



Select the RIGHT word for the definitions below

# NOTE: The following exercise is for someone who is in the age bracket of 16 to 75

If you are younger than that - you can STILL finish the challenge. There is no obscene or adult content. But if you score 0, don't worry. You are young and you have a lot of time. Keep learning.

Write the correct option on a piece of paper. Or, tick the right option.

All correct answers are in the end

### 1. disbeveled appearance:

untidy; (b) fierce, (c) foolish, (d) peculiar, (e) unhappy

## 2.a baffling problem:

(a) difficult, (b) simple, (c) puzzling, (d) long, (e) new

## 3. lenient parent:

(a) tall, (b) not strict, (c) wise, (d) foolish, (e) severe

## 4. repulsive personality:

(a) disgusting, (b) attractive, (c) normal, (d) confused, (e) conceited

#### 5. audacious attempt:

(a) useless, (b) bold, (c) foolish, (d) azy, (e) necessary

#### 6. parry a blow:

(a) ward off, (b) fear, (c) expect, (d) invite, (e) ignore

# 7 prevalent disease:

(a) dangerous, (b) catching, (c) childhood, (d) fatal, (e) widespread

## 8. minous report:

(a) loud, (b) threatening, (c) untrue, (d) serious, (e) unpleasant

### 9. an incredible story:

(a) true, (b) interesting, (c) well known, (d) upbelievable, (e) unknown

#### 10. an ophthalmologist:

(a) eye doctor, (b) skin doctor, (c) foot doctor, (d) heart doctor, (e) cancer specialist

#### 11 will supersede the old law:

(a) enforce, (b) specify penalties for, (c) take the place of, (d) repeal, (e) continue

## 12. an anonymous donor:

(a) generous, (b) stingy, (c) well-known, (d) one whose name is not known, (e) reluctant

#### 13. performed an autopsy:

- (a) examination of living tissue, (b) examination of a corpse to determine the cause of death,
- (c) process in the manufacture of optical lenses, (d) operation to cure an organic disease,

(e) series of questions to determine the causes of delinquent behavior
14. arr Indefatigable worker:
(a) well-paid, (b) tired, (c) skillful, (d) tireless, (e) pleasant
15. a confirmed atheist:
(a) bachelor, (b) disbeliever in God, (c) believer in religion, (d) believer in science, (e) priest
16. endless loquacity:
(a) misery, (b) fantasy, (c) repetitiousness, (d) ill health, (e) talkativeness
17. a glib talker:
(a) smooth, (b) awkward, (c) loud, (d) friendly, (e) boring
18. an incorrigible optimist:
(a) happy, (b) beyond correction or reform, (c) foolish, (d) hopeful, (e) unreasonable
19. an ocular problem:
(a) unexpected, (b) insoluble, (c) visual, (d) continual, (e) imaginary
20. a pa <del>t</del> orious demagogue:
(a) rabble-rouser, (b) gambler, (c) perpetrator of financial frauds, (d) liar, (e) spendthrift
21. a naive attitude:
(a) unwise, (b) hostile, (c) unsophisticated, (d) friendly, (e) contemptuous
22. living in affluence:

(a) difficult circumstances, (b) countrified surroundings, (c) fear, (d) wealth, (e) poverty

### 23. in retrospect:

(a) view of the past, (b) artistic balance, (c) anticipation, (d) admiration, (e) second thoughts

#### 24. a goarmet:

(a) seasoned traveler, (b) greedy eater, (c) vegetarian, (d) connoisseur of good food, (e) skillful chef

## 5. to simulate interest:

(a) pretend, (b) feel, (c) lose, (d) stir up, (e) ask for



# THE END. ANSWERS BELOW

#### Answers

Give yourself 1 point for each correct answer. There is no negative marking.

- 1. a
- 2. c
- 3. b
- 4. a
- 5. b
- 6. a
- 7. e
- 8. b
- 9. d
- 10. a
- 11. c
- 12. d
- 13. b
- 14. d
- 15. b
- 16. e
- 17. a
- 18. b
- 19. c
- 20. a
- 21. c
- 22. d
- 23. a
- 24. d
- 25. a

# Your score:

0-3 We need to work \*

3-6 Good ★★

6-12 Better ★★★

12-18 Great ★★★★

18+ Marvelous ★★★★★

What next? Go through the exercise again and mark 5 to 10 words you don't understand. For example I did not know the meaning of rabble-rouser.

I Googled it and found out the word means: a person who speaks with the intention of inflaming the emotions of a crowd of people, typically for political reasons.

So now I will always pick a character that I know that matches the description. The character could be real or fictional. And I will keep calling him/her a rabble-rouser.

Will I ever use the word rabble-rouser in a sentence? NO

But in case I want to sound like Shashi Tharoor at a party and make sure nobody understands me, still finds me intelligent. I have a new word in my arsenal!