

# CUET English Solved Paper-2022

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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-6):** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

The world is running out of food. By 2050, the world population may cross 10 billion people and they may not have enough food for themselves. It is a prediction by an American socio-biologist that goes viral on social media now and then. Some websites now have count-down clocks ticking towards the big, bad hunger day. Scientists believe the earth cannot feed more than 10 billion people. We are already 7.7 billion and counting. There are nutritionists, socio-biologists, economists, agricultural and climate scientists trying to figure out how to stave off global hunger. This is not to sound alarmist, but it does point to the inevitability that future generations will face one day. So finally, everything boils down to food, not sovereignty, structure or superiority. One day the person who has two square meals a day will be the king or the queen. But how? When 10 billion of us inhabit the world, there will be little space left - what with all the sea erosions and glacier melts - to raise animals or crops. The animals would be the first to go as meat requires more energy to produce than any other food. If all the people were to become vegetarians, the food produced would be sufficient for not more than 10 billion people. And if you have the appetite and diet of the average American, it would not feed more than 2.5 billion people.

The problem is upon us already as we are told the world is fast losing the earth's topsoil that has the highest amount of organic matter and micro-organisms to help in germination. A third of the globe's topsoil is already gone. Along with a shortage of water, energy and land and growing demand from the population, all this adds up to a global food crisis. Over 80 million people in Africa and Asia, meanwhile, face famine and depend on food doles to survive. We cannot look to the forests to forage for food because only 30-odd per cent of the wild forest cover is still left on earth. And in 25 years, much seafood will disappear. There is only one solution. - Food Conservation. Today, a third of the global food is wasted because of bad storage, transportation, preparation and packaging, and sell-by date issues. Supermarkets sell large portions of packaged food for profit and much of it goes waste. Restaurants, to jack up prices, increase the portions of dishes, again leading to waste. In India, too, nearly 40 per cent of food produced is wasted every year because of fragmented food systems and unsound supply chains. We also generate food waste in our homes. The Covid pandemic made us a bit more conscious of our food choices and reduced food waste. We must build on that and banish the anarchy and all the channelling

1. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill in the blank.  
According to the passage, \_\_\_\_\_ will be a King or Queen one day.  
(a) someone superior in knowledge  
(b) someone with power  
(c) someone with high stature  
(d) someone who has sufficient food to feed himself/herself
2. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill in the blank.  
Losing the earth's top soil is alarming as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. it has the highest amount of organic matter  
B. it has lot of water in it  
C. it has the highest amount of micro-organisms.  
D. it is not fertile  
E. it helps in germination  
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
(a) A only (b) A and C only  
(c) A, C and E only (d) D only
3. Which of the following does not contribute to global food crisis?  
(a) Losing earth's top soil  
(b) Shortage of water, energy and land  
(c) Growing demand from the population  
(d) People becoming vegetarians
4. Select the correct answer from options given below to fill in the blank.  
According to the passage, the only solution to tackle global food crisis is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) More production of food items  
(b) Import of food item  
(c) Conservation of food  
(d) Export of food item.
5. Select the correct answer from the options given below.  
What are the reasons behind the huge food waste in India, as suggested in the passage?  
A. Higher food consumption  
B. Food abundance  
C. Fragmented food system  
D. Calculated purchasing  
E. Unsound supply chain  
(a) A, B, C only (b) C and E only  
(c) C and D only (d) A and E only
6. Select the correct answer from the options given below.  
What mindset change has been suggested by the author in the passage?



- (a) From 'food scarcity' mode to 'food abundance'
- (b) From 'food consumption' mode to 'food storage'
- (c) From 'food abundance' mode to 'food security'
- (d) From 'food packing' mode to 'food transportation'

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 7-12):** Read the passage carefully and answer questions from given in the below.

Premchand, one of India's most highly acclaimed short-story writers, lived near Varanasi and wrote about the villages of eastern Uttar Pradesh during the Independence movement. While I was writing these stories. I met a journalist in Varanasi, and during what I thought was an informal conversation I mentioned that I was a great admirer of the legendary Munshi Premchand, although at the same time I made it clear that I could not aspire to his greatness. Within hours there was a story on the United News of India wire, which reaches the remotest corners of the country, saying, 'Mark Tully aims to be the modern Premchand.' That prompted an editorial in an august daily headlined 'Munshi Mark Tullyji.' Fortunately, the daily did say that I had 'confessed my limitations'. The editorial ended with the hope that 'Munshi Tullyji's modern decameron will mirror the emergence of new forces with their impact on traditional lifestyles and democracy itself. I do not know whether the daily will judge these stories to live up to its expectations. but it is true to say that I also chose eastern Uttar Pradesh because I wanted to write stories about the impact on traditional village life of the changes taking place in India. I felt that too many changes had already taken place in western Uttar Pradesh. which has been heavily influenced by the prosperity and modernity of Delhi. Not enough change has taken place in Bihar to the east. In the villages and towns where I looked for my stories, I found the old ways still surviving but the modern coming in fast.

7. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill in the blank.

The passage depicts that the narrator is a great admirer of

- (a) Mark Tully
  - (b) Daily Newspaper
  - (c) Uttar Pradesh
  - (d) Premchand
8. Select the correct answer from the options given below. Why did the narrator chose to write about the village in eastern Uttar Pradesh?
- (a) He wanted to criticise the people of the place
  - (b) Munshi Mark Tully inspired him to go there
  - (c) He was greatly influenced by the prosperity and modernity of India
  - (d) He wanted to write stories about the impact of changing India on traditional village
9. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill in the blank.
- Premchand, one of India's most highly acclaimed short story writers, wrote about \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) the United News of India
- (b) the civilised community of New Delhi
- (c) the villages of eastern Uttar Pradesh
- (d) the rustic life of Western Uttar Pradesh

10. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill in the blank.

The editorial of an august daily newspaper hoped that \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Mark Tully will mirror the emergence of new forces with their impact on traditional life style
  - (b) some day he would be referred as Munshi Mark Tully
  - (c) he would become a journalist in Varanasi
  - (d) Premchand would confess his limitations
11. Select the correct answer options given below to fill in the blank.

Uttar Pradesh was slightly influenced by the \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Independence movement
  - (b) limitations of Mark Tully
  - (c) traditional village life
  - (d) prosperity and modernity of Delhi
12. Select the correct answer from the options given below. What is common between Mark Tully and Munshi Premchand ?

- (a) Both of them were fond of reading United News
- (b) Both of them confessed their limitations
- (c) Both of them chose to write about eastern Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Both shifted from Bihar to the West

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 13-18):** Read the passage carefully and answer questions from given in the below.

My grandmother, Krishtakka, never went to school so she could not read. Every Wednesday, the magazine would come and I would read the next episode of this story to her. During that time she would forget all her work and listen with the greatest concentration. Later, she could repeat the entire text by heart. My grandmother too never went to Kashi, and she identified herself with the novel's protagonist. So more than anybody else she was the one most interested in knowing what happened next in the story and used to insist that I read the serial out to her.

13. The grandmother could not read because

- (a) she was lazy in reading
- (b) she was a school drop-out
- (c) she had never been to a school
- (d) she was not interested in reading

14. Which of the following words does indicate the grandmother's state of mind during the story narrator session

- (a) Disinterested
- (b) Worried
- (c) Absorbed
- (d) Distracted

15. Which of the following word does not fit to the grandmother's attitude towards the novel's protagonist?

- (a) Interested
- (b) Sympathetic
- (c) Empathetic
- (d) Curious



16. What is the style of the given passage?  
 (a) Poetic (b) Narrative  
 (c) Dramatic (d) Reflexive
17. From the given concept, we infer that the grandmother was  
 (a) Curious (b) Indifferent  
 (c) Helpful (d) Compassionate
18. For story narration, the narrator chose  
 (a) Newspapers (b) Storybooks  
 (c) Magazines (d) Scriptures
19. Match list I with list II

| List I (Expression)                                 | List II (Poetic Device) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. His music was the light at the end of the tunnel | I. Simile               |
| B. She is as innocent as an angel                   | II. Personification     |
| C. Be careful in the playground, run slowly         | III. Metaphor           |
| D. Morning dew sits on the leaves quietly           | IV. Oxymoron            |

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

- (a) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II  
 (b) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV  
 (c) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II  
 (d) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
20. Match list I with list II
- | List I (Expression)                   | List II (Poetic Device) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. His hair is as black as night.     | I. Metaphor             |
| B. David's dog drank daily water.     | II. Personification     |
| C. She was the princess of the party. | III. Simile             |
| D. The leaves waved at the blue sky.  | IV. Alliteration        |

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

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

21. Match List I with List II

| List I (Expression)                                          | List II (Poetic Device) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. They are as different as day and night.                   | I. Metaphor             |
| B. The computers at our school are old dinosaurs.            | II. Oxymoron            |
| C. Even if you are a wise fool, you can show real potential. | III. Simile             |
| D. The land rejoiced when it was taken care of.              | IV. Personification     |

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

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

22. Match list I with list II

| List I (Expression)                               | List II (Poetic Device) |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. My love for you is as deep as the ocean.       | I. Personification      |
| B. The comedian was seriously funny.              | II. Metaphor            |
| C. His words cut deeper than a knife.             | III. Oxymoron           |
| D. The wind was howling in the cold winter night. | IV. Simile              |

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

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

23. Choose the suitable idiom/phrase for the expression. 'To accept unpleasant consequences'

- (a) Make ends meet  
 (b) Face the music  
 (c) Blow off steam  
 (d) A blessing in disguise

24. Match the idioms in List I with the meanings in List II

| List I                 | List II         |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| A. See eye to eye      | I. Very happy   |
| B. On cloud nine       | II. Easy        |
| C. Once in a blue moon | III. To agree   |
| D. A piece of cake     | IV. Very rarely |

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

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

25. Choose the correct meaning of the expression. 'Add fuel to the fire'

- (a) To pour ghee into the fire  
 (b) To fuel the tank  
 (c) To make a bad situation worse  
 (d) To make someone happy

26. Match the idiom in List I with the meaning in List II

| List I              | List II                 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| A. Blue moon        | I. Go to sleep          |
| B. Cry wolf         | II. Rare event          |
| C. Cut to the chase | III. Get to the point   |
| D. Hit the hay      | IV. Raise a false alarm |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

27. Rearrange the jumbled group of words to make a meaningful sentence.

- A. use  
 B. make  
 C. of your time



D. good

E. you should

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) A, C, B, E, D

(b) A, C, D, E, B

(c) E, B, D, A, C

(d) E, B, C, A, D

28. Rearrange the jumbled group of words to make a meaningful sentence.

A. clothing both

B. you

C. they have

D. warm and beautiful

E. given

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) B, C, E, D, A

(b) C, E, D, A, B

(c) B, E, D, C, A

(d) C, E, B, A, D

29. Rearrange the jumbled group of words to make a meaningful sentence.

A. reason to

B. given

C. distrust her

D. she hasn't

E. us any

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) D, E, B, A, C

(b) B, D, E, C, A

(c) D, B, E, A, C

(d) B, E, D, A, C

30. Rearrange the jumbled group of words to make a meaningful sentence.

A. given out

B. the

C. at nine o'clock

D. papers were

E. examination

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) E, D, B, A, C

(b) E, B, D, A, C

(c) B, E, D, C, A

(d) B, E, D, A, C

31. Fill in the blank with appropriate word from the options given below:

'Botanists say that bonsai are \_\_\_\_\_ trees grown in a pot'

(a) ornamentally

(b) ornamentally

(c) ornamentals

(d) ornamental

32. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions from the options given below:

'Our plane stopped \_\_\_\_\_ Mumbai \_\_\_\_\_ the way to Iran.'

(a) on, in

(b) in on

(c) in, in

(d) at, on

33. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition from the options given below:

'Open the book \_\_\_\_\_ page no 35'

(a) on

(b) at

(c) to

(d) with

34. Fill in the blank with appropriate word from the options given below:

'The digital era provides the opportunity to utilize data \_\_\_\_\_ to measure and monitor the impact of various initiatives.'

(a) analytic

(b) analytics

(c) analytical

(d) analyticals

35. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence:

"His predictions are based on some erroneous assumption."

(a) Exact

(b) Incorrect

(c) Logical

(d) Confirmed

36. Choose the word with same or similar meaning to the underlined word:

"She is articulate in her conversation."

(a) Eloquent

(b) Hesitant

(c) Submissive

(d) Insignificant

37. Match words in List I with meanings in List II

**List I**

A. Perpetual

B. Hearsay

C. Peruse

D. Extol

**List II**

I. Examine with attention

II. Glorify

III. Continuing forever

IV. Gossip

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

38. Choose the similar meaning for the underlined word given in the sentence:

"I reluctantly agreed to play with my son."

(a) Unwillingly

(b) Readily

(c) Happily

(d) Relatively

39. Choose the antonym of the word 'tragic' from the options given below:

(a) Terrible

(b) Comic

(c) Tragedy

(d) Terrific

40. Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the word 'transparent'

(a) Clear

(b) Lucid

(c) Opaque

(d) Translucent

41. Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word:

"Vegetables are plentiful source of vitamins."

(a) Rich

(b) Sparse

(c) Opulent

(d) Huge

42. Match words in List I with the antonyms in List II

**List I**

A. Approached

B. Alive

C. Attention

D. Advance

**List II**

I. Neglect

II. Retreat

III. Deceased

IV. Receded



Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

43. Select the option that shows the similar relation to the pair given below:

Promise : Fulfill

- (a) Freedom : Defeat  
(b) Confession : Crime  
(c) Law : Enforce  
(d) Win : Victory

44. Out of the given options, choose the correct one:

Fleet Trucks :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Teachers

- (a) Student  
(b) Group  
(c) Free  
(d) Faculty

45. Out of the given options, choose the correct one:

Deplete : Decrease :: \_\_\_\_\_ : Avoid

- (a) Increase  
(b) Shun  
(c) Receive  
(d) Miss

46. From the given pair of words choose the pair which carries the same relation as

FOUNDATION : HOUSE

- (a) Pen : Stand  
(b) Scaffold : Hinge  
(c) Paper : Wood  
(d) Pedestal : Statue

47. Match list I with list II

**List I (Word)**

- A. Hobble  
B. Stride  
C. Trample  
D. Tread

**List II (Meaning)**

- I. Walk slowly and steadily  
II. Walk unsteadily or with difficulty  
III. Walk purposefully with long steps  
IV. Walk so as to crush something under foot

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

48. Match list I with list II

**List I (Word)**

- A. Critic  
B. Documentary  
C. Contemporary  
D. Serenity

**List II (Meaning)**

- I. State of being calm and peaceful  
II. Living or occurring at the same time.  
III. A person engaged in the interpretation of art  
IV. A film about real people events or issues

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

49. Match list I with list II

**List I (Word)**

- A. Restrict  
B. Rejoice  
C. Refrain  
D. Reject

**List II (Meaning)**

- I. To put a limit  
II. To feel or show great happiness  
III. Dismiss as inadequate  
IV. Stop oneself from doing something

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

50. Match List I with List II

**List I (Word)**

- A. Bibliography  
B. Seismography  
C. Biography  
D. Autobiography

**List II (Meaning)**

- I. A self written account of one's life  
II. An account of someone's life written by someone  
III. A list of all the sources used in the process of research  
IV. Scientific measuring and recording of vibrations of earthquake

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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



## Hints & Explanations

1. (d) In the 1st part of the paragraph, it is clearly mentioned.
2. (b) This is clearly mentioned in the passage.
3. (d) It is clearly stated in the 1st part of the passage.
4. (c) "Conservation of food" is the only solution to tackle global food crisis.
5. (c) It can be concluded after reading the passage.
6. (c) In the very last line of the passage, this is stated.
7. (d) It can be inferred from the passage that the narrator is great admirer of Premchand.
8. (d) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the passage, this is clearly given.
9. (c) In the 1st part of the passage, this is evident.
10. (a) In the last part, it is given.
11. (d) In the last part, this is given.
12. (c) mark fully & Munshi Premchand both to write about eastern Uttar Pradesh.
13. (c) This is the most appropriate option.
14. (c) Absorbed is the right answer it means engaged, involved & interested.
15. (b) Sympathetic is the odd word here.
16. (b) The passage is Narrative in nature.
17. (a) From the given passage it can be inferred that the grandmother is curious.
18. (c) The Narrator chooses Magazines for story narration.
19. (a) Option (a) will be the correct answer.
20. (c) It will be the correct option.
21. (b) Option (b) is the correct option.
22. (d) As per the meaning of given poetic device option (d) is correct.
23. (b) 'face the music' is the most appropriate option.
24. (d) This will be the correct match of the given idioms with their meaning.
25. (c) "Add fuel to the fire" means to make a bad situation worse.
26. (a) It will be the correct option.
27. (c) Correct sequence: You should make good use of your time.
28. (d) Correct sequence: They have given you clothing both warm & beautiful.
29. (c) Correct sequence: She has not given us any on to distrust her.
30. (d) Correct sequence: the examination papers were given out at nine O' clock.
31. (d) Ornamental is an adjective that should be used here.
32. (b) In, on preposition are apt here.
33. (b) At is the correct preposition here.
34. (b) Analytics is correct option that should be used in the blank.
35. (b) Erroneous means Incorrect or based on wrong information.
36. (a) Articulate means Eloquent, Communicable & fluent.
37. (d) Option (d) will be correct answer.
38. (a) Reluctantly means: Averse & hesitant.
39. (b) Antonym of 'tragic' will be Comic.
40. (c) Opposite of transparent will be opaque & cloudy.
41. (b) Opposite of plentiful will be.
42. (b) Option (b) will be the right answer.
43. (c) As the promise is fulfilled at the same time Law is enforced.
44. (d) Fleet is a group of trunks & faculty is a group of teachers.
45. (b) To deplete is to decrease completely, whereas Stun means to avoid completely.
46. (d) As the foundation is a support at the bottom of a house, In the same way, pedestal a plinth is a support at the bottom of a statue.
47. (b) As per the context, option (b) is correct.
48. (b) Option (b) is correctly matched.
49. (c) Option (c) is apt here.
50. (c) As per the context, option (c) is correct.