

# CUET 2026 English May 30 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. 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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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6. Select the correctly spelled word from the options given below.

- (A) Dissemination

- (B) Dissimination
  - (C) Dessemination
  - (D) Disseminition
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**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
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**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
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**9. Select the word that is closest in meaning to "Winsome."**

- (A) Charming
  - (B) Hostile
  - (C) Arrogant
  - (D) Indifferent
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**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
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**11. Select the word that is closest in meaning to "Insidious."**

- (A) Treacherous
  - (B) Happy
  - (C) Exciting
  - (D) Honest
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**12. Choose the correct term for the following.**

**The art or science of teaching.**

- (A) Pedagogy
  - (B) Philology
  - (C) Epistemology
  - (D) Anthropology
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**13. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to "Cryptic."**

- (A) Ambiguous
  - (B) Obscure
  - (C) Apparent
  - (D) Mysterious
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**14. Identify the figure of speech used in the following sentence.**

**"To err is human, to forgive divine."**

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