

CUET 2025 May 30 English Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :1 Hours	Maximum Marks :250	Total questions :50
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General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. The test is of 1 hour duration.
2. The question paper consists of 50 questions. The maximum marks are 250.
3. 5 marks are awarded for every correct answer, and 1 mark is deducted for every wrong answer.

1.

Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence:

P. that maintaining a positive attitude

Q. even in difficult situations

R. is essential for success

S. and helps overcome obstacles effectively

(1) PQRS

(2) RPQS

(3) PRSQ

(4) RQPS

Correct Answer: (2) RPQS

Solution:

The main idea is “is essential for success” (R). Every sentence needs a subject and a verb. Here, “that maintaining a positive attitude” (P) is the subject. The phrase “even in difficult situations” (Q) tells us when this is important. Finally, “and helps overcome obstacles effectively” (S) adds extra information about the benefits.

Putting them together:

“That maintaining a positive attitude even in difficult situations is essential for success and helps overcome obstacles effectively.”

Quick Tip

Look for the main verb and subject first, then fit descriptive phrases and conjunctions accordingly.

2.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence:

“She was so tired _____ she could hardly keep her eyes open.”

(A) but

- (B) that
- (C) although
- (D) because

Correct Answer: (B) that

Solution:

The structure “so... that” shows cause and effect. “So tired” tells us the reason, and “that” introduces the result — she could hardly keep her eyes open.

Example: “It was so hot that we stayed indoors.” (Cause: hot; Effect: stayed inside)

Other words like “and” or “because” don’t fit well here: - “And” just connects two ideas but doesn’t show cause and effect. - “Because” explains why, but since “so tired” already shows the reason, we need “that” to show the result.

that

Quick Tip

Use “so... that” to link a cause with its result.

3.

Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:

“Neither the students nor the teacher _____ ready for the exam.”

- (A) are
- (B) is
- (C) were
- (D) be

Correct Answer: (B) is

Solution:

With “neither... nor...” the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. Here, “teacher” is singular, so we use “is.”

Example: “Neither the boys nor the girl is here.”

Other options don’t fit: - “Are” is plural. - “Were” is past tense. - “Be” is incorrect here.

is

Quick Tip

Match the verb with the nearest subject after “neither... nor...”.

4.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence:

“If I _____ enough money, I would buy a new car.”

(A) have

(B) had

(C) will have

(D) would have

Correct Answer: (B) had

Solution:

This is an unreal or imaginary situation now. We use “if + past tense” (here, “had”) with “would” to talk about this kind of condition.

Example: “If I had time, I would travel.”

Other options don’t fit: - “Have” is present tense. - “Will have” is future. - “Would have” is for past unreal situations.

had

Quick Tip

Use “if + past tense” for unreal present conditions.

5.

Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence:

P. the teacher explained the lesson clearly

Q. so that every student could understand it

R. during the online class yesterday

S. with examples and illustrations

(1) PRSQ

(2) RPQS

(3) PRQS

(4) RPSQ

Correct Answer: (3) PRQS

Solution:

The sentence starts with the main idea: “the teacher explained the lesson clearly” (P). Then we add “during the online class yesterday” (R) to tell when it happened. Next, “with examples and illustrations” (S) tells us how the teacher explained it. Finally, “so that every student could understand it” (Q) explains why the teacher did this.

Complete sentence:

“The teacher explained the lesson clearly during the online class yesterday with examples and illustrations so that every student could understand it.”

The teacher explained the lesson clearly during the online class yesterday with examples and illustrations

Quick Tip

Start with the main idea, then add details about time, manner, and purpose.

6.

Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence:

P. a healthy diet and regular exercise
Q. are important habits
R. that help maintain good physical and mental health
S. especially in today's busy world

- (1) PQRS
- (2) QPRS
- (3) QSPR
- (4) PQSR

Correct Answer: (2) QPRS

Solution:

The sentence starts with the main verb and subject: “are important habits” (Q). Then, “a healthy diet and regular exercise” (P) is the subject of the sentence. Next, “that help maintain good physical and mental health” (R) explains what these habits do. Finally, “especially in today's busy world” (S) gives extra information about why these habits matter.

Complete sentence:

“A healthy diet and regular exercise are important habits that help maintain good physical and mental health especially in today's busy world.”

Quick Tip

Identify the subject and verb first, then add details and explanations.

7.

Choose the option that best explains the meaning of the idiom in the sentence:

“After working hard all year, she finally decided to _____ and take a long vacation.”

- (A) hit the books
- (B) hit the road
- (C) hit the ceiling
- (D) hit the sack

Correct Answer: (B) hit the road

Solution:

The phrase “hit the road” means to start a journey or leave for a trip. Here, since she wants to take a long vacation, it fits perfectly.

Other options don’t fit:

- “Hit the books” means to study hard.
- “Hit the ceiling” means to become very angry.
- “Hit the sack” means to go to bed.

hit the road

Quick Tip

Remember, “hit the road” means to begin a journey or trip.

8.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence with the correct phrase:

“He was feeling very nervous before the exam, but he managed to _____ and do well.”

- (A) keep his chin up
- (B) keep his eyes peeled
- (C) keep his fingers crossed
- (D) keep his nose clean

Correct Answer: (A) keep his chin up

Solution:

The phrase “keep his chin up” means to stay positive and confident during difficult times.

Here, feeling nervous but still doing well shows staying positive.

Other options don’t fit well:

- “Keep his eyes peeled” means to be alert.
- “Keep his fingers crossed” means hoping for good luck.
- “Keep his nose clean” means to avoid trouble.

keep his chin up

Quick Tip

Use “keep your chin up” to encourage staying positive.

9.

Choose the word that is a synonym of the underlined word:

“The teacher was very benevolent towards her students.”

- (A) kind
- (B) strict
- (C) angry
- (D) careless

Correct Answer: (A) kind

Solution:

The word “benevolent” means kind and good-hearted. So, “kind” is the correct synonym.

Other options don’t match:

- “Strict” means firm or harsh.
- “Angry” means mad.
- “Careless” means not careful.

kind

Quick Tip

Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings.

10.

Choose the word that is an antonym of the underlined word:

“His answer was very accurate.”

- (A) precise
- (B) correct
- (C) wrong
- (D) exact

Correct Answer: (C) wrong

Solution:

The word “accurate” means correct or exact. The opposite (antonym) is “wrong.”
Other options are similar in meaning, not opposite.

wrong

Quick Tip

Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

11.

Choose the word that is a synonym of the underlined word:

“The scientist made a significant discovery.”

- (A) important
- (B) small
- (C) easy
- (D) quick

Correct Answer: (A) important

Solution:

The word “significant” means important or meaningful. So, “important” is the correct synonym.

Other options don’t have the same meaning:

- “Small” means little in size.

- “Easy” means not difficult.
- “Quick” means fast.

important

Quick Tip

Synonyms have similar meanings.

12.

Choose the word that is an antonym of the underlined word:

“She was very generous with her time and money.”

- (A) kind
- (B) selfish
- (C) helpful
- (D) caring

Correct Answer: (B) selfish

Solution:

The word “generous” means willing to give or share. The opposite is “selfish,” meaning not willing to share or give.

Other options are similar to generous, not opposite.

selfish

Quick Tip

Antonyms have opposite meanings.

13.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence:

“Despite the heavy rain, the match _____ without any delay.”

- (A) was cancelled
- (B) continued
- (C) postponed
- (D) delayed

Correct Answer: (B) continued

Solution:

The sentence says “despite the heavy rain,” so the event still happened. The word that fits is “continued,” meaning it went on without stopping.

Other options mean the match stopped or was changed.

continued

Quick Tip

Look for words that match the idea in the sentence.

14.

Choose the option that best completes the sentence:

“If you want to improve your English, you _____ practice regularly.”

- (A) must
- (B) might
- (C) can’t
- (D) don’t

Correct Answer: (A) must

Solution:

To improve English, regular practice is necessary. The word “must” shows a strong necessity. Other options do not express this strong need.

must

Quick Tip

Use “must” to show something is very important or necessary.
