

ANSWER KEY VOCABULARY

EXERCISE 2

1. The government has **banned** smoking in public places.
2. The police **arrested** the man because he was behaving suspiciously.
3. My mother **blamed** me for breaking the window.
4. You have to find a good **excuse** for being late, otherwise they won't believe you.
5. The **purpose** of the meeting is to improve relationships between the two companies
6. The child was **attacked** by a dangerous dog and taken to the hospital.
7. Tourists from all over the world come to London to hear Big Ben **strike** midnight.
8. The bank robbers were able to **escape** through the back door.
9. The teacher is constantly **ignoring** me although I always put my hand up
10. My girlfriend wants to **pursue** a career in engineering
11. I have never **cheated** during a test, but other students have tried it
12. When I get home from my holiday, I want to **complain** about the bad hotel service
13. She tried to **prevent** him from doing something really dangerous, but he didn't listen.
14. The murderer was **sentenced** to five years in prison.
15. The press conference was a **disappointment** because the reporters didn't learn anything new.

EXERCISE 3

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice.

Repercussion means an unintended consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one hence **consequence** is the word which is most similar in meaning to this.

Callous means showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

Prompting means the action of saying something to persuade, encourage, or remind someone to do or say something.

Impertinence means lack of respect; rudeness.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Masquerade means a false show or pretence. Hence masquerade and pretense are similar in meaning.

Pretense means an attempt to make something that is not the case appear true.

Belligerent means a nation or person engaged in war or conflict, as recognized by international law.

Reminiscent means suggesting something by resemblance.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Wither** means (to cause) to become weak and dry and decay hence **thrive** which means (of a child, animal, or plant) grow or develop well or vigorously is the word most opposite in meaning to the given word.

Reverie means dreamy

Gnawed means bite at or nibble something persistently.

Persistent means continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Reprobate and virtuous are opposite in meaning hence option (c) is the correct choice for the given question.

Reprobate means an unprincipled person.

Virtuous means having or showing high moral standards.

Stoic means indifferent to pleasure or pain

Strident means harsh

Repudiate means to disown.

Flagrant means glaringly wrong

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most suitable words that are synonym of each other are 'paradox' and 'discrepancy'. '**paradox**' means a seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true while '**discrepancy**' means an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts. All the other words are irrelevant to each other. Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

Pragmatic means dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.

S6. Ans. (a)

Sol. The most suitable words that are opposite of each other are 'surveillance' and 'laxity'. 'surveillance' means close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal while '**laxity**' means lack of strictness or care. All the other words are not related to each other. Hence, option (c) is the most viable answer choice.

Declaration means a formal or explicit statement or announcement.

Modicum means a small quantity of a particular thing, especially something desirable or valuable.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. The most suitable words that are synonym of each other are 'tussle' and 'combat'. '**tussle**' means a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something; while, '**combat**' means fighting between armed forces. Since, they both are synonyms of each other, option (c) becomes the most viable answer choice.

Historical means of or concerning history or past events

Cumbrous means slow or complicated and therefore inefficient.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol. The most suitable words that are opposite of each other are 'prudent' and 'reckless'. '**prudent**' means acting with or showing care and thought for the future, while; '**reckless**'

means heedless of danger or the consequences of one's actions; rash or impetuous. Hence, option (d) is the most viable answer choice.

Crucial means decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

Fluid means smoothly elegant or graceful.

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most suitable words that are synonym of each other are 'itinerant' and 'nomads'. '**itinerant**' means travelling from place to place while; '**nomads**' means a person who does not stay long in the same place; a wanderer. All the other words are irrelevant to each other. Hence, option (a) is the most viable answer choice.

Eradication means the complete destruction of something.

penchant means a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. Here, Affliction and Torment are similar in meaning to each other. **Affliction** means the state of being in pain, which is similar in meaning to '**torment**'.

Wean means be strongly influenced by (something).

Staple means a main or important element of something.

Guise means an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something.

S11. Ans. (c)

Sol. Here, Reverence, Veneration and Homage are synonym to one another. **Reverence** means deep respect for someone or something, which is similar to veneration and exaltation.

Abstention means restraint in one's consumption; abstinence.

Travesty means a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Impromptu** means done without being planned or rehearsed. Hence it has same meaning as extempore.

Enamouring means be filled with love for.

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. **Peculiar** means different to what is normal or expected, strange. Hence it has same meaning as queer.

Winsome means attractive or appealing in a fresh, innocent way.

Imperious means arrogant and domineering.

Intuitive means easy to use and understand.

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Dire** means extremely serious or urgent. Hence it has same meaning as appalling.

Extraneous means irrelevant or unrelated to the subject being dealt with.

Unprecedented means never done or known before.

Revoke means cancel officially.

Devour means destroy completely.

S15. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Tapering off** means to become gradually smaller or weaker. Hence it has same meaning as **abate**.

Ameliorate means become or make greater in size, amount.

Inundate means overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.

Repudiate means refuse to accept, reject, deny.

Tenable means able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.

EXERCISE 4

- 1: D
- 2: A
- 3: C
- 4: E
- 5: D
- 6: A
- 7: D
- 8: A
- 9: B
- 10: E
- 11: C
- 12: D
- 13: A
- 14: D
- 15: B
- 16: C
- 17: A
- 18: E
- 19: D
- 20: C

EXERCISE 5

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| 1. h | 6. c |
| 2. a | 7. b |
| 3. f | 8. a |
| 4. e | 9. j |
| 5. i | 10. g |

