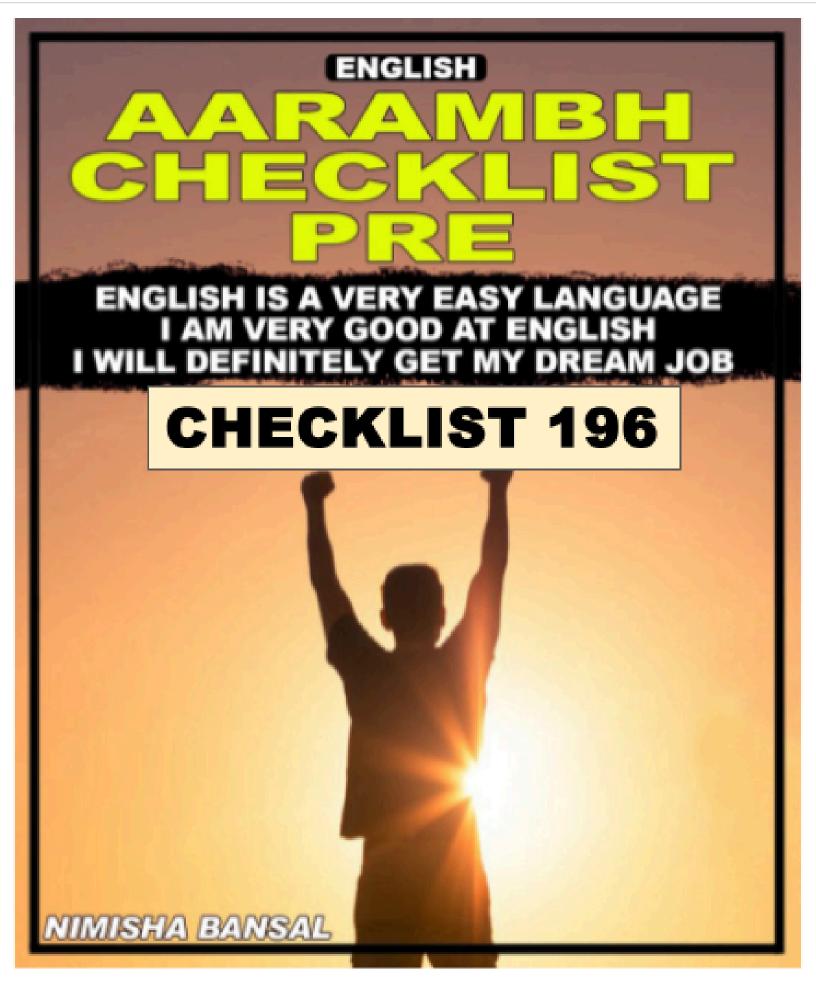
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Directions (1-5): In the questions below, a sentence is given with one word highlighted in bold. From the given options, identify the sentence which contains a word meaning opposite to the word highlighted in the question.

#### Question 1:

The editor rejected the article for its **vituperative tone**, saying it lacked objectivity and respect.

- (a) She gave a **derisive** laugh when he suggested he could outperform her in the debate.
- (b) The email contained **malicious** lies intended to damage her reputation before the promotion decision.
- (c) Their divorce proceedings were long and **acrimonious**, marked by constant hostility and a lack of mutual agreement.
- (d) The professor delivered a deeply **eulogistic** speech which was long pending.
- (e) None of the above options

## Question 2:

Her actions were deemed laudable by everyone present.

- (a) The judge found the defendant's conduct **reprehensible** during the trial.
- (b) The team's performance was **commendable**, earning them high praise.
- (c) She responded with gracious **humility** despite the provocation.
- (d) The decision was met with **indifference**, as few cared about the outcome.
- (e) None of the above options.

#### Question 3:

The scientist's findings were met with **skepticism**, as many doubted their validity.

(a) There was a sense of **dubiety** about the authenticity of the ancient manuscript.

- (b) His **cynicism** made it difficult for him to believe that politicians could ever act selflessly.
- (c) She listened to the unbelievable story with **incredulity**, finding it hard to accept as true.
- (d) The critics' **ambivalence** reflected their mixed feelings about the study.
- (e) None of the above options.

#### Question 4:

The CEO's parsimonious approach to budgeting frustrated employees who wanted better resources.

- (a) The investor's **munificent** donation allowed the hospital to buy state-of-the-art equipment.
- (b) His **frugal** habits helped him save enough for early retirement.
- (c) The team's **meticulous** planning ensured the project stayed under budget.
- (d) Her **austere** lifestyle reflected her disdain for unnecessary luxuries.
- (e) None of the above options.

### Question 5:

The artist's **laconic** style of painting left many viewers wishing for more detail and depth.

- (a) His **terse** reply to the interview question revealed little about his true feelings.
- (b) The poet's **verbose** descriptions filled pages with intricate imagery and flowery language.
- (c) The architect's **minimalist** design emphasized clean lines and open spaces.
- (d) Her **reticent** nature made it difficult to know what she was thinking.
- (e) None of the above options.

Directions (6-10): In the questions given below, a sentence is given in which five words are highlighted as (A), (B), (C) and (D). Rearrange these words in an order so that the sentence becomes grammatically correct. If no rearrangement is needed, mark option 'E' i.e. 'No rearrangement required' as your answer.

#### Question 6:

Beneath the icy **mysteries** (A) of Antarctica, in a research station **unveiling** (B) by sunlight for months, physicists probe the **crust** (C) of dark matter in hopes of **untouched** (D) the invisible architecture of the cosmos.

- (a) Both A-D and B-C
- (b) Both A-B and C-D
- (c) Both B-D and A-C
- (d) Only B-D
- (e) No rearrangement required

#### Question 7:

Students across continents have turned to online videos for **structured (A)** help, even though these **resources (B)** are widely regarded as no **substitute (C)** for **academic (D)** classroom learning.

- (a) Both A-C and B-D
- (b) Both A-B and C-D
- (c) Only B-D
- (d) Only A-D
- (e) No rearrangement required

#### Question 8:

Just last month, while waiting for my train on a quiet platform in **mundane (A)** Tokyo, I witnessed a/an **automation (B)** but telling moment that illustrated how **small (C)** now orchestrates even the most **downtown (D)** aspects of urban life.

- (a) Only B-C
- (b) Only A-C

- (c) Both B-C and A-D
- (d) Only A-D
- (e) No rearrangement required

#### Question 9:

During my morning **commute (A)** in a metro train, I noticed a touchscreen map **flashing (B)** with a system error, its garbled code offering a brief but revealing **glimpse (C)** behind the curtain of our **digitally (D)** controlled transit systems.

- (a) Only C-D
- (b) Both B-D and A-C
- (c) Both A-B and C-D
- (d) Only A-B
- (e) No rearrangement required

#### **Question 10:**

The techniques **differ (A)** in constructing Al-driven diagnostic systems **employed (B)**, but many **incorporate (C)** vast medical datasets to **identify (D)** patterns and support clinical decision-making.

- (a) Both A-D and B-C
- (b) Both B-D and A-C
- (c) Only A-B
- (d) Only A-D
- (e) No rearrangement required

## **ANSWER**

1. Ans: (d)

**Explanation: Vituperative**: expressing bitter and abusive language, harsh criticism, or verbal attack.

- (a) **derisive** means mocking or ridiculing, which is negative but not the opposite of vituperative. It's still critical, just in a different tone. Not opposite.
- (b) **malicious** means intending to do harm, also negative and harsh. Not opposite.
- (c) **acrimonious** means bitter and angry in speech or behavior. Very close in meaning to vituperative, so definitely not opposite.
- (d) **eulogistic** means expressing praise or admiration. This is positive and the **opposite** of vituperative which is harshly critical.
- 2. Ans: (a)

**Explanation:** Laudable: deserving praise; commendable.

- (a) reprehensible means deserving blame or strong criticism. This is negative and directly opposite in meaning to laudable, which is positive. Correct answer.
- **(b) commendable** means deserving praise or approval. It is a **synonym** of laudable, not the opposite.
- **(c) gracious humility** refers to modest and respectful behavior. While positive, it does not contrast with laudable. Not opposite.
- **(d) indifference** means lack of interest or concern. It indicates apathy but not necessarily blame, so it is **not** the direct opposite of laudable.

# 3. Ans: (e)

**Explanation: Skepticism**: an attitude of doubt or a tendency not to believe easily; questioning the truth or validity of something.

(a) dubiety — means doubt or uncertainty. This is **similar** in meaning to skepticism, not the opposite.

- **(b) cynicism** means a general distrust of others' motives, especially believing people are motivated by self-interest. Though more about motives than facts, it still carries a **doubtful** attitude, similar to skepticism.
- **(c) incredulity** means unwillingness or inability to believe something. This also expresses **doubt**, so it is not opposite to skepticism.
- **(d) ambivalence** means having mixed or contradictory feelings about something. While it implies uncertainty, it is **not clearly opposite** to skepticism; rather, it's another form of uncertainty.
- **(e) None of the above options Correct**, because all other options reflect doubt, uncertainty, or disbelief, which are **not** opposites of skepticism.

## 4. Ans: (a)

**Explanation: Parsimonious**: extremely unwilling to spend money; excessively frugal or stingy.

- (a) munificent means very generous, especially with money or gifts. This is **positive and the direct** opposite of parsimonious, which implies stinginess.

  Correct answer.
- **(b) frugal** means being careful with money, but not excessively so. While related to saving, it's not necessarily negative or opposite to parsimonious. It can actually be seen as a milder or more balanced form of the same quality.
- **(c) meticulous** means showing great attention to detail. This refers to carefulness, not generosity or stinginess. Not opposite.
- (d) austere means strict or simple in lifestyle, avoiding luxury. While it may involve limited spending, it's based on principle or discipline, not necessarily stinginess. Not the opposite.

# 5. Ans: (b)

**Explanation:** Laconic: using very few words; concise to the point of seeming terse or curt. When applied to painting or other art forms, it implies simplicity, minimalism, or lack of elaboration.

- (a) terse means brief and to the point, often in a way that seems unfriendly or abrupt. This is **similar** in meaning to laconic, not the opposite.
- **(b) verbose** means using more words than needed; overly wordy. This is **the opposite** of laconic, which favors brevity and simplicity.

#### Correct answer.

- (c) minimalist refers to simplicity and sparseness in design or style, which aligns with a laconic approach. Not opposite.
- **(d) reticent** means reluctant to speak or express oneself. It also suggests holding back, similar to laconic. Not opposite.

6. Ans: (c)

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9.Ans: (e)

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