**ANTONYMS**

Answers and Explanations

1) D

The word counterfeit means forged or not genuine. Counterfeit money is fake currency that is designed to look exactly like real money. The opposite of counterfeit is real or authentic. Because genuine means real or authentic, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because unmarked means not noticeable or not having a visible mark. This is not the opposite of counterfeit, since counterfeit is not synonymous with marked.

(B) is incorrect because assumed means pretended or fictitious. This is practically synonymous with counterfeit, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because fraudulent means marked by deception or fraud. This is practically synonymous with counterfeit, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because specific means clearly defined or identified. This is not the opposite of counterfeit.

2) E

The word abrupt means sudden and unexpected. A boxing match might come to an abrupt end if one boxer knocks out the other boxer in the first round. The opposite of abrupt is slow or expected. Because gradual means progressing slowly or by degrees, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because hurried means rushed. This is not the opposite of abrupt.

(B) is incorrect because impulsive means acting or done without forethought. This is not the opposite of abrupt.

(C) is incorrect because methodical means done according to a systematic procedure. This is not the opposite of abrupt, because methodical is not synonymous with slow.

(D) is incorrect because reluctant means hesitant. This is not the opposite of abrupt.

3) A

The word bystander means a person who is at an event but does not take part in it. For instance, someone who witnesses a traffic accident but is not a driver of any of the vehicles involved in the accident is a bystander. The opposite of bystander is someone who takes part in an event or incident. Because a participant is a person who takes part in something, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a detective is a person who investigates and solves crimes. This is not the opposite of bystander.

(C) is incorrect because a colleague is a coworker. This is not the opposite of a bystander, since a coworker does not necessarily partake in an event or incident outside of work.

(D) is incorrect because a pedestrian is a person walking a road in a developed area. This is not the opposite of bystander, since a pedestrian does not necessarily take part in an event or incident, unless the incident involves walking.

(E) is incorrect because a witness is someone who sees an event or incident take place. This is practically synonymous with bystander, not the opposite of it.

4) B

The word infamous means well known for a bad quality or deed. For example, Bonnie and Clyde were infamous for robbing banks. The opposite of infamous is famous for a good deed. Because glorious means worthy of admiration and fame, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because sincere means genuine. This is not the opposite of infamous.

(C) is incorrect because notorious means famous for a bad quality or deed. This is synonymous with infamous, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because outrageous means shockingly bad. This is practically synonymous with infamous, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because innocent means not guilty of a crime or offense. This is not the opposite of infamous, because one who is innocent is not necessarily well known.

5) C

The word grim means having a somber, gloomy, or morbid air. Someone at a funeral would likely have a grim expression.

The opposite of grim is cheery or joyous. Because lighthearted means cheerful and carefree, choice (C) is correct.

6) E

The word fruitless means unproductive or useless. If one fails to achieve a goal, then his or her efforts to achieve the goal are fruitless. The opposite of fruitless is fruitful, useful, or productive. Because profitable means beneficial or useful, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because useless means not achieving the desired outcome. This is synonymous with fruitless, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because futile means useless or pointless. This is synonymous with fruitless, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because purposeful means having a reason to do something. This is not the opposite of fruitless, because having a purpose and fulfilling a purpose are not the same thing.

(D) is incorrect because mirthful means merry or amusing. This is not the opposite of fruitless.

7) A

The word murky means dark and not clear. The water of a polluted river would be described as murky, since one cannot see through it. The opposite of murky is bright or clear. Because luminous means bright or shining, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because charitable means generous. This is not the opposite of murky.

(C) is incorrect because smoky means full of smoke or haze. This is not the opposite of murky.

(D) is incorrect because miserable means very sad or depressed. This is not the opposite of murky.

(E) is incorrect because upright means strictly moral or honest. This is not the opposite of murky, since murky is not synonymous with immoral.

8) B

The word utmost means most extreme or greatest. If one takes the utmost care of something, then he or she is taking the most care possible. The opposite of utmost is least. Because minimal means the lowest amount possible, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because remotest means most isolated. This is not the opposite of utmost.

(C) is incorrect because supreme means very great or intense. This is practically synonymous with utmost, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because limitless means having no extremes or boundaries. This is not the opposite of utmost, since being at the extreme is not the opposite of lacking an extreme.

(E) is incorrect because mediocre means average or of moderate quality. This is not the opposite of utmost, since mediocre is not synonymous with least.

9) C

The word cow means to frighten with threats. When one intimidates another, he or she cows the other person. The opposite of cow is to calm or make someone not be frightened. Because comfort means to make someone feel at ease, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because condense means to make more compact or denser. This is not the opposite of cow.

(B) is incorrect because chill means to make cold or chilly. This is not the opposite of cow.

(D) is incorrect because startle means to frighten or shock. This is nearly synonymous with cow, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because elate means to make someone very happy. This is not the opposite of cow, since frighten is not synonymous with depress or sadden.

10) D

The word lavish means luxurious and extravagant. A lavish dinner party would cost a lot of money and serve many fancy, expensive foods. The opposite of lavish is affordable or lacking in luxury. Because economical means not extravagant, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because unsightly means unattractive. This is not the opposite of lavish, because lavish is not synonymous with attractive.

(B) is incorrect because petite means small. This is not the opposite of lavish, because lavish is not synonymous with large.

(C) is incorrect because awful means terrible or very bad. This is not the opposite of lavish, because lavish is not synonymous with very good.

(E) is incorrect because grand means magnificent in appearance or luxury. This is practically synonymous with lavish, not the opposite of it.