

# CUET English Set-1

Year 2025

Time Allowed: **60** minutes

Maximum Marks: **250**

Total Questions: **50**

Number of questions to be answered : **50**

**Kindly read the Instructions given on this Page and Back Page carefully before attempting this Question Paper.**

## **Important Instructions for the Candidates :**

1. This Test contains 50 questions printed in English. Out of these, the candidate is required to answer all 50 questions.
2. Each question has four answer options. Out of these four options choose the MOST APPROPRIATE OPTION.
3. Five (5) marks will be given for each correct answer. One (1) mark will be deducted for each incorrect answer. Unanswered questions will be given no mark.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

When I was in my late teens and still undecided about which language I should write in, he told me that the language one is born into, one's mother tongue, can be the only possible medium of creative expression.

For most of his life, my father, Sripat Rai, had been a Hindi editor and critic. Off and on, he translated writings into English from Hindi. He was fond of saying that a failed writer becomes a critic. The weight of his literary expectation came, eventually, to rest on me. He seemed happy that I was showing an inclination for writing. "She will go far," he told my mother after reading the first story that I sent him from Melbourne.

My father's pronouncement on the mother tongue stayed with me when I later started writing fiction in Hindi. Another thing that I barely acknowledged even to myself was that I felt something like shame whenever I thought of writing in English. It seemed wrong for a granddaughter of Premchand even to be thinking so. Our family had a certain linguistic pride. I knew that Premchand was famous, but I had not at that time realised the extent of his popularity. The fact that I was the granddaughter of Premchand, followed me everywhere. Everyone had a story to tell about their personal engagement with his fiction — the shopkeeper, the long time cook in my father's Delhi house, a tea vendor, etc. The list was long, for there was practically no one who had not read something by him that had moved them. However, it was this very ubiquity, the reverence and love that he inspired in people, that made of him something too large for me to comprehend in the early years of my life. It led also to the strange feeling that, without having read him and just by being related to him, I had somehow inhaled his writing. The reading happened much later.

Q1. The author grew up with the expectation that she would take up \_\_\_\_\_ .

Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.

- (1) editorship of a magazine.
- (2) translation of literary pieces.
- (3) creative writing.
- (4) the job of a critic

Q2. When her father said, "She will go far," he meant that \_\_\_\_\_ .

Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.

- (1) she will travel widely.
- (2) she will achieve great heights in life.
- (3) she will go too far, one of these days.
- (4) she will settle in a far-off place.

Q3. Choose a Statement which is not true with respect to the passage :

- (1) The author felt pressurized to write in Hindi because of her father.
- (2) She felt obligated to carry on the legacy of Premchand.
- (3) Her family was chauvinistic about the English language.
- (4) She was in awe of the extensive reach of her grandfather's writings.

Q4. Premchand became too large for her to understand mainly because of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (A) his ability to connect with people from all walks of life.
- (B) the fact that she feared him.
- (C) the kind of love and reverence that he inspired in people.
- (D) her constant anxiety of failing him.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A) and (D) only. (2) (A) and (C) only.
- (3) (B) and (C) only. (4) (C) and (D) only.

Q5. 'Inhaled his writing' refers to :

Choose the correct option from the following.

- (1) imbibing his style subconsciously.
- (2) being compelled to write like him.
- (3) being influenced by what people said about him.
- (4) her father's expectation from her.

Q6. Choose the correct meaning of the word "Ubiquity" as it appears in the passage :

- (1) Occasional (2) Restricted
- (3) Omnipresence (4) Unwanted

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

As the weather changes, everyone is prone to colds and coughs. While we have all heard about the benefits of vitamin C for colds, few of us are aware of a secret solution – Zinc! Zinc is helpful as it can reduce the severity and duration of respiratory tract infections. It soothes sore throats with its anti-inflammatory properties. It plays a pivotal role in supporting various functions of the body like the immune system, wound healing and maintaining overall health. It prevents viruses from growing in the body. Zinc is also known to boost the immune system and fight infections. Notably, zinc is a vital mineral found in a variety of plant and animal foods. When consuming zinc-rich foods during a cough and cold, prioritise moderation and diversity in your diet. Include lean meats, poultry, sea food, dairy, nuts and seeds. Combine zinc-rich foods with vitamin C sources for enhanced immune support.

Phytates, a substance found in unprocessed whole grains hinder the absorption of zinc, thereby making it less available for the body to utilise. Hence, vegetarians should follow some cooking techniques such as soaking them for 5-6 hours to reduce the phytate content and increase the bioavailability of zinc. Organic acids in fermented foods aid in higher absorption, so always include foods in your diet like buttermilk and yogurt along with some zinc-rich vegetarian sources.

It is important to remember that a higher dosage of zinc supplement inhibits the absorption of other minerals. Therefore, it is always good to check with the healthcare professionals while taking supplements.

Stay hydrated, choose cooking methods that preserve zinc, and be aware of factors like phytates affecting absorption.

Q7. According to the passage, combining zinc-rich foods with vitamin C will result in

- (1) reduced immunity.
- (2) increased immunity.
- (3) food allergy.
- (4) a sore throat.

Q8. What does the word 'solution' signify in 'a secret solution' ?

- (1) Remedy
- (2) Drink
- (3) Function
- (4) Food

Q9. . In the passage, which of the following is not a benefit connected to consuming zinc ?

- (1) Strengthens immune system
- (2) Anti-viral properties
- (3) Anti-inflammatory agent
- (4) Supports hair growth

Q10. Choose the word that means the opposite of 'pivotal'.

- (1) Central
- (2) Important
- (3) Life-changing
- (4) Unimportant

Q.11 The passage encourages us to consume zinc in the form of

- (1) zinc solution.
- (2) unprocessed food grains.
- (3) a variety of plant and animal foods.
- (4) non-vegetarian sources only.

Q12. The passage reminds us to 'stay hydrated' which means that

- (1) we should have plenty of water.
- (2) we should stay indoors.
- (3) we should have fermented foods like yogurt.
- (4) we should have zinc-rich foods with vitamin C.

Q13. Identify the error:

"Neither the students nor the teacher (A)/ are (B)/ aware of the (C)/ new policy changes (D)."

Repeated in 2022, 2023

Options:

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Q14. Identify the error:

"One of the boys (A)/ have forgotten (B)/ their lunchbox (C)/ in the classroom (D)."

Options:

- a) A
- b) B
- c) C
- d) D

Q15. Fill in the blank:

"By next month, she \_\_\_ her novel."

Repeated in 2022, 2023

- a) completes
- b) will complete
- c) will have completed
- d) completed

Q16. Fill in the blank:

"By next week, they \_\_\_ the construction."

- a) will finish
- b) will have finished
- c) finished

Q17. Convert to indirect speech:

Riya said, "I am studying for CUET."

- a) Riya said she is studying for CUET.
- b) Riya said she was studying for CUET.
- c) Riya said she studied for CUET.

Years: 2022, 2023

Q18. Arrange the sentences logically:

1. Social media connects people globally.
2. However, it can lead to misinformation.
3. Users must verify facts before sharing content.
4. Despite its benefits, it has drawbacks.

Repeated in 2022, 2023

Options:

- a) 1-4-2-3
- b) 4-1-2-3
- c) 1-2-4-3
- d) 3-2-1-4

Q19. Arrange logically:

1. Online scams are rising globally.
2. Cybersecurity education is now mandatory in schools.
3. Governments urge citizens to avoid suspicious links.
4. Hackers target vulnerable populations.

- a) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- b) 1 - 4 - 3 - 2
- c) 4 - 1 - 2 - 3
- d) 2 - 3 - 1 - 4

Q20. Re-arrange the following phrases in correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) created by human
- (B) collective cultural heritage
- (C) all languages
- (D) communities are our

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B), (D), (C).
- (2) (B), (A), (D), (C).
- (3) (C), (A), (D), (B).
- (4) (D), (B), (C), (A).

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct option, to form a meaningful sentence.

The Principal addressed us in the assembly and \_\_\_\_\_ the rumours of an early summer break.

- (1) defended
- (2) cleared
- (3) quashed
- (4) rebuked

Q22. Synonym of "Ubiquitous":

- a) Rare
- b) Everywhere
- c) Fragile
- d) Ancient

Q23. Antonym of "Superficial":  
Appeared 2023

- a) Deep
- b) Shallow
- c) Fake
- d) None of the above

Q24. Synonym of "Meticulous":  
Appeared in 2022

- a) Careless
- b) Detailed
- c) Hasty

Q25. "Bite the bullet" means:

- a) To avoid pain
- b) To endure hardship
- c) To celebrate victory
- d) To procrastinate

Q26. "Let the cat out of the bag" means:

- a) Reveal a secret
- b) Adopt a pet
- c) Clean thoroughly
- d) None of the above

Q27. "Cost an arm and a leg" means:  
(2023)

- a) Very cheap
- b) Extremely expensive
- c) Physically painful
- d) Of little value

Q28. "Cut corners" means:  
(2023)

- a) Save money unethically
- b) Trim edges neatly
- c) Follow rules strictly
- d) Take the shortest route

Q29. "A place where birds are kept":  
(2023)

- a) Birdhouse
- b) Aviary
- c) Sanctuary
- d) Zoo

Q30. Fear of heights:  
(2022, 2023)

- a) Claustrophobia
- b) Agoraphobia
- c) Acrophobia
- d) Hydrophobia

Q31. "The meeting was \_\_\_\_ due to rain."

- a) called off
- b) called out
- c) called in

Q32. "The company decided to \_\_\_\_ the old policy."

- a) phase out
- b) phase in
- c) phase up
- d) phase through

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

The concept of "blue zones" has fascinated researchers for decades. These are regions of the world where people live significantly longer and healthier lives compared to the global average. Places like Okinawa (Japan), Sardinia (Italy), and Icaria (Greece) are renowned for their high concentration of centenarians. Studies suggest that lifestyle factors—such as plant-based diets, regular physical activity, strong social connections, and a sense of purpose—contribute to this longevity.

Interestingly, these communities rarely rely on modern medicine for chronic diseases. Instead, their habits align with nature: walking long distances, gardening, and consuming homegrown foods. Scientists also emphasize the role of low stress levels, as these populations prioritize family bonds and communal support over materialistic pursuits.

However, replicating such longevity in urban settings remains challenging. Fast-paced lifestyles, processed foods, and social isolation often counteract these health benefits. Experts argue that adopting even a few blue zone practices—like eating more legumes or cultivating friendships—can still improve overall well-being.

Q.33 The primary focus of "blue zones" is on:

- (1) High-tech medical advancements
- (2) Regions with exceptional longevity
- (3) Urban healthcare systems
- (4) Government policies on aging

Q34. Which factor is not linked to longevity in blue zones?

- (1) Processed foods
- (2) Strong social ties
- (3) Plant-based diets
- (4) Regular physical activity

Q35. The word "centenarians" in the passage refers to:

- (1) People who study aging
- (2) Those who live beyond 100 years
- (3) Residents of coastal areas
- (4) Scientists researching blue zones

Q36. What challenge is mentioned about urban settings?

- (1) Lack of modern medicine
- (2) Overpopulation in blue zones
- (3) Excessive gardening
- (4) High stress and social isolation

Q37. The antonym of "replicate" in this context is:

- (1) Imitate
- (2) Duplicate
- (3) Neglect
- (4) Mirror

Q38. The phrase "align with nature" implies:

- (1) Harmonizing with natural habits
- (2) Following artificial routines
- (3) Opposing traditional practices
- (4) Prioritizing technology

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

In corners dusty, spines stand tall,  
Whispered tales on pages call.  
Some are read, some left to fade,  
Ink and time in silence laid.

A bookmark rests where laughter ceased,  
A dog-eared page—love's feast, deceased.  
The librarian, old and wise,  
Mends the cracks with gentle sighs.

"Every book," she says, "has weight,  
Some are heavy, some lie in wait.  
But none are truly lost or gone—  
Just waiting for the right dawn."

Q39. The poem's central theme revolves around:

- (1) The cost of printing books
- (2) The emotional weight of forgotten stories
- (3) A librarian's retirement plans
- (4) The invention of bookmarks

Q40. What literary device is used in "Whispered tales on pages call"?

- (1) Simile
- (2) Onomatopoeia
- (3) Hyperbole
- (4) Personification

Q41. The phrase "dog-eared page" symbolizes:

- (1) A well-read or cherished section
- (2) A page torn by animals
- (3) A librarian's mistake
- (4) A lost bookmark

Q42. The librarian's tone in the last stanza is best described as:

- (1) Harsh and critical
- (2) Indifferent and bored
- (3) Hopeful and reassuring
- (4) Humorous and sarcastic

Q43. Which word is a synonym for "ceased" (Line 5)?

- (1) Continued
- (2) Celebrated
- (3) Ended
- (4) Whispered

Q44. The poet's message is that books:

- (1) Hold timeless value, even if forgotten
- (2) Should be discarded if old
- (3) Are only for the wise
- (4) Lose meaning over time

Q45. Fill in the blank:

"By the time the guests arrived, we \_\_\_\_ the decorations."

- (1) finish
- (2) had finished
- (3) will finish
- (4) are finishing

Q46. Identify the correct sentence:

- (1) Neither the manager nor the employees are attending the meeting.
- (2) Neither the manager nor the employees is attending the meeting.
- (3) Neither the manager nor the employees was attending the meeting.
- (4) Neither the manager nor the employees has attended the meeting.

Q47. Convert to indirect speech:

Rahul said, "I will submit my project tomorrow."

- (1) Rahul said he will submit his project tomorrow.
- (2) Rahul said he submitted his project the next day.
- (3) Rahul said he submits his project tomorrow.
- (4) Rahul said he would submit his project the next day.

Q48. Choose the passive form of:

"The committee awarded her the scholarship."

- (1) She was awarded the scholarship by the committee.
- (2) The scholarship was awarded to her by the committee.
- (3) The committee was awarded the scholarship by her.
- (4) The scholarship is awarded to her by the committee.

Q49. Identify the error in:

"One of the students (A)/ have failed (B)/ to submit (C)/ their assignment (D)."

- (1) A
- (2) B
- (3) C
- (4) D

Q50. Arrange to form a coherent paragraph:

- (A) But excessive screen time harms sleep and focus.
- (B) Technology has revolutionized education.
- (C) Thus, balance is key to harnessing its benefits.
- (D) It offers interactive learning tools.

- (1) B-D-A-C
- (2) A-B-C-D
- (3) D-C-B-A
- (4) B-A-D-C

Answer key:

Q No.	Ans	Q No.	Ans
1	3	26	a
2	2	27	b
3	3	28	a
4	2	29	b
5	1	30	c
6	3	31	a
7	2	32	a
8	1	33	2
9	4	34	1
10	4	35	2
11	3	36	4
12	1	37	3
13	b	38	1
14	b	39	2
15	c	40	4
16	b	41	1
17	b	42	3
18	a	43	3
19	b	44	1
20	3	45	2
21	3	46	1
22	b	47	4
23	a	48	1
24	b	49	2
25	b	50	1
16	b	41	b
17	b	42	a
18	a	43	a
19	a	44	b
20	d	45	b
21	b	46	a
22	b	47	a
23	a	48	b
24	a	49	c
25	c	50	b