

# CUET English Solutions Set A

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**Ques 1. 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

**Ans. (1)**

**Explanation:** Altercation refers to a noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public.

**Ques 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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

**Ans. (1)**

**Explanation:** By is used to indicate the means of transportation

- From indicates origin, not the means of getting there

**5. 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.

**6. 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)**

**Explanation:**

displayed - this is the synonym of word showed

Concealed - this means to hide something which is opposite of showed

**7. 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.

**8. 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 given below:**

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

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

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

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

**Ans. (1)**

**9. 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 given 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".

10. 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, he told me that the language one is born into, one's mother tongue, can be the only possible medium of creative 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 came, 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 father's 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 English! 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 them. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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.

(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. 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.



16. 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

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

Free will is the ability to decide and act free from any influence of past events or environment. It implies complete freedom to make any choice absolutely. We clearly don't have free will. Our decisions and actions are never divorced from our past.

We have a conditioned mind. Our memories past impressions and experiences bias and shape our thoughts and actions in the present. It is our karmic imprint. Not just what we are born with, but also what we accumulate while living. We can consider it as the result of our genetic code. upbringing and environment. It's our backstory.

The only way to experience free will is to get rid of all such conditioning; to neutralise our karmic imprint; to be independent of our psychological coding. That's possible only if we can purify our mind by letting go of all our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs. Then we can reside in the truth of our being.

The above is an exacting definition of free will. What we commonly mean by free will is that we have a choice in most situations like, who you choose to marry, what profession you pursue or how you react to someone's aggression. Sounds reasonable. But here's the catch. Our ability to make that choice too is significantly restricted, dictated by our predispositions.

This applies even to our ability to bring about change within ourselves. Despite a strong resolve to be calmer, kinder or less anxious, our ability to manifest that change depends, partly on our emotional and mental wiring. That's why some people succeed in such efforts more than the others.

If you wish to expand the scope of your agency, explore ways to engage in sustained inner work, deepen your self-awareness, examine and reform your conditioned beliefs. But then, I wonder if your inclination to embark on that journey too depends on your current karmic coding.

17. 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.

18. "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.

19. "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.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.

22. What do you think could be a suitable title for this passage ?

Choose the most appropriate option.

- (1) Definition of Free Will".
- (2) Our backstory - key to a successful life.
- (3) Do human beings really have "Free Will"
- (4) Making Choices - Every Man's Prerogative!

**Ans. (1)**

**Explanation:** The term "Definition of Free Will" portrays another key noteworthy element here. It focuses on the peculiar definition of the free will, which is the central from where the entire argument about the boundaries of free will starts.