

CUET 2026 English May 30 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 tone of the author based on the following passage:

'We have built cities of concrete that choke the earth, and we celebrate our progress while the rivers turn black with waste and the forests vanish into memory. This is not advancement; it is a slow, documented suicide.'

- (A) Laudatory and proud
- (B) Objective and detached
- (C) Cynical and condemnatory
- (D) Apathetic and indifferent

2. Select the correct option to fill in the blank:

'By the time the rescue team arrives next Monday, the stranded climbers _____ on the mountain for a week.'

- (A) will be surviving
- (B) will have survived
- (C) have survived
- (D) would survive

3. Fill in the blank with the appropriate article or select 'No article':

'He is _____ honorable gentleman who always keeps his word.'

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) No article

4. Choose the analogy that matches the given pair:

RELIABLE : TRUST

- (A) Deceptive : Misleading
- (B) Formidable : Fear
- (C) Ignorant : Knowledge
- (D) Beautiful : Sight

5. What is the meaning of the idiom: 'To blow hot and cold'?

- (A) To suffer from sudden mood swings or temperature changes
- (B) To alternate constantly between enthusiasm and indifference
- (C) To speak in a very ambiguous or confusing manner
- (D) To pick fights without any valid reason

6. Find the word that is correctly spelled from the choices below:

- (A) Conscientious
- (B) Conscenscious

- (C) Conscientious
 - (D) Consientious
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7. Substitute the phrase with a single word:

'One who completely abstains from alcoholic beverages'

- (A) Atheist
 - (B) Teetotaler
 - (C) Ascetic
 - (D) Somnambulist
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8. Choose the correct preposition to complete the idiomatic expression:

'The suspect was absolved _____ all charges by the high court.'

- (A) from
 - (B) with
 - (C) at
 - (D) for
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9. Choose the option that correctly identifies the meaning of the word: CACOPHONY

- (A) A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds
 - (B) A beautiful, harmonious melody
 - (C) A state of complete and total silence
 - (D) A soft whisper or gentle murmur
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10. Choose the option that correctly changes this sentence into direct speech:

'She mentioned that she would join us for dinner the following evening.'

- (A) She said, 'I will join you for dinner tomorrow evening.'
- (B) She said, 'I would join you for dinner the following evening.'
- (C) She said, 'She will join us for dinner tomorrow evening.'
- (D) She says, 'I joined you for dinner yesterday evening.'
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