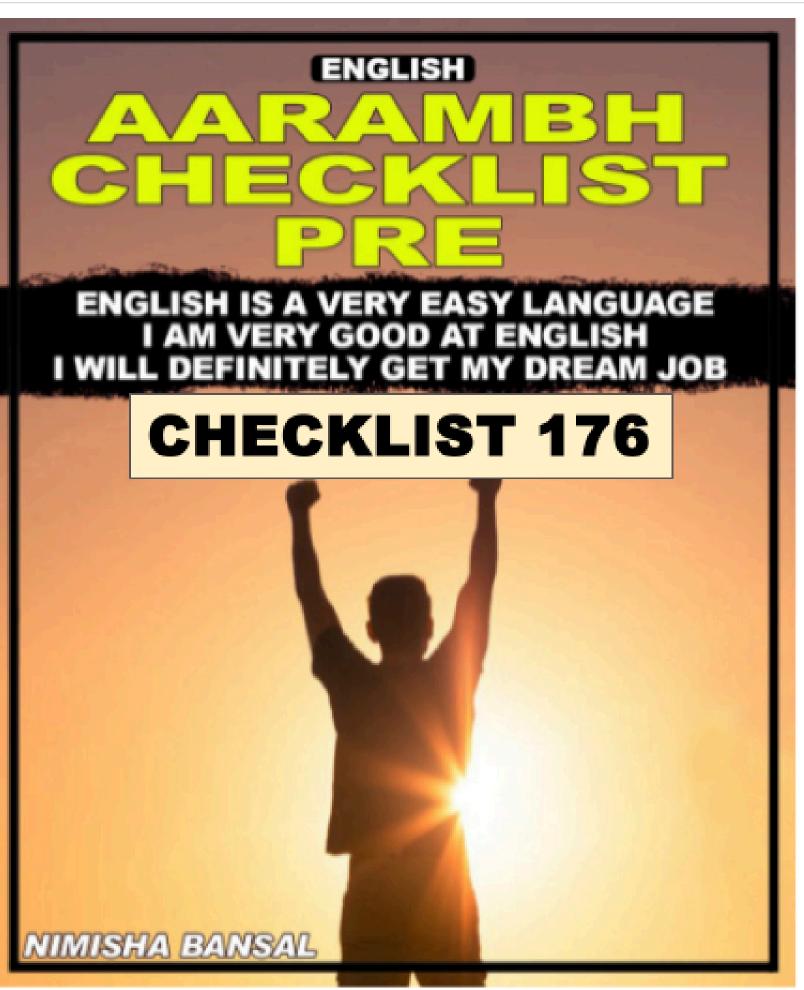
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL

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Direction (1-10): In the sentences below, a word or phrase has been highlighted above and used in the sentences following it. You have to identify the sentence in which the given word has been properly used and conveys the same meaning as per the passage.

1. Word: "Arrogate"

- (a) The committee decided to arrogate additional funds for the project without approval.
- **(b)** He tended to arrogate the achievements of his colleagues as his own.
- (c) The king would arrogate lands from the nobles to expand his territory.
- (d) She arrogated the right to make decisions on behalf of the entire group.
- (e) The teacher arrogated extra homework to the students over the weekend.

Options:

- (A) Only a, b, c, and d
- (B) Only b, c, and d
- (C) Only a, c, and e
- (D) Only b and d
- (E) All are correct

2. Word: "Obfuscate"

- (a) The lawyer's convoluted arguments served only to obfuscate the main issue.
- **(b)** The fog obfuscated the view of the mountains.
- (c) She used complex jargon to obfuscate her lack of knowledge.
- (d) The instructions were clear and obfuscated the process.
- (e) The politician's speech obfuscated his true intentions.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, and e
- (B) Only a, b, c, and e
- (C) Only b and d
- (D) Only a, b, and c
- (E) All are correct

3. Word: "Esoteric"

- (a) The philosopher's theories were so esoteric that only a few understood them.
- **(b)** The club held esoteric meetings open to the public every weekend.
- (c) Quantum physics is considered an esoteric subject by many.

- (d) The recipe included some esoteric ingredients not found in regular supermarkets.
- (e) His esoteric knowledge of ancient languages impressed the scholars.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, d, and e
- (B) Only a, b, and c
- (C) Only b and d
- (D) Only a, c, and e
- (E) All are correct

4. Word: "Enervate"

- (a) The hot sun enervated the marathon runners by midday.
- **(b)** A cup of coffee in the morning enervates me for the day ahead.
- (c) The long lecture enervated the students, leaving them exhausted.
- (d) She felt enervated after the intense workout session.
- **(e)** The inspiring speech enervated the audience to take action.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, d, and e
- (B) Only b and e
- (C) Only a, b, c, and d
- (D) Only a, c, and d
- (E) All are correct

5. Word: "Sycophant"

- (a) She was a sycophant, always offering genuine and constructive criticism.
- **(b)** The manager surrounded himself with sycophants who never challenged his decisions.
- (c) The sycophant in the office would agree with any idea the boss proposed.
- (d) He earned a reputation as a sycophant by constantly flattering his superiors.
- (e) The sycophant refused to comply with the unethical demands of his employer.

Options:

- (A) Only a and d
- (B) Only b and e
- (C) Only b, c, and d
- (D) Only a, b, c, and d
- (E) All are correct

6. Word: "Pernicious"

- (a) The pernicious effects of smoking are well-documented.
- (b) His pernicious advice helped me solve my financial issues.
- (c) The spread of misinformation can have pernicious consequences in society.
- (d) A pernicious weed had overtaken the entire field by the time they noticed.
- (e) The comedian's pernicious jokes had the audience in splits.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, and d
- (B) Only a and c
- (C) Only b and e
- (D) Only a, b, and d
- (E) All are correct

7. Word: "Recalcitrant"

- (a) The recalcitrant child refused to do his homework even after multiple warnings.
- **(b)** The recalcitrant parliament quickly passed the bill without opposition.
- (c) His recalcitrant attitude made it difficult for the team to reach consensus.
- (d) The animal remained recalcitrant despite the trainer's efforts.
- **(e)** Despite multiple warnings, the recalcitrant employee refused to follow the new company policies, leading to disciplinary action.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, and d
- (B) Only b and e
- (C) Only a and d
- (D) Only a, c, d, and e
- (E) All are correct

8. Word: "Pulchritude"

- (a) The model was admired not just for her intellect but for her pulchritude.
- (b) He admired the pulchritude of the mountain scenery.
- (c) Despite her pulchritude, she remained humble and grounded.
- (d) The pulchritude of the solution lay in its simplicity.
- (e) The debate lacked pulchritude but was intellectually stimulating.

Options:

(A) Only a, b, and c

- (B) Only a and c
- (C) Only a, b, c, and d
- (D) Only a and d
- (E) All are correct

9. Word: "Inveterate"

- (a) He's an inveterate gambler who can't resist a bet.
- **(b)** Her inveterate optimism helped the team through hard times.
- (c) The inveterate corruption in the bureaucracy hindered reforms.
- (d) She was known as an inveterate reader, finishing a book every week.
- (e) The inveterate stain on the carpet wouldn't come off despite scrubbing.

Options:

- (A) Only a, c, and d
- (B) Only a and d
- (C) Only b, c, and e
- (D) Only a, b, c, and d
- (E) All are correct

10. Word: "Intransigent"

- (a) The union remained intransigent, refusing to compromise.
- **(b)** Her intransigent refusal frustrated the negotiation process.
- (c) The intransigent walls of the fortress made it impenetrable.
- (d) He is known for being intransigent in his political beliefs.
- (e) Their intransigent commitment to justice was admired.

Options:

- (A) Only a, b, and d
- (B) Only a, b, d, and e
- (C) Only a and d
- (D) Only c and e
- (E) All are correct

ANSWER

1.Answer: (B) Only b, c, and d

Explanation:

- (a) Incorrect. "Arrogate" means to claim or seize without justification. Allocating funds without approval is mismanagement, not arrogation.
- (b) Correct. Claiming others' achievements without justification fits the definition.
- (c) Correct. Seizing lands without justification aligns with "arrogate."
- (d) Correct. Taking the right to make decisions without justification is an example of arrogation.
- **(e)** Incorrect. Assigning extra homework is within a teacher's rights and doesn't involve unjustified claims.

2.Answer: (B) Only a, b, c, and e

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. 'Obfuscate' means to make something unclear and more difficult to understand. Using convoluted arguments to confuse the issue aligns with "obfuscate."
- **(b)** Correct. The fog making the view unclear fits the definition.
- (c) Correct. Using complex jargon to hide a lack of knowledge is obfuscation.
- (d) Incorrect. Clear instructions do not obfuscate; they clarify.
- (e) Correct. A speech that hides true intentions is an example of obfuscation.

3. Answer: (A) Only a, c, d, and e

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. 'Esoteric' means understood by a few; specialized. Theories understood by few are esoteric.
- (b) Incorrect. Meetings open to the public are not esoteric; they are accessible.
- (c) Correct. Quantum physics is specialized and not widely understood, fitting "esoteric."
- (d) Correct. Ingredients that are rare and not commonly known are esoteric.
- (e) Correct. Specialized knowledge of ancient languages is esoteric.

4. Answer: (D) Only a, c, and d

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. 'Enervate' means to weaken or drain someone's energy, strength, or vitality. The sun draining energy from runners fits "enervate."
- **(b)** Incorrect. Coffee typically energizes; "enervate" means to weaken or drain energy.
- (c) Correct. A long lecture causing exhaustion aligns with "enervate."
- (d) Correct. Feeling drained after a workout is an example of being enervated.
- (e) Incorrect. An inspiring speech would energize, not enervate.

5.Answer: (C) Only b, c, and d

Explanation:

- (a) Incorrect. Offering genuine criticism is not sycophantic behavior.
- **(b)** Correct. It's someone who acts overly submissive or obsequious to people in power. Surrounding oneself with flatterers aligns with "sycophant."
- (c) Correct. Agreeing with any idea to gain favor fits "sycophant."
- (d) Correct. Constant flattery towards superiors is characteristic of a sycophant.
- (e) Incorrect. Refusing unethical demands shows integrity, not sycophancy.

6.Answer: (A) Only a, c, and d

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. *Pernicious* means harmful, especially in a gradual or subtle way.
- (b) Incorrect. Advice that helps is beneficial, not pernicious (harmful).
- (c) Correct. Misinformation often has harmful consequences a valid usage.
- (d) Correct. Describing an invasive weed as *pernicious* is apt it's destructive.
- (e) Incorrect. Jokes that amuse are not *pernicious* unless they cause harm.

7. Answer: (D) Only a, c, d and e

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. Recalcitrant means stubbornly uncooperative.
- **(b)** Incorrect. A parliament that passes a bill smoothly is not *recalcitrant*.
- **(c)** Correct. An uncooperative attitude is *recalcitrant*.
- (d) Correct. An animal resisting training is behaving in a *recalcitrant* way.
- **(e)** Correct. the employee refuses to follow company policies, which clearly demonstrates stubborn resistance to authority. This aligns perfectly with the meaning of "recalcitrant"

8.Answer: (A) Only a, b, and c

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. Pulchritude refers to physical beauty.
- **(b)** Correct. It can refer to visual beauty in nature.
- (c) Correct. Refers to her physical beauty.
- (d) Incorrect. Pulchritude is not used to describe abstract ideas like solutions.
- (e) Incorrect. A debate can't lack or possess physical beauty misuse.

9.Answer: (D) Only a, b, c, and d

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. *Inveterate* means having a long-established habit fits gambler.
- **(b)** Correct. Constant optimism can also be described as *inveterate*.
- (c) Correct. Long-standing corruption is *inveterate*.
- (d) Correct. Long-term habits like reading can be *inveterate*.
- (e) Incorrect. *Inveterate* is not used for physical stains.

10. Answer: (B) Only a, b, d, and e

Explanation:

- (a) Correct. *Intransigent* means unwilling to change one's views or compromise.
- **(b)** Correct. Refusing to negotiate is *intransigent* behavior.
- (c) Incorrect. Physical objects like walls aren't *intransigent* it's a trait of people/attitudes.
- (d) Correct. Political stubbornness is a good example.
- **(e)** Correct. Commitment without compromise = intransigent.







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