**1.3 HOMONYMS**

**Introduction to the Topic**

Homonyms are the words similar in their sound or pronunciation but different in meaning which creates confusion in understanding their meanings.

**Relevance in CAT**

Homonyms sometimes appears in the CAT exam in the form wherein, question of four sentences is given which has pairs of words in bold letters and you have to select the most appropriate word and thereby the best option from the given options.

**Directions (Q. Nos. 1 − 50):** *In each question, there are four sentences. Each sentence has a pair of words that are bold. From the* ***bold*** *words, select the most appropriate words* ***(A or B)*** *to form correct sentence. The sentences are followed by options that indicate the words, which may be selected to correctly complete the set of sentence from the option given, choose the most appropriate one.*

1. I. Finally the two friends came to an **amicable (A)/amiable (B)** settlement.

II. Being an **amiable (A)/amicable (B)** house wife she is liked by everyone in her family.

III. Continuous nervous breakdown has **affected(A)*/*effect (B)**his health.

IV. Excessive hard work in life had adverse **effect (A)/affected(B)** on my father's health.

a. AAAA

b. ABAB

c. AABB

d. BBBA

2. I. This play is explained properly by the help of many **illusion (A)/allusions (B)**.

II. According to the Religious Gurus life is an **illusion (A)/allusions (B)**.

III. The soothsayer **comprehend (A)/apprehended (B)**the day of Rajesh's death.

IV. They could not **comprehend (A)/apprehended (B)** the meaning of the passage.

a. BBAB

b. AAAA

c. BABA

d. ABAB

3. I. My elder sister is held in high **affection (A)/affectation (B)**and respect by all the members of the family.

II. I always feel vexed at his **affectation (A)/affection (B)**.

III. We should not **refrain (A)/abstain (B)**form voting after attending the age of 18 years.

IV. You should not **abstain (A)/refrain (B)**from telling a truth.

a. BBAA

b. AABB

c. ABAB

d. BABA

4. I. The exact date of the **birth (A)/berths (B)**of a student can be known from his birth certificate.

II. I have got two **berths (A)/birth (B)** booked in the Shatabdi Express.

III. It is very difficult to control a horse without a **bridle (A)/bridal (B)**.

IV. The **bridle (A)/bridal (B)** jewellery costs a lot.

a. AAAB

b. ABAB

c. ABBA

d. BAAB

5. I. Doing yoga is **beneficial (A)/beneficent (B)** for health.

II. Everybody paid rich tribute to professor as he was **beneficial (A)/beneficent (B)**to all and sundry.

III. He sat **beside (A)/besides (B)**her mother.

IV. **Besides (A)/beside (B)** French she is also learning Spanish.

a. ABBB

b. ABAB

c. ABBA

d. ABAA

6. I. Sohan cannot **bare (A)/bear (B)** being insulted by his boss.

II. She was bitten by a snake as she was **bare (A)/bear (B)**foot.

III. Because of approaching student union election, students are **canvassing (A)/canvasing (B)**for their candidates.

IV. While cycling he always wear **canvas (A)/canvass (B)** shoes.

a. ABBA

b. BAAB

c. BAAA

d. BABA

7. I. The dead body was taken to the **symmetry (A)/cemetery (B)**for burial.

II. This hotel building looks exquisite only because of its remarkable **symmetry (A)/cemetery (B)**.

III. If you want to make a good **career (A)/carrier (B)**you must work hard.

IV. The goods were taken to the destination on personal **carrier (A)/career (B)**.

a. BAAA

b. ABBB

c. BBBA

d. ABBA

8. I. I am very **confidant (A)/confident (B)**of my friend's success in the interview.

II. Once his **confidant (A)/confident (B)**, now Dinesh is arch enemy of his mentor.

III. I **complimented (A)/complement (B)**my cousin on his success.

IV. You and your partner **compliment** **(A)/complement (B)** each other.

a. ABBA

b. BAAB

c. ABAB

d. BAAA

9. I. Thousands of **cannons (A)/canons (B)**were shot in the battleground.

II. **Canons (A)/Cannons (B)** of any religion are not easy to abide by.

III. Government has banned **corporeal (A)/corporal (B)**punishment for the school children.

IV. Ghosts are not **corporeal (A)/corporal (B)**beings.

a. BAAA

b. AAAB

c. AABA

d. BBAA

10.I. **Comprehensible (A)/Comprehensive *(B)*** steps have been taken to overcome.

II. The book given by you is just not **comprehensible (A)/comprehensive (B)**.

III. Chicken pox is a **contiguous (A)/contagious (B)**disease.

IV. New Delhi and Gurgaon are **contagious (A)/contiguous (B)**.

a. BABB

b. ABBB

c. BBBB

d. BBBA

11.I. **Censure (A)/Censor (B)**motion tabled by the opposition fell through.

II. All the films need to approved by the **censure (A)/censor (B)**board before their release.

III. Due to heavy fog the truck met with a **collision (A)/collusion (B)**.

IV. There was a **collision (A)/collusion (B)** between the trade union and the management.

a. AABA

b. BAAB

c. BABA

d. ABAB

12.I. She was very **ceremonial (A)/ceremonious (B)** in the marriage as it was her daughter's marriage.

II. I could not attend the **ceremonious (A)/ceremonial (B)** function of his engagement.

III. He is popular in the class on account of his **complaisant (A)/complacent (B)**nature.

IV. Most of the students of my class are **complaisant (A)/complacent (B)** in their outlook and will not revolt against the teacher.

a. ABBA

b. BBAB

c. ABAB

d. BABA

13.I. He is on **casual (A)/causal (B)**leave today.

II. There is a definite **casual (A)/causal (B)**relationship between price and demand.

III. We are fed up with the **common place (A)/common place (B)**speeches of our politicians.

IV. This park is a **common place (A)/commonplace (B)**for everyone.

a. BBAB

b. BABA

c. ABBA

d. ABAB

14.I. My cousin is suffering from an incurable **decease (A)/disease (B)**.

II. On account of the **decease (A)/disease (B)**of her parents, the burden of the family fell on her shoulders.

III. She **refused (A)/denied (B)**that she had gone to the party last night.

IV. Geeta **denied (B)/refused** that she would not return the money.

a. AABA

b. BBAB

c. BABB

d. ABAA

15.I. How dare you **defy (A)/deify (B)**your boss orders?

II. Sai Baba is **deified (A)/defied (B)**by every Indian.

III. Rohan was so clever that he **alluded (A)/eluded (B)**the police and escaped from the prison.

IV. The poet **alluded (A)/eluded (B)**so many examples from the Bhagvad Gita.

a. BABB

b. AABA

c. BBAA

d. ABBA

16.I. As the dark clouds covered the sky, the whole town was **enveloped (A)/envelope (B)** in darkness.

II. Please put the documents in the **enveloped (A)/envelope (B)**.

III. I can't bear the company of an **egotist (A)/egoist (B)**.

IV. He is a very **egotist (A)/egoist (B)** man.

a. ABBA

b. BABA

c. ABAB

d. BABA

17.I. It is hoped that she will **immerse (A)/emerge (B)**successfully out of these difficult conditions.

II. Being a man of contemplative nature, he is always **immersed (A)/emerged (B)**in serious mood.

III. They all will go on **incursion (A)/excursion (B)** tomorrow.

IV. **Incursion (A)/Excursion (B)** by Pakistan into our Kashmir border speak of our weakness.

a. ABBA

b. ABAB

c. BAAB

d. BABA

18.I. In order to save himself the accused **feigned (A)/fained (B)**of subconscious state in the court.

II. She would **feign (A)/fain (B)**do anything for her friends.

III. This five star hotel provides all kinds of **facilities (A)/felicities (B)**to its customers.

IV. Happy Birthday Govind May God bless you with **felicity (A)/facility (B)***.*

a. AABB

b. ABAB

c. ABAA

d. BABB

19.I. Let us go to trade **fare (A)/fair (B)**.

II. There is a steep rise in bus **fare (A)/fair (B)**.

III. We should be **gentle (A)/genteel (B)** and polite to our parents.

IV. People belonging to middle class try to maintain the style of **gentle (A)/genteel (B)** class of society.

a. BAAB

b. ABAB

c. BABA

d. ABBA

20.I. As he is a smuggler, he has a **hoard (A)/horde (B)**of diamonds and gold in his house.

II. A **horde (A)/hoard (B)**of militants intruded into the Indian army.

III. **Humility (A)/Humilitaion (B)**in victory is a rare virtue.

IV. Majorly persons prefer death to **humilitaion (A)/Humility (B)**.

a. AABB

b. AAAA

c. BBBB

d. BBAA

21.I. My cousin taught in a college as an **honorary (A)/honourable (B)**tutor.

II. He is regarded **honorary (A)/honourable (B)**member of the society.

III. On account of ecological disturbances, the existence of **human (A)/humane (B)** beings is endangered.

IV. Doctors are supposed to be **humane (A)/human (B)**.

a. ABAA

b. ABBB

c. AABA

d. BBAB

22.I. I do not like his **hypercritical (A)/hypocritical (B)**attitude towards others.

II. It does not pay in life to be **hypercritical (A)/ hypocritical (B)**of small matters.

III. Nothing is **impassable (A)/impossible (B)**in this world until we stop doing.

IV. Many passes in the Himalayas are **impassable (A)/impossible (B)** during winter.

a. ABBA

b. BAAB

c. ABAB

d. BABA

23. I. He devised an **ingenious(A)/ingenuous (B)** scheme to hoodwink the police.

II. Kids are liked for their **ingenious(A)/ingenuous (B)** nature.

III. An **immoral(A)/unmoral (B)** person will surely suffer at the end.

IV. **Immoral(A)/Unmoral (B)** persons are not concerned with morality or the immorality of an action.

a. AABB

b. ABAB

c. BABA

d. BAAB

24.I. The bride was damsel of **uncomparable (A)/incomparable (B)**beauty.

II. The security problems of India and China are **uncomparable (A)/incomparable (B)**.

III. Put this statement in **inverted (A)/inerted (B)**commas.

IV. **Inert (A)/Invert (B)**gases are without active chemical properties.

a. ABBB

b. BAAB

c. BAAA

d. ABBA

25.I. **Inept (A)/Inapt (B)**handling of situation resulted in big fight.

II. The title of the story is **Inapt (A)/Inept (B)**.

III. All his friends are **zealous (A)/jealous (B)**of her.

IV. My cousin is very **zealous (A)/jealous (B)**about his new appointment.

a. AABA

b. ABAA

c. BABA

d. BAAB

26.I. **Lightening (A)/Lightning (B)** struck his house and killed many.

II. He is always interested in **lightning (A)/lightening (B)**the financial burden of his uncle.

III. As she is the daughter of a rich businessman, she lives a very **luxurious (A)/luxuriant (B)** life.

IV. The hills of Mussoorie are teeming with **luxurious (A)/luxuriant (B)**forests.

a. AABA

b. ABBA

c. BBBA

d. BBAB

27.I. The rich should not **loathe (A)/loath (B)** the poor.

II. He was **loath (A)/loathe (B)** to go with her alone.

III. This city is full of **maizes (A)/mazes (B)**.

IV. **Maize (A)/Maze (B)**grows in abundance in India.

a. AABA

b. BBAA

c. BBAB

d. ABAA

28.I. One should not run after the materialistic things as they are **momentous (A)/momentary (B)**.

II. Operation 'Shakti' at Pokhran was marked as **momentous (A)/momentary (B)** event in the history of independent India.

III. The **moral (A)/morale (B)**of the team should always be high.

IV. We are advised to pursue a **moral (A)/morale (B)**course of living.

a. ABAB

b. BABA

c. ABBA

d. AABA

29.I. **Petrol (A)/Patrol (B)**is very costly these days.

II. The **patrol (A)/petrol (B)**van is regularly moving on the city roads day and night for our protection.

III. Indecent books are generally **proscribed (A)/prescribed (B)**by the government.

IV. Doctor has **prescribed (A)/proscribed (B)**a medicine for the treatment of the disease.

a. BBBB

b. AABA

c. AAAA

d. BABA

30.I. As Mrs. Neetu is a very kind teacher, she is very **popular (A)/populous (B)**with her students.

II. India is the second most **populous (A)/popular (B)** country in the world.

III. Due to her prolonged sickness she looks very **pale (A)/pail (B)**now.

IV. A **pail (A)/pale (B)** full of milk was lying on the dining table.

a. AAAA

b . AABA

c. BAAB

d. ABBA

31.I. I gave a **pair (A)/pare (B)**of new shoes to my cousin on his birthday.

II. Please**pare (A)/pair (B)**your hair once in two months.

III. Our window **pane (A)/pain (B)**was broken by the kid who was playing with cosco ball outside our house.

IV. She was feeling **pain(A)*/*pane (B)**in her stomach.

a. BBAB

b. AABA

c. AAAA

d. BABB

32.I. Please wash the apples before you **peel (A)/peal (B)**them.

II. On hearing his funny stories all of us went into a **peal (A)/peel (B)**of laughter.

III. We were asked to express our **personal (A)/personnel (B)** views on this topic in the debate.

IV. The **personnel (A)/personal (B)**department has issued termination notice to Rohit.

a. ABAB

b. BBBB

c. BBAA

d. AAAA

33.I. It is **prudent (A)/prudential (B)**on her part to break with hypocritical friends.

II. The **prudential (A)/prudent (B)**actions of my elder brother saved the family from financial crisis.

III. As national animal the tiger is not an animal of **prey (A)/ pray (B)**.

IV. He **prays (A)/preys (B)** to God daily.

a. BAAB

b. AAAA

c. ABBA

d. BBBB

34.I. Inspite of difficulties she **proceeded (A)/preceded (B)** with her boutique.

II. I have mentioned every detail in the **preceding (A)/proceeding (B)**letter.

III. You are likely to be **prosecuted (A)/persecuted (B)**in the court for violation of rules.

IV. She was mercilessly **prosecuted (A)/persecuted (B)** for not bringing a cash in dowry.

a. AAAB

b. AABB

c. ABBB

d. BBBA

35.I. The condition of the family is **pitiable (A)/pitiful (B)** on account of poverty.

II. It was a **pitiful (A)/pitiable (B)** sight to see a beggar old man suffering from cancer.

III. The **reign (A)/rein (B)**of Gupta dynasty, is known as golden period as they achieved so much in fields of art and culture.

IV. He **reined (A)/reigned (B)**the horse and escaped a fall.

a. ABBB

b. ABAB

c. BABA

d. AAAA

36.I. They listened to the speech of the chief guest with **rapt (A)/wrapt (B)**attention.

II. He did not notice her mother's arrival as he was **rapt (A)/wrapt (B)** in his thoughts.

III. I do not advise you to have **recourse (A)/resources (B)** to legal action in this regard.

IV. India has good amount of **resources (A)/recourse (B)**to fed its citizens if used wisely.

a. BBAA

b. BABB

c. ABAA

d. ABAB

37.I. I run a shop of office **stationery (A)/stationary (B)**.

II. The Sun is **stationary (A)/stationery (B)**.

III. We should not indulge in **sensual (A)/sensuous (B)**pleasures or we will repent later on.

IV. William Word worth's poetry is **sensuous (A)/ sensual (B)**.

a. AAAA

b . BAAB

c. ABAA

d. BBBB

38.I. My bungalow contains many **spacious (A)/specious (B)**rooms.

II. I was not impressed with his **specious (A)/spacious (B)**arguments.

III. Coffee is a **stimulus (A)/stimulant (B)**for a worker after a day's hard work.

IV. Man hardly acts if there is no **stimulant (A)/stimulus (B)**before him.

a. ABAB

b. AABB

c. ABAA

d. AABA

39.I. He lives in the third **storey (A)/story (B)**of the house.

II. She wrote interesting **storey (A)/story (B)**.

III. He presented me with a ethnic **suit (A)/suite (B)**.

IV. He has booked a **suite (A)/suit (B)** in the five star hotel.

a. BBAA

b. BABA

c. ABAB

d. ABAA

40.I. What he says is all **shame (A)/sham (B)**.

II. He felt **sham (A)/shame (B)** at having told a lie.

III. She is suffering from **severe(A)/sever (B)**headache.

IV. You can never **sever (A)/severe (B)**relations with your family.

a. ABBA

b. AABB

c. BBAA

d. BAAB

41.I. The speech she gave on annual day of our school was **tolerable (A)/tolerant (B)**.

II. Every religion teaches us to be **tolerant (A)/tolerable (B)** of the religious views held by others.

III. Govil is **disinterested (A)/uninterested (B)**in the study of science.

IV. A/an **uninterested(A)/disinterested (B)**leader of the party always commands respect from his followers.

a. AABB

b. ABAB

c. BBAA

d. AABA

42.I. The **venal (A)/venial (B)**politicians are bane of Indian polity.

II. We excused our son's **venal (A)/venial (B)** lies.

III. At last he **wreaked(A)*/*wrecked (B)** vengeance by killing his enemy.

IV. The fury of the storm **wreaked(A)*/*wrecked (B)** many castle.

a. AABB

b. ABAB

c. BABA

d. ABAA

43.I. The plants kept in the shade will **whither (A)/wither (B)**for want of Sun and light.

II. Modern man is so much confused that he does not know **whither (A)/wither (B)** he is heading for.

III. We should always be **willing (A)/wilful (B)** to help the needy.

IV. His marriage was a total failure on account of his **willing (A)/wilful (B)** nature.

a. ABBA

b. ABAB

c. BABA

d. BAAB

44.I. The critics **censored (A)/censured (B)**the new movie because of its social unacceptability.

II. Amit's explanation for missing the meeting was **credulous (A)/credible (B)**.

III. She coughed **discreetly (A)/discretely (B)**to announce her presence.

IV. The **further (A)/farther (B)** he pushed himself, the more disillusioned he grew. **[CAT 2007]**

a. AAAA

b. ABAB

c. BBAB

d. BBAA

45.I. For the crowd it was more of a **historical (A)/historic (B)**event; for their leader, it was just another day.

II. The old man has a healthy **distrust (A)/mistrust (B)** for all new technology.

III. This film is based on a **real (A)/true (B)** story.

IV. One suspects that the **compliment (A)/complement (B)**was backhanded. **[CAT 2007]**

a. ABAB

b. BBBA

c. AABA

d. BABA

46.I. If you want to complain about the amenities in your neighbourhood, please meet your **councillor (A)/counsellor (B)**.

II. I would like your **advice (A)/advise (B)** on which job I should choose.

III. The last scene provided a **climactic (A)/climatic (B)**ending to the film.

IV. Jeans that **flair (A)/flare (B)**at the bottom are in fashion these days. **[CAT 2008]**

a. ABAA

b. ABAB

c. AAAB

d. BABA

47.I. If you engage in such **exceptional (A)/exceptionable (B)**behaviour, I will be forced to punish you.

II. He has the same capacity as an adult to **consent (A)/assent (B)**to surgical treatment.

III. The minister is **obliged (A)/compelled (B)** to report regularly to a parliamentary board.

IV. His analysis of the situation is far too **sanguine (A)/genuine (B)**. **[CAT 2008]**

a. BABA

b. BAAA

c . BBBA

d. BBAB

48.I. She managed to bite back the **ironic (A)/caustic (B)**retort on the tip of her tongue.

II. He gave an impassioned and **valid (A)/congent (B)**plea of judicial reform.

III. The **coupe (A)/coup (B)**broke away as the train climbed the hill.

IV. They heard the bells **peeling (A)/pealing (B)**far and wide. **[CAT 2008]**

a. BBBA

b. BBAB

c . BABB

d. ABAA

49.I. We were not successful in **defusing (A)/diffusing (B)**the Guru's ideas.

II. The students **baited (A)/bated (B)**the instructor with irrelevant questions.

III. The prisoner's **interment (A)/internment (B)**came to an end with his early release.

IV. The hockey team could not deal with his **unsociable (A)/unsocial (B)** tendencies. **[CAT 2008]**

a. BABA

b. BBBB

c. BAAA

d. ABAB

50.I. The drum is **halo (A)*/*hollow (B)**; nothing is inside it.

II. The **hollowed (A)/hallowed (B)**shrine of Lord Ganesha is visited by the devotees through out the year.

III. Lemon will **whet (A)/wet (B)** your appetite for more food.

IV. The candidates were **whetted (A)/vetted (B)**for security reasons.

a. AAAB

b. BBBA

c. AABB

d. BBAB

**Solutions**

1. (a)

Amicable means 'to be friendly',

whereas amiable means 'lovable', 'obliging'.

affect (verb): means 'to influence to pretend',

whereas, effect (noun) means 'influence'.

2. (c)

Allusion means 'reference', while

illusion means 'unreal'.

apprehend implies 'fear', 'perceive', 'rest'

whereas, comprehend means 'to understand'.

3. (b)

Affection means 'love', 'kindly feeling'

while affectation means 'unnatural behaviour, 'pretence'.

abstain means 'keep from things (eating, drinking, voting).

whereas refrain means 'keep from bad habits'.

4. (a)

Birth means 'to be born' while

berth means 'a seat in a train'.

bridle means 'rein' while

bridal means 'of bride'.

5. (d)

Beneficial means 'useful', while

beneficent means 'generous'.

beside means 'by the side of' while

besides means 'in addition to'.

6. (c)

Bear means 'to tolerate' while

bare means 'naked'.

canvass means 'to propagate' while

canvas means 'rough cloth'.

7. (a)

Cemetery means 'burial place' whereas

symmetry means 'quality of harmony or balance in size and design.

career means 'vocation', 'profession' whereas

carrier means 'that one carries'.

8. (b)

Confident means 'certain', 'sure' whereas

confidant means 'one who shares a secret'.

compliment means 'regards' whereas

complement means 'that completes'.

9. (c)

Cannon means 'big gun' whereas

canon means 'principle' ,'a law'

corporal means 'physical' whereas

corporeal means 'having body material'.

10.(a)

Comprehensive means 'exhaustive, extensive' whereas

comprehensible means 'understandable'.

contagious means 'that spreads by contact' whereas

contiguous means 'adjacent'.

11.(d)

Censure means 'blame, criticize' whereas

censor means 'examination of films and plays'.

collision means 'striking against (face to face)' whereas

collusion means 'nexus'.

12.(b)

Ceremonious means 'formal' whereas

ceremonial means 'of ceremony'.

complaisant means 'pleasing, obliging' whereas

complacent means 'self satisfied'.

13.(c)

Casual means 'occasional' whereas

causal means 'relating to cause'.

commonplace means 'ordinary, usual' whereas

common place means 'place for all'.

14.(c)

Disease means 'illness' while

decease means 'death'.

deny means 'refer to past (action, knowledge)' while

refuse means 'refer to future (request, order).

15.(b)

Defy means 'violate' while

deify means 'to worship'.

elude means 'to escape' while

allude means ' to refer, cite'.

16.(c)

Envelop means 'cover, wrap' while

envelope means 'a letter cover'.

egotist means 'one who talks a lot of oneself' while

egoist means 'one who believes in self interest, proud'.

17.(d)

Emerge means 'come out' while

immerse means 'plunge into', 'absorb in'.

excursion means 'picnic' while

incursion means 'sudden attack'.

18.(c)

Feign means 'to pretend' while

fain means 'gladly'.

facility means 'convenience' while

felicity means 'apt expression', 'joy'.

19.(a)

Fair means 'a show, just, colour' while

fare means 'passage money, meal'.

gentle means 'not harsh' while

genteel means 'well mannered', 'of the upper class'.

20.(b)

Hoard means 'amass, to store' while

horde means 'a gang'.

humility means 'politeness' whereas

humiliation means 'insult', 'disgrace'.

21.(a)

Honorary means 'unpaid' whereas

honourable means 'deserving honour'.

human means 'race of man' while

humane means 'kind'.

22.(d)

Hypocritical means 'guilty of hypocrisy' while

hypercritical means 'too critical'.

impossible means 'that is not possible' while

impassable means 'that cannot be passed through'.

23.(b)

Ingenious means 'skilful', 'clever' while

ingenuous means 'frank', 'innocent'.

immoral means 'not according to morality' while

unmoral means 'non moral', 'amoral'.

24.(c)

Incomparable means 'without equal' while

uncomparable means 'having no similarity'.

invert means 'to put upside down' while

inert means 'passive'.

25.(a)

Inept means 'incompetent' while

inapt means 'unsuitable'.

jealous means 'full of jealousy' while

zealous means 'enthusiastic'.

26.(d)

Lightning means 'flash of light' while

lightening means 'make light'.

luxurious means 'pertaining to luxury' while

luxuriant means ' rich in growth'.

27.(a)

Loathe means to dislike whereas

loath means 'not willing'.

Maze means 'a puzzled path' while Maize is a crop.

28.( b)

Momentary means 'short lived' while

momentous means 'very important'.

Morale means 'the state of spirit', 'confidence' while

moral means 'sense of right and wrong, lesson'.

29.(c)

Petrol means 'fuel' while

patrol means 'go around'.

Proscribe means 'ban, prohibit' while

prescribe means 'recommend, advise'.

30.(a)

Popular means 'admirable' whereas

populous means 'thickly populated'.

Pale means 'bloodless, yellowish' whereas

pail means 'container'.

31.(c)

Pair means 'double of a thing' whereas

pare means 'trim'.

Pane means 'window glass' whereas

pain means 'suffering of mind or body'.

32.(d)

Peel means 'to remove the skin' while

peal means 'a loud sound'.

Personal means 'private' while

personnel means 'persons employed'.

33.(b)

Prudent means 'wise, careful, foresight' while

prudential means 'of prudent actions, policy'.

Prey means 'hunt and kill' while

pray means 'offer prayer'.

34.(a)

Proceed means 'to move forward' while

preced means 'to go before'.

Prosecute means 'file a suit in the court' while

persecute means 'to oppress'.

35.(d)

Pitiable means 'deserving pity' while

pitiful means 'making one feel pity'.

Reign means 'to rule' while

rein means 'bridle of horse'.

36.(c)

Rapt means 'fully attentive' while

wrapt means 'lost in, absorbed'.

Recourse means 'of action' while

resource means 'raw material.

37.(a)

Stationery means 'writing material' while

stationary means 'static fixed'.

Sensual means 'voluptuous, exciting senses' while

sensuous means 'that affects the senses'.

38.(b)

Spacious means 'having large space' while

specious means 'outwardly attractive'.

Stimulant means 'that which stimulates' while

stimulus means 'incentive'.

39.(d)

Storey means 'upper, part of a building' whereas

story means 'tale'.

Suit means 'a set of clothes, a law suit' whereas

suite means 'a set of rooms'.

40.(c)

Sham means 'pretend to be pretence' while

shame means 'feeling of humiliation'.

Severe means 'violent, rigorous' while

sever means 'separate'.

41.(a)

Tolerable means 'bearable' while

tolerant means 'liberal in ideas.

Uninterested means 'having no interest' while

disinterested means ' free from personal motive'.

42.(b)

Venal means 'corruptible' while

venial means 'to be forgiven'.

Wreak means 'take revenge' while

wreck means 'to destroy'.

43.(d)

Wither means 'to fade' while

whither means 'where'.

Willing means 'ready' while

wilful means 'deliberate'.

44.(d)

Censure implies 'harsh criticism' while

censor means 'to put a ban on something objectionable'.

Credible means 'capable of being believed' while

credulous means 'tending to believe with evidence'.

Discretely means 'distinct' whereas

discreetly means 'to carefully avoid social embarrassment or distress; tactful'.

Farther is used specifically for 'physical distance' while,

further is 'not used in the physical context' and 'is used to indicate something of a greater degree or context'.

45.(d)

Historical is something 'pertaining to history' while

historic is 'something significant'.

Distrust means 'having a sense of fear anticipation of discomfort of danger' whereas mistrust is 'believing that a particular party has a hidden agenda'.

True means 'not false or not fictional while real means 'existing or occurring in the physical world.'

Compliment means 'a remark or an act expressing respect or admiration'.

complement means 'a person or thing that completes something'.

46.(c)

A councillor draws from the word council - 'which is responsible for keeping the county in order'.

A counsellor 'is one who helps you take an informed decision about one or more of your concerns'.

Climactic refers to climax.

Climatic to weather conditions.

Flair refers to a natural talent.

Flare means to spread gradually outward, as the end of a trumpet, the bottom of a wide skirt, or the sides of a ship.

47.(b)

Exceptional means 'unusual or extraordinary'. While, exceptionable means objectionable.

Assent means 'to concur to subscribe to'.

Consent means 'to agree, comply or yield'.

Legally, 'as by a promise or contract'.

Compelled refers to being forced'.

Sanguine refers to being cheerfully optimistic.

Genuine refers to authenticity and is usually not used with far too.

48.(b)

Caustic refers to 'severely critical or sarcastic'.

Ironic draws from irony which refers to the use of words to convey a meaning that is the opposite of its literal meaning. Congent refers to clear, or an incisive presentation.

Valid refers to being sound.

And, being impassionate usually does not necessitate being valid.

Coup is a clever action or accomplishment.

A coupe is the ned compartment in a European railroad car. Peal refers to a ringing of a set of bells, especially a change or set of changes rung on bells.

Peel refers to that which is peeled from something, as a piece of the skin or a fruit.

49.(a)

Defusing means to remove the fuse from a bomb, mine etc.

Diffuse means to spread or scatter widely or disseminate. Baited means to entice, especially by trickery or strategy. Bated means to lessen or diminish; abate.

Interment refers to burial, while internment refers to restrict to or confine within prescribed limits.

Unsociable refers to showing, or marked by a disinclination to friendly social relations; withdrawn. Unsocial comes close in meaning to unsociable and is used more specifically when talking about predispositions or tendencies.

50.(d)

Hollow means 'not solid, with a hole, fake' whereas

Halo means 'circle of light around the head' while hallow (ed) means 'sacred'.

Whet means 'to increase interest' whereas

Wet means 'to cover with water/ liquid'.

Vet means 'screening'.