

CUET English Solved Paper-2023

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DIRECTIONS: (1-5) Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct option:

Trauma means 'a deeply distressing disturbing experience.' Have you ever experienced trauma? If so, how did you deal with it? A traumatic experience such as a car accident or a natural disaster may last only for a short time, while other traumatic experience such as war, persecution, bullying, discrimination and so on can last for a long time. One thing common to all these traumatic experience is its lasting effect. People who have experienced a form of trauma often have to deal with their pain for a long time afterwards. The damaging effect of trauma may lead people to change their identity.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder caused by very stressful, frightening or distressing events, or trauma. Someone with PTSD often relives the traumatic event through nightmares and flashbacks, and may experience feelings of isolation, irritability and guilt. They may also have problems sleeping significant impact on the person's day-to-day life.

Here are some types of events that can cause PTSD:

- Serious road accidents
- Violent personal assaults, such as sexual assault, mugging or robbery
- Prolonged sexual abuse, violence or severe neglect
- Witnessing violent deaths
- Military combat
- Being held hostage
- Terrorist attacks
- Natural disasters, such as severe floods, earthquakes or tsunamis

Do you know anyone who has experienced any of the above? How can you help someone who has suffered trauma?

1. Which one out of the following is not the outcome of PTSD?
 - (a) nightmares and flashbacks
 - (b) insomnia
 - (c) personal assault
 - (d) feelings of isolation
2. From the following what event is not likely to cause PTSD?
 - (a) military combat
 - (b) witnessing a car race
 - (c) persecution
 - (d) tsunami
3. Choose the word from the passage which means "an act of attacking someone to steal money"
 - (a) bullying
 - (b) assaulting
 - (c) mugging
 - (d) combatting

4. Match the words in List-I with their meanings in List-II.

List I		List II	
A.	persecution	I.	captured and held prisoner
B.	persistence	II.	who and what somebody is
C.	hostage	III.	cruel treatment
D.	identity	IV.	refusal to give up

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

5. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank :

Sleep problems: insomnia:: Unpleasant dreams: _____

- (a) trauma
- (b) nightmare
- (c) flashback
- (d) irritability

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

The sun descending in the west,
The evening star does shine:
The birds are silent in their nest,
And I must seek for mine
The moon, like a flower
In heaven's high bower
With silent delight
Sits and smiles on the night
Farewell, green fields and happy grove,
Where flocks have took delight:
Where lambs have nibbled, silent move
The feet of angels bright:
Unseen they pour blessing
And joy without ceasing
On each bud and blossom.
And each sleeping bosom.
They look in every thoughtless nest
Where birds are covered warm:
They visit caves of every beast,
To keep them all from harm:
If they see any weeping
That should have been sleeping
They pour sleep on their head,
And sit down by their bed

6. Complete the sentence given below:
The evening star rises when _____.
(a) It is midnight
(b) it is dawn
(c) the sun descends in the west
(d) the birds leave their nests
7. What is the other name for the evening star?
(a) Mars (b) Venus
(c) Jupiter (d) Saturn
8. The 'moon' has been compared to _____.
(a) an angel (b) an evening star
(c) a bird in the nest (d) a flower
9. Choose the correct figure of speech in the line "heaven's high bower."
(a) Simile (b) Personification
(c) Alliteration (d) Transferred epithet
10. The meaning of the word descending is _____.
(a) ascending (b) going down
(c) leaping up (d) rising up
6. The major problem with these 'instant coffee' solution is that they are invariably short lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track.
11. Why did the lady not go back to her teacher?
(a) The teacher was incompetent.
(b) She did not have enough money.
(c) She wanted to learn a different instrument.
(d) The teacher had told her that learning piano would take time.
12. The "instant coffee" attitude refers to an/a:
(a) expectation of good aroma
(b) desire for delicious coffee
(c) expectation of immediate results of competence
(d) desire for fun and enjoyment
13. A "bread making attitude" means:
(a) desire to earn money
(b) seeking support from family
(c) believing in hard work and patience
(d) planning for future

DIRECTIONS: (11-15) Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct option:

1. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, "How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick, fast and easy like, like...." "When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and, needless to say, she never came back.
2. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture and those of us who don't is this 'instant coffee' attitude. Most of us want result quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up.
3. But such thinking serves no good for, it doesn't solve the problem. Life is tough for those with an 'instant coffee' attitude.
4. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a 'bread-making' attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise, only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour-whether in the area of career, academic music, sports, relationship, physical fitness, or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey."
5. Only if we are willing to put in the time, pains a king effort and have faith, can we get results. If we don't accept this difficult-but-true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically, for good.
14. The word "instantaneous" is a/an _____.
(a) noun (b) verb
(c) adjective (d) pronoun
15. The opposite of the word "stubbornly" is:
(a) flexibly (b) unknowingly
(c) blindly (d) gradually
16. Choose the correct Passive Voice form of the given sentence 'She gave me water'.
(a) She served water to me.
(b) I was given water by her.
(c) She was given water by me.
(d) water was given by me to her.
17. Rearrange the following parts of a sentence labelled as PQRS to make a meaningful sentence:
P. eventually he
Q. jobs like taking
R. straw to the cows
S. started doing simple
(a) P Q R S (b) Q P S R
(c) P S Q R (d) S R Q P
18. Identify the sentence showing incorrect use of Articles "A", "An" or "The"
(A) They sighted an UFO in the skies yesterday
(B) May I have a pleasure of your company?
(C) He is better a thinker than the debater.
(D) Only the best quality fruit is sold by us.
(E) What kind of a bird is that?
Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
(a) A, D, E (b) A, B, C
(c) B, C, E (d) C, D, E

19. In an informal letter, date is mentioned _____.
 (a) before subscription (b) after subscription
 (c) before salutation (d) at last
20. Choose the appropriate Preposition to insert in the blank space:
 "Some people say I will never return home but I believe firmly _____ my heart that I will."
 (a) What (b) if
 (c) so (d) in
21. Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word:
 AU REVOIR
 (a) until we meet again (b) bad intention
 (c) although (d) self love
22. Spot the error and its correction in the given sentence:
 "Every year, millions of people make difficult and often dangerous treks within their home country to new nation."
 (a) People → Peoples (b) Their → there
 (c) within → from (d) to → in
23. Identify the correct sentence from the options given below:
 (a) There is the cold wind blows from South:
 (b) There is the colder wind blows from South:
 (c) There is a cold wind blowing from the South:
 (d) There a cold wind blowing from the South:
24. Rearrange the following parts of a sentence to make a meaningful sentence:
 (A) many walls (B) enough bridges
 (C) men build too (D) but not
 Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) D A B C (b) C B D A
 (c) B D A C (d) C A D B
25. Fill in the blank with the correct Preposition:
 She certainly was company as she had the gift _____ the gab.
 (a) about (b) with
 (c) along (d) of
26. Identify the kind of Adverb used in the following sentence:
 She seldom visits her parents.
 (a) Adverb of time (b) Adverb of frequency
 (c) Adverb of reason (d) Interrogative adverb
27. Choose the correct synonym for:
 ECSTASY
 (a) despair (b) calamity
 (c) delight (d) depression
28. In a formal letter, 'Salutation' is a form of _____.
 (a) opening (b) body
 (c) leave taking (d) greeting
29. Identify the kind of Adverb used in the following sentence:
 I have heard him before
 (a) Adverb of reason (b) Adverb of time
 (c) Relative adverb (d) Adverb of manner
30. Complete the following sentence by using a suitable question tag:
 I can do it for you, _____.
 (a) can't you? (b) can't he?
 (c) aren't you? (d) can't I?
31. Identify the error's in the following sentence.
 (A) My mother tends to
 (B) tightens the purse strings
 (C) especially towards the close of the month
 (D) in order to keep a check
 (E) on unnecessary expenditure
 Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A) Only (b) (B) Only
 (c) (B) and (C) (d) (D) and (E)
32. Radhika has got this fixation with cleanliness.
 The word "fixation" in the above sentence means:
 (a) specialisation (b) compulsion
 (c) obsession (d) focus
33. Match the Idioms in List-I with their meaning in List-II.
- | List I | | List II | |
|--------|------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| A. | to burn the midnight oil | I. | to wait expectantly |
| B. | to keep your fingers crossed | II. | to work very hard |
| C. | lock, stock & barrel | III. | to work independently |
| D. | to paddle his own canoe | IV. | to do something completely |
- Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
 (b) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
 (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
 (d) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
34. Choose the correct Passive Voice for the sentence-
 'He was driving the car'.
 (a) The car was driven by him.
 (b) The car was driving him.
 (c) The car was been driven by him.
 (d) The car was being driven by him.
35. Identify the Adjective Clause in the following sentence:
 He met a boy who had a broken leg.
 (a) a broken leg (b) met a boy
 (c) he met (d) who had a broken leg
36. Match List-I with List-II.
- | List-I | | List-II | |
|--------------|-------------|---------|--|
| (A) severe | (I) seldom | | |
| (B) often | (II) mild | | |
| (C) lead | (III) pain | | |
| (D) pleasure | (IV) follow | | |
- Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
 (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(IV), (D)-(I)
 (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(II), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
 (d) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)