

ANSWERS TO ENGLISH, 2005

1. **D**
2. **B**
3. **C**
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7. **A**
8. **B**
9. **B**
10. **A**
11. **B**: Stress is an 'extra force or prominence' given to a particular syllable.

FACTory
diSTINCTive
REgular
NAtional
12. **B**
inTERpret
PERiod
13. **C**
deSTRUCTive
forEver
unLESS
eNACT
USEless
combINE
NB: The upper case here is used to show the syllable that is stressed (prominent syllable).
14. **C**
Decline – decay, droop, fail, flag, languish, pine, sink, degenerated, depreciate, deteriorate, decrease, diminish, dwindle, fade, ebb, lapse, lessen, wane, incline, lean.
15. **A**
Verge – border, boundary, confine, edge, extreme, limit, eve, point, brink. Although, "margin" may be a synonym in other contexts, it however, is inappropriate in the context of "nervous breakdown".
16. **A**
Element: in this context refers to **wheather** especially bad weather e.g.
"Are we going to brave the elements (weather) and go for a walk?"
17. **B**

Jaundiced – biased, envious, prejudiced, discriminatory, prepossessed, one-sided, etc.

18. D

Ostracize – to refuse to let somebody be a member of a social group; to refuse to meet or talk to somebody. Synonyms are: ban, banish, shun, blackball, cast out.

19. A

Leave somebody in the lurch – to fail to help somebody when they are relying on you to do so.

20. B

21. B

Seldom, not often, rarely, **uncommonly**.

22. A

Fantasy is a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen. 'Dream' or 'day dream' as used in this context is a synonym.

23. D

Ingenious – able, adroit, artful, bright, fertile, gifted, inventive, ready, sagacious, shrewd, witty, clever.

24. C

25. B

26. D

27. C

Redress – to correct something that is unfair or wrong.

28. B

Severe – harsh, not lenient, very strict, stern, censorious, exacting, difficult, violent.

29. D

Ordeal – a difficult or unpleasant experience.

30. A

Provocative in this context is to make someone else sexually aroused.

Modest in this context means not intended to attract unnecessary attention, especially in a sexual way.

31. B

Callous – not caring about other people's feelings or suffering.

Compassionate – feeling or showing sympathy for people who are suffering. (condole with, pity, feel for, sympathize with)

32. C

Indomitable – not willing to accept defeat, strong and determined, impossible to subdue. Synonyms: unsubduable, never-say-die.

33. D

Odious – extremely unpleasant or repulsive

Charming – very pleasant, attractive or captivating.

34. B

35. A

Inopportune – not appropriate or convenient

Ideal – perfect, most suitable, appropriate, right .

36. D

Peripheral in this context means not as important as the main aspect.

37. C

Enervating – to make somebody feel weak e.g. enervating disease/climate.

Invigorating – energy giving, enlivening, reinvigorating, energizing, imparting strength and vitality.

38. C

Idiosyncrasy – a person's particular way of behaving, thinking etc.

Synonyms: foible, mannerism.

39. A

Unswerving – strong and not changing or becoming weaker; firm and dependable.

Erratic: that you cannot rely on (unpredictable).

40. D

Fallacy is a false idea that many people believe is true. It is a false way of thinking about something.