CUET UG 2027 Mock Test 2: English

Full-length practice test in the CUET (UG) pattern, with answer key and solutions.

Test	English
Questions	50, all compulsory (multiple choice)
Duration	60 minutes
Marking	+5 for a correct answer, −1 for a wrong answer, 0 if not attempted
Maximum marks	250
Pattern basis	CUET (UG) 2026 Information Bulletin. NTA will confirm the 2027 pattern in its 2027 bulletin.
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English

Passage 1

The town library had stood at the corner of Station Road for nearly a century. For most of that time it was a quiet place where retired teachers read newspapers and schoolchildren searched for reference books. Five years ago, the new librarian, Meera, decided that the library needed to earn its place in a town where almost everyone carried a phone. She did not try to compete with the internet. Instead, she asked what people could not easily find online. The answer surprised her: company. Elderly residents wanted conversation, young mothers wanted a safe place for their toddlers, and students wanted a calm room to study away from crowded homes. Meera started a reading circle on Sunday mornings, set aside a corner with floor cushions and picture books, and kept the main hall open until nine at night during exam season. Visitor numbers tripled within two years. When the council later proposed closing the building to save money, more than two thousand residents signed a petition against it, and the plan was dropped.

Passage 2

In many Indian cities, heavy monsoon rain floods the streets for a few weeks, and then the same neighbourhoods face water shortages in summer. Rainwater harvesting offers a simple way to break this cycle. Rooftop systems collect rain through pipes and send it either into storage tanks or into recharge pits that let the water soak back into the ground. Recharging the ground matters because cities draw heavily on groundwater; when wells are pumped faster than rain can refill them, the water table falls and borewells run dry. Several states now require new buildings above a certain size to install harvesting systems, but enforcement is uneven. Experts argue that the rules work best when residents understand the benefits, maintain the pits by clearing silt before each monsoon, and see the results in their own wells.

Questions

Q1. [Passage 1] The passage is mainly about

(A) a council that saved money by closing a library
(B) why libraries cannot compete with the internet
(C) a librarian who made the library useful by meeting local needs
(D) how phones replaced reading

Q2. [Passage 1] Meera's approach was to

(A) ban phones in the library
(B) offer what people could not easily find online
(C) shorten opening hours
(D) buy more books than the internet offers

Q3. [Passage 1] The main hall stayed open until nine at night

(A) every Sunday (B) during exam season
(C) only for elderly readers (D) throughout the year

Q4. [Passage 1] The council dropped its plan because

(A) Meera resigned
(B) over two thousand residents signed a petition
(C) the building was sold
(D) visitor numbers fell

Q5. [Passage 1] As used in the passage, "tripled" means
(A) doubled (B) fell by a third
(C) stayed the same (D) became three times as many

Q6. [Passage 2] The problem the passage describes is
(A) the high price of borewells
(B) floods in the monsoon and water shortages in summer
(C) too many storage tanks
(D) a lack of rain in all seasons

Q7. [Passage 2] Recharge pits
(A) store water for drinking
(B) prevent rooftop leaks
(C) carry water to rivers
(D) let rainwater soak back into the ground

Q8. [Passage 2] The water table falls when
(A) too many pits are dug
(B) it rains heavily
(C) rooftops are cleaned
(D) wells are pumped faster than rain can refill them

Q9. [Passage 2] According to experts, harvesting rules work best when residents
(A) install larger tanks
(B) understand the benefits and maintain the pits
(C) stop using groundwater altogether
(D) pay higher water bills

Q10. [Passage 2] As used in the passage, "uneven" most nearly means
(A) absent (B) rough
(C) strict (D) inconsistent

Q11. Choose the synonym of ABUNDANT.
(A) hidden (B) tiny
(C) plentiful (D) scarce

Q12. Choose the antonym of TRANSPARENT.
(A) clear (B) bright
(C) thin (D) opaque

Q13. Choose the synonym of CANDID.
(A) frank (B) shy
(C) polite (D) secret

Q14. Choose the antonym of EXPAND.
(A) swell (B) extend
(C) grow (D) contract

Q15. Choose the synonym of METICULOUS.
(A) careless (B) careful
(C) quick (D) lazy

Q16. Choose the antonym of HOSTILE.
(A) cold (B) aggressive
(C) friendly (D) angry

Q17. She has been living here ____ 2015.
(A) by (B) since
(C) for (D) from

Q18. Neither the teacher nor the students ____ present.
(A) has (B) were
(C) is (D) was

Q19. He is good ____ mathematics.
(A) on (B) at
(C) in (D) with

Q20. If I ____ you, I would apologise.
(A) am (B) were
(C) was (D) be

Q21. Choose the correct spelling.
(A) accomodation (B) acomodation
(C) acommodation (D) accommodation

Q22. Choose the correct spelling.
(A) neccessary (B) necesary
(C) neccesary (D) necessary

Q23. A person who can speak many languages is a
(A) orator (B) monoglot
(C) polyglot (D) translator

Q24. An abnormal fear of heights is called
(A) claustrophobia (B) hydrophobia
(C) agoraphobia (D) acrophobia

Q25. Government by the people is called
(A) oligarchy (B) autocracy
(C) monarchy (D) democracy

Q26. "To break the ice" means
(A) to calm down
(B) to start a conversation in an awkward situation
(C) to win easily
(D) to destroy something

Q27. "A piece of cake" means
(A) something very easy (B) something very tasty
(C) a celebration (D) a small share

Q28. "Once in a blue moon" means
(A) suddenly (B) at night
(C) every month (D) very rarely

Q29. Choose the passive form of: The chef cooked the meal.
(A) The meal was cooked by the chef. (B) The meal has cooked the chef.
(C) The meal is cooked by the chef. (D) The chef was cooked by the meal.

Q30. Choose the indirect form of: He said, "I am tired."
(A) He says that he is tired. (B) He said that I am tired.
(C) He said that he is being tired. (D) He said that he was tired.

Q31. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.
(A) She don't like coffee. (B) She not like coffee.
(C) She doesn't like coffee. (D) She doesn't likes coffee.

Q32. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.
(A) Each of the boy has a bicycle. (B) Each of the boys has a bicycle.
(C) Each of the boys have a bicycle. (D) Each of the boys having a bicycle.

Q33. He is ____ honest man.
(A) no article (B) an
(C) the (D) a

Q34. ____ Ganga is a holy river.
(A) An (B) The
(C) A (D) No article

Q35. The book is ____ the table.
(A) on (B) at
(C) over to (D) into

Q36. By next year, she ____ her degree.
(A) completed (B) completes
(C) will have completed (D) has completed

Q37. He was tired, ____ he kept working.
(A) but (B) or
(C) because (D) so

Q38. "The scheme was shelved" means the scheme was
(A) approved (B) placed on a shelf
(C) expanded (D) put off

Q39. The plural of CRITERION is
(A) criterias (B) criterion
(C) criterions (D) criteria

Q40. The plural of PHENOMENON is
(A) phenomenas (B) phenomenon
(C) phenomena (D) phenomenons

Q41. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.
(A) Its' raining. (B) It's' raining.
(C) It's raining. (D) Its raining.

Q42. Choose the synonym of OBSOLETE.
(A) popular (B) useful
(C) outdated (D) modern

Q43. Choose the antonym of GENEROUS.
(A) liberal (B) stingy
(C) noble (D) kind

Q44. "The wind whispered through the trees" uses
(A) simile (B) personification
(C) alliteration (D) hyperbole

Q45. "As brave as a lion" is an example of
(A) simile (B) alliteration
(C) personification (D) metaphor

Q46. She is ____ than her brother.
(A) more tall (B) taller
(C) tall (D) tallest

Q47. This is the ____ book I have ever read.
(A) good (B) most good
(C) better (D) best

Q48. You ____ wear a seatbelt; it is the law.
(A) could (B) must
(C) might (D) may

Q49. You are coming, ____?
(A) don't you (B) are you
(C) aren't you (D) isn't it

Q50. Choose the correct spelling.
(A) definitely (B) definitly
(C) definately (D) defenitely

Answer key

Q1 C	**Q2** B	**Q3** B	**Q4** B	**Q5** D
Q6 B	**Q7** D	**Q8** D	**Q9** B	**Q10** D
Q11 C	**Q12** D	**Q13** A	**Q14** D	**Q15** B
Q16 C	**Q17** B	**Q18** B	**Q19** B	**Q20** B
Q21 D	**Q22** D	**Q23** C	**Q24** D	**Q25** D
Q26 B	**Q27** A	**Q28** D	**Q29** A	**Q30** D
Q31 C	**Q32** B	**Q33** B	**Q34** B	**Q35** A
Q36 C	**Q37** A	**Q38** D	**Q39** D	**Q40** C
Q41 C	**Q42** C	**Q43** B	**Q44** B	**Q45** A
Q46 B	**Q47** D	**Q48** B	**Q49** C	**Q50** A

Solutions

Q1 · Answer: **(C) a librarian who made the library useful by meeting local needs**
Meera focused on what the community needed.

Q2 · Answer: **(B) offer what people could not easily find online**
Stated in the passage.

Q3 · Answer: **(B) during exam season**
Stated in the passage.

Q4 · Answer: **(B) over two thousand residents signed a petition**
Stated in the last sentence.

Q5 · Answer: **(D) became three times as many**
Word meaning.

Q6 · Answer: **(B) floods in the monsoon and water shortages in summer**
First sentence.

Q7 · Answer: **(D) let rainwater soak back into the ground**
Stated in the passage.

Q8 · Answer: **(D) wells are pumped faster than rain can refill them**
Stated in the passage.

Q9 · Answer: **(B) understand the benefits and maintain the pits**
Final sentence.

Q10 · Answer: **(D) inconsistent**
Enforcement varies from place to place.

Q11 · Answer: **(C) plentiful**

Q12 · Answer: **(D) opaque**

Q13 · Answer: **(A) frank**

Q14 · Answer: **(D) contract**

Q15 · Answer: **(B) careful**

Q16 · Answer: **(C) friendly**

Q17 · Answer: **(B) since**
'Since' marks a point in time.

Q18 · Answer: **(B) were**
The verb agrees with the nearer subject, 'students'.

Q19 · Answer: **(B) at**
'Good at' a subject.

Q20 · Answer: **(B) were**
Subjunctive in an unreal condition.

Q21 · Answer: **(D) accommodation**

Q22 · Answer: **(D) necessary**

Q23 · Answer: **(C) polyglot**

Q24 · Answer: **(D) acrophobia**

Q25 · Answer: **(D) democracy**

Q26 · Answer: **(B) to start a conversation in an awkward situation**

Q27 · Answer: **(A) something very easy**

Q28 · Answer: **(D) very rarely**

Q29 · Answer: **(A) The meal was cooked by the chef.**

Q30 · Answer: **(D) He said that he was tired.**

Q31 · Answer: **(C) She doesn't like coffee.**

Q32 · Answer: **(B) Each of the boys has a bicycle.**
'Each' takes a singular verb.

Q33 · Answer: **(B) an**
'Honest' begins with a vowel sound.

Q34 · Answer: **(B) The**
Names of rivers take 'the'.

Q35 · Answer: **(A) on**

Q36 · Answer: **(C) will have completed**
Future perfect.

Q37 · Answer: **(A) but**
Contrast.

Q38 · Answer: **(D) put off**
To shelve a plan is to set it aside for now.

Q39 · Answer: **(D) criteria**

Q40 · Answer: **(C) phenomena**

Q41 · Answer: **(C) It's raining.**
It's = it is.

Q42 · Answer: **(C) outdated**

Q43 · Answer: **(B) stingy**

Q44 · Answer: **(B) personification**
The wind is given a human action.

Q45 · Answer: **(A) simile**
Comparison using 'as'.

Q46 · Answer: **(B) taller**
Comparative degree.

Q47 · Answer: **(D) best**
Superlative degree.

Q48 · Answer: **(B) must**
Obligation.

Q49 · Answer: **(C) aren't you**
Positive statement takes a negative tag.

Q50 · Answer: **(A) definitely**