

## MBA Pro 2024

## Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension

DPP: 16

## How to Build Vocabulary

**Q1 Sentence:** Despite his garrulous nature, Tom was known for his insightful comments during meetings.

What is a synonym of "garrulous"?

- (A) Loquacious (B) Taciturn  
(C) Quiet (D) Reticent

**Q2 Sentence:** The audience was captivated by the actor's mesmerizing performance.

Question: What is a synonym of "captivated"?

- (A) taken aback  
(B) Engrossed  
(C) Involved  
(D) Indifferent

**Q3 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

Her impudence shocked the entire room when she boldly challenged the CEO's decision during the meeting.

- (A) Pertinence (B) Insolence  
(C) Modesty (D) Diplomacy

**Q4 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

During the lecture, the professor's pedantic explanations about minor details often left the students feeling bored and disengaged.

- (A) Abstruse (B) Vague  
(C) Dilettante (D) Succinct

**Q5 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

Despite the odds stacked against her, Sarah remained valiant in her pursuit of justice for the marginalized communities.

- (A) craven (B) dastardly  
(C) valorous (D) confound

**Q6 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

The professor dismissed the student's trivial concerns about formatting, emphasizing the importance of focusing on the substantive content of the research paper.

- (A) profound (B) significant  
(C) mandate (D) trifling

**Q7 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

He approached his work with zealous dedication, often staying late into the night to ensure every detail was perfect.

- (A) Deliberate (B) Vigorous  
(C) Apathetic (D) Languorous

**Q8 Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

The narcissist constantly seeks admiration and attention.

- (A) megalomaniac (B) altruist  
(C) philanthropic (D) benevolent

**Q9 Which option among the following is the most suitable Synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?**

Despite his small stature, the boxer had a pugnacious attitude in the ring, fearlessly taking on opponents twice his size.

- (A) conciliatory (B) serene  
(C) dulcet (D) contentious



**Q10** Which option among the following is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

The stranger's sinister smile sent shivers down my spine.

- (A) appealing (B) dexterous  
(C) malevolent (D) benign

**Q11** Sentence: The author's verbose writing style, filled with superfluous details, made the novel difficult to read.

Question: What is the antonym of "verbose"?

- (A) Eloquent (B) Elaborate  
(C) Concise (D) Loquacious

**Q12** Which option among the following is the most suitable antonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

Despite his best efforts, he couldn't help but disparage his colleague's work during the meeting.

- (A) Belittle (B) Denigrate  
(C) Applaud (D) Slander

**Q13** Which option among the following is the most suitable antonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

The lawyer insisted on quoting the witness verbatim to ensure the accuracy of the testimony.

- (A) Declaration (B) accurately  
(C) Imprecisely (D) Temerity

**Q14** Sentence: "She lived a frugal lifestyle, saving money wherever she could."

In the given context, what is an antonym for "frugal"?

- (A) Extravagant  
(B) Thrifty  
(C) Economical  
(D) Prudent

**Q15** Which option among the following is the most suitable antonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

Despite their best efforts, the cybersecurity measures remained impregnable, ensuring the safety of sensitive data.

- (A) invincible (B) fortified  
(C) capsized (D) vulnerable

**Q16** Sentence: The symphony's **crescendo** evoked strong emotions among the audience.

In the given context, what is an antonym for "crescendo"?

- (A) Peak (B) Climax  
(C) Diminuendo (D) Intensify

**Q17** Which option among the following is the most suitable antonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

The constant concurring between the siblings made family gatherings tense and uncomfortable.

- (A) bickering (B) agreeing  
(C) conciliating (D) glinting

**Q18** Sentence: "The beauty of the cherry blossoms was ephemeral, lasting only a few days."

In the given context, what is an antonym for "ephemeral"?

- (A) Transitory  
(B) Permanent  
(C) Fleeting  
(D) Momentary

**Q19** Which option among the following is the most suitable antonym for the underlined word in the given sentence?

Despite his considerable wealth, the parsimonious millionaire refused to upgrade his outdated car, preferring to continue driving his decades-old sedan to save money.

- (A) extravagant (B) asinine  
(C) cheapskates (D) obdurate

**Q20** "The politician's speech was replete with lofty promises, but many voters remained skeptical about his intentions."



What is the meaning of the word "replete" as used in the sentence?

- (A) Filled or well-supplied with
- (B) Devoid or lacking
- (C) Clear or transparent
- (D) Cautious or hesitant

**Q21** Consider the following sentence: "The students' protest was vehement, demanding immediate action from the university administration."

What is the meaning of the word "vehement" in this context?

- (A) Demanding
- (B) Calm or serene
- (C) Forceful or intense
- (D) Sorrowful or mournful

**Q22** Review the sentence below:

"Despite facing numerous obstacles, the entrepreneur remained undaunted in pursuit of her goals."

What does the word "undaunted" mean in this context?

- (A) Excited
- (B) Fearless or determined
- (C) Hesitant or unsure
- (D) Relaxed or carefree

**Q23** Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel's protagonist was evident in the way he faced adversity with grace and resilience."

- (A) Principal                      (B) Principle
- (C) Principal's                (D) Principles'

**Q24** "The artist's work was characterized by its \_\_\_\_\_ use of color, evoking a sense of melancholy and nostalgia."

- (A) Subtle                      (B) Explicit
- (C) Ostentatious            (D) Superficial

**Q25** Sentence: The protagonist exhibited a plethora of emotions throughout the novel, ranging from

joy to despair.

In the sentence, what does "plethora" mean?

- (A) Limited                      (B) Abundance
- (C) Absence                    (D) Variety

**Q26** Sentence: The explorer marveled at the kaleidoscope of colors in the sunset, as hues of orange, pink, and purple painted the sky.

In the sentence, what does "kaleidoscope" mean?

- (A) Monochrome
- (B) Vibrant assortment
- (C) Randomness
- (D) Clarity

**Q27** Sentence: The chef's culinary creations showcased a melange of flavors, blending spices from around the world to create unique and exquisite dishes.

In the context of the sentence, what does "melange" mean?

- (A) Burst                      (B) Simplicity
- (C) Creation                (D) Fusion

**Q28** "The architect's design was characterized by its \_\_\_\_\_ use of space, creating a sense of harmony and tranquillity."

- (A) Utilitarian                (B) Lavish
- (C) Minimalist              (D) Cluttered

**Q29** "The chef's exquisite \_\_\_\_\_ of flavours delighted the discerning palates of the guests."

- (A) palete                      (B) palette
- (C) pallette                    (D) pallete

**Q30** Choose the correct term to complete the sentence:

"The florist's elaborate floral arrangements for the grand \_\_\_\_\_ added elegance to the event."

- (A) ocasion                    (B) ocassion
- (C) occasion                (D) occassion



## Answer Key

Q1 (A)  
Q2 (B)  
Q3 (B)  
Q4 (A)  
Q5 (C)  
Q6 (D)  
Q7 (B)  
Q8 (A)  
Q9 (D)  
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Q26 (B)  
Q27 (D)  
Q28 (C)  
Q29 (B)  
Q30 (C)



## Hints & Solutions

### Q1 Text Solution:

**Topic: Synonyms**

**Correct answer:** A) Loquacious

**Essence of the Question:** This question aims to test the understanding of synonyms by providing a sentence containing the word "garrulous" and asking for a word with a similar meaning.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** "Loquacious" is a suitable synonym for "garrulous." Both words describe someone who is talkative or prone to excessive talking. In the context of the sentence provided, "garrulous" characterizes Tom as talkative, and "loquacious" aligns perfectly with this characterization.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

- Option B) Taciturn: "Taciturn" means reserved or uncommunicative, which is the opposite of "garrulous."
- Option C) Quiet: "Quiet" refers to making little or no noise, which is not synonymous with "garrulous." This option doesn't capture the talkative nature implied by the sentence.
- Option D) Reticent: "Reticent" means reserved or reluctant to speak, which contrasts with the talkative nature of someone described as "garrulous."

**Trap of the question:** The trap lies in option C, "Quiet." Some candidates might choose this option thinking it's the opposite of "garrulous" based on superficial understanding, but they should recognize that "quiet" refers to a lack of noise rather than a tendency to speak. This misunderstanding could lead them to select the incorrect option.

### Q2 Text Solution:

**Topic: Synonyms**

**Correct answer:** B) Engrossed

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** "Engrossed" is a suitable synonym for

"captivated." Both words indicate being fully absorbed or fascinated by something. In the context of the sentence provided, the audience being captivated by the actor's performance implies that they were fully engrossed or absorbed in it.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

- Option A) taken aback: This phrase means to be surprised or shocked, which is not synonymous with being captivated.
- Option C) Involved: This word means participating or being part of something, which is not synonymous with being captivated.
- Option D) Indifferent: This word means having no particular interest or sympathy, which is the opposite of being captivated.

**Trap of the question:** The trap here could be between options B and C. While both "engrossed" and "involved" describe states of attention, only "engrossed" aligns with the idea of being fully absorbed or fascinated by something. "Involved" implies participation rather than simply being captivated.

### Q3 Text Solution:

**Topic: Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in the understanding of the word "impudence" and their ability to identify a synonym that accurately reflects its meaning in the given context.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option B is correct because it closely aligns with the meaning of "impudence" in the context of the sentence. "Impudence" refers to a lack of respect or rudeness, especially when someone behaves in a bold or disrespectful manner. Similarly, "insolence" denotes a lack of respect or rudeness towards authority or social conventions. In the sentence provided, the



individual's bold challenge to the CEO's decision demonstrates a lack of respect or regard for authority, which fits the meaning of "insolence."

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as it refers to relevance or appropriateness in relation to a particular subject or context. It does not convey the same meaning as "impudence," which involves a lack of respect or rudeness.

Option C is incorrect as it refers to the quality of being humble or unassuming, which is the opposite of "impudence." It does not convey the idea of boldness or lack of respect as seen in the sentence.

Option D is incorrect as it refers to the skill of managing negotiations or relationships tactfully and effectively. It is the opposite of "impudence," which involves a lack of respect or tactfulness.

**Trap of the Question:**

The potential trap in this question could be the inclusion of options that may seem plausible or somewhat related to the concept of disrespect or boldness but are not actually synonyms for "impudence."

**Q4 Text Solution:**

**Topic: Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in assessing the understanding of the word "pedantic" and their ability to identify a synonym that accurately reflects its meaning within the context of the sentence. It evaluates the comprehension of vocabulary and the ability to discern shades of meaning between similar words.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option A is correct because it aligns with the meaning of "pedantic" in the context of the sentence. "Pedantic" refers to being excessively concerned with minor details or rules, often in a dull or tedious manner. Similarly, "abstruse"

means difficult to understand or comprehend, often due to being overly complex or obscure.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option B is incorrect as "Vague" means not clearly or precisely expressed or stated, which is the opposite of "pedantic," which involves being overly concerned with minor details or rules.

Option C is incorrect as "Dilettante" refers to a person who dabbles in a field of study or activity without serious commitment or knowledge. While a dilettante may superficially engage with topics, it does not necessarily imply the same level of excessive concern with minor details as "pedantic."

Option D is incorrect as "Succinct" means being concise and expressing ideas clearly and briefly. It is the opposite of "pedantic," which involves being overly concerned with minor details and often being verbose or tedious in explanations.

**Trap of the Question:**

The potential trap in this question could be the inclusion of options that may seem plausible or somewhat related to the concept of being overly concerned with minor details, but are not actually synonyms for "pedantic."

**Q5 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonym**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in testing the understanding of the meaning of the word "valiant" and the ability to identify its synonym within the given context. It assesses the reader's comprehension of vocabulary and their capacity to choose the most appropriate word that aligns with the intended meaning of the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C is correct because it directly relates to the concept of bravery, courage, and heroism, which are synonymous with "valiant." "Valorous" describes someone who acts with valour or great courage, which aligns perfectly with the





context of Sarah remaining courageous in her pursuit of justice for marginalized communities despite facing difficulties.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as 'craven' is an antonym of "valiant." "Craven" describes someone who lacks courage or is cowardly, which is the opposite of being valiant. Therefore, it does not serve as a suitable synonym in this context.

Option B is incorrect as 'dastardly' similar to "craven," "dastardly" also denotes cowardly or underhanded behaviour. It is not synonymous with "valiant," which implies bravery and heroism. Therefore, it is not the correct synonym for "valiant" in this context.

Option D is incorrect as "Confound" means to confuse or perplex, which doesn't relate to the concept of bravery or courage conveyed by "valiant." It is not synonymous with "valiant," so it is not the correct synonym in this context.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question could be the inclusion of distractor options that may seem related to bravery or courage but are actually antonyms or unrelated words. Options A and B (craven and dastardly) are distractors that represent the opposite of "valiant" by indicating cowardice or dishonourable behaviour.

**Q6 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonym**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in assessing the understanding of the meaning of the word "trivial" and the ability to select the most appropriate synonym within the given context. It aims to evaluate the reader's comprehension of vocabulary and their capability to discern nuances in meaning.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option D is correct because 'trifling' directly aligns with the meaning of "trivial." "Trifling" refers to something of little importance or significance, just like "trivial." In the context of

the sentence, both words describe the student's concerns about formatting as being insignificant compared to the substantive content of the research paper. Therefore, "trifling" is the most suitable synonym for "trivial" in this context.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as "profound" is an antonym of "trivial." "Profound" refers to something deep, significant, or meaningful, which is the opposite of "trivial." Therefore, it does not serve as a suitable synonym in this context.

Option B is incorrect as "significant" is an antonym of "trivial." "Significant" refers to importance, which is the opposite of "trivial." Therefore, it does not serve as a suitable synonym in this context.

Option C is incorrect as "Mandate" means an official order or commission to do something. It is unrelated to the concept of triviality or insignificance. Therefore, it is not a suitable synonym for "trivial" in this context.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question may involve selecting options that are related to importance or significance but do not accurately convey the concept of triviality. Options A ("profound") and B ("significant") are examples of such traps.

**Q7 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of the question lies in identifying a synonym for "zealous" in the given sentence, which conveys a sense of strong enthusiasm and dedication.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option B is correct as "vigorous," is the most suitable synonym for "zealous" in the given sentence. Both words convey a sense of strong enthusiasm, energy, and commitment. In the sentence provided, the person approaches their work with zealous dedication, indicating



they are passionate, energetic, and highly committed to their tasks. "Vigorous" similarly suggests strong and enthusiastic effort, making it the most appropriate synonym in this context.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as "Deliberate" means careful and intentional. While dedication involves being intentional and focused, "deliberate" does not capture the sense of enthusiasm and passion conveyed by "zealous." Option C is incorrect as "Apathetic" means showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern. It is the opposite of "zealous," which implies great enthusiasm and dedication. Therefore, "apathetic" is not an appropriate synonym in this context.

Option D is incorrect as "Languorous" means lacking energy or vitality, often suggesting a state of laziness or sluggishness. It is the opposite of the energetic and enthusiastic connotations of "zealous." Therefore, "languorous" is not an appropriate synonym in this context.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap lies in selecting options that may sound similar but do not accurately capture the meaning of "zealous," such as options A, C, and D, which do not convey the appropriate level of enthusiasm and dedication.

**Q8 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in assessing the ability to discern the nuanced meanings of words and select the most appropriate synonym in the given context. It requires understanding the specific traits associated with the word "narcissist" and choosing a word that closely aligns with those traits.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option A is correct as "megalomaniac," is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word "narcissist" in the sentence. A "narcissist" is

someone who has an excessive interest in or admiration of themselves. A "megalomaniac" is someone who has an obsession with their own power or importance, often exhibiting narcissistic behaviour.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option B is incorrect as an "altruist" is someone who selflessly cares for the well-being of others, which is the opposite of a narcissist. While both altruists and narcissists may have a focus on themselves, their motivations and behaviours differ significantly.

Option C is incorrect as "Philanthropic" describes someone who donates money or time to help others, typically in the form of charitable acts. This term also represents a trait opposite to that of a narcissist, who tends to be primarily focused on themselves rather than on helping others.

Option D is incorrect as "Benevolent" means well-meaning and kind. Like "altruist" and "philanthropic," it describes someone with positive traits that are contrary to those associated with narcissism.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question is the inclusion of options that may seem related to certain aspects of the word "narcissist" but do not accurately capture its full meaning. Options B, C, and D provide words that describe positive traits such as altruism, philanthropy, and benevolence, which are the opposite of the negative traits associated with narcissism.

**Q9 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

This question aims to assess the respondent's ability to select the most suitable synonym for the underlined word in the given sentence. It evaluates the respondent's comprehension of vocabulary and their ability to identify words with similar meanings in context.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**





Option D, "contentious," is the most suitable synonym for the underlined word "pugnacious" in the given sentence. Both "pugnacious" and "contentious" describe someone who is inclined to argue or engage in conflict, reflecting a combative or aggressive attitude.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answers:**

Option A, "conciliatory," does not accurately reflect the meaning of "pugnacious." "Conciliatory" means intended or likely to placate or pacify, which is the opposite of "pugnacious."

Option B, "serene," does not accurately reflect the meaning of "pugnacious." "Serene" means calm, peaceful, or tranquil, which contrasts with the aggressive attitude conveyed by "pugnacious."

Option C, "dulcet," does not accurately reflect the meaning of "pugnacious." "Dulcet" means sweet, melodious, or soothing, which is unrelated to the combative nature implied by "pugnacious."

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question lies in providing distractor options that may seem plausible but do not accurately convey the meaning of the underlined word in the given context. These distractors can mislead the respondent if they do not carefully consider the nuances of word meanings.

**Q10 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Synonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question is to evaluate the respondent's understanding of vocabulary and their ability to identify synonyms within a given context. It aims to assess whether the respondent can accurately determine the word that has a similar meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C is correct as "Sinister" means giving the impression that something harmful or evil is

happening or will happen. A synonym for this would be "malevolent," which means having or showing a wish to do evil to others. Both "sinister" and "malevolent" convey a sense of evil or malicious intent.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as "Appealing" means attractive or pleasing, which is the opposite of "sinister."

Option B is incorrect as "Dexterous" means skillful or adept, which is unrelated to the concept of being evil or harmful.

Option D is incorrect as "Benign" means gentle or harmless, which is the opposite of "sinister."

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question lies in the distractor options. Options A, B, and D offer words that may seem plausible at first glance but do not actually serve as synonyms for "sinister" in the given context. This may lead the respondent to choose an incorrect answer if they are not familiar with the precise meaning of "sinister" or if they do not carefully consider the context of the sentence.

**Q11 Text Solution:**

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Correct answer:** C) Concise

**Essence of the Question:** This question aims to test the understanding of antonyms by providing a sentence containing the word "verbose" and asking for its opposite.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** In the context of the sentence provided, "verbose" describes the author's writing style as containing excessive or unnecessary details, making the novel difficult to read. Therefore, the antonym would be a word that denotes brevity and clarity of expression. "Concise" fits this description perfectly, as it means expressing much in few words.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

- Option A) Eloquent: This word refers to fluent or persuasive speaking or writing, but it does



not directly contrast with the excessive use of words indicated by "verbose."

- Option B) Elaborate: While "elaborate" may seem like an antonym at first glance, it actually means involving many carefully arranged parts or details, which doesn't directly contrast with the excessive use of words indicated by "verbose."
- Option D) Loquacious: This word means talkative or chatty, which is related to verbosity but not its direct opposite.

**Trap of the question:** The trap lies in the similarity between "verbose" and "elaborate." While "elaborate" may seem like an antonym due to its association with detail, it does not directly contrast with the excessive use of words and superfluous details indicated by "verbose." Candidates need to recognize that the question specifically asks for the antonym of "verbose," which is best represented by "concise" in the given context.

#### Q12 Text Solution:

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of the question is to identify the most appropriate antonym for the word "disparage" in the given sentence. It tests the understanding of antonyms and the ability to choose the word that conveys the opposite meaning of "disparage" within the context provided.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C is correct because it represents an action opposite to disparage. "Disparage" means to criticize or speak negatively about something, while "applaud" means to express approval or praise for something. In the given sentence, the speaker is expressing negative sentiments about his colleague's work, so the appropriate antonym would be "applaud" as it represents showing approval or appreciation.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect because "belittle" is a synonym of "disparage," not its antonym. Both "belittle" and "disparage" mean to criticize or speak negatively about something.

Option B is incorrect because similar to "belittle," "denigrate" is also a synonym of "disparage." It means to criticize or speak ill of someone or something, so it does not serve as the antonym in this context.

Option D is incorrect as it is another synonym of "disparage," meaning to make false and damaging statements about someone or something. Like options A and B, it does not represent the opposite action of expressing approval or praise.

**Trap of the Question:**

The potential trap in this question lies in options A, B, and D, which all represent words similar in meaning to "disparage." This similarity might lead test-takers to mistakenly select one of these options if they are not careful in considering the context and meaning of the sentence. Therefore, the trap lies in choosing a word that is a synonym or closely related in meaning to "disparage" rather than its antonym.

#### Q13 Text Solution:

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of the question lies in testing the understanding of the word "verbatim" and identifying its antonym within the context of the sentence. It assesses the ability to recognize words with opposite meanings and select the one that fits appropriately in the given sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option C is correct because it directly contrasts with the meaning of "verbatim" in the given context. "Verbatim" means to quote something exactly as spoken or written, without any alteration or interpretation. On the other hand, "Imprecisely" means lacking precision or



accuracy, indicating that the quotation is not word-for-word and may contain errors or omissions.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect because "declaration" does not serve as an antonym to "verbatim." A declaration is a formal or explicit statement, which does not inherently imply the opposite of quoting something exactly as spoken.

Option B is incorrect as it is actually a synonym for verbatim, not the opposite. "Verbatim" means word-for-word, and "accurately" can imply that the quotation is indeed word-for-word, which aligns with the intended meaning of the sentence.

Option D is incorrect as it means excessive confidence or audacity, which is entirely unrelated to the concept of quoting something exactly as spoken. Therefore, this option is not an antonym of "verbatim" within the given context.

**Trap of the Question:**

The potential trap in this question could be the inclusion of options A and B, which might seem plausible at first glance but are not actually antonyms of "verbatim." Option A, "declaration," does not represent an opposite meaning to "verbatim" in this context, and option B, "accurately," is actually synonymous with the intended meaning of "verbatim." Therefore, it might be tempted to select one of these options if they are not careful in considering the context and meaning of the sentence.

**Q14 Text Solution:**

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Question Essence:** The question is asking for the antonym for "frugal" in the context of someone living a money-saving lifestyle.

**Explanation for Correct Answer:** The correct answer is A. "Extravagant." In the given sentence, "frugal" indicates a careful and economical approach to spending money. The antonym, therefore, would be "Extravagant,"

which suggests a more luxurious and spendthrift lifestyle.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answer:**

- B. "Thrifty": While "thrifty" is a related term and shares some similarities with "frugal," it does not represent the opposite. Both "frugal" and "thrifty" involve prudent spending habits.
- C. "Economical": Similar to "thrifty," "economical" is a term often associated with careful money management. It is not the opposite of "frugal" in the context of the question.
- D. "Prudent": While "prudent" shares the idea of careful and wise decision-making, it may not capture the specific connotation of being sparing or thrifty with money, which is associated with "frugal."

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in the inclusion of words like "Thrifty" and "Economical," which are related to being careful with money. These words might be tempting choices, especially if the test-taker is not considering the specific nuances of the terms. The trap word is "Economical," as it may lead to confusion due to its similarity in meaning to "Frugal."

**Q15 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Antonym**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question lies in testing the understanding of the meanings of the words "impregnable" and its antonym within the context provided. It assesses the ability to discern the nuances of vocabulary and to choose the most appropriate word based on the given sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option D is correct as "vulnerable," is the correct antonym for "impregnable" in the given sentence because "impregnable" means unable to be penetrated or attacked successfully, suggesting strength and security. Therefore, its



opposite would be "vulnerable," which means susceptible to harm or attack, indicating weakness and lack of security.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option A is incorrect as 'invincible' is similar to impregnable, meaning unbeatable or unconquerable. Therefore, it does not directly contrast with "impregnable" in the context of cybersecurity measures.

Option B is incorrect as 'fortified' means strengthened or reinforced, which can sometimes be associated with making something impregnable. However, in the context of the sentence, the focus is on the inability of cybersecurity measures to be breached, rather than on the act of reinforcing them.

Option C is incorrect as 'capsized' means to overturn or overturning, typically referring to a boat or ship. It does not relate to the concept of impregnability or vulnerability in the context of cybersecurity measures. Therefore, it is not a suitable antonym for "impregnable" in this sentence.

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question may lie in selecting a word that seems related to security or strength but does not directly contrast with "impregnable" in the given context.

**Q16 Text Solution:**

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:** The question assesses the understanding of musical terminology, specifically the concept of dynamics in music. The sentence describes the impact of a symphony's crescendo on the audience, and the task is to identify the antonym for "crescendo" in this context.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** The correct answer is option C. In music, a crescendo indicates a gradual increase in volume or intensity. Therefore, the opposite of crescendo is diminuendo, which denotes a gradual decrease

in volume or intensity. The sentence mentions the strong emotions evoked by the symphony's crescendo, making "diminuendo" the appropriate antonym.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

- Option A (Peak): While "peak" may seem like a potential antonym, it does not capture the gradual increase or decrease in intensity, which is crucial in understanding musical dynamics.
- Option B (Climax): Similar to "peak," "climax" suggests a high point or culmination but does not specifically convey the idea of a gradual decrease in intensity.
- Option D (Intensify): This word is related to increasing rather than decreasing intensity, making it an incorrect choice for an antonym in this context.

**Trap of the question:** The trap in this question lies in the potential overemphasis on the "strong emotions" elicited by the crescendo. While the opposite of "crescendo" is indeed "diminuendo," focusing solely on the emotional impact might lure you into choosing options like "(A) peak" or "(B) climax." These terms also signify moments of heightened intensity, but they don't necessarily capture the gradual progression of a crescendo. The trap lies in assuming that any strong emotional response is the opposite of a crescendo, neglecting the specific musical term and its unique way of building tension.

**Q17 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question is to assess the reader's understanding of antonyms and their ability to identify the most appropriate one within a given context. It evaluates the reader's comprehension of word meanings and their ability to discern opposites based on the context provided in the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**



Option A is correct as "Concurring" means agreeing or being in harmony, which contributes to tense and uncomfortable family gatherings in the context of the sentence. Therefore, the opposite or antonym would be "bickering," which refers to arguing or quarreling. This option presents the most suitable contrast to the word "concurring" in the context provided.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**

Option B is incorrect as "Agreeing" is similar in meaning to "concurring" rather than being an antonym. Both "agreeing" and "concurring" suggest harmony or consensus, which doesn't fit the context of tense and uncomfortable family gatherings.

Option C is incorrect as "Conciliating" is also similar in meaning to "concurring" as it implies efforts to reconcile or make peace, which contrasts with the tense and uncomfortable atmosphere described in the sentence.

Option D is incorrect as "Glinting" means shining or sparkling. It is unrelated to the concept of agreement or disagreement, so it is not a suitable antonym for "concurring."

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question lies in the inclusion of distractor options (options B, C, and D) that may seem plausible but do not accurately represent antonyms for the word "concurring" in the context of tense and uncomfortable family gatherings.

**Q18 Text Solution:**

**Topic: Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:** The question aims to find the antonym for "ephemeral" in the context of the short-lived beauty of cherry blossoms.

**Explanation for Correct Answer :** The correct answer is B. "Permanent." In the given sentence, "ephemeral" describes the brief duration of the beauty of cherry blossoms. The antonym, therefore, is "Permanent," as it represents

something enduring and lasting for an extended period.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answer:**

- A. "Transitory": This option is a synonym for "ephemeral" and not its antonym. Both convey a sense of brevity.
- C. "Fleeting": Similar to "transitory," "fleeting" is a synonym rather than an antonym, both indicating a short-lived nature.
- D. "Momentary": Like "transitory" and "fleeting," "momentary" is another synonym for "ephemeral" and is not the antonym.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in the inclusion of words like "Transitory," "Fleeting," and "Momentary," all of which are synonymous with "Ephemeral." The trap word is "Fleeting," as it might mislead the test-taker into choosing a synonym instead of the true antonym, "Permanent." Careful attention to the nuances of meaning is necessary to select the correct answer.

**Q19 Text Solution:**

**Topic : Antonyms**

**Essence of the Question:**

The essence of this question is to evaluate the respondent's understanding of vocabulary and their ability to identify antonyms within a given context. It aims to assess whether the respondent can accurately determine the word that has the opposite meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

Option A is correct because "Parsimonious" means excessively thrifty or unwilling to spend money. An antonym for this would be "extravagant," which means spending money excessively or wastefully. In the context of the sentence, the millionaire's refusal to upgrade his car despite his wealth suggests a reluctance to spend money, making "extravagant" an appropriate antonym.

**Explanation for the Incorrect Answer:**





Option B is incorrect as "Asinine" means foolish or stupid, which is unrelated to the concept of thriftiness or unwillingness to spend money.

Option C is incorrect as "Cheapskates" refers to people who are unwilling to spend money or are excessively stingy, similar to "parsimonious," so it is not an antonym.

Option D is incorrect as "Obdurate" means stubborn or resistant to change, which is not directly opposite in meaning to "parsimonious."

**Trap of the Question:**

The trap in this question lies in the distractor options. Options B, C, and D offer words that may seem plausible at first glance but do not actually serve as antonyms for "parsimonious" in the given context.

**Q20 Text Solution:**

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Subtopic:** Word Meaning

**Correct answer: A) Filled or well-supplied with**

**Essence of the Question:** This question evaluates the candidate's comprehension of the term "replete" within the context provided, aiming to discern the most suitable interpretation of the word.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** Option A, "Filled or well-supplied with," aptly encapsulates the meaning of "replete" as it pertains to the sentence. In this instance, "replete" suggests that the politician's speech was richly stocked or endowed with lofty promises, emphasizing an abundance of content.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

**B) Devoid or lacking:** This option denotes the opposite meaning of the intended interpretation. "Devoid" signifies a complete absence or deficiency, which contradicts the context portraying the politician's speech as abundant.

**C) Clear or transparent:** While "clear" or "transparent" may connote positive attributes, they fail to capture the essence of "replete" in

this context, which emphasizes abundance rather than clarity.

**D) Cautious or hesitant:** This choice introduces an unrelated concept. "Cautious" or "hesitant" denotes a sense of carefulness or uncertainty, which does not align with describing the politician's speech as being filled with promises.

**Trap of the Question:** The question's trap lies in potential misinterpretation of "replete" as a neutral or negative term, leading to selection of options such as "devoid" or "cautious." However, a correct understanding of "replete" in this scenario emphasizes abundance, aligning with option A.

**Q21 Text Solution:**

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Subtopic:** Word Meaning

**Correct answer: C) Forceful or intense**

**Essence of the Question:** This question focuses on assessing the candidate's comprehension of the term "vehement" within the given context. It aims to determine the most appropriate interpretation of the word.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** Option C, "Forceful or intense," accurately captures the meaning of "vehement" in this sentence. In this context, "vehement" suggests that the students' protest was characterized by strong, passionate, and forceful expression of their demands.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

**A) Demanding:** While "demanding" may seem related to the context of the sentence, it does not fully capture the intensity or fervor implied by "vehement." "Demanding" primarily refers to making requests forcefully, but it may not convey the same level of intensity as "vehement."

**B) Calm or serene:** This option presents an opposite meaning to the intended interpretation. "Calm" or "serene" denotes a sense of tranquility or peacefulness, which is





contrary to the idea of a vehement protest characterized by passion and intensity.

**D) Sorrowful or mournful:** This choice introduces an unrelated concept. "Sorrowful" or "mournful" implies feelings of sadness or grief, which are not applicable to describing the nature of the protest in the sentence.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in the candidate potentially misinterpreting "vehement" as a synonym for "demanding" or selecting an option that presents a contrasting meaning, such as "calm" or "sorrowful." However, a correct understanding of "vehement" in this context emphasizes intensity and forcefulness, aligning with option C.

## Q22 Text Solution:

**Topic: Vocabulary**

**Subtopic: Word Meaning**

**Correct answer: b) Fearless or determined**

**Essence of the Question:** This question aims to evaluate the candidate's understanding of the term "undaunted" within the context provided. It seeks to identify the most appropriate interpretation of the word.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** Option b, "Fearless or determined," accurately portrays the meaning of "undaunted" in this sentence. In this context, "undaunted" implies that despite facing obstacles, the entrepreneur remained courageous and resolute in pursuing her goals.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

**a) Excited:** This option presents an unrelated concept. "Excited" denotes a feeling of enthusiasm or anticipation, which does not align with the context of overcoming obstacles with resolve.

**c) Hesitant or unsure:** While "hesitant" or "unsure" may seem like opposites of "undaunted," they do not accurately capture the essence of the term in this context. "Hesitant" implies indecision or reluctance, which contrasts with the determined attitude described in the sentence.

**d) Relaxed or carefree:** This choice introduces an unrelated concept. "Relaxed" or "carefree" suggests a lack of concern or tension, which is incongruent with the idea of facing obstacles with courage and determination.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in the candidate potentially misinterpreting "undaunted" as a synonym for "excited" or selecting an option that presents a contrasting meaning, such as "hesitant" or "relaxed." However, a correct understanding of "undaunted" in this context emphasizes fearlessness and determination, aligning with option b.

## Q23 Text Solution:

**Topic: Vocabulary**

**Subtopic: Confusing Words**

**Correct answer: b) Principle**

**Essence of the Question:** This question evaluates the candidate's understanding of the correct usage of "principal" and "principle" within the given context. It aims to identify the most appropriate term to describe a characteristic or quality of the novel's protagonist.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** Option b, "Principle," is the correct choice in this sentence. "Principle" refers to a fundamental truth, rule, or belief that guides behavior or actions. In this context, it appropriately describes a characteristic or quality exhibited by the protagonist in facing adversity with grace and resilience.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

**a) Principal:** This option refers to the main person or thing, such as the head of a school or the main sum of money. It does not convey the intended meaning of a fundamental belief or characteristic of the protagonist in the context of the sentence.

**c) Principal's:** This option is a possessive form indicating ownership by the principal. It is not



suitable for describing a characteristic or quality of the protagonist.

**d) Principles':** This option is plural possessive, indicating something belonging to multiple principles. However, the sentence doesn't suggest the involvement of multiple principles, but rather refers to a singular guiding belief or rule. Therefore, this option is incorrect.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in potential confusion between "principal" and "principle." Candidates may incorrectly choose "principal" due to its similar spelling and pronunciation, thinking it refers to the main character in the novel. However, the correct understanding of "principle" as a fundamental truth or belief helps identify the appropriate term to describe the protagonist's characteristic in the context of the sentence.

#### Q24 Text Solution:

**Topic: Vocabulary**

**Subtopic: Confusing Words**

**Correct answer: a) Subtle**

**Essence of the Question:** This question assesses the candidate's understanding of nuanced language and their ability to choose the most appropriate word to describe the use of color in the artist's work. It requires the candidate to discern between words with subtle differences in meaning.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** Option a, "Subtle," is the correct choice in this sentence. "Subtle" means delicate, understated, or not immediately obvious. In the context of art, it suggests a nuanced and restrained use of color that evokes complex emotions such as melancholy and nostalgia.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

**b) Explicit:** This option suggests something clear, direct, or obvious, which is the opposite of what is described in the sentence. The artist's use of color is not explicit but rather subtle and nuanced.

**c) Ostentatious:** This word describes something showy, extravagant, or intended to attract attention. It does not fit the context of the sentence, which describes a more restrained and understated use of color.

**d) Superficial:** This word means shallow or lacking depth. It is not suitable to describe the artist's use of color, which is described as evoking complex emotions of melancholy and nostalgia, suggesting depth and subtlety.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap in this question lies in candidates potentially misinterpreting the characteristics of the artist's work. They may be tempted to choose options like "ostentatious" or "explicit" due to their familiarity or association with artistic expression. However, the correct understanding of the sentence requires recognizing the nuanced and understated nature of the artist's use of color, making "subtle" the most appropriate choice.

#### Q25 Text Solution:

**Topic: Vocabulary**

**Correct answer: Option B) Abundance**

**Essence of the Question:** The question aims to determine the meaning of the word "plethora" in the given sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

- "Plethora" refers to an excessive or overabundant quantity of something. In the context of the sentence, it suggests that the protagonist experienced a wide range of emotions in abundance. Therefore, "Abundance" accurately represents the meaning of "plethora" in this context.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

- Option A) Limited: This option presents the opposite meaning of "plethora." "Limited" suggests a restricted or insufficient quantity, which contradicts the idea of abundance conveyed by "plethora."
- Option C) Absence: "Absence" indicates a lack or deficiency of something, which is opposite to the meaning of "plethora."



Instead of denoting a shortage, "plethora" signifies an excess or surplus.

- Option D) Variety: While "variety" implies diversity or a range of different things, it doesn't capture the notion of abundance conveyed by "plethora." "Plethora" emphasizes quantity rather than diversity.

**Trap of the Question:** Candidates may fall into the trap of selecting options like "Variety" because it seems to relate to the range of emotions mentioned in the sentence. However, "plethora" specifically emphasizes the abundance or excess of something rather than the diversity of emotions. It's essential for candidates to focus on the meaning of "plethora" in the given context, which denotes an abundance or excessive quantity.

#### Q26 Text Solution:

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Correct answer:** B. Vibrant assortment

**Essence of the Question:** The question asks for the meaning of the word "kaleidoscope" as used in the given sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:** "Kaleidoscope" refers to a constantly changing and diverse mix of colors, similar to the patterns seen through a kaleidoscope. In the context of the sentence, it describes the variety and vibrancy of colors in the sunset.

**Explanation for Incorrect Answers:**

A. Monochrome - This option refers to a single color or shades of a single color, which is the opposite of what "kaleidoscope" implies. In the sentence, the sunset is described as having a multitude of colors, not just one.

C. Randomness - This option suggests a lack of order or pattern, which doesn't fit the context of the sentence. The sentence describes the colors of the sunset as harmoniously blending together, rather than appearing randomly.

D. Clarity - This option refers to the quality of being clear or easy to understand, which is not the meaning of "kaleidoscope." The sentence

describes a colorful and vivid sunset, not something clear or easy to understand.

**Trap of the question:** The trap here lies in selecting option A (Monochrome) because it presents a plausible-sounding opposite meaning to "kaleidoscope." However, it's important to recognize that "kaleidoscope" typically conveys a sense of variety and vibrancy, which is better captured by option B (Vibrant assortment) in the given context.

#### Q27 Text Solution:

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Correct answer:** D. Fusion

**Essence of the Question:** This question is designed to identify the meaning of the word "melange" as used in the given sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

- "Melange" refers to a mixture or blend of different elements, often with a sense of variety or diversity. In this context, it implies that the chef's culinary creations feature a fusion or combination of various flavors from around the world.

**Explanation for Incorrect Options:**

A. Burst:

- "Burst" typically means a sudden outbreak or release of something, which doesn't align with the concept of a mixture or blend of flavors as implied by "melange."

B. Simplicity:

- "Simplicity" refers to the quality of being simple or uncomplicated, which contrasts with the idea of a complex blend of flavors described by "melange."

C. Creation:

- "Creation" refers to the act of bringing something into existence, but it doesn't accurately capture the sense of a mixture or fusion of flavors as conveyed by "melange."

**Trap of the Question:** The trap lies in options A, B, and C, where candidates might be tempted to choose words that seem related to culinary terms or creativity. However, a careful



consideration reveals that option D provides the most suitable definition for "melange" in the given context.

**Q28 Text Solution:**

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Correct answer:** C. Minimalist

**Essence of the Question:** This question seeks to determine the most appropriate term to describe the architect's use of space in the given context.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

- "Minimalist" is the correct choice as it aligns with the sense of simplicity, clean lines, and the use of minimal elements, which contributes to creating a sense of harmony and tranquillity in the design.

**Explanation for Incorrect Options:**

A. Utilitarian:

- "Utilitarian" refers to functionality and practicality rather than the aesthetic aspect of design. While a utilitarian approach might prioritize function over form, it may not necessarily evoke a sense of harmony and tranquillity.

B. Lavish:

- "Lavish" means extravagant or luxurious, which is contrary to the idea of simplicity and minimalism. A lavish design is likely to include many ornate and opulent elements, which can detract from the desired sense of tranquillity.

D. Cluttered:

- "Cluttered" suggests a space that is crowded or filled with too many things, which is opposite to the desired sense of harmony and tranquillity. A cluttered design may feel chaotic and overwhelming rather than serene and peaceful.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap lies in options A, B, and D, where candidates might be tempted to choose words that seem related to design or architectural styles. However, careful consideration reveals that option C,

"Minimalist," provides the most suitable description for the architect's use of space in the context of creating harmony and tranquillity.

**Q29 Text Solution:**

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Correct answer:** B. palette

**Essence of the Question:** This question is designed to test the candidate's spelling ability and vocabulary knowledge in the context of selecting the correct term to complete the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

"Palette" is the correct spelling in this context, referring to a range of colours or flavours available for selection. It accurately conveys the idea of the chef's selection of flavours.

**Explanation for Incorrect Options:**

A. palete: This misspelling does not match the correct spelling of the word "palette."

C. pallette: This spelling includes an extra "t," making it incorrect.

D. pallete: This spelling includes an extra "l," making it incorrect.

**Trap of the Question:** The trap lies in the slight variations in the spelling, where candidates may be misled by similar-looking options. However, careful consideration reveals that option B, "palette," is the correct spelling and the most suitable term to complete the sentence.

**Q30 Text Solution:**

**Topic:** Vocabulary

**Correct answer:** C. occasion

**Essence of the Question:** This question is designed to test the candidate's spelling ability and vocabulary knowledge in the context of selecting the correct term to complete the sentence.

**Explanation for the Correct Answer:**

- "Occasion" is the correct spelling in this context, referring to a particular event or ceremony. It accurately conveys the idea of



the florist's arrangements for a specific event, adding elegance to it.

**Explanation for Incorrect Options:**

A. ocasion: This misspelling is incorrect as it lacks the double "c" found in the correct spelling of "occasion."

B. ocassion: Similarly, this misspelling is incorrect as it uses only one "c" instead of the double "c" in "occasion."

D. occassion: This misspelling is also incorrect as it uses double "s" instead of the double "c" in "occasion."

**Trap of the Question:** The trap lies in the slight variations in spelling, where candidates may be misled by similar-looking options. However, a careful consideration reveals that option C, "occasion," is the correct spelling and the most suitable term to complete the sentence.



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