

CUET 2026 English May 21 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 Metaphors.

- (A) Life is a journey.
- (B) He fought like a tiger.
- (C) The classroom was a zoo.
- (D) The stars danced in the sky.

2. "Beat a dead horse" means:

- (A) Continue useless effort
- (B) Repeat an already settled matter
- (C) Encourage someone
- (D) Waste time on something hopeless

3. "On tenterhooks" means:

- (A) Nervous
 - (B) Relaxed
 - (C) Anxious
 - (D) Excited with worry
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4. "Stand out" means:

- (A) Be noticeable
 - (B) Be hidden
 - (C) Be prominent
 - (D) Be ordinary
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5. Choose the correctly spelled words.

- (A) Mischievous
 - (B) Mischievous
 - (C) Entrepreneur
 - (D) Enterprenuer
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6. Choose the correct pair.

- (A) Pale – light in color
 - (B) Pail – bucket
 - (C) Peel – remove skin
 - (D) Pale – fruit skin
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7. Synonyms of "Offspring"

- (A) Progeny
 - (B) Descendants
 - (C) Ancestors
 - (D) Children
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8. Choose the correct active/passive voice conversions.

- (A) The letter was written by him.
 - (B) She sings a song.
 - (C) A song is sung by her.
 - (D) The work completed yesterday.
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9. Correct use of "Council" and "Counsel"

- (A) The council passed a law.
 - (B) He sought legal counsel.
 - (C) The counsel members met today.
 - (D) She gave wise counsel.
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10. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs.

- A. Please _____ the meeting till tomorrow.
- B. Good friends always _____ each other.
- C. Her talent helped her _____ in the competition.
- D. We should never _____ others.

- (A) A - put off, B - stand by, C - stand out, D - look down on
- (B) A - stand by, B - put off, C - look down on, D - stand out
- (C) A - stand out, B - look down on, C - put off, D - stand by
- (D) A - look down on, B - stand out, C - stand by, D - put off

