

# CUET 2026 English May 27 Shift 1

## Question Paper (Memory-Based)

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### General Instructions

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- (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.

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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.
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**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

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**4. Identify the correctly spelt word.**

(A) Tumultous

(B) Tumultuos

(C) Tumultuous

(D) Tumultouss

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**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

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**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

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(D) To decorate beautifully

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**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

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**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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