

CUET English Set-5

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.

In the deserts of Oman, archaeologists uncovered a vast underground network of chambers with extraordinary acoustic properties. The "Whispering Catacombs," as they came to be known, contain walls that perfectly preserve and amplify sound waves for centuries. Dr. Elias Monterro's team discovered that Bronze Age engineers had constructed the chambers using a now-lost technique involving precisely angled limestone slabs and copper resonators.

The most baffling discovery was Chamber Gamma, where spoken words would repeat at exact seven-year intervals. Recordings made in 2015 played back in 2022 with no degradation in sound quality. Physicists theorize the chamber functions as a "temporal echo chamber," somehow bending acoustic waves through a fourth spatial dimension. Local legends speak of ancient oracles who would "consult the voices of tomorrow," suggesting this technology may have been used for divination.

Modern attempts to recreate the chambers have yielded only partial success. While scientists can achieve sound preservation for months, the seven-year cycle remains unexplained. The original builders left no written records, only intricate carvings showing sound waves intersecting with celestial patterns. Some researchers believe the chambers were part of a larger "acoustic astronomy" system, using sound to map planetary movements.

Q1. What makes the Whispering Catacombs unique?

- (1) Their extreme age
- (2) Their sound preservation properties
- (3) Their religious significance
- (4) Their construction materials

Q2. Chamber Gamma's most remarkable feature is:

- (1) Its perfect preservation of human remains
- (2) Its seven-year sound repetition cycle
- (3) Its ability to amplify voices
- (4) Its resistance to earthquakes

Q3. Local legends suggest the chambers were used for:

- (1) Grain storage
- (2) Religious ceremonies
- (3) Predicting the future
- (4) Musical performances

Q4. Modern recreations have:

- (1) Fully replicated the technology
- (2) Achieved limited success
- (3) Proven the legends false
- (4) Created better versions

Q5. The carvings suggest the chambers may have been used for:

- (1) Tracking astronomical events
- (2) Recording history
- (3) Communicating with gods
- (4) Storing knowledge

Q6. The passage implies the original builders:

- (1) Left detailed written records
- (2) Had advanced acoustic knowledge
- (3) Were primarily musicians
- (4) Came from another civilization

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

In a remote valley of the Carpathian Mountains, biologists discovered an extraordinary ecosystem where trees grow in perfect geometric patterns, their branches moving in precise, clocklike rhythms. The "Horologium Silva" consists of oak trees whose internal structure contains microscopic crystalline fibers that respond to electromagnetic fields. These fibers function like organic gears, causing the trees' movements to synchronize with Earth's magnetic poles.

Dr. Natalia Petrov's research revealed that the forest operates on a 26-hour cycle rather than Earth's 24-hour rotation. This discrepancy led to the discovery that the trees are somehow calibrating themselves to an unknown celestial rhythm. Core samples show the trees incorporate rare metallic alloys into their growth rings, suggesting they draw minerals from an ancient meteorite deposit beneath the valley.

The most astonishing feature is the forest's "heartbeat" - every 138 minutes, all trees simultaneously release a subsonic pulse detectable only by specialized equipment. Local wildlife appears to synchronize their activities to this rhythm. Attempts to transplant saplings have failed; removed from the valley, they lose their rhythmic properties and grow normally. Some theorists suggest the entire forest functions as a kind of organic computer, processing environmental data on a scale we don't yet understand.

Q7. What makes the Horologium Silva unique?

- (1) Its tree species
- (2) Its geometric growth patterns
- (3) Its altitude
- (4) Its soil composition

Q8. The trees' movements are controlled by:

- (1) Wind patterns
- (2) Electromagnetic fields
- (3) Animal activity
- (4) Human intervention

Q9. The 26-hour cycle suggests the trees respond to:

- (1) An unknown celestial rhythm
- (2) Faulty research equipment
- (3) Local weather patterns
- (4) Photosynthesis needs

Q10. The subsonic "heartbeat" occurs every:

- (1) 24 hours
- (2) 60 minutes
- (3) 138 minutes
- (4) 26 hours

Q11. Transplanted saplings:

- (1) Grow faster
- (2) Die immediately
- (3) Lose their special properties
- (4) Change color

Q12. The passage suggests the forest may function as:

- (1) A weather control system
- (2) An organic computer
- (3) A religious site
- (4) A mineral source

Q13. Match Column I with Column II:

Column I

1. Gerund
2. Infinitive
3. Participle
4. Modal

Column II

- A) "To swim" is healthy
- B) "Swimming" is fun
- C) "Must" show obligation
- D) "Broken" window

Options:

- a) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C
- b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- c) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D
- d) 1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C

Q14. Her ____ remarks escalated the conflict.

- a) Diplomatic
- b) Conciliatory
- c) Inflammatory
- d) Laudatory

Q15. Which pair is correct?

- a) Heavy traffic
- b) Strong traffic
- c) Large traffic
- d) Powerful traffic

Q16. Most formal alternative for "fire":

- a) Sack
- b) Terminate
- c) Let go
- d) Axe

Q17. She has an aptitude ____ mathematics but lacks interest ____ history.

- a) for, in
- b) in, for
- c) at, about
- d) with, towards

Q18. ___ you ___ earlier, we could have avoided this mess.

- a) Had, arrived
- b) Have, arrived
- c) Would, arrive
- d) Should, arrived

Q19. Choose the correct synonym of "Recalcitrant":

- a) Obedient
- b) Stubborn
- c) Flexible
- d) Energetic

Q20. Let's finalize the proposal today, ___?

- a) shall we
- b) will we
- c) can we
- d) aren't we

Q21. Arrange the following sentences in correct order:

1. Consequently, public trust declined sharply.
2. The investigative report exposed corruption.
3. Several officials resigned abruptly.
4. Media outlets demanded accountability.

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

Q22. Seldom ___ such dedication in a trainee.

- a) we see
- b) do we see
- c) we have seen
- d) saw we

Q23. "How beautifully she sings!" he exclaimed.

→ He exclaimed ____.

- a) that she sings beautifully
- b) how beautifully she sang
- c) that she sang beautiful
- d) she sings very beautifully

Q24. Match Column I with Column II:

Column I

Column II

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Malapropism | A) "Clearly confused" |
| 2. Oxymoron | B) "Passed away" for died |
| 3. Euphemism | C) "Webinar" |
| 4. Neologism | D) "Dance the flamingo" |

Options:

- a) 1-B, 2-D, 3-A, 4-C
- b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- c) 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C
- d) 1-C, 2-A, 3-D, 4-B

Q25. No sooner ____ the announcement ____ made than protests began.

- a) was, being
- b) had, been
- c) was, been
- d) had, being

Q26. "Why haven't you submitted the report?" she asked.

→ She asked ____.

- a) why I hadn't submitted the report
- b) why haven't I submitted the report
- c) why I haven't submitted the report
- d) why had I not submitted the report

Q27. ____ he ____ the instructions, he wouldn't have failed.

- a) Had, followed
- b) If, follows
- c) Should, follow
- d) Unless, followed

Q28. Choose the correct phrase for the wrong phrase in sentence:
"The CEO's decision came as a bolt from the green."

- a) bolt from the blue
- b) shock from the sky
- c) lightning from clouds
- d) No improvement

Q29. Arrange the following sentences chronologically:

1. Consequently, trust eroded
2. False allegations circulated widely
3. The celebrity sued for defamation
4. Mainstream media apologized

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

Q30. In literature, "metonymy" refers to:

- a) Exaggeration
- b) Substituting a related term
- c) Comparing unlike things
- d) Contradictory terms

Q31. Match Column I with Column II:

Column I

Column II

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Comma splice | A) "I didn't see nothing" |
| 2. Double negative | B) "She likes hiking, swimming, and to bike" |
| 3. Faulty parallelism | C) "It's raining, we should leave" |
| 4. Run-on sentence | D) "The dog barked it scared the cat" |

- a) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D
- b) 1-C, 2-A, 3-B, 4-D
- c) 1-B, 2-D, 3-C, 4-A
- d) 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C

Q32. Choose the most suitable word to replace the sentence:

"A government by the wealthy":

- a) Plutocracy
- b) Oligarchy
- c) Autocracy
- d) Theocracy

Q33. "Demagogue" derives from Greek words meaning:

- a) People leader
- b) False prophet
- c) Crowd pleaser
- d) Wise ruler

Q34. There are ___ options available; we need ___ more alternatives.

- a) few, any
- b) some, a few
- c) little, some
- d) any, few

Q35. What does the foreign word "Komorebi" refers to:

- a) Sunlight filtering through leaves
- b) Ocean waves
- c) Mountain wind
- d) Desert mirage

Q36. In literature, "bildungsroman" means:

- a) Coming-of-age story
- b) Tragic flaw
- c) Rhyming scheme
- d) Satirical poem

Q37. They should consider all applications fairly.

→ All applications ___.

- a) should be considered fairly
- b) should consider fairly
- c) ought to be fairly considered
- d) must consider fairly

Q38. Match Column I with Column II:

Column I	Column II
1. Chron	A) Distant
2. Phil	B) Time
3. Graph	C) Love
4. Tele	D) Write

Options:

- a) 1-D, 2-A, 3-B, 4-C
- b) 1-A, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D
- c) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D
- d) 1-B, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A

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

In the remote valleys of northern Iceland, geologists have discovered a peculiar mountain range where the basalt columns produce harmonic frequencies when wind passes through their naturally formed apertures. Dubbed "Harpa Mons" (Harp Mountain), this geological formation creates an ever-changing symphony that shifts with atmospheric conditions. The local Inuit communities have long revered these mountains as sacred, incorporating their sounds into seasonal rituals.

Dr. Erik Johansen's research reveals that the columns vibrate at frequencies between 18-22 Hz, a range known to affect human brain activity. When recorded and played back at these frequencies, test subjects report enhanced creativity and vivid dream recall. However, prolonged exposure leads to disorientation and temporary memory loss, suggesting the mountains emit a form of "geological hypnosis."

The most puzzling aspect is the mountain's ability to "remember" and replicate human speech patterns. Voices spoken near certain formations reappear months later, subtly altered as if filtered through stone. Some researchers theorize this could be due to piezoelectric properties in the basalt, while others suggest the entire range functions as a massive organic recording device. Attempts to artificially recreate these formations have failed, as modern concrete lacks the precise crystalline structure needed for such acoustic phenomena.

Q39. What makes Harpa Mons unique?

- (1) Its extreme height
- (2) Its harmonic sound production
- (3) Its volcanic activity
- (4) Its rare mineral content

Q40. The frequencies produced by the mountains primarily affect:

- (1) Plant growth
- (2) Human brain activity
- (3) Weather patterns
- (4) Animal migration

Q41. Local communities have traditionally used the mountain sounds for:

- (1) Predicting earthquakes
- (2) Seasonal rituals
- (3) Medical treatments
- (4) Navigation

Q42. The "memory" effect refers to the mountains':

- (1) Ability to record and replay sounds
- (2) Geological age
- (3) Resistance to erosion
- (4) Magnetic properties

Q43. Artificial recreations fail because:

- (1) Modern materials lack necessary structure
- (2) The technology doesn't exist
- (3) It's too expensive
- (4) The effect was exaggerated

Q44. The passage suggests the mountains might be:

- (1) Artificially constructed
- (2) A natural recording device
- (3) Dangerous to approach
- (4) Shrinking over time

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

In a secluded Tibetan monastery, monks have preserved an ancient form of communication called "Nyi-dzong" (Light Speech), where complex messages are transmitted through precisely controlled bioluminescent algae cultivated in glass orbs. The living orbs respond to subtle temperature changes by altering their glow patterns, creating a fluid visual language with over 1,200 documented symbols.

Professor Li Wei's studies show that advanced practitioners can convey entire philosophical concepts through sequences lasting mere seconds. The algae, a unique strain of *Noctiluca scintilla*, appear to "learn" frequently used patterns, glowing brighter when displaying familiar concepts. MRI scans reveal that monks fluent in Nyi-dzong process these light patterns in brain regions normally associated with auditory language comprehension.

The most extraordinary discovery is the "Memory Orb" - a centuries-old specimen that spontaneously displays messages from deceased masters during specific lunar phases.

Chemical analysis reveals the algae in this orb have developed crystalline structures that somehow store light information long-term. Modern science cannot explain how biological organisms maintain such precise "light memory," though some theorize quantum entanglement may be involved.

Q45. Nyi-dzong is primarily a form of:

- (1) Written communication
- (2) Visual language
- (3) Musical expression
- (4) Mathematical notation

Q46. The algae respond to:

- (1) Sound vibrations
- (2) Temperature changes
- (3) Magnetic fields
- (4) Touch

Q47. Advanced practitioners can:

- (1) Predict the future
- (2) Convey complex concepts quickly
- (3) Cure diseases
- (4) Control weather

Q48. The Memory Orb is significant because it:

- (1) Never needs maintenance
- (2) Displays messages from the past
- (3) Glows without energy
- (4) Changes size

Q49. Scientific analysis suggests the algae may utilize:

- (1) Quantum entanglement
- (2) Nuclear fusion
- (3) Dark matter
- (4) Anti-gravity

Q50. The passage implies Nyi-dzong:

- (1) Could be learned quickly
- (2) Represents a unique brain-language adaptation
- (3) Is being replaced by technology
- (4) Was invented recently

Answer key:

Que	Ans	Que	Ans
Q1	2	Q26	a
Q2	2	Q27	a
Q3	3	Q28	a
Q4	2	Q29	a
Q5	1	Q30	b
Q6	2	Q31	b
Q7	2	Q32	a
Q8	2	Q33	a
Q9	1	Q34	b
Q10	3	Q35	a
Q11	3	Q36	a
Q12	2	Q37	a
Q13	a	Q38	d
Q14	c	Q39	2
Q15	a	Q40	2
Q16	b	Q41	2
Q17	a	Q42	1
Q18	a	Q43	1
Q19	b	Q44	2
Q20	a	Q45	2
Q21	a	Q46	2
Q22	b	Q47	2
Q23	b	Q48	2
Q24	c	Q49	1
Q25	b	Q50	2

