

CUET 2025 May 15 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:

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. Choose the antonym for 'Expand'.

- (A) Increase
- (B) Contract
- (C) Enlarge
- (D) Spread

Correct Answer: (B) Contract

Solution: The word 'Expand' means to increase in size or volume. Its antonym (opposite) is 'Contract', which means to decrease or shrink.

Quick Tip

Remember antonyms are words with opposite meanings. For 'expand', think of shrinking or reducing as the opposite.

2. What does the idiom 'At the drop of a hat' mean?

- (A) Immediately
- (B) Slowly
- (C) Carefully
- (D) Rarely

Correct Answer: (A) Immediately

Solution: The idiom 'At the drop of a hat' means doing something immediately without any hesitation or delay.

Quick Tip

Idioms are phrases with meanings different from the literal words. Learn common idioms and their meanings for exams.

3. Interpret the phrase 'Spill the beans'.

- (A) To make a mess
- (B) To reveal a secret
- (C) To cook food
- (D) To waste resources

Correct Answer: (B) To reveal a secret

Solution: The phrase ‘Spill the beans’ means to disclose confidential information or reveal a secret unintentionally.

Quick Tip

Idiomatic expressions often have figurative meanings. ‘Spill the beans’ is about sharing secrets.

4. Arrange the following sentences logically:

- A. He was terrified by the noise.
 - B. Suddenly, a loud sound was heard.
 - C. Everyone looked towards the door.
 - D. The children ran out of the room.
- (A) B, C, D, A
 - (B) B, C, A, D
 - (C) C, B, D, A
 - (D) D, B, C, A

Correct Answer: (B) B, C, A, D

Solution: Logical sequence: First, a loud sound is heard (B), then everyone looks towards the door (C), next, he gets terrified by the noise (A), and finally, the children run out of the room (D).

Quick Tip

Look for cause and effect relationships to arrange sentences logically.

5. Reorder the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph:

- A. The sun was setting behind the hills.
- B. Birds were returning to their nests.
- C. The sky was painted in shades of orange.
- D. A cool breeze started blowing.

- (A) A, C, D, B
- (B) C, A, D, B
- (C) A, D, B, C
- (D) B, C, A, D

Correct Answer: (A) A, C, D, B

Solution: First, the sun sets behind the hills (A), then the sky turns orange (C), a cool breeze starts (D), and finally, birds return to their nests (B).

Quick Tip

Observe the natural sequence of events to reorder sentences meaningfully.

6. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word:

She quickly finished her homework.

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adverb
- (D) Adjective

Correct Answer: (C) Adverb

Solution: 'Quickly' describes how she finished the homework, so it modifies the verb and is an adverb.

Quick Tip

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, often ending with '-ly'.

7. A person who can speak multiple languages is called a:

- (A) Monolingual
- (B) Bilingual
- (C) Multilingual
- (D) Unilingual

Correct Answer: (C) Multilingual

Solution: A person who can speak several languages is called multilingual.

Quick Tip

Mono = one, Bi = two, Multi = many; relate these prefixes to language abilities.

8. 'Ubiquitous' means:

- (A) Rare
- (B) Everywhere
- (C) Small
- (D) Unknown

Correct Answer: (B) Everywhere

Solution: 'Ubiquitous' means present or found everywhere.

Quick Tip

Remember 'ubiquitous' means something widespread or omnipresent.

9. 'Formidable' means:

- (A) Weak
- (B) Easy
- (C) Powerful
- (D) Small

Correct Answer: (C) Powerful

Solution: 'Formidable' means inspiring fear or respect through being impressively powerful or capable.

Quick Tip

'Formidable' usually refers to something strong, powerful, or difficult to overcome.
