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Strategy

↳ Word

↳ Part of speech

↳ Tone



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Type - 1

Directions (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.

Question 1:

(-ve)
Insipid — dull
Adj — tasteless
bland

duals
vapid — monotonous
humdrum
mundane
(+ve) tedious

a. She brought a/ an insipid energy to the classroom, transforming dry material into something vivid and memorable. flavorful ✓

b. Despite the vibrant plating, the dish turned out to be insipid, lacking both flavour and imagination. colorful (+ve)
(Adj) (-ve)

c. He delivered a/ an insipid speech, filled with platitudes and cliches, that failed to inspire or provoke thought. boxy (-ve) (Adj) ✓
prosaic — platitudinous
pedestrian cliche
banal hackneyed toite

(a) Only b

(b) Both a and b

(c) Both b and c **(C)**

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 2:

Fomenting

☒ The therapy focused on **fomenting** intrusive thoughts through cognitive restructuring and mindfulness.

☐ The government deployed additional forces with the aim of **fomenting** the protests before they spread to rural areas.

☐ The historian argued that economic disparity played a larger role in **fomenting** revolution than political ideology alone.

(a) Only c

(b) Both a and c

(c) Both b and c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 3:

(Nom)

Vigil

vigilant - Adj - careful

vigilance (Nom)

- cautious

- watchful

- heedful

(a) Both b and c

(b) Only a

(c) Both a and b

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above

a. The nurse kept a constant vigil at the patient's bedside, monitoring every sign of improvement.

b. In the hours before dawn, the soldiers stood vigil on the hilltop, watching for any movement.

c. Years of administrative vigil had left the public school system underfunded and understaffed.

circumspect

Noun chary

wary
meticulous
fastidious
prudent
scrupulous

dusk

Adj

Noun

negligence

(It) tastes sweet? Adj
(He) stood tall? Adj



Question 4:

Bristling

a. The forest was **bristling** with activity, as birds, insects, and animals stirred with the morning light.

b. The software was launched prematurely and was **bristling** in basic security features.

c. He entered the room **bristling** with confidence, exuding an energy that commanded attention.

myriad
cascade
lion's share
bristles
Noun
profusion
abundance

① bristle - full of

galore
plethora
deluge
inundation
skew
multitude
flood
spate

(a) Only a

(b) Both a and c

(c) Both a and b

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above

death
paucity
scarcity
deficiency

teeming
replete

ample
bountiful

bristling
overwhelming
profuse
copious
whopping



Question 5:

Consonance

(+ve)

Noun

Co - together

matching

a. The proposal was accepted because it was in consonance with the organization's core values. (xve) main

~~b.~~ The architecture of the building stands in consonance with its natural surroundings, blending elegance with sustainability.

~~c.~~ The symphony achieved emotional depth through the consonance of melody and rhythm, creating a sense of unity.

congruence

(a) Both a and b bitterness enmity

(b) Only b

(c) Both a and c

~~(d)~~ All of a, b and c hostility antagonism acrimony

(e) None of the above dispute

harmony consensus unanimity compatibility agreement accord conformity dissonance conflict contention disagreement divergence



Question 6:

Demoting

verb (-ve)

a. The book succeeded in demoting a personal narrative into a universal message of resilience. *strength (+ve)*

b. His research is credited with demoting the discourse around climate policy to a more evidence-driven level. *speech proof criticism (+ve) verb*

c. The company faced backlash after demoting an employee who had spoken out against unethical practices.

(a) Only b

(b) Both a and c

(c) Both b and c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above

*relegate
demote
assign an inferior position*

*delegate
transfer the responsibility*



Question 7: *(ve)* **Acrimonious** *hot heated* *jealous* *cantankerous* *fractious* *grumpy* *petrified* *irascible* *(ve)* *touchy* *peevish* *petulant*

a. A/ An **amicable** settlement was preferable to a protracted legal battle that would drain resources on both sides.

b. Despite *contrast* years of collaboration, the breakup of the partnership was *sude* **acrimonious**, marked by *(ve)* *insolent* *bellicose* *belligerent* accusations and legal threats. *short* *tempered*

c. What began as a negotiation ended in a/ an **acrimonious** standoff, with neither party willing to compromise. *cranky* *quarrelsome* *irksome* *wrathful*

- (a) Only c *testy* *choleric*
(b) Both a and b *prickly*
(c) Both b and c *Adi*
(d) All of a, b and c
(e) None of the above

combative *hostile* *antagonistic* *rancorous* *irate* *bilious*



Question 8:

Sceptical —

Skeptical — Adj
doubtful —
dubious — *cynical*
(-ve)

a. ✓ Investors were **sceptical** about the startup's projections, given its lack of a proven business model.

b. ✗ The spokesperson **sceptical** the public that the situation was under control and safety measures were in place.

c. His **sceptical** nature made him question even widely accepted assumptions, often leading to deeper insights. ✓

~~(a)~~ Both a and c

(a)

(b) Only c

(c) Both b and c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 9:

Sporadic

(-ve) Irregular, Erratic
Adj

a. The internet connection was sporadic,
(-ve) disrupting the flow of the virtual
conference.

b. Success in any field demands sporadic
improvement, not just initial talent.

c. The company experienced sporadic
growth over five consecutive quarters,
defying market expectations.

Adj
persistent (+ve)
continuous

✓ (a) Only a

(b) Both b and c

(c) Both a and b

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above

(+1)

(+ve)



Question 10:

Precarious

Adj (-ve)
Unstable / Risky / Uncertain
dangerous

a. She balanced her academic and personal life in a/ an precarious equilibrium, always on the verge of burnout.

edge (-ve) (-ve) dangerous

b. The climber found himself in a/ an precarious position, with one misstep threatening a deadly fall.

(-ve) - dangerous ✓

c. The company needs a/ an precarious source of revenue before expanding into new markets.

good (+ve)
x

(a) Only a

(b) Both b and c

☒ (c) Both a and b

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Type - 2

Directions (11-20): 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 not been used properly.



Question 11:

Repatriation

a. His outspoken views led to his repatriation from the royal court, where dissent was not tolerated.

b. In ancient times, repatriation was a common punishment for crimes seen as threats to social harmony.

c. The government arranged for the repatriation of stranded citizens following the natural disaster.

(a) Only b

(b) Both a and b

(c) Both b and c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 12:

Obfuscate

Verb confuse
make unclear
unclear (-ve) (-ve)

a. The company's vague response seemed designed to **obfuscate** the real cause of the data breach.
confuse ✓

b. The spokesperson held a press conference to **obfuscate** the company's position on the merger. L revel

c. The dense writing style tended to **obfuscate** rather than illuminate the central argument.
(-ve) contrast (+ve) ✓

(a) Only a B

✓ ~~(b)~~ Only b

(c) Both a and c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 13:

Malevolent

a. A/ an **malevolent** force seemed to linger in the abandoned house, unsettling everyone who entered.

b. Despite his polished image, his actions revealed a deeply **malevolent** agenda.

c. The foundation is funded by a/ an **malevolent** philanthropist who wishes to remain anonymous.

(a) Both b and c

(b) Only a

☒ (c) Only c

(d) Both a and b

(e) None of the above



Question 14:

Draconian —

8 Add (-ve)
strict (+ve)
pleasant

a. The climate in that region is draconian year-round, attracting retirees and tourists alike.

criticised

b. The protesters condemned the draconian laws, calling them a threat to civil liberties.

freedom

danger

c. His management style was so draconian that employees feared speaking up, even with valid concerns.

☒ (a) Only a

(b) Both b and c

(c) Only c

(d) All of a, b and c

(e) None of the above



Question 15:

Repercussions

a. Social media posts, once public, can carry unintended **repercussions** for years.

b. Emotional distress was one of the primary **repercussions** for his withdrawal from the competition.

c. The decision to cut funding had far-reaching **repercussions** on public health services.

(a) Only a

(b) Only b

(c) Only c

(d) Both a and b

(e) None of the above

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