

CUET UG 2023 English Question Paper PDF (May 22, 2023) (Shift 1)

DIRECTIONS (1-5): Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option:

One of the more difficult tasks for me as president was to decide on the issue of confirming capital punishment awarded by the courts after exhausting all processes of appeals. As a substantial number of cases have been pending in Rashtrapati Bhavan for many years, it is one inherited task that no president would feel happy about. I thought I should get all these cases examined from a normal citizen's point of view in terms of the crime, intensity of the crime and the social and financial status of the individuals who were convicted and awarded capital punishment. This study revealed to my surprise that almost all the cases which were pending had a social and economic bias. This gave me the impression that we were punishing the person who was least involved in the enmity and who did not have a direct motive for committing the crime. Of course there was one case where I found that a lift operator had in fact committed the crime of raping and killing a girl without doubt. In that case I affirmed the sentence.

In my view while courts are hearing the capital punishment cases they should alert the law-enforcing authorities to intelligently find out the source of sustenance of the individual who is being punished and that of his family.

This kind of analysis may lead to the real person and the motive which has led to the crime. We are all the creations of God. I am not sure a human system or a human being is competent to take away a life based on artificial and created evidence.

1. The 'inherited task' that APJ Abdul Kalam was not happy about was:-
 - (a) exhausting all processes of appeals
 - (b) the decision on the issue of confirming capital punishment.
 - (c) getting the cases examined from normal citizen's point of view
 - (d) the social and financial status of the individuals who were convicted
2. The expression 'capital punishment' means-
 - (a) punishment by the highest court of the country
 - (b) thirty years imprisonment
 - (c) punishment by death
 - (d) rigorous life imprisonment
3. The outcome of examining the cases from a normal citizen's point of view was, that:-
 - (a) the cases had a social and economic bias
 - (b) the person did not have a direct motive for committing the crime.
 - (c) The lift operator's crime was one of a kind.
 - (d) The courts should alert the law-enforcing authorities to get to the root of the case.

4. The synonym for 'considerable' from the passage is:
 - (a) capital
 - (b) substantial
 - (c) financial
 - (d) artificial
5. The word 'competent' is an:
 - (a) adverb
 - (b) abstract noun
 - (c) adjective
 - (d) auxiliary verb

DIRECTIONS (6-10): Read the following passage and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option.

Later that evening, Sacha suddenly became aware that her parents had appeared in the courtyard. Her initial shock was replaced in quick succession by shame, guilt and annoyance. Mrs. Wilkie hurled her luggage to the floor, and with eyes blazing drew back her shoulders in readiness for battle. In a thunderous voice she demanded to know, 'Who's in charge?'

Why is there no-one at the reception?' Her mother's laser eye soon pin-pointed Sacha, who was trying to shrink back into the shadows, and she launched herself across the space to demand, 'What on earth are you doing in a place like this?' I thought you were staying somewhere decent!' She wheeled around and commanded, 'You young people should be in bed! It's late.'

The events of the next two hours were a blur to Sacha. The room in that same hostel which her parents had booked from home over the internet was dirty, her mother caught the heel of her shoe in the threadbare carpet, and a pillow was brought down to reception held aloft between thumb and forefinger for fear of disease. Mrs. Wilkie was assured that the overwhelming smell of gas was normal, and was probably from a neighbouring establishment. She insisted that Sacha and Jed clear the kitchen sinks and take out the leaking rubbish bags, not realising that there were no tea towels and nowhere outside that was free of rats.

Finally, recognising that this sorry state of affairs could not be remedied, Mrs. Wilkie made Sacha pack her things and ordered a taxi to take them all to a luxury hotel. 'End of the gap year!' Thought Sacha, miserably.

6. Was Sacha expecting her mother's visit?
 - (a) Not at all
 - (b) Yes, but only with her father
 - (c) Yes, to some extent
 - (d) Expected her the following month
7. During her visit, the mother found Sacha's room
 - (a) neat and clean
 - (b) without bed and chairs
 - (c) very dirty and unkempt
 - (d) well-decorated
8. What was Sacha's reaction on seeing her parents at the hostel? She was _____

- (a) amused and relaxed
(b) ashamed, guilty, agitated
(c) angry and pained
(d) anxious and depressed
9. The expressions 'eyes blazing' 'thunderous voice' 'laser eye', 'wheeled around' suggest that Sacha's mother was:
(a) indignant (b) overjoyed
(c) embarrassing (d) a scatterbrain
10. What did Mrs. Wilkie decide to do at last?
(a) to return home with her daughter
(b) to shift her back to the hostel
(c) permitted her to stay there only for a month
(d) to shift to a luxury hotel

DIRECTIONS (11-15): Read the following lines and answer the question that follows by choosing the correct option.

The signal was given, the pistol exploded
And so did the runners on hearing the sound
But the youngest among them stumbled and staggered
And he fell on his knees to the ground.
He gave out a cry of frustration and anguish
His dreams and his efforts dashed in the dirt
But as sure as I'm standing here telling the story
Now it's a stranger one, but here's what occurred
The eight other athletes stopped in their tracks
The ones who had trained for so long to compete
One by one they turned round and came back to help him
And lifted the lad to his feet.
That's how the race ended, with nine gold medals
They came to the finish line holding hands still
And the banner above and nine smiling faces
Said more than these words ever will
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11. In the sentence - "The signal was given, the pistol exploded and so did the runners, the underlined phrase means that the runners _____.
(a) were stranded due to the explosion
(b) burst out in anger
(c) sprinted off
(d) eased off
12. The runner who fell down was the _____ athlete:
(a) youngest (b) eldest
(c) most promising (d) weakest
13. When one the runners fell down, the rest of them _____.
(a) completed the race without him
(b) rushed to the finish line
(c) stopped, helped him and finished the race with him
(d) ignored him completely
14. Identify the word from the lines above, that means the same as - DISTRESS
(a) frustration (b) staggered
(c) dashed (d) anguish
15. The message of the poem is _____.
(a) Cooperation and empathy
(b) Co-operation and competition

- (c) Friendship and Attention
(d) How to win

16. Identify the sentences showing the correct use of Preposition:-

- (A) Suresh went there with my bike.
(B) She was ruled out of the match due to a foot injury.
(C) We travelled into my friends car.
(D) The country he grew up in, didn't make it easy for its people to live in luxury.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A) & (B) only (b) (B) & (D) only
(c) (A) & (D) only (d) (A) & (C) only
17. Rearrange the following parts of the sentence: labelled as PQRS to make a meaningful sentence.

- (P) and picturesque building
(Q) the quiet and seeming
(R) made him pause to appreciate it
(S) emptiness of the old

Choose the correct option:

- (a) (R) (P) (S) (Q) (b) (Q) (S) (P) (R)
(c) (S) (P) (Q) (R) (d) (S) (R) (P) (Q)

18. Choose the correct Preposition that should be inserted in the blank:

"The school was not far from my home and I used to walk, but _____ the start of last year I had been going with the other girls in a rickshaw and coming home by bus."

- (a) for (b) before
(c) from (d) since

19. Pick out the part of the sentence which has an error. If there is no error, mark 'd'

The construction of a / new bridge requiring / a major investment

A B C

Choose the correct option:

- (a) A (b) B
(c) B (d) No error

20. Change the following sentence into the Indirect Speech by choosing the correct option:

"Don't put sharp things in your purse," said his brother.

- (a) His brother told him not to put sharp things in his purse.
(b) His brother requested her not to put sharp things in the purse.
(c) His brother did not ask him to put sharp things in his purse.
(d) His brother refused to keep sharp things in his purse.

21. Rearrange the following jumbled words to form a meaningful sentence by choosing the correct option:

People/is/sacred/some/considered/by/an/elephant/a/with/tusk:

- (a) By some people an elephant is considered sacred with a tusk.
(b) An elephant is considered by some people with a tusk sacred
(c) Some people considered an elephant with a tusk sacred
(d) An elephant with a tusk is considered sacred by some people.

22. Fill in the blank with a suitable Article if necessary: I don't think _____ mother is home yet.
 (a) a (b) an
 (c) the (d) zero article
23. Identify the kind of adverb used in the following sentence:
 He doesn't like to stay at the guest house where his uncle is staying:
 (a) Relative Adverb
 (b) Adverb of Manner
 (c) Adverb of Frequency
 (d) Interrogating Adverb
24. Identify and choose the correct Passive Voice form of the following sentence.
 They asked me my name:
 (a) They never asked her any name.
 (b) I was asked my name.
 (c) They were asked my name.
 (d) I never ask his name.
25. Choose the word nearest in meaning to:
 "SQUALID"
 (a) tidy (b) dirty
 (c) solid (d) superficial
26. The body of a letter comprises of _____:
 (A) the communication
 (B) the salutation
 (C) an email
 (D) a subscription
 Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A) and (B) only (b) (A) only
 (c) (B) and (C) only (d) (D) only
27. Match the words in **List - I** with their Antonyms **List - II**:
- | List I | | List II | |
|--------|-----------|---------|------------|
| A. | lament | I. | alertness |
| B. | kindred | II. | rejoice |
| C. | melodious | III. | unrelated |
| D. | lethargy | IV. | discordant |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
 (b) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
 (c) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
 (d) A-IV, B-II, C-III, D-I
28. Identify the Modal in the following sentence:
 They needn't always make a complaint.
 (a) always (b) they
 (c) complaint (d) needn't
29. Choose the correct Antonym of the underlined word:
 Due to the hijack, the staff was in a state of calm.
 (a) restraint (b) panic
 (c) dismay (d) dread
30. Identify the Adjective Clause in the following sentence:
 People who eat too much die early.
 (a) people who (b) who eat too much
 (c) people die early (d) die early
31. Fill in the blank with the most suitable Phrasal Verb:-
 On hearing the news of her husband's sudden demise, she _____:
 (a) broke off (b) broke down
 (c) broke out (d) broke up
32. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative out of the given options:
 The new edition of the book has been a complete sell _____:
 (a) about (b) out
 (c) in (d) off
33. Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the word "DE JURE"
 (a) according to law
 (b) a feeling that something has happened before
 (c) to get injured
 (d) to hurt someone
34. Fill in the blank with a suitable alternative:
 I will come tomorrow _____ the contrary.
 Choose the **correct** option:
 (a) without hearing (b) but I hear
 (c) unless hearing (d) unless I hear
35. Which of the following is the correct meaning of the word - **MANANA**
 (a) at some time in the future
 (b) a variety of banana
 (c) a ritual
 (d) a catastrophe
36. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word in the given sentence:
 "We have a lot a reproach ourselves about if we do not serve our parents."
 (a) repudiate (b) adore
 (c) criticize (d) lament
37. Match the expressions in **List - I** with their meanings in **List - II**:
- | List I | | List II | |
|--------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| A. | heads will roll | I. | expect to be rewarded |
| B. | took to their heels | II. | dismissals expected |
| C. | bear in mind | III. | ran away |
| D. | brownie points | IV. | remember |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I (b) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV
 (c) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-II (d) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
38. Which part/s of the given sentence has/have an error?
 "I ordered to him / to leave / class room"
 A B C
 (a) (A) (b) (A) and (B)
 (c) (B) (d) (B) and (C)
39. Choose the correct Determiner that must be inserted in the blank space:-
 "To what extent do you think stereotypes affect _____ way people see things?"

- (a) a (b) the
(c) an (d) No article
40. Choose the correct conversion of Active Voice to Passive Voice for the given sentence:
The cat is chasing the mouse.
(A) The cat chases the mouse.
(B) The mouse is chasing the cat.
(C) The mouse is being chased by the cat.
(D) The mouse is chased.
(E) The mouse chases the cat.
Choose the correct answer from the option given below:
(a) (B) only (b) (C) only
(c) (D) only (d) (A) and (E) only
41. Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the idiom. "Take something with a pinch of salt"
(a) to exaggerate
(b) to insult the other person
(c) to accept with some doubt
(d) to give small contribution
42. Pick out the incorrect Exclamatory sentence for the given Assertion:-
"It is strange that we should meet here"
(a) To think of our meeting here!
(b) Strange that we meet here!
(c) Oh! Strange that we met here!
(d) How strange that we meet here!
43. Select the option that best expresses the given sentence in the Indirect Speech:-
The Principal said to the student, "If you don't behave properly in the class, I will suspend you."
(a) The Principal requested the student to behave properly in the class or else he will be suspended.
(b) The Principal warned the student that he would suspend him if he didn't behave properly in the class.
(c) The Principal told the student that he will suspend him because of his mis behaviour.
(d) The Principal advised the student to behave properly in the class.
44. Rearrange the following words in order to make a meaningful sentence:-
(A) at least a start on
(B) by beginning to focus on planting trees
(C) it is rewarding that Man has made
(D) recognizing the significance of saving the environment
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (D), (B), (A), (C) (b) (C), (A), (D), (B)
(c) (D), (C), (B), (A) (d) (A), (B), (C), (D)
45. Match the sentences in List - I with the correct question tags in List - II:

List I		List II	
A.	She is a nice lady.	I.	is she?
B.	She isn't hard working	II.	didn't you?
C.	Let's go to the gym.	III.	isn't she?
D.	You enjoyed the movie.	IV.	shall we?

- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
(b) A-I, B-III, C-IV, D-II
(c) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
(d) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
46. Change the following sentence from an Exclamatory to an Assertive sentence by choosing the correct option:
What a piece of work is Man:
(A) Man is a wonderful piece of work.
(B) Men are wonderful piece of work.
(C) Can man be so wonderful?
(D) Man is the noblest creation of God.
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (A) (b) (B)
(c) (C) (d) (D)
47. Choose the sentence where 'high' is used as an adverb:-
(a) We must have high ambition.
(b) Some birds fly high in the sky.
(c) She had high hopes from his son.
(d) Her confidence is high.
48. Choose the appropriate Modal to complete the given sentence:
"I am short of money today". _____ you please pay my bills this time?
(a) should
(b) dare
(c) could
(d) must
49. Choose the option that gives the correct meaning of the underlined word in both the given sentences:
(i) Still waters run deep.
(ii) He still lives in that house.
(a) (i) continuing, (ii) calm
(b) (i) dead, (ii) time
(c) (i) continuing, (ii) dead
(d) (i) calm, (ii) continuing
50. Complete the main body of the letter by filling in the blanks with correct option:-
12, Civil Lines
Mumbai
4 October, 2022
Dear Sir,
I shall be much (i) if you could send me the books that I (ii) a week ago, as soon as (iii) I look forward to a (iv) delivery.
Yours truly
Raman shourie
Choose the correct option:
(a) (i) happy, (ii) you can, (iii) sent, (iv) safe
(b) (i) obliged, (ii) possible, (iii) sent, (iv) prompt
(c) (i) obliged, (ii) ordered, (iii) possible, (iv) prompt
(d) (i) happy, (ii) you can, (iii) ordered, (iv) safe