

CUET UG 2023 English Question Paper PDF (Jun 07, 2023) (Shift 3)

DIRECTIONS: (1-5) Read the passage given below answer the question.

You seemed at first to take no notice of your school-fellows, or rather to set yourself against them because they were strangers they knew as little of you as you did of them: so that this would have been the reason for their keeping aloof from you which you would have felt as a hardship. Learn never to conceive a prejudice against others because you know nothing of them. It is bad reasoning and makes enemies of half the world. Do not think ill of them till they behave ill to you; and then strive to avoid the faults which you see in them. This will disarm their hostility sooner than pique or resentment or complaint. I thought you were disposed to criticize the dress of some of the boys as not so good as your own. Never despise any one for anything that he cannot help least of all, for his poverty. I would wish you to keep up appearances yourself as a deference against the idle sneers of the world, but I would not have you value yourself upon them. I hope you will neither be the dupe nor victim of vulgar prejudices. Instead of saying above "Never despise anyone for anything that he cannot help," I might have said, "Never despise anyone at all"; for contempt implies a triumph over and pleasure in the ill of another. It means that you are glad and congratulate yourself on their failings or misfortunes.

1. Why is conceiving a prejudice against others, not advised by the author?
 - (a) We know everything about others.
 - (b) We know nothing about others.
 - (c) We know some important facts about others.
 - (d) Others know nothing about us.
2. The writer wishes you to keep up appearances as a defence against?
 - (a) Despising minds (b) Ill-falling minds
 - (c) Loathing sneers (d) Idle sneers
3. Which one from the following has been advised as the least of all reasons to despise anyone?
 - (a) Intelligence (b) Poverty
 - (c) Sloth (d) Honesty
4. 'Neither be the dupe nor victim' can be best understood as:
 - (a) Neither be the fool nor the sufferer
 - (b) Neither be the guide nor the user
 - (c) Neither be the slaver nor the slave
 - (d) Neither be the target nor the shooter
5. Choose the correct options as a suitable antonym for 'Triumph'.
 - (a) Failings (b) Misfortunes
 - (c) Miseries (d) Poverty

DIRECTIONS: (6-10) Read the passage given below and answer the question.

One cold April morning in 2018, I realised that out of 900 applicants, we were one of the 80 who had been granted a permit to visit the Nathu La pass that day.

Look up words used to describe a mountain or a mountain range, none will do justice to explain the sheer grandeur of the Himalayas. Spellbinding is one way to describe the Nathu La mountain pass in the Dongkya Range of the Himalayas, connecting the Chinese border at Tibet and Sikkim.

Only special permits issued by designated operators allow one access to the Nathu La pass. And the fact that we were among those issued permits bestowed our Sikkim trip with a cherry on the top.

At 14,400 feet above sea level, this region is other worldly. A simple white layer had never added such beauty to the scenery as the blanket of snow did to the Himalayan pass. Amid the scattered conversation of our fellow travellers, my mind was having a hard time deciding what aspect of the scenery to take in first. A small crowd gathered a few feet away at the bottom of the pass ended my indecisiveness.

With profound respect for our soldiers lingering in the air, we began our ascent up a trail. One of the biggest tragedies that day was the restriction on taking cameras to the top, fuelling the constant fear that I would forget some crucial detail about that once-in-a-lifetime spectacle. But the absence of a camera only aided in the permanent etching of every grain of snow in our minds.

The sound of 80 pairs of boots crunching in the snow halted as we reached the top of the mountain pass. Five feet away stood a barbed wire fence. We were officially on the India-China border. At that height, everything seemed very far away or far beneath us, and the sight below the mountain ranges was a patch work of green, brown and white. Some tourists abruptly stepped back when they realised that the patch of land towards our left was in fact, a minefield.

6. Match the List I with List II.

List I		List II	
A.	Only selected tourists	I.	was separated by a barbed wire fence
B.	The biggest tragedy was	II.	are permitted to go
C.	Indo China border was	II.	80 soldiers
D.	They were escorted by	IV.	cameras were not allowed

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
- (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
- (d) (A)-(IV), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)

7. Which statement is NOT true about the passage?

- (A) Nathu La is huge mountain
- (B) Special permits are given to go to Nathu La
- (C) Cameras are not allowed at Nathu La
- (D) Nathu La is at a height of 14,400 feet above the sea level

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

8. Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II.

List I		List II	
A.	Crunching	I.	to continue to exist for longer than expected
B.	Etching	II.	holding the attention completely
C.	Lingering	II.	to cut lines on a piece of glass
D.	Spell binding	IV.	the sound of dry leaves being walked over

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(IV), (B)-(I), (C)-(III), (D)-(II)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

9. Why did the narrator feel that restriction on the use of camera was a tragedy?

Because _____.

- (a) He would lose his camera
- (b) His camera would be stolen
- (c) He would forget some details
- (d) He would not be able to capture the beauty

10. By the line - 'The sound of 80 pairs of boots crunching' the narrator means to say that _____.

- (a) 80 pairs of boots were lying in a shop
- (b) 80 people were crushing snow
- (c) 80 soldiers were moving with them
- (d) 80 shoes were making a lot of noise

DIRECTIONS: (11-15) Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

Adolescence is that difficult period of time when carefree children transition to responsible adults... we hope. That is the goal after all-for teens to develop into mature, productive, responsible members of the community. One method for assisting this transition is obtaining part-time employment. A job can help teenagers better develop their identities, obtain increased autonomy, achieve new accomplishments, develop

work experience, and become more independent of their parents.

According to the US Department of Labour, 50 percent of American teenagers hold informal jobs, such as baby-sitting or yard work, by age 12. Boys tend to begin their jobs at younger ages and work more hours than girls. By age 15, nearly two-thirds of American teens have had some kind of employment. By the time teens graduate from high school, 80 percent will have held a part-time job at some time during the school year. The average high school student works 20 hours per week, and about 10 percent work full time (35 hours or more).

There are many obstacles to teens obtaining employment. Finding reliable transportation is critical, and that can be difficult if the job is not close by and the teen's parent (s) work (s). Fighting stereotypes that employers have about adolescents, such as poor attitudes or lack of skills, can be challenging. In this particular economy, there aren't very many job opportunities for teens.

Teens want to work for a variety of reasons, but more than half report their involvement in work is motivated by the desire to buy things. Typically, teens spend their money on car expenses, recreation, clothing, education, saving for college, and helping their families with living expenses (e.g. rent, groceries)

11. What are the stereotypes that employers have about adolescents?

- (a) Short/tempered/Angry
- (b) Tired Early/Lethargic
- (c) Poor attitudes/Lack of skills
- (d) Speak lot/talkative

12. According to the author, adults become more independent of their parents when they get:

- (a) Money
- (b) A car
- (c) A book
- (d) A job

13. According to the author teens in America get motivated to find a job mainly.

- (a) To buy things
- (b) To speak a lot
- (c) To love the world
- (d) To become an entrepreneur

14. More than 50 percent of American teenagers find one of the following types of jobs as per the US Department of Labour.

- (a) Formal
- (b) Informal
- (c) Technical
- (d) Teaching

15. Find the antonym for the word "Bondage" from the options given below:

- (a) Accomplish
- (b) Autonomy
- (c) Attitude
- (d) Recreation

16. Choose the option which means 'a large crowd of people'.

- (a) hoard
- (b) horde
- (c) tourist
- (d) hoarse

17. Select the most appropriate synonym of **VANDALISM**.

- (a) Discovery
- (b) Discount
- (c) Disciple
- (d) Destruction

18. Replace the following underlined words with a foreign word, from the list given below.

In some advanced nations economic decisions are made free from government interference.

- (a) Lacuna (b) Leitmotif
(c) Laissez faire (d) Locus standi

19. Add the appropriate question tag from the given options. It isn't ready, yet, _____?

- (a) did it? (b) hasn't it?
(c) is it? (d) can't it

20. Complete the sentence with Adverb of Manner- Heena delivered the speech _____

- (a) yesterday (b) fluently
(c) where (d) probably

21. Rearrange the following jumbled parts to make a meaningful sentence.

- (A) Changes to bring in an inclusive school curriculum
(B) This new school culture brought
(C) In by teachers, trained social workers and
(D) Counsellors as well as through corresponding
(E) Students will be sensitized through

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
(b) (A), (D), (B), (E), (C)
(c) (E), (B), (C), (D), (A)
(d) (E), (A), (C), (B), (A)

22. Identify the nearest meaning of 'faux pas'.

- (a) a remark which causes embarrassment
(b) a clever remark
(c) a dumb oration
(d) a favourable situation

23. Choose the correct substitute for the sentence given below: "The depository where state records and documents are preserved."

- (a) Museum (b) Library
(c) Emporium (d) Archive

24. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank. I _____ to Paris last year

- (a) did not go (b) did not went
(c) never went go (d) never go

25. Mark the correct option of exclamatory sentence of the following assertive one:

- (a) Hurrah! we have won the match
(b) Hurry! we have won the match
(c) Hari! we have won the match
(d) Harry! we have won the match

26. Given below are five jumbled segments of a sentence. Select the option that gives the correct order _____.

- (A) a bright idea flashed across him
(B) and wake him up
(C) and he didn't
(D) he was about to call out
(E) but at that moment

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (D), (B), (E), (A), (C)
(b) (D), (A), (B), (C), (E)
(c) (B), (D), (E), (A), (C)
(d) (B), (D), (A), (E), (C)

27. Match the antonyms in List - I with these in List - II:

List I		List II	
A.	Opaque	I.	Vice
B.	Radiance	II.	Clean
C.	Virtue	III.	Dullness
D.	Shabby	IV.	Clear

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)
(b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
(c) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
(d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)

28. Which amongst the following pairs of words carry the same relationship as

COMPASSION : APATHY

- (a) ENCOUNTER : CLASH
(b) CONCUR : DISAGREE
(c) SCANTY : SCARCE
(d) TRANQUIL : CALM

29. Choose the sentence which is in the passive voice:

- (a) All his friends praised him
(b) Renu planted many flowers in her garden
(c) Many students watched the football match
(d) The accident victim was taken to the hospital by the police

30. Which of the given phrasal verbs means the same as 'arrive'?

- (a) Turn out
(b) Turn up
(c) Turn in
(d) Turn off

31. Change the following sentence into an exclamatory sentence by choosing the correct option from below. It is a horrible night.

- (a) How night horrible!
(b) What a night is it!
(c) What a horrible night!
(d) Horrible night is it!

32. Match the phrases in List - I with their meanings in List - II:

List I		List II	
A.	Herculean Task	I.	Blood relation
B.	Kith and Kin	II.	In brief
C.	Live in a fool's paradise	III.	Very difficult
D.	Long and short	IV.	False hope

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
(b) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
(c) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
(d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

33. Pickout the correct sentence having Adverb of Manner:

- (a) They went everywhere
- (b) He will come again
- (c) Shikha cried bitterly
- (d) I therefore left my apartment

34. Choose the correct form of the given sentences in indirect speech:

"Remember to switch off all the lights," she said.

- (a) She reminded me to switch off all the lights
- (b) She agreed to switch off all the lights
- (c) She persuaded to switch off all the lights
- (d) She provoked me to switch off all the lights

35. Choose the option that has the sentences of active construction:

- (a) When I reached work, he was on a call
- (b) She was gifted a brand new car
- (c) Everybody is aware of the truth
- (d) Ravi has been called for a viva
- (e) They called her childish

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A) and (C) only
- (b) (A), (C) and (E) only
- (c) (B) and (E) only
- (d) (A), (B) and (C) only

36. Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner from below:

I cannot read in this light because there are too _____ insects.

- (a) a few
- (b) a little
- (c) many
- (d) most

37. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: 'cry over spilt milk'

- (a) repent
- (b) quarrelling
- (c) worthless
- (d) anxiety

38. Rearrange the following jumbled sentence and choose the option that conveys the meaningful sentence.

The latest innovations/opportunities for/given continuous/self improvement/and to learn/in their professions/teachers will be.

- (a) teachers will be/given continuous/opportunities for/self improvement/and to learn/in their latest innovations/in their profession.
- (b) teachers will be/given continuous/the latest innovations/in their profession/opportunities for/self improvement/and to learn
- (c) teachers will be/in their profession/given continuous/and to learn/self improvement/opportunities for/the latest innovations.
- (d) teachers will be/given continuous/opportunities for/in their profession/and to learn/the latest innovations/self improvement

39. Fill in the blank with a suitable option from the given list:

"She told me that she _____ give me money."

- (a) Shall
- (b) Should
- (c) Must
- (d) Would

40. Which amongst the following options carries the correct spelling?

(A) Receipt (B) Reciept

(C) Recept (D) Recepte

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

41. Insert the appropriate word in the given sentence:

He succeeded _____ dint of perseverance and sheer hard work.

- (a) at
- (b) by
- (c) on
- (d) in

42. Match the synonyms for the words in **List - I** with those in **List - II**:

List I		List II	
A.	Astute	I.	Villain
B.	Knave	II.	Wise
C.	Lucid	III.	Subservient
D.	Servile	IV.	Clear

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (c) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)

43. Choose the correct phrasal verb to fill in the blank

Stop complaining and _____ your work.

- (a) get over
- (b) carry on with
- (c) start over
- (d) proceed by

44. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal. Choose the correct answer from below:

I _____ like to thank you all for what you have done for the success of the school annual day.

- (a) can
- (b) might
- (c) would
- (d) will

45. Choose the correct form of the given sentence in indirect speech.

Shilpa said to Renu, "I didn't tell a lie."

- (a) Shilpa told Renu that she hadn't told a lie
- (b) Shilpa said a Renu I didn't tell lie
- (c) Shilpa told Renu I hadn't told a lie
- (d) Shilpa told Renu I don't tell lies

46. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error:

- (a) There are fifteen causes of failure
- (b) who I have discovered
- (c) and I'm going to give them to you
- (d) with a brief comment on each one

47. Fill in the blank with a suitable article from the following:

Goa is _____ paradise for all foreigners.

- (a) the
- (b) an
- (c) a
- (d) some

48. Complete the following sentence with the appropriate Adjective Clause, from the options given below.

The time _____ the train leaves is not yet fixed.

- (a) where
- (b) when
- (c) how
- (d) who

49. Match the blank sentences in **List - I** with the correct prepositions from **List - II**:

List I		List II	
A.	Sarita was robbed _____ all her belongings	I.	with
B.	The cruel person beat the stray animal _____ an iron rod	II.	for
C.	You shall be compensated _____ your loss	III.	of
D.	The flight is _____ time	IV.	on

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
 (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
 (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
 (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(I)
50. An agnostic is a person who..
- (a) Does not believe that God exists
 (b) Leads an austere life
 (c) Is sure about God's existence
 (d) Is not sure about God's existence