

# CUET English Solution SET D

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**Ques 2. Choose the appropriate word pair to complete the sentence:**  
I didn't know Rahul was in the hospital. If I \_\_\_\_\_, I would him.

- (1) knew, go
- (2) had known, have visited
- (3) have known, be going
- (4) know, had gone

**Solu.** I didn't know Rahul was in the hospital. If I had known, visited  
, I would him.

**Ques 4. Identify the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:**  
The movie star's biography is a glossy, sycophantic portrayal.

- (1) cowardly
- (2) domineering
- (3) flattering
- (4) insolent

**Solu.** The movie star's biography is a glossy, sycophantic portrayal. (3)  
flattering Sycophantic means excessively flattering or complimentary, often  
in a way that is insincere. (1) Cowardly and (2) domineering are not related  
to flattery. (4) Insolent means rude or disrespectful, which is the opposite of  
flattering.

**Ques 5. Choose the correct ANTONYM of the underlined word:**  
The Minister unleashed a compliment against the newspaper for its  
biased editorial on illiteracy among women in his constituency.

- (1) denunciation
- (2) endorsement
- (3) regulation
- (4) speculation

**Solu.** (1) denunciation A compliment is an expression of praise or admiration. Denunciation is the strongest option here, meaning a public declaration of disapproval or condemnation. (2) Endorsement suggests public approval, similar to a compliment. (3) Regulation refers to rules or restrictions, not the opposite of praise. (4) Speculation is the act of forming a theory or opinion based on uncertain evidence, not related to praise or criticism.

**Ques 6. Choose the correct SYNONYM for redoubtable from the options given below.**

- (1) flimsy
- (2) perplexing
- (3) formidable
- (4) voluble

Answer: (3) formidable

Explanation:

- "Redoubtable" means inspiring fear or awe due to power or strength.
- "Formidable" conveys being impressive or intimidating, a good synonym.
- "Flimsy" suggests weakness or lack of substance, the opposite of redoubtable.
- "Perplexing" means causing confusion, not related to strength.
- "Voluble" describes someone who talks a lot, not a synonym for redoubtable.

**Ques 7. Choose the correct ANTONYM for sullen from the options given below.**

- (1) morose
- (2) reticent
- (3) timid
- (4) genial

Answer: (4) genial

**Explanation:**

- "Sullen" means bad-tempered and silent.
- "Genial" is cheerful and friendly, the opposite of sullen.
- "Morose" is gloomy and depressed, similar to sullen.
- "Reticent" describes someone unwilling to talk much, not the opposite of sullen.
- "Timid" suggests shyness or fearfulness, not the opposite of sullen.

**Ques 8. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence:**

**(A) are inborn but our**

**(B) constituents of flavour, are learned**

**(C) our responses to basic tastes**

**(D) perceptions of smells, the main**

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

**(1) (B), (D), (A), (C)**

**(2) (A), (C), (B), (D)**

**(3) (C), (A), (D), (B)**

**(4) (C), (B), (D), (A)**

**Solu.** The correct answer is (4) (C), (B), (D), (A).

Here's why:

- The sentence should start with a subject, which in this case is "Our responses to basic tastes" (C).
- It should then explain the nature of these responses, which are "the main constituents of flavour" (D).
- Next, it should introduce a contrast between inborn and learned aspects. "Our perceptions of smells" (B) come first as they are related to taste but not explicitly mentioned as a response.
- Finally, the sentence concludes with "are inborn but our" (A) to complete the contrast between inborn perceptions and learned responses.

Therefore, (C), (B), (D), (A) creates the most logical and grammatically correct sentence: "Our responses to basic tastes, the main constituents of flavour, are learned but our perceptions of smells are inborn."

**Ques 10. Fill in the blank with the correct option.**

**A small \_\_\_ between two children ended up as a group fight.**

- (1) altercation**
- (2) match**
- (3) contest**
- (4) race**

**Solu.** The best option to fill in the blank is:

- (1) altercation**

Here's why:

- Altercation refers to a minor disagreement or argument, which can escalate.
- Match, contest, and race all imply a structured competition, which wouldn't fit the context of a fight between children.

Therefore, "altercation" is the most fitting word to describe a small disagreement that turns into a fight.

**Ques 13. Replace the underlined word with the most appropriate SYNONYM. For sometime now, we've been toying with the idea of transferring all our business from physical to online sales only.**

- (1) launch (2) showing (3) considering (4) careful. Ans. (3)**

**Explanation:** Consider would mean go through the whole idea and turning points carefully, which would be well in line with the context of having to analyze a significant business change.

**Ques 14. Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word. At first the workers were agreeable to the proposals of their Manager, but later they were reconciled to the new proposals.**

- (1) resistant (2) estranged (3) cooperate (4) agreed**

**Ans. (1)**

**Explanation:** Reconciled means to become accepting of something  
Resistant - This means continued opposition to something, which is the opposite of becoming accepting.

**Ques 16. Fill in the blank with the correct option.**

**Most of the guests arrived for the concert \_\_\_\_\_ bus.**

- (1) by**
- (2) with**
- (3) from**
- (4) through**

**Solu.** The correct option to fill in the blank is:

**(1) by**

Here's why:

- "By" indicates the means of transportation. In this case, the guests used buses to get to the concert.
- "With" suggests accompaniment, not the mode of travel.
- "From" indicates origin, not the means of transportation.
- "Through" wouldn't be appropriate here as it implies passage or movement across something.

Therefore, "by" is the most natural preposition to describe how the guests traveled to the concert.

**Ques 17. Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.**

**Why did you make that flippant remark about her choice of clothes?**

**(1) sarcastic (2) disrespectful (3) casual (4) indifferent Ans. (1)**

**Explanation:** ● Sarcastic means mocking or critical intent, similar to flippant. ● Disrespectful is a strong synonym for flippant, suggesting a lack of regard. ● Both the words are closest to the word flippant so we can choose any one of them.

**Ques 18. Select the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word. The thief showed his disbelief when informed that his partner had been arrested.**

**(1) displayed (2) concealed (3) battled (4) marked**

**Ans. (2)** Expanation: displayed - this is the synonym of word showed  
Concealed - this means to hide something which is opposite of showed

**Ques 19.** Fill in the blank with the correct option. The President finally had to \_\_\_\_\_ the demands of the public for his resignation.

(1) ignore (2) initiate (3) accede to (4) condone

**Ans. (3)**

**Explanation :** Accede to means to agree to a demand or request. This is option gets fit as it implies the President is giving in to the public's pressure.

**Ques 20.** Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence. (A) For organisations which provide (B) services to customers on a face-to-face basis, (C) employees with whom they deal is very important (D) the quality of the relationship between customers and Choose the correct answer from the options giyen below:

(1)(A), (B), (D), (C)

(2)(C), (A), (B), (D)

(3)(B), (D), (A), (C)

(4)(D), (A), (C), (B)

**Ans. (1)**

**Ques 21.** Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence. (A) as a concept fundamental to (B) especially with the injunction to treat equals equally (C) justice is associated with the notion of equity and equality, (D) ethical theory and political philosophy, Choose the correct answer from the options giyen below :

(1) (D), (B), (C), (A).

(2) (C), (A), (B), (D).

(3) (B), (A), (D), (C).

(4) (A), (D), (C), (B).

**Ans. (4)**

**Explanation:** • It begins by noting that justice is one of the universal ideals, so (A) "as a concept fundamental to" comes first. • This is followed by the topic description, namely Area of Importance, which is "Ethical Theory and Political Philosophy," with (D). • Our final point is about justice's link with equality and equity (C). • Last, it gives an instance how fairness is linked to equality, especially with the such a rule "to treat equals equally".

**Ques 24. Re-arrange the parts in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence : (A) students with tools for critical thinking (B) cooperative learning is an (C) that enhances creativity and provides (D) eclectic and unique teaching method Choose the correct answer from the options given below :**

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

**Ans. (2)**

**Explanation:** • The first sentence should give an overview of the topic. This means (B) "cooperative learning is". • The authors clearly explain what "cooperative learning" is, as they refer to it as an "eclectic and unique teaching method . Hence we conclude (D). • Similarly, (C) is the next part which explains that it "facilitates creativity and extends imagination. • The last, after all, points out the exact skills that students take from the method: "students, with tools of critical thinking."

**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. be told me that the language one is born into, one's mother tongue, can be the only possible medium of ereative 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 cathe, 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 fathers 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 Englis! 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 then. 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.

25. The author grew up with the expectation that he 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.

Ans. (3) creative writing.

26. 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.

**Ans.** (1) she will travel widely

**27. 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.

**Ans.** (2) She felt obligated to carry on the legacy of Premchand. 14.  
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.

**28. 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.

**Ans.** (2) (A) and (C) only 15.

**29. '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.

**Ans.** (1)

**Explanation:** Here's why • Inhale means to take in something, and it is usually taken in deeply. The context here suggests that this is not the same as reading or being aware of someone's writing but a deeper absorption. • Writing is about the writer's aesthetic style and how they choose to create their voice. • The intrusion involves the process of gradually and unconsciously seeping in something

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

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

**Ans.** (1) Occasional

**31. The author argues that humans don't have "free will" because**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence. (1) our decisions are shaped by past events and environmental influences. (2) we are born with pre-determined choices that we are forced to make. (3) we are always dictated by our mind to make irrational choices. (4) human beings are born slaves of social constructs and expectations.**

**Ans.** (1) our decisions are shaped by past events and environmental influences.

**32. "Karmic imprint" referred to in the passage implies \_\_\_\_ Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence. (1) the ability to bring about change in oneself. (2) our genetic code, upbringing and environment. (3) the truth of our being, our individuality. (4) the wrong doings and vices of our past lives.**

**Ans.** (2) our genetic code, upbringing and environment.

**33. "Free will" can be experienced if \_\_\_\_\_ Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence. (1) we embrace our past experiences and conditioning. (2) we make choices without considering the consequences. (3) we let go of our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs. (4) we accumulate more and more karmic imprints.**

**Ans.** (3) we let go of our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs.

**34. The author proves that the idea of "free will" is a myth by suggesting that \_\_\_\_\_ Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence. (1) our ability to make a choice is restricted by our predispositions. (2) we are unable to bring a change in ourselves. (3) our choices are solely guided by the current environment. (4) our choices are completely independent of past events and our genetic code.**

**Ans.** (1) our ability to make a choice is restricted by our predispositions.

**35. What does the author propose as a means to expand the scope of one's agency ? Choose the correct option. (1) Making choices frequently and impulsively. (2) Engaging in sustained inner work and self-awareness. (3) Holding on to fixed beliefs and stringent mindsets. (4) Ignoring one's past experiences and dispositions.**

**Ans.** (2)

**Explanation:** ● Agency can be defined as the capability of self-determination and self-decision making. ● Sustained inner work and self-awareness have to do with taking time to think about your thoughts, feelings and motivation. This exercise, in particular, can help you to know what you care about and the values that dictate your activities. By getting to know yourself better, you can see your actions more clearly and choose the

ones which take you toward your goals and your dreams, therefore increasing your personal power