) To have a selfish motive
 - (C) To work very hard
 - (D) To end a friendship
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5. Choose the meaning of the idiom *run down*.

- (A) To criticize someone
 - (B) To move upward
 - (C) To decorate something
 - (D) To discover a secret
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6. Choose the word opposite in meaning to *impede*.

- (A) Obstruct
 - (B) Delay
 - (C) Assist
 - (D) Prevent
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7. Select the correct indirect narration of the following sentence:

“Beware, there is danger!” the commander said to the soldiers.

- (A) The commander warned the soldiers that there was danger.
 - (B) The commander told the soldiers beware of danger.
 - (C) The commander informed the soldiers that there is danger.
 - (D) The commander exclaimed the soldiers about danger.
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8. Choose the correct meaning of the word *philately*.

- (A) Study of coins
 - (B) Collection of stamps
 - (C) Study of birds
 - (D) Collection of paintings
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9. Choose the correct meaning of the word *numismatics*.

- (A) Study of birds
 - (B) Collection of stamps
 - (C) Study or collection of coins
 - (D) Study of plants
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10. Choose the word closest in meaning to *judicial*.

- (A) Legal
 - (B) Musical
 - (C) Medical
 - (D) Historical
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