

CUET 2025 May 20 English Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :1 Hour	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 sentence:

- A. many health experts have raised concerns
- B. not just about its physical impacts
- C. about the rapid spread of the new virus
- D. but also about its effects on mental well-being

- (A) ACBD
- (B) CADB
- (C) CABD
- (D) ABCD

Correct Answer: (C) CABD

Solution:

The sentence starts with C: "about the rapid spread of the new virus," followed by A: "many health experts have raised concerns". Then it adds B: "not just about its physical impacts" and finally D: "but also about its effects on mental well-being". This order forms a coherent and meaningful sentence.

Answer: CABD

Quick Tip

Look for introductory phrases and subject-verb agreement to find the logical sequence of sentence parts.

2. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

- A. with the rise of digital platforms and online learning,
- B. students must develop strong self-discipline
- C. to manage their time effectively
- D. and stay motivated without constant supervision

- (A) ABDC
- (B) ABCD

(C) BACD

(D) ACBD

Correct Answer: (B) ABCD

Solution:

The sentence logically begins with the introductory phrase A: "with the rise of digital platforms and online learning," followed by the main clause B: "students must develop strong self-discipline". The purpose is explained by C: "to manage their time effectively" and then an additional related action D: "and stay motivated without constant supervision". This order forms a smooth, meaningful sentence.

Answer: ABCD

Quick Tip

Identify introductory phrases and linkers to arrange sentence parts correctly.

3. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

A. the author explores the complexities of human relationships

B. through the lens of a young protagonist

C. who navigates a world filled with emotional conflict

D. and an unspoken longing for connection

(A) ABCD

(B) BACD

(C) ACBD

(D) CBAD

Correct Answer: (A) ABCD

Solution:

The sentence starts with A: "the author explores the complexities of human relationships," followed by B: "through the lens of a young protagonist." Then it explains more about the

protagonist using C: "who navigates a world filled with emotional conflict," and finally adds D: "and an unspoken longing for connection." This order makes a meaningful and complete sentence.

Answer: ABCD

Quick Tip

Look for subject clauses and relative clauses to arrange sentence parts logically.

4. Despite his repeated failures, he remained ____ and continued working towards his goals.

- (1) arrogant
- (2) indifferent
- (3) persistent
- (4) hesitant

Correct Answer: (3) persistent

Solution:

The sentence describes someone who, despite many failures, continues to work towards their goals. "Persistent" means continuing firmly despite difficulties, which fits perfectly. - "Arrogant" means having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance, which does not fit here. - "Indifferent" means showing no interest or concern, which contradicts the continuation of efforts. - "Hesitant" means uncertain or slow to act, which conflicts with continued working. Thus, "persistent" is the best fit.

Answer: persistent

Quick Tip

Look for the meaning of the sentence as a whole to find the word that best fits the context.

5. The manager asked the team to complete the project ___ the end of the week.

- (1) until
- (2) by
- (3) since
- (4) for

Correct Answer: (2) by

Solution:

The correct preposition for a deadline is "by," meaning on or before a specific time. - "Until" implies continuing up to a point, but does not express deadline completion. - "Since" is used to indicate the starting point of an action or event. - "For" indicates duration. Hence, "by the end of the week" is the correct phrase indicating the project deadline.

Answer:

Quick Tip

Use "by" to indicate deadlines or the latest time something must happen.

6. Her speech was so ____ that the entire audience sat in silence, deeply moved by her words.

- (1) persuasive
- (2) dramatic
- (3) emotional
- (4) powerful

Correct Answer: (4) powerful

Solution:

The clue is "the entire audience sat in silence, deeply moved," indicating the speech had a strong impact. - "Powerful" means having great effect or influence, which fits well. - "Persuasive" means convincing, but it doesn't necessarily cause silence and deep emotion. -

"Dramatic" relates to theatrics, not necessarily deep emotion. - "Emotional" is close, but "powerful" better captures the overall effect. Hence, "powerful" best completes the sentence.

Answer:

Quick Tip

Look for the emotion or reaction described to choose the best adjective.

7. The scientist was awarded ___ for her contribution to renewable energy research.

- (1) temporary
- (2) innovative
- (3) careless
- (4) optional

Correct Answer: (2) innovative

Solution:

The scientist was awarded for her contribution, which must be notable. - "Innovative" means introducing new ideas or methods, which fits here. - "Temporary" means lasting for a short time, irrelevant. - "Careless" is negative and inappropriate. - "Optional" means not compulsory, irrelevant. Therefore, "innovative" is the correct choice.

Answer:

Quick Tip

Look for positive adjectives that describe achievements or qualities in context.

8. If the train is delayed, we will have to ___ our travel plans accordingly.

- (1) abandon
- (2) cancel
- (3) adjust

(4) oppose

Correct Answer: (3) adjust

Solution:

The sentence suggests changing plans due to delay. - "Adjust" means to modify or change to suit new conditions, which fits perfectly. - "Abandon" means to give up entirely, stronger than needed here. - "Cancel" means to call off plans, which is possible but less flexible. - "Oppose" means to resist or go against, which is illogical in this context. Hence, "adjust" is the best choice.

Answer:

Quick Tip

Choose verbs that logically fit the context of modifying or changing plans.

9. Choose the word that is similar in meaning to: "Eliminate"

- (1) Create
- (2) Remove
- (3) Increase
- (4) Ignore

Correct Answer: (2) Remove

Solution:

"Eliminate" means to completely remove or get rid of something. - "Remove" is a synonym as it means to take away. - "Create" is the opposite, meaning to bring into existence. - "Increase" means to make something larger or more. - "Ignore" means to pay no attention, which is not synonymous. Thus, "Remove" is the correct choice.

Answer:

Quick Tip

Focus on synonyms by understanding the root meaning of the word in the question.

10. The judge was known for being impartial in all her rulings. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to impartial:

- (A) Biased
- (B) Neutral
- (C) Hostile
- (D) Arrogant

Correct Answer: (B) Neutral

Solution:

"Impartial" means not supporting any side, fair, and unbiased. - "Neutral" means not taking sides, which is synonymous with impartial. - "Biased" means favoring one side unfairly. - "Hostile" means unfriendly or antagonistic. - "Arrogant" means having an exaggerated sense of self-importance. Hence, "Neutral" is the correct answer.

Answer: Neutral

Quick Tip

When asked for a synonym, focus on the meaning of the key word in context.

11. The manager tried to mitigate the tension between the two teams. Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to mitigate:

- (A) Intensify
- (B) Lessen
- (C) Avoid
- (D) Settle

Correct Answer: (A) Intensify

Solution:

"Mitigate" means to make something less severe or serious. - The opposite would be "Intensify," meaning to increase in strength or severity. - "Lessen" is a synonym, meaning to

reduce. - "Avoid" means to stay away from. - "Settle" means to resolve. Therefore, "Intensify" is the correct opposite.

Answer: Intensify

Quick Tip

Opposite meaning (antonyms) questions require understanding both words clearly.

12. When Rahul said he could complete the project in two days, I took it with a grain of salt. What does the idiom "with a grain of salt" mean?

- (A) Completely believed it
- (B) Ignored it altogether
- (C) Accepted it but with doubt
- (D) Was surprised by it

Correct Answer: (C) Accepted it but with doubt

Solution:

The idiom "take something with a grain of salt" means to view it with skepticism or doubt. - It does not mean complete belief (A) or outright ignoring (B). - It implies cautious acceptance, i.e., accepting but doubting. - Being surprised (D) is unrelated. Hence, option (C) is correct.

Answer: Accepted it but with doubt

Quick Tip

Learn common idioms as they often appear in comprehension and vocabulary questions.

13. Sentence: After losing the match, the coach told the team to keep their chin up. What does the idiom "keep your chin up" mean?

- (A) Stay proud and arrogant

- (B) Be ready to fight
- (C) Remain cheerful in a difficult situation
- (D) Stay focused on winning

Correct Answer: (C) Remain cheerful in a difficult situation

Solution:

The idiom "keep your chin up" means to stay positive and hopeful, especially during tough or disappointing times. - It does not mean to be proud and arrogant (A). - It is different from being ready to fight (B) or focused on winning (D). - The correct meaning is to remain cheerful or optimistic even after setbacks.

Answer: Remain cheerful in a difficult situation

Quick Tip

Understanding idioms in context helps in answering comprehension and vocabulary questions accurately.

14. Sentence: The new policy is just a flash in the pan; it won't last long. What does the phrase "flash in the pan" mean?

- (A) A permanent solution
- (B) A sudden failure
- (C) A brief success
- (D) A long-term achievement

Correct Answer: (C) A brief success

Solution:

The phrase "flash in the pan" originally referred to the flintlock firearms which sometimes produced a flash but failed to fire. Now, it means something that shows initial promise or success but fails to last or have a lasting impact. - It is not a permanent solution (A). - It is not a sudden failure (B), but rather a success that is short-lived. - It is not a long-term achievement (D). Thus, the phrase means a brief success (C).

Answer: A brief success

Quick Tip

Familiarize yourself with common idiomatic expressions and their meanings for better comprehension.

15. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

- A) in the hall
- B) to attend the seminar
- C) the students gathered
- D) early in the morning
- (A) CADB
- (B) CDAB
- (C) ACDB
- (D) BCAD

Correct Answer: (B) CDAB

Solution:

Let's analyze the sentence parts: - "the students gathered" (C) is likely the subject and verb starting the sentence. - "early in the morning" (D) gives the time of gathering. - "in the hall" (A) tells the place where they gathered. - "to attend the seminar" (B) explains the purpose of gathering.

Putting these together in the order:

C (the students gathered)+D (early in the morning)+A (in the hall)+B (to attend the seminar)

forms the meaningful sentence: "The students gathered early in the morning in the hall to attend the seminar."

Answer: CDAB

Quick Tip

In sentence rearrangement, identify the subject first, then the time, place, and purpose for a coherent sentence.

16. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence: A) the match

B) before the rain started

C) they finished

D) just in time

(A) CADB

(B) DCAB

(C) CDAB

(D) BDCA

Correct Answer: (A) CADB

Solution:

Let's analyze the parts to form a coherent sentence: - "they finished" (C) is the subject and verb, starting the sentence. - "the match" (A) is the object of the verb "finished." - "just in time" (D) indicates the timing of finishing. - "before the rain started" (B) gives additional time context.

Arranging these parts as C A D B gives the sentence: *"They finished the match just in time before the rain started."*

This sequence makes a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.

Answer: CADB

Quick Tip

In sentence rearrangement, identify the subject and verb first, then place objects and time expressions to maintain logical flow.