

# CUET 2026 May 26 Shift 1 English

## 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. Match the word “ventriloquism” with its correct meaning.

- (A) Speaking in a way that makes the voice seem to come from somewhere else
  - (B) Using too many words to express an idea
  - (C) Fear of public speaking
  - (D) Speaking informally
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#### 2. What does “circumlocution” mean?

- (A) Silent behaviour
  - (B) Speaking indirectly using many words
  - (C) Humorous imitation
  - (D) Deep hatred for society
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#### 3. Choose the correct meaning of “taciturnity.”

- (A) Cheerfulness
  - (B) Talkativeness
  - (C) Habit of speaking very little
  - (D) Informal language
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**4. A “colloquialism” is:**

- (A) A scientific theory
  - (B) A formal legal phrase
  - (C) An informal everyday expression
  - (D) A poetic device
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**5. Choose the correctly spelt word.**

- (A) Cristallize
  - (B) Crystallise
  - (C) Crystallize
  - (D) Crystalize
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**6. Fill in the blank with the correct verb.**

**The fusion band \_\_\_\_\_ playing since 9 a.m.**

- (A) have been
  - (B) has been
  - (C) were
  - (D) are
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**7. Choose the antonym of “misanthropic.”**

- (A) Hostile
  - (B) Cruel
  - (C) Sociable
  - (D) Bitter
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**8. What does “burlesque” mean?**

- (A) Serious speech
  - (B) A humorous imitation or parody
  - (C) Religious blessing
  - (D) Violent protest
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9. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.

Despite many difficulties, she managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the challenge successfully.

- (A) pull off
  - (B) break down
  - (C) give away
  - (D) call out
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10. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

The British Royal Society became a subject of laughter because of its \_\_\_\_\_ attitude.

- (A) vain
  - (B) wane
  - (C) vein
  - (D) vane
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11. What does “treacherous” mean?

- (A) Loyal
  - (B) Dangerous and untrustworthy
  - (C) Honest
  - (D) Intelligent
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12. Choose the meaning of “tumultuous.”

- (A) Calm and peaceful
  - (B) Noisy and disorderly
  - (C) Short and clear
  - (D) Bright and colourful
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13. What is the meaning of “benediction”?

- (A) Punishment
  - (B) Formal blessing
  - (C) Argument
  - (D) Complaint
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**14. A “misanthrope” is a person who:**

- (A) Loves nature deeply
  - (B) Dislikes humankind
  - (C) Enjoys travelling
  - (D) Speaks too much
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**15. The idiom “ducks and drakes” means:**

- (A) To spend money carelessly
  - (B) To work very hard
  - (C) To avoid responsibility
  - (D) To make quick decisions
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