

CUET UG 2023 English Question Paper PDF (Jun 08, 2023) (Shift 1)

DIRECTIONS (1-5): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choose the correct options.

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit or the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants: yet he has grown to dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and the time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

1. Choose the correct word to explain 'defect' as stated in the passage-
(a) Shortcoming (b) Skill
(c) Indifference (d) Blessing
2. What should be the expected behavior to keep machines in good temper?
(a) Leave them alone
(b) Let them work on their own
(c) Allow them human company
(d) Wait upon them attentively
3. What according to the writer has become the agony of man?
(a) Machines have become their slaves
(b) Machines are being controlled by them
(c) Machines are their master
(d) Machines are dependent on them
4. Which of the following has been personified as the master of mankind?
(a) Science (b) Machines
(c) Civilization (d) Knowledge
5. Which of the following adjectives have been used in the passage to explain the temperamental nature of machines?
(a) Rigid (b) Timid
(c) Stern (d) Stupid

DIRECTIONS (6-10): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choose the correct options.

Ancient Egypt was the birthplace of one of the world's first civilizations. This advanced culture arose about 5,000 years ago in the Nile River Valley in north-eastern Africa. It thrived for over 2,000 years and so became one of the longest lasting civilizations in History.

The mighty Nile River was the lifeblood of ancient Egypt. Every year, it overflowed and deposited a strip of rich, black soil along each bank. The fertile soil enabled farmers to raise a huge supply of food. The ancient Egyptians called their country *Kemet*, meaning 'bank land', after the dark soil. The Nile also provided water for irrigation and was Egypt's main transportation route. For all these reasons, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus called Egypt "the gift of the Nile."

The ancient Egyptians made outstanding contributions to the development of civilization. They created the world's first national government, basic forms of arithmetic, and a 365-day calendar. They invented a form of picture writing called *hieroglyphics*. They also invented *papyrus*, a paper like writing material made from the stems of *papyrus* plants. The Egyptians developed one of the first religions to emphasize life after death. They built great cities in which many skilled architects, doctors, engineers, painters, and sculptors worked.

The best known achievements of the ancient Egyptians, however, are the pyramids they built as tombs for their rulers. The most famous pyramids stand at Giza. These gigantic stone structures-marvels of architectural and engineering skills have been preserved by the dry climate for about 4,500 years. They serve as spectacular reminders of the glory of ancient Egypt.

6. The Egyptian Civilization lasted for
(a) Over 5000 years
(b) Over 365 days
(c) Over 4,500 years
(d) Over 2000 years
7. The Nile River was considered "the life blood of ancient Egypt" because
(a) It was the main transportation route
(b) It was black land
(c) It caused havoc when it overflowed
(d) It provided fertile soil and water for irrigation
8. In the passage the word 'gigantic' means:-
(a) Small (b) Gorgeous
(c) Huge (d) Ancient

9. The best known achievement of the ancient Egyptians is:-
 (a) The creation of the world's first national government
 (b) The building of great cities
 (c) The building of the pyramids
 (d) The contribution to the development of civilization

10. Match List-I with List-II

List-I

A. Hieroglyphics

B. Papyrus

C. Kemet

D. Pyramids

List-II

I. Paper like writing material

II. A form of picture writing

III. Tombs built for rulers

IV. Black land

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

DIRECTIONS (1-5): Read the passage given below to answer the questions by choosing the correct options.

If we ask, 'Why did such-and-such a group or organization, which was perfectly ordinary, become a high-performance team or an excellent organization?', the answer is often that they were inspired to raise their sights and standards by the vision, enthusiasm and drive of a particular leader. Therefore it is impossible to divorce effective team building from effective leadership.

The ability to inspire others is a general characteristic of good leaders. It is essentially important if the group or organization is working in difficult conditions or adverse circumstances, where morale can easily fall.

To achieve excellence in results over a period of time in an organization, as in a football team, is not accidental. The various properties of groups identified in Part One-communication, decisions making, cohesiveness, morale, atmosphere, standards, procedures- are all found again in high-performance teams but to different degrees. The average work group and the exceptional team can be compared to two three times winner of the Grand National. Why is one different from the other?

In the transformations of a work group into a team, and an ordinary team into a high-performance team, attention must be given to three crucially important elements; leadership, membership and common methods of working together.

11. The vision, zeal and drive of a good leader turns an organisation into:
 (a) an ordinary organisation
 (b) a high performance organisation
 (c) a low performance organisation
 (d) an underperforming organisation

12. Effective team building can't be separated from:

- (a) membership
 (b) an ordinary organisation
 (c) effective leadership
 (d) an excellent organisation

13. What helps to boost morale of the team in a difficult situation is:

- (a) hard work by the team
 (b) being inspired by the leader
 (c) demotivation by the leader
 (d) criticism by the leader

14. The qualities found in a high performing team are:

- (a) Communication, decision making
 (b) Cohesiveness and moral boosting
 (c) Work atmosphere
 (d) All of the above

15. The vital element that transforms an ordinary team into a high performing team is:

- (a) Team membership
 (b) Effective leadership
 (c) Strategies of working together
 (d) All of the above

16. Choose the correct antonym of MALEVOLENCE

- (a) Virulence (b) Enmity
 (c) Benevolence (d) Obduracy

17. Match List-I with List-II

List-I

A. Pain

B. Pane

C. Peel

D. Peal

List-II

I. Loud sound

II. Suffering

III. Window glass

IV. To remove skin

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

18. Choose the correct form/forms of the article that need to be inserted in the sentence given below:

I bought ___ book and ___ umbrella

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

19. Match List-I with List-II for phrasal verbs:

List-I

A. See off

B. Look after

C. Work out

D. Cut out for

List-II

I. Take care of

II. Solve a problem

III. To escort a guest for his departure

IV. Suitable

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
(b) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I
(c) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
(d) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
20. Select the most appropriate meaning for the phrase 'Modus operandi'
- (a) Way of living
(b) Method of working
(c) Thoughtful planning
(d) Soulful singing
21. Choose the sentence with the correct preposition:-
- (a) I have not met Rita since last year.
(b) I have not met Rita for last year.
(c) I have not met Rita in last year.
(d) I have not met Rita to last year.
22. Select the most suitable synonym of SYNDROME
- (a) Cosmetic (b) Characteristics
(c) Cosmic (d) Coquette
23. Rearrange the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence:-
- A. lacking strength to get into bed
B. huddled on a chair
C. she remained in her evening dress
D. without volition
E. or power of thought
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) C, B, A, D, E (b) C, D, E, A, B
(c) B, C, D, A, E (d) B, D, E, A, C
24. Identify the Adjective Clause in the following sentence:
We visited my grandmother who had returned from a world tour last week.
- (a) we visited my grandmother
(b) who had returned
(c) from a world tour
(d) last week
25. Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idiom underlined.
The lockdown due to Covid has financially put many multinational companies on the ropes.
- (a) Bright hope
(b) Growth and success
(c) Close to defeat or giving up
(d) New opportunities
26. The idiom 'At the drop of a hat means':
- (a) To do something willingly and instantly
(b) To be reluctant to do something
(c) To refuse to do something
(d) To decline to do something
27. The following sentence has been divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D); one of which has an error. Choose the part which contains the error.
- A. "Gitanjali Shree's 'Tomb of Sand' is
B. one of the few novels in English Translation
C. that has received
D. International recognition
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
28. Fill in the blank with appropriate adverb from the list below:-
Nothing _____ happens by chance.
- (a) sometimes (b) often
(c) ever (d) seldom
29. Fill in the following sentence with suitable preposition:-
"Abhishek lives _____ 45, Dhauladhar Street."
- (a) in (b) over
(c) at (d) on
30. Fill in the blank with the correct modal:-
This venture _____ go out business soon if it doesn't work towards increasing its competitiveness in the market.
- (a) should (b) won't
(c) might (d) will
31. Choose the option which best expresses the same sentence in reported speech:-
Kavita said, "I'll tell Rahini I met you."
- (a) Kavita said that she will tell Rahini she met me.
(b) Kavita said that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
(c) Kavita said that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
(d) Kavita told that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
32. Change the following sentence into Active Voice:
You are ordered not to make a noise
- (a) You please do not make a noise
(b) Don't make a noise
(c) You are making a noise
(d) You make a noise
33. Match List-I with List-II
- | List-I | List-II |
|------------|---------------|
| A. Consent | I. Comfort |
| B. Elevate | II. Dubious |
| C. Provoke | III. Disagree |
| D. Valid | IV. Lower |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
(b) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
(c) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
(d) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III
34. Choose the mis-spelt word out of the following:
- (a) Forgery (b) Luminary
(c) Emissary (d) Consarvatory

35. Identify the nearest meaning of 'de facto'

- (a) Ineffective (b) Unrealistic
(c) Imperfect (d) Actual

36. Fill in the blank with appropriate adverb :-

"Ghanshyam can run _____ better than I do. He is a professional runner".

- (a) more (b) far
(c) very (d) more

37. Match List-I with List-II

- | List-I | List-II |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Caricature | I. Humorous drawing |
| B. Animation | II. Drawing of a person |
| C. Cartoon | III. Funny picture of a person |
| D. Portrait | IV. Moving image |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

38. Match List-I with List-II

- | List-I | List-II |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. All the rules of synthesis are | I. but he himself is a bad egg |
| B. He is up to all the tricks | II. in the final of the world cup |
| C. Australia had to bite the dust | III. at his fingertips |
| D. He comes from a noble family | IV. of the trade to grind his own axe |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

39. Change the following sentence into Direct Speech:-

Ravi's mother said that a solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth.

- (a) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurred when the Moon came between the Sun and Earth."
(b) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth."
(c) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse will occur when Moon came between the Sun and Earth."
(d) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurs when Moon have come between Sun and Earth".

40. Select the most appropriate option as the interchange of the following sentence to exclamatory:

"It is sad that a friend should be false."

(a) Alas! A friend like you should be false

(b) Alas! That ever a friend should be false

(c) Alas! Indeed a friend of you is false

(d) Alas! A friend in need is false

41. Match List-I with List-II

- | List-I | List-II |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Our car came to a stand still | I. cut a sorry figure in the meeting |
| B. People often get angry | II. when one calls a spade a spade |
| C. The speaker | III. my honesty |
| D. You shouldn't call in question | IV. right in the middle of the road |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

42. Choose the correct option for the subject of a letter or complaint to the sales manager of a publishing house for the delivery of faulty or damaged books.

- (a) To complain about delivery of damaged books
(b) To aware the sales manger for delivery of goods.
(c) To complain for misconduct of delivery man
(d) To caution the publisher for the delay in delivery

43. Choose the correct option for the subject of a letter placing order to M/S SYMPHONY PVT.LTD. for musical instruments.

- (a) To apply for delivery of music system
(b) To require some musical instruments
(c) To place order for musical instruments
(d) To obtain delivery of surgical instruments

44. Match List-I with List-II for phrasal verbs:-

- | List-I | List-II |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. You have got to | I. cut down on sugar |
| B. I am trying to | II. face the music |
| C. We need heroes | III. took no notice of the situation |
| D. The speaker | IV. to look up to |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank:-

You will pass me the newspaper, _____ ?

- (a) Will you, please?
(b) Won't you?
(c) Would you?
(d) Won't they

46. Choose the correct exclamatory sentence:-

- A. Today, we will be going out for dinner!
- B. Please help me lift the heavy bag!
- C. Ah! It is a beautiful day!
- D. Do you like to watch plays?

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

47. Choose the sentence in the Active Voice:

- (a) The film was directed by Satyajit Ray.
- (b) The door was opened by the owner of the house.
- (c) We are taught English by Mrs. Mithai.
- (d) The wind blew down the trees.

48. Which amongst the options makes correct use of a modal?

- A. He might speaking three languages.
- B. He can speak three languages.
- C. He can spoke three languages.
- D. He can speaking three languages.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

49. Pick out the correct sentence:

- A. Nobody had no idea who invented the circle
- B. Nobody has a idea who invented the circle
- C. Nobody has an idea who invented the circle
- D. Nobody have the idea who invented the circle

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

50. Choose the option which is an incorrect part of a meaningful sentence.

- A. Because to read nothing but books of fiction
- B. As we need wholesome food for the body
- C. Seriously reading for the mind
- D. is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats
- E. so we must have

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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