

# Verbal Reasoning

## Exercise-1

### 20 Mythological words and their present day meaning.

#### 1.Narcissistic

- **Origin**— from Narcissus, a young man who fell in love with his own image, which led to his death
- **Definition**— in love with oneself; egocentric

#### 2.Labyrinthine

- **Origin** — from Labyrinth, a fabled maze in Crete
- **Definition** — full of confusing passageways; intricate; complicated

#### 3.Thespian

- **Origin** — from Thespis, father of Greek drama
- **Definition** — pertaining to drama or acting

#### 4.Chimera

- **Origin** — from the Chimera, fire-breathing monster with a lion's head, goat's body, and serpent's tail
- **Definition** — fantastic; unreal; impossible; absurd

#### 5.Psychology

- **Origin** — from Psyche, the Greek goddess of the soul
- **Definition** — psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour

#### 6.Phobia

- **Origin** — from the Greek god of fear, Phobos
- **Definition** — phobia is word related to fear

#### 7.Panic

- **Origin** — from the Greek god Pan, who according to legend, would cause humans to flee in fear when he chose
- **Definition** — a sudden overwhelming fear, with or without cause, that produces hysterical or irrational behaviour, and that often spreads quickly through a group of persons or animals.

## 8.Tantalize

- **Origin** — In Greek mythology, Tantalus was an evil king. At a feast with the gods and goddesses, he tried to serve up his own son. Enraged, Zeus condemned him to Hades, where he would forever be hungry and thirsty despite standing in a puddle of water next to a fruit tree that was just out of reach
- **Definition** — to torment with, or as if with, the sight of something desired but out of reach

## 9.Cereal

- **Origin** — from Ceres, a Roman goddess of agriculture
- **Definition** — a food that is made from grain and eaten with milk, especially in the morning

## 10. Nemesis

- **Origin** — Nemesis was the Greek goddess in charge of revenge against humans who were arrogant.
- **Definition** — Nemesis means an archenemy or villain or the agent of someone's downfall.

## 11.Nectar

- **Origin** — the favourite drink of the gods and goddesses, also called nectar
- **Definition** — any sweet plant secretion

## 12. Music

- **Origin** — from the Muses, Greek goddesses of the arts and science
- **Definition** — means sounds arranged intentionally to be beautiful and harmonious

## 13. Morphine

- **Origin** — According to legend, Morpheus was the god of sleep and dreams
- **Definition** — The pain-killing narcotic drug called morphine

## 14. Lycanthrope

- **Origin** — from the myth of Lycaon, a human transformed into a wolf as punishment for cannibalism
- **Definition** — The word Lycanthrope describes someone who is half man, half wolf.

## 15. Lethargy

- **Origin** — from the Greek myth of Lethe, a river that flowed through the underworld. According to legend, when people died, they would drink water from the river. The water would lead them to forget their past lives.
- **Definition** — means forgetfulness and lack of energy

## 16. Hypnosis

- **Origin** — from Hypnos, the Greek god of sleep
- **Definition** — It means a sleep-like state of consciousness

## 17. Hermaphrodite

- **Origin** — the myth of the Greek god Hermaphroditos, son of Aphrodite and Hermes. According to legend, a nymph fell in love with Hermaphroditos and prayed that she could be united with him. Her prayers were answered, and her body joined with his.
- **Definition** — It refers to a person or animal that exhibits physical characteristics of both genders

## 18. Halcyon

- **Origin** — In Greek mythology, a halcyon was a legendary bird that made a nest on the ocean. She had the power to calm the rough winds and waves
- **Definition** — It is an adjective used to describe an idyllically peaceful and perfect time that occurred in the past

## 19. Fury

- **Origin** — from the Greek myth of the Furies, female goddesses of vengeance.
- **Definition** — used to mean strong or even uncontrollable anger

## 20. Echo

- **Origin** — from the name of a Greek nymph, Echo. The king of the gods, Zeus, became enamored with Echo. In a fit of jealousy, his wife, Hera, cursed Echo to speak only the last words that were spoken to her
- **Definition** — It is a sound that comes back to you as it reverberates off a surface.