

Vocabulary

Q1. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Fleeting

- (a) Transient
- (b) Transparent
- (c) Tranquil
- (d) Tepid

Ans.(a)

Sol. Fleeting: lasting for a very short time.

Transient: lasting only for a short time; impermanent.

Tranquil: free from disturbance; calm.

Tepid: (especially of a liquid) only slightly warm; lukewarm.

Q2. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Guile

- (a) Honest
- (b) Hot
- (c) Chicanery
- (d) Charming

Ans.(c)

Sol. Guile: sly or cunning intelligence

Chicanery: the use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose.

Q3. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Unholy

- (a) Pity
- (b) Impious
- (c) Pave
- (d) Venerate

Ans.(d)

Sol. Unholy: sinful; wicked.

Venerate: regard with great respect; revere.

Pity: the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the sufferings and misfortunes of others.

Pave: cover (a piece of ground) with flat stones or bricks; lay paving over.

Q4. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Lax

- (a) Firm

- (b) Careless
- (c) Loot
- (d) Fiction

Ans.(a)

Sol. Lax: not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful.

Q5. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) dangerous
- (b) skillful
- (c) beautiful
- (d) vaccum

Ans.(d)

Sol. Vacuum is the correct spelling.

Vacuum: space entirely devoid of matter.

Q6. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) knoty
- (b) haughty
- (c) vagabond
- (d) yolk

Ans.(a)

Knotty is the correct spelling.

Knotty: extremely difficult or complex.

Directions (7-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q7. Fuddy-duddy

- (a) An old fashioned and foolish type of person
- (b) A mental institutional facility
- (c) To become serious about something
- (d) A wise person

Ans.(a)

Q8. Milk and water

- (a) To be physically strong
- (b) Lacking the will or ability
- (c) To be very partial
- (d) To criticize somebody

Ans.(b)

Q9. Feel blue

- (a) Feeling ecstatic
- (b) In trouble/depressed
- (c) An easy achievement
- (d) None of these

Ans.(b)

Q10. Flies off at a tangent

- (a) Self praising
- (b) To boast
- (c) Start discussing something irrelevant
- (d) Well informed

Ans.(c)

Directions (1-6): In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Q1. PROMINENT

- (a) Obscure
- (b) Obdurate
- (c) Obligatory
- (d) Objection

Ans.(a)

Sol. Prominent: important, famous.

Obscure: not known about or uncertain.

Obdurate: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion.

Hence option A is the correct antonym.

Q2. AUTONOMOUS

- (a) Dependent
- (b) Plain
- (c) Impractical
- (d) Conceal

Ans.(a)

Sol. Autonomous: having the freedom to act independently.

Hence option A is the correct antonym.

Q3. ERUDITE

- (a) Literate
- (b) Illiterate

- (c) Chivalrous
- (d) Gloomy

Ans.(b)

Sol. Erudite: having or showing great knowledge or learning.
Hence option B is the correct antonym.

Q4. INOPPORTUNE

- (a) Problematic
- (b) Convenient
- (c) Ghoulish
- (d) Jaunty

Ans.(b)

Sol. Inopportune: occurring at an inconvenient or inappropriate time.
Hence option B is the correct antonym.

Q5. BRUISE

- (a) Beautify
- (b) Contort
- (c) Deform
- (d) Tragedy

Ans.(a)

Sol. Bruise: inflict a bruise or bruises on (a part of the body).
Beautify: improve the appearance of.
Hence option A is the correct antonym.

Q6. CAPTIOUS

- (a) Niggling
- (b) Forgiving
- (c) Carping
- (d) Fretful

Ans.(b)

Sol. Captious: tending to find fault or raise petty objections.

Q7. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Secret or illegal religious meeting

- (a) Conventicler
- (b) Carrion
- (c) Haggle
- (d) Savant

Ans.(a)

Sol. Carrion: the decaying flesh of dead animals.

Haggle: dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

Savant: a learned person, especially a distinguished scientist.

Q8. Select the wrongly spelt word.

(a) Deleterious

(b) Connivence

(c) Chauvinist

(d) Encomium

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct spelling is "Connivance" which means willingness to allow or be secretly involved in an immoral or illegal act.

Q9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease the palm

(a) to do the hard work

(b) to bribe

(c) to motivate someone

(d) to deceive someone

Ans.(b)

Sol. Grease the palm: to bribe one discreetly, as by slipping money into their palm.

Q10. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A story that expresses ideas through symbols

(a) Almanac

(b) Axiom

(c) Anomaly

(d) Allegory

Ans.(d)

Sol. Allegory: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

Almanac: an annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information such as astronomical data and tide tables.

Axiom: a statement or proposition which is regarded as being established, accepted, or self-evidently true.

Anomaly: something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.

Directions (1-4): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q1. Mounted

- (a) gathered
- (b) descended
- (c) organized
- (d) jumped

Ans. (c)

Sol. The word 'mounted' means to organize and begin an activity or event. Hence the word 'organized' is the most similar in meaning.

Q2. Somnolent

- (a) irritate
- (b) provoke
- (c) drowsy
- (d) enrage

Ans. (c)

Sol. Somnolent means abnormally drowsy. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Q3. Invidious

- (a) mournful
- (b) slowly
- (c) indifferent
- (d) hateful

Ans. (d)

Sol. Invidious means likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Q4. Haughty

- (a) inborn
- (b) fearful
- (c) skillful
- (d) arrogant

Ans. (d)

Sol. Haughty means arrogantly superior and disdainful. Hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Directions (5-7): In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Q5. Bountiful

- (a) generous

- (b) meager
- (c) copious
- (d) teeming

Ans. (b)

Sol. Bountiful means large in quantity; abundant and meagre means lacking in quantity or quality.

Q6. Nuisance

- (a) disperse
- (b) confront
- (c) bold
- (d) pleasure

Ans. (d)

Sol. Nuisance means a person or thing causing inconvenience or annoyance hence pleasure is the correct choice.

Q7. Renaissance

- (a) decadence
- (b) pestilence
- (c) prehistory
- (d) immorality

Ans. (a)

Sol. Renaissance means a revival of or renewed interest in something and annihilation means complete destruction or obliteration.

Q8. In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) ignominious
- (b) illumination
- (c) inquitous
- (d) immediately

Ans. (c)

Sol. Iniquitous means grossly unfair and morally wrong.

Q9. In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) perpetuity
- (b) preferential
- (c) predecesor
- (d) percussive

Ans. (c)

Sol. Predecessor means a person who held a job or office before the current holder.

Q10. In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) fabricated
- (b) facsination
- (c) forerunner
- (d) forebear

Ans. (b)

Sol. Fascination means the power to fascinate someone; the quality of being fascinating.

Directions (1-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q1. To break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay

- (a) to disintegrate
- (b) disharmony
- (c) to disinherit
- (d) to denigrate

Ans.(a)

Sol. To disintegrate: break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay.

Q2. To be indecisive

- (a) to vex
- (b) to dither
- (c) tiff
- (d) to stew

Ans.(b)

Sol. Dither: to be indecisive.

Q3. Very rude or coarse; vulgar

- (a) gross
- (b) adipose
- (c) porcine
- (d) corpulent

Ans.(a)

Sol. Adipose: (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat.

Porcine: of, affecting, or resembling a pig or pigs.

Corpulent: (of a person) fat.

Q4. To stop doing something; cease or abstain.

- (a) to endure
- (b) to desist
- (c) to persevere
- (d) to dismay

Ans.(b)

Sol. Endure: suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

Persevere: continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

Dismay: concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

Q5. Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin

- (a) piping
- (b) igneous
- (c) frosty
- (d) scalding

Ans.(d)

Sol. Igneous: relating to or involving volcanic or plutonic processes.

Scalding: very hot; burning.

Q6. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

- (a) conglomerate
- (b) donation
- (c) charity
- (d) dole

Ans.(c)

Sol. Conglomerate: a thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

Donation: the action of donating something.

Dole: benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

Q7. To lift or haul something heavy with great effort

- (a) heave
- (b) shrimp
- (c) wimp
- (d) runt

Ans.(a)

Sol. Shrimp: a small, physically weak person.

Wimp: a weak and cowardly or unadventurous person.

Runt: a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

Q8. A conclusion or agreement done or reached decisively and with authority

- (a) precise
- (b) definitive
- (c) reliable
- (d) specific

Ans.(b)

Sol. Definitive: (of a conclusion or agreement) done or reached decisively and with authority.

Q9. A political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument

- (a) rebel
- (b) radical
- (c) demagogue
- (d) anarchistic

Ans.(c)

Sol. Demagogue: rhetorically exploit (an issue) for political purposes in a way calculated to appeal to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people.

Q10. The action of repeating something aloud from memory

- (a) paraphrase
- (b) rendition
- (c) erudition
- (d) recitation

Ans.(d)

Sol. Recitation: the action of repeating something aloud from memory.

Erudition: the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship.

Rendition: a performance or interpretation, especially of a dramatic role or piece of music.

Directions (1-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/Phrase in bold.

Q1. The personality development class started with an ice breaking session.

- (a) having breakfast
- (b) starting conversation

- (c) introducing chief guest
- (d) making speeches

Ans. (b)

Sol. Ice breaking means to initiate social interchanges and conversation; to get something started.

Q2. He chickened out when he confronted opposition.

- (a) won victory
- (b) fell ill
- (c) became brave
- (d) withdrew

Ans. (d)

Sol. Chicken out: to decide not to do something because you are too frightened.

Q3. Try to make do with what you have.

- (a) create
- (b) do
- (c) produce
- (d) manage

Ans. (d)

Sol. Make do: manage with the limited or inadequate means available.

Q4. The scientist worked for donkey's years to arrive at the formula.

- (a) a long time
- (b) a short time
- (c) months
- (d) frequent number of times

Ans. (a)

Sol. Donkey's years means a very long time.

Q5. "If he does not perform his duties properly, I will send him packing", said the manager.

- (a) serve him a notice
- (b) terminate his services
- (c) send him to packing department
- (d) give him a warning

Ans. (b)

Sol. To send someone packing: make someone leave in an abrupt or peremptory way.

Directions (6-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q6. Laconic

- (a) shrewd
- (b) whim
- (c) climax
- (d) concise

Ans. (d)

Sol. Laconic means using very few words and concise means giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.

Q7. Valedictory

- (a) hesitant
- (b) adieu
- (c) ridicule
- (d) deception

Ans. (b)

Sol. Valedictory means serving as a farewell and adieu means a goodbye.

Q8. Denouement

- (a) climax
- (b) systematic
- (c) improper
- (d) glorious

Ans. (a)

Sol. Denouement means the outcome of a situation, when something is decided or made clear and climax means the most intense, exciting, or important point of something; the culmination.

Directions (9-10): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Q9. Crestfallen

- (a) authentic
- (b) antique
- (c) triumphant
- (d) discordant

Ans. (c)

Sol. Crestfallen means sad and disappointed and triumphant means feeling or expressing jubilation after a victory or achievement.

Q10. Balmy

- (a) obscene
- (b) wintry
- (c) noble
- (d) pleasing

Ans. (b)

Sol. Balmy means characterized by pleasantly warm weather; and wintry means characteristic of winter, especially in feeling or looking very cold and bleak.

Directions (1-5): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q1. CONSORT

- (a) Fiend
- (b) Assailant
- (c) Contrast
- (d) Spouse

Ans.(d)

Sol. Consort: a wife, husband, or companion, in particular the spouse of a reigning monarch.

Fiend: an evil spirit or demon.

Assailant: a person who physically attacks another.

Spouse: a husband or wife, considered in relation to their partner.

Hence Consort and Spouse are synonyms to each other.

Q2. OVERSTRUNG

- (a) Desirable
- (b) Prosperity
- (c) Repetition
- (d) Restive

Ans.(d)

Sol. Overstrung: extremely nervous or tense.

Restive: unwilling to be controlled or be patient.

Hence Overstrung and Restive are synonyms to each other.

Q3. WALLOW

- (a) Suffer
- (b) Sacrifice

(c) Luxuriate

(d) Confess

Ans.(c)

Sol. Wallow: (of a person) indulge in an unrestrained way in something that one finds pleasurable.

Luxuriate: enjoy (something) as a luxury; take self-indulgent delight in.

Hence Wallow and Luxuriate are synonyms to each other.

Q4. SOZZLED

(a) Cultured

(b) Drunk

(c) Coward

(d) Fiery

Ans.(b)

Sol. Sozzled: very drunk

Hence Sozzled and Drunk are synonyms to each other.

Q5. INHIBITOR

(a) advocate

(b) subsidy

(c) hamper

(d) compensation

Ans. (c)

Sol. Inhibitor means a thing which inhibits someone or something and Hamper means hinder or impede the movement or progress of.

Directions (6-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

Q6. REFULGENT

(a) dark

(b) loud

(c) rough

(d) sweet

Ans. (a)

Sol. Refulgent: shining very brightly.

Q7. SKEPTIC

(a) believer

- (b) erroneous
- (c) nervous
- (d) nihilist

Ans. (a)

Sol. Skeptic: a person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions.

Q8. EXTENUATE

- (a) strengthen
- (b) enfeeble
- (c) abate
- (d) acquit

Ans. (a)

Sol. Extenuate: to make someone or something thin.

Strengthen: make or become stronger.

Q9. FECUND

- (a) prolific
- (b) sterile
- (c) necessitate
- (c) turmoil

Ans. (b)

Sol. Fecund: producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; highly fertile.

Q10. OBFUSCATE

- (a) envelop
- (b) puzzle
- (c) haze
- (d) clarify

Ans. (d)

Sol. Obfuscate: make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

Clarify means to clear something.

Directions (1-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q1. A person who advocates complete political and social change

- (a) fanatic
- (b) hero
- (c) radical
- (d) leader

Ans.(c)

Sol. Radical is a person who advocates thorough or complete political or social change, or a member of a political party or section of a party pursuing such aims.

Q2. A person who has an unnatural anxiety about one's own health typically involving imagined symptoms of illness.

(a) nymphomaniac

(b) hypochondriac

(c) neurotic

(d) psychotic

Ans.(b)

Sol. Hypochondria is a state in which a person continuously worries about his health without having any reason to do so.

Nymphomaniac means denoting or characteristic of a woman with uncontrollable or excessive sexual desire.

Neurotic means having, caused by, or relating to neurosis.

Psychotic means relating to, denoting, or suffering from a psychosis.

Q3. A harsh chaotic mixture of sounds

(a) consonance

(b) dissonance

(c) cacophony

(d) euphony

Ans.(c)

Sol. Cacophony is an unpleasant mixture of loud sounds.

Consonance means a combination of notes which are in harmony with each other due to the relationship between their frequencies.

Dissonance means lack of harmony among musical notes.

Euphony means the quality of being pleasing to the ear.

Q4. The hard remains of a prehistoric animal or plant that are found inside a rock

(a) fossil

(b) ruins

(c) relics

(d) vestiges

Ans.(a)

Sol. Fossil is the shape of a bone, a shell, or a plant or animal that has been preserved in rock for a very long period.

Ruin means the physical destruction or disintegration of something or the state of disintegrating or being destroyed.

Relic means a part of a deceased holy person's body or belongings kept as an object of reverence.

Vestige is a part or organ of an organism which has become reduced or functionless in the course of evolution.

Q5. To show or state that someone or something is not guilty of something

- (a) escape
- (b) pardon
- (c) charge
- (d) vindicate

Ans.(d)

Sol. Vindicate means to prove that what someone said or did was right or true, after other people thought it was wrong.

Q6.The science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants

- (a) agriculture
- (b) horticulture
- (c) viniculture
- (d) sericulture

Ans.(b)

Sol. Horticulture means the art or practice of garden cultivation and management.

Viniculture: the cultivation of grapevines for winemaking.

Sericulture: the production of silk and the rearing of silkworms for this purpose.

Q7. A company or person that makes or sells sweets or chocolate

- (a) confectioner
- (b) vendor
- (c) chef
- (d) wholesaler

Ans.(a)

Sol. A confectioner is a person whose job is making or selling sweets and chocolates.

Q8. To teach a person to accept a set of beliefs uncritically

- (a) to drill
- (b) to instill
- (c) to indoctrinate
- (d) to convince

Ans.(c)

Sol. Indoctrinate: teach (a person or group) to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.

Q9. A tangled mass in something such as hair or wool

- (a) knot
- (b) vortex
- (c) snot
- (d) whorl

Ans.(a)

Sol. knot: A knot is a method of fastening or securing linear material such as rope by tying or interweaving.

Q10. Relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld

- (a) exemplary
- (b) admirable
- (c) elysium
- (d) infernal

Ans.(d)

Sol. Infernal: relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld.