

VA - 1 : Vocabulary

Workshop

Number of Questions : 45

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Content : Different types of Vocab questions

CAT has not given direct vocabulary questions in recent years. However, the reading comprehension section in CAT requires a candidate to have an above average vocabulary.

The Non-CAT exams ask vocabulary questions regularly. Hence, we need to practice vocabulary questions.

Let's begin.

Directions for questions 1 to 16: Read the following questions and choose the correct answer.

1. Which one of the following is not a synonym of *bibelo?*
(1) Dragoon (2) Trinket
(3) Curio (4) Knickknack
2. Select the synonym of *halcyon* from the following.
(1) Placid (2) Hooligan
(3) Unsettled (4) Doleful
3. Select the synonym of *flinty* from the following.
(1) Benignant (2) Austere
(3) Tender (4) Clout
4. Which among the following is not a synonym of *ululate?*
(1) Bawl (2) Bellow
(3) Whimper (4) Wail
5. Select the most suitable synonym of *abeyance* from the following.
(1) Inhere (2) Suspension
(3) Resentment (4) Brigand
6. Select the synonym of *friable* from the following.
(1) Fried (2) Colloquy
(3) Sturdy (4) Brittle
7. Select the synonym of *hector* from the following.
(1) Assuage (2) Conciliate
(3) Browbeat (4) Propitiate
8. Which among the following is not a synonym of *presage?*
(1) Augur (2) Premonition
(3) Precarious (4) Prognosticate
9. Select the antonym of *lackadaisical* from the following.
(1) Enticed (2) Fainéant
(3) Indolent (4) Sluggish
10. Select the antonym of *stalwart* from the following:
(1) Doughty (2) Valiant
(3) Pusillanimous (4) Intrepid
11. Select the antonym of *nefarious* from the following:
(1) Iniquitous (2) Sublime
(3) Vile (4) Vicious

12. Select the antonym of *lenitive* from the following:
 (1) Emollient (2) Soothing
 (3) Strident (4) Palliative
13. Select the antonym of *quixotic* from the following:
 (1) Impetuous (2) Impulsive
 (3) Chimerical (4) Pragmatic
14. Select the antonym of *abjure* from the following:
 (1) Forswear (2) Abdicate
 (3) Succumb (4) Relinquish
15. Which among the following is opposite in meaning to *soporific*?
 (1) Invigorating (2) Slumberous
 (3) Tranquilizing (4) Somniferous
16. Which among the following is opposite in meaning to *profligate*?
 (1) Wasteful (2) Improvident
 (3) Parsimonious (4) Spendthrift

Directions for questions 17 to 24: Each question has a meaning provided. Identify the word/phrase that relates most closely to the given meaning:

17. A person who insists on something -
 (1) Submissive (2) Temperate
 (3) Clement (4) Stickler
18. To confirm or give support with the help of theory or evidence is -
 (1) Veto (2) Resolute
 (3) Corroborate (4) Deliver
19. An incantation used to call upon a deity or the supernatural -
 (1) Convolution (2) Invocation
 (3) Petrification (4) Transcendence
20. An allusive or oblique remark or hint, typically a suggestive or disparaging one -
 (1) Oxymoron (2) Alliteration
 (3) Innuendo (4) Rhyiming

21. A large organized group of singers, especially one which performs with an orchestra or opera company:
 (1) Chorale (2) Conductor
 (3) Soliloquy (4) Devout
22. A person who is hostile or indifferent to culture and the arts-
 (1) Discriminating (2) Ritzy
 (3) Suave (4) Philistine
23. One who studies the atmosphere -
 (1) Anthropologist (2) Agrologist
 (3) Aerologist (4) Psephologist
24. The theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope-
 (1) Cosmogony (2) Cosmography
 (3) Apiology (4) Epistemology

Directions for questions 25 to 29: Some idioms are given below, together with their meanings. Choose the correct meaning of proverb/idiom.

25. Elvis has left the building:
 (1) A funeral has been announced
 (2) It's all over
 (3) A setback has been encountered by the performer
 (4) The show will continue despite the setback
26. Jump on the bandwagon:
 (1) Dangerously attracted to something
 (2) Join a group of travellers
 (3) Join a popular trend or activity
 (4) Join a group of explorers
27. A doubting Thomas:
 (1) Someone who likes to argue
 (2) Someone who likes to cause trouble
 (3) Someone who likes to question Thomas
 (4) Someone who likes to ask for evidence

28. To steal someone's Thunder:
 (1) To announce something important during someone else's wedding
 (2) To take the credit for someone else's work.
 (3) To get engaged on the same day as one's best friend
 (4) To steal someone's most treasured power

29. Use your loaf:
 (1) Eat your own food
 (2) Use your own wealth
 (3) Think smart
 (4) Use your own assets

Directions for questions 30 to 34: Given below are five lists of words followed by some choices. In each case, choose the alternative that you can combine with every word in that particular list to form a familiar word or phrase

30. Down, Upon, Off, With
 (1) Bear (2) Bow
 (3) Bind (4) Bend

31. Forth, In, On, Over
 (1) Beg (2) Hold
 (3) Bug (4) Heat

32. Out, Down, Into, Up
 (1) Bowl (2) Black
 (3) Buy (4) Blend

39. Match the columns:

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| 1. Avant-garde | a. used to identify a woman by her maiden family name |
| 2. Blitzkrieg | b. capable of laughing |
| 3. Nee | c. group of people who develop new and often very surprising ideas in art, literature, etc. |
| 4. Bucolic | d. something existing in its original pristine state |
| 5. Risible | e. It is the life |
| 6. Casuistry | f. Converted into a coded form |
| 7. C'est la vie | g. sudden and overwhelming military attack |
| 8. Encipher | h. marked by restraint especially in the eating of food or drinking of alcohol |
| 9. Abstemious | i. a resolving of specific cases of conscience, duty, or conduct through interpretation of ethical principles or religious doctrine |
| 10. Tabula rasa | j. of or relating to shepherds or herdsmen |

33. Away, Out, Up, Over
 (1) Smoke (2) Clear
 (3) Cross (4) Blow

34. At, Down, Into, Up
 (1) Tear (2) Steal
 (3) Sneer (4) Tone

Direction for questions 35 to 38: Fill in the blank with the correct usage.

35. Raj is always the first to admit that he has not accomplished everything that he _____ achieve during his school days.
 (1) set out to (2) intend to
 (3) had wanted (4) thought of

36. Like the best pop stars, Swift has borrowed from a _____ of genres and influences.
 (1) magnitude (2) plethora
 (3) platitude (4) varieties

37. If only there were some massive government apparatus available to us to sift through the metadata and _____ these conmen out.
 (1) sleuth (2) harness
 (3) stun (4) shadow

38. Historically, Washington is not _____ to cooperation with devils.
 (1) adverse (2) antagonistic
 (3) agnostic (4) allergic

Direction for questions 40 to 42: Etymological Description of the word is given in each question below. Identify the country/language of the origin/ source of the word.

40. DAEDALUS (adj.)
Father of Icarus, builder of Cretan labyrinth, literally 'the cunning worker', 'to work artfully', has been taken from:
(1) Latin (2) Roman
(3) Greek (4) French
41. VICARIOUS (adj.)
Taken from 1690's as 'done or experienced in place of another'(usually in reference to punishment, often of Christ).
(1) Latin (2) Celtic
(3) Italian (4) Portuguese
42. SENTENCE (noun)
From early 14th century, the word is taken, meaning 'judgment rendered by God, a verdict, a decision of God. Taken from 1690's as 'done or experienced in place of another'(usually in reference to punishment, often of Christ).
(1) French (2) Anglo-Indian
(3) Italian (4) Greek

Direction for questions 43 to 45: Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

43. India's railway network carries millions of people everyday linking the remotest destinations. Yet in a fast-growing country with rising ambitions, the system is caught in a time _____, unable to scale up its services to global standards and _____ by inefficient management.
(1) gap, restricted (2) span, hobbled
(3) warp, tottered (4) travel, churned
44. Recently, the CBFC sought to play the moral censor with regard to *Lipstick Under My Burkha*, a film it thought was too 'lady-oriented' to be given a certificate, _____ because it depicts their fantasies. The Film Certification Appellate tribunal had to _____ to secure the release of the film, with an 'A' certificate.
(1) presumably, intervene
(2) ostensibly, guarantee
(3) clearly, move
(4) notoriously, approve
45. Indian democracy is both _____ and boisterous yet there are moments when contested democracy gives way to broad agreement and the _____ of the political class.
(1) venomous, companion
(2) garrulous, championship
(3) infectious, chemistry
(4) fractious, camaraderie

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21	1	22	4	23	3	24	4	25	2	26	3	27	4	28	2	29	3	30	1
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41	1	42	1	43	3	44	1	45	4										

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| <p>1. 1 Rest are synonyms. Dragoon means to coerce or pressure.</p> <p>2. 1 It is a synonym which means calm, hushed or peaceful. Hooligan means a violent young troublemaker. Doleful means expressing sorrow, mournful.</p> <p>3. 2 It is a synonym which means stern, harsh. Benignant and tender are antonyms. Clout means a heavy blow with the hand or a hard object. As a noun, clout refers to power.</p> <p>4. 3 All the words refer to "crying". However bawl, bellow, and wail are high pitched cries. Whimper means "to make a series of low pitched sounds out of pain or fear". Hence, it is not a synonym.</p> <p>5. 2 It is a synonym which means a state of temporary disuse. Inhere is an antonym. Brigand means bandit.</p> <p>6. 4 It is a synonym which means easily crumbled. Sturdy is an antonym. Colloquy means a conversation.</p> <p>7. 3 Hector is a verb which refers to bullying or intimidating someone. All the other options are its antonyms.</p> <p>8. 3 Presage refers to a premonition or misgiving. The others are its synonyms. Precarious means woobly or shaky.</p> <p>9. 1 Rest are synonyms. The refer to a feeling or showing lack of interest or being lazy. Enticed means interested.</p> <p>10. 3 Rest are synonyms meaning strong. Pusillanimous means showing a lack of courage.</p> <p>11. 2 Rest are synonymous, meaning evil or immoral. Sublime means elevated or lofty.</p> | <p>12. 3 Rest are synonymous meaning soothing or calming. Strident means "loud or shrill".</p> <p>13. 4 Rest are synonymous. Quixotic means idealistic or unrealistic. Pragmatic means practical.</p> <p>14. 3 Rest are synonymous. Abjure means to renounce or abandon. Succumb means to surrender.</p> <p>15. 1 Rest are synonymous. Soporific means tending to induce drowsiness or sleep.</p> <p>16. 3 Rest are synonymous. Profligate means recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resource.</p> <p>17. 4 A stickler is a strict person or a martinet. The other words are its antonyms.</p> <p>18. 3 Corroborate means to support with evidence or authority. Veto is its antonym.</p> <p>19. 2 Invocation is the right word. Convolution means entangling. Petrification is the act of being stunned. Transcendence is perfection.</p> <p>20. 3 This is the correct figure of speech.</p> <p>21. 1 The correct word is choir or chorus. Chorale is the closest option.</p> <p>22. 4 The correct word is philistine or vulgarian. All other words are its antonyms. They refer to someone who is polished.</p> <p>23. 3 Anthropologist studies the human society. Agrologist studies agricultural soil. Psephologist studies elections.</p> |
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24. 4 The science of the nature of heavenly bodies is called Cosmogony. The science that describes and maps the main features of the universe is called Cosmography. Apiology refers to the study of honey bees.
25. 2 This is the meaning of the idiom.
26. 3 This is the meaning of the idiom.
27. 4 This is the best option. A doubting Thomas refers to a sceptic who asks for evidence.
28. 2 The other options are irrelevant or incorrect. The TV show FRIENDS had an episode that referred to this.
29. 3 This is the correct meaning.
30. 1 The word 'bear' can be combined with all the given words. 'Bear down' means to weigh upon; 'bear upon' means to approach something rapidly; 'bear off' means to steer away and 'bear with' means to be patient.
31. 2 The word 'hold' can be combined with all the given words. 'Hold forth' means to propose; 'hold in' means to restrain; 'hold on' means to keep going and 'hold over' means to postpone.
32. 3 The word 'buy' can be combined with all the given words. 'Buy out' means to secure all of a partner or owner's share in an enterprise; 'buy down' means to lower or reduce; 'buy into' means to purchase a membership in and 'buy up' means to buy as much as one can of a certain thing.
33. 4 The word 'blow' can be combined with all the given words. 'Blow away' means to defeat; 'blow out' means to become extinguish; 'blow up' means to explode and 'blow over' means to subside.
34. 1 The word 'tear' can be combined with all the given words. 'Tear at' means to pluck violently; 'tear down' means to destroy; 'tear into' means to attack impulsively and 'tear up' means to tear something into small shreds.
35. 1 Set out to is the correct phrase. 2 is grammatically incorrect. Intended should have been used. 3 has a tense inconsistency. 4 should be followed by achieving.
36. 2 This is the correct word. It means a wide range or variety. Option 4 has the plural form which is grammatically incorrect in this context. The other words are irrelevant.
37. 1 Sleuth as a verb means to draw out by detective work. It best fits the context.
38. 4 Allergic to is the correct phrase. Antagonistic will require towards. Adverse is wrong. Averse would have been correct. 3 doesn't fit the context.
39. 1. Avant garde c. group of people who develop new and often very surprising ideas in art, literature, etc.
2. Blitzkrieg g. sudden and overwhelming military attack
3. Nee a. used to identify a woman by her maiden family name
4. Bucolic j. of or relating to shepherds or herdsmen
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10. Tabula rasa d. something existing in its original pristine state
40. 3
41. 1
42. 1
43. 3 Time warp means to be stuck in a time zone and not able to progress. Hence, option 3 is the best answer.
44. 1 Only option 1 fits as the words suit both the blanks.
45. 4 The first blank needs a word that goes with boisterous which means unruly. Options 2 and 3 can be ruled out. Option 4 is the correct answer.