

SYNONYMS - ANSWER KEY

Directions: Each test word is printed in CAPITAL letters. From the five answer choices directly beneath the word, select the one that comes nearest to the meaning of the test word.

1 DIGRESS

disagree hesitate **wander** object give up

2 CREED

mistake confusion goal desire **belief**

3 ARDUOUS

repetitive **difficult** unusual routine easy

4 UNSCRUPULOUS

dirty unjust reliable **dishonorable** persistent

5 COMMODIOUS

Private uncomfortable familiar important **spacious**

6 CLANDESTINE

special unreasonable **secret** inevitable obvious

7 TACIT

silent complete unquestioning expected outspoken

8 ACME

bottom reason symbol **peak** example

9 IMPETUOUS

strange careful hasty **unpredictable** perfect

10 INCONGRUOUS

relevant uncalled for necessary **out of place** uneven

11 DIURNAL

routine daily never-ending extraordinary unpleasant

12 SOLICITOUS

pleased confused **concerned** angry curious

13 DEARTH

loss difference likeness misfortune **lack**

14 CIRCUMSPECT

risky clever **cautious** indirect prepared

15 QUANDARY

opportunity ineffectiveness **uncertainty** question choice

16 ADROIT

skillful effective correct clumsy deceitful

17 SALIENT

standard interesting hidden **conspicuous** unattractive

18 TRENCHANT

critical **penetrating** painstaking superficial deep

19 EPHEMERAL

foolish sudden persistent **passing** profound

20 PERFUNCTORY

mechanical hesitant perfect powerful spontaneous

21 LAUDABLE

amusing noticeable questionable inappropriate
praiseworthy

22 ACQUIESCE

listen **agree** understand refuse answer

23 PONTIFICATE

make objections answer clearly **speak pompously** argue vehemently make excuses

24 DELETERIOUS?

shorter hotter abusive **harmful** obvious

25 FALLACIOUS

impossible **misleading** unbelievable ridiculous pleasant

26 EXPEDITE

refuse object to prevent avoid **hasten**

27 VOLUBLE

obnoxious attractive **talkative** intelligent shy

28 PUGNACIOUS

stubborn **quarrelsome** stocky easygoing funny

29 OFFICIOUS

hardworking ambitious **meddlesome** efficient overbearing

30 EBULLIENCE

enthusiasm rudeness flexibility persistence reluctance

31 CHIMERA

a) Wonderful event b) lost cause c) strange experience d) waste of time e) **foolish fancy**

32 JUXTAPOSE

a) switch b) replace c) separate d) evaluate e) **put side by side**

33 ESOTERIC

a) useful b) important c) **confidential** d) insignificant e) accessible

34 AUSPICIOUS

a) special b) **favorable** c) unpredictable d) sinister e) difficult

35 ESCHEW

a) **avoid** b) consider c) not allow d) investigate e) accept

36 LEGERDEMAIN

a) wit b) speed c) determination d) verbal ability e) **sleight of hand**

37 VACUOUS

a) brief b) **empty** c) confusing d) insightful e) comprehensive

38 ADMONISH

- a) **warn** b) seize c) ignore d) reward e) punish

39 OSTRACIZED

- a) misunderstood b) reprimanded c) perplexed **e) expelled**

40 PLETHORA

- a) variety b) scarcity c) objection d) difference **e) excess**

41 INCESSANT

- a) intense b) useless **c) constant** d) annoying e) irregular

42 ODIOUS

- a) submissive **b) detestable** c) imitating d) foul-smelling e) polite

43 PECCADILLO

- a) hobby b) weakness c) complaint d) secret activity **e) slight offense**

44 REFRACTORY

- a) naughty b) **stubborn** c) abnormal d) obediente) impolite

45 ENERVATED

- a) surprised b) stimulated c) insulted d) **weakened** e) determined

46 EQUANIMITY

- fairness chaos similarity **composure** confidence

47 DIDACTIC

- a) entertaining b) deceptive c) offensive **d) instructive** e) unfair

48 SENESCENT

- a) wise b) feeble c) unresponsive d) dictatorial **e) aging**

49 EFFUSIVE

- a) garbled b) **gushing** c) angry d) persuasive e) slow

50 ASSIDUOUS

a) **industrious** b) intelligent c) loyal d) lazy e) inefficient

51 INSouciant

a) uncooperative b) arrogant c) **carefree** d) aggressive e) serious

52 MAGNANIMOUS

very large **noble** polite dishonorable hilarious

53 INCHOATE

undeveloped irrelevant perfected complicated impossible

54 STRIDENT

strong subdued angry **shrill** insistent

55 REFULGENCE

disgusting **brilliance** delicious gloomy unnecessary

56 PROGNOStICATE

refuse agree delay answer **predict**

57 HYPERBOLIC

anxious demanding **exaggerated** humble firm

58 ALACRITY

promptness bitterness emptiness resentment sorrow

59 INTRANSIGENT

aloof obliging passionate **uncompromising** unreliable

60 SAGACIOUS

hasty **wise** careful unexpected foolhardy

61 WIZENED

a) peculiar b) rational c) **shriveled** d) tired e) old

62 SPURIOUS

a) exceptional b) unnecessary c) authentic d) offensive e) **false**

63 TANTAMOUNT

a) next b) suited c) exposed d) unrelated e) **equivalent**

64 EGREGIOUS

a) tedious b) **flagrant** c) inappropriate d) pleasant e) satisfactory

65 DRACONIAN

- a) hardworking b) unheard of c) unfair d) **severe** e) nasty

66 BROBDINGNAGIAN

- a) weird b) impossible c) outrageous d) out of control e) **enormous**

67 SINECURE

- a) property b) solution c) **cushy job** d) personal problem e) recommendation

68 IMBROGLIO

- a) unfortunate outcome b) foolish idea c) difficult task d) **predicament**

69 INEFFABLE

- a) **inexpressible** b) unworkable c) undeveloped d) unclear e) intricate

70 UMBRAGE

- a) time b) cover c) **offense** d) advantage e) interest

71 OMNISCIENT

- a) Familiar b) hostile c) superior d) **all-knowing** e) all-powerful

72 PEDESTRIAN

- a) rambling b) **ordinary** c) wordy d) old-fashioned e) energetic

73 UNCTUOUS

- a) ugly b) pleasant c) **insincere** d) radiant e) meek

74 TRACTABLE

- a) Stubborn b) honest c) difficult d) competent e) **manageable**

75 PLATITUDINOUS

- a) long-winded b) **trite** c) impressive d) pointed e) meaningless

76 APOCRYPHAL

- a) sacred b) abnormal c) destructive d) **illegitimate** e) unbelievable

77 TEMERITY

- a) **recklessness** b) bashfulness c) caution d) cruelty e) inquisitiveness

78 PARSIMONIOUS

- a) intolerant b) outgoing c) self-righteous d) whining e) **stingy**

79 PUSILLANIMOUS

anoble sudden violent **cowardly** charitable

80 DILATORY

evasive verbose **tardy** inaccurate immediate

81 SPECIOUS

unreasonable **deceptive** penetrating shallow persuasive

82 NOISOME

injurious irritating wholesome overwhelming loud

83 COMPLAISANT

smug haughty unconcerned lazy **obliging**

84 FRIABLE

changeable easily done **easily crumbled** flawed edible

85 FUGACIOUS

deceptive dismal **fleeting** vicious scandalous

86 MINATORY

essential complicated brief **threatening** advisory

87 FLAGITIOUS

obvious **wicked** insulting extraordinary explosive

88 PERIPATETIC

foreign wealthy sightseeing traveling by train **walking about**

89 ALEATORY

historic **unpredictable** unknown important strange

90 OBLOQUY

sermon ceremony conference contradiction **defamation**

91 FARRAGO

mixture mess disaster lucky event humorous situation

92 HIERATIC

Philosophical indecipherable **priestly** ancient popular

93 VITIATED

Corrupted abused freed exposed explained

94 HEBETUDE

routine childhood silence **stupidity** bashfulness

95 DEIPNOSOPHIST

lecturer actor musician comedian **conversationalist**

96 FULMINATION

objection delay speech **explosion** addition

97 CREPUSCULAR

indistinct creaking insect **twilight** grunting

98 TERGIVERSATION

excuse **desertion** reasoning scheme decisive action

99 SCIAMACHY

Riot debate **shadowboxing** religious festival outdoor concert

100 GLABROUS

Smooth sticky shiny wet icy

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1 PARAPHRASE

rewrite remove **restate** quote Copy

2 CALAMITY

entertainment **misfortune** explosion foolishness debate

3 CANDOR

rudeness **frankness** simplicity brightness truth

4 CONCURRED

met cooperated **agreed** differed explained

5 PLACID

excited capable confident discouraged **calm**

6 CAPRICIOUS

snobbish **unpredictable** silly reliable tasteless

7 NEGLIGIBLE,

unknown improper **unimportant** untouchable single

8 POIGNANT

relevant dull practical insulting **piercing**

9 NEBULOUS

Unclear beginning threatening serious marvelous

10 AMBIGUOUS

curious **uncertain** complex obvious insignificant

11 PERSONABLE

wan talkative understanding sensible **attractive**

12 DILIGENT

slow effective **industrious** careless smart

13 PLIANT

full stiff well done more than enough **easily bent**

14 ARDUOUS

outrageous serious harsh **difficult** painful

15 CLANDESTINE

special inevitable **secret** primitive obvious

16 CREDULOUS

willing friendly **easily deceived** well-fed thoughtful

17 HAGGARD

dirty **worn out** hostile different crazy

18 ONEROUS?

painful truthful legal **burdensome** workable

19 ANIMOSITY

ill will loyalty hospitality evil deed cruelty

20 DEFUNCT

impossible **dead** unimportant lost bankrupt

21 TACITURN

gloomy complicated **silent** trivial changeable

22 TERSE

unexpected **concise** unpleasant long-winded false

23 PROLETARIAT

citizens aristocracy slaves middle class **working class**

24 PITTANCE

small favor debt payment complaint **small amount**

25 GLIB

sarcastic slow-witted **smooth-spoken** deceitful spontaneous

26 CIRCUMSCRIBE

explain write repeat **limit** forbid

27 INGRATIATING

Rude troublesome **flattering** harmful penetrating

28 FALLACY

misunderstanding first step new idea confusion **false idea**

29 EXTEMPORIZE

Improve waste rush discuss **improvise**

30 VOLUBLE

obnoxious attractive **talkative** intelligent shy

31 ESCHEW

avoidconsider not allow investigate accept

32 ERUDITE

rare **learned** old difficult peculiar

33 LOATH

Hate want not allowed **not inclined** not ready

34 OSTENTATIOUS

expensive tattered new **showy** secondhand

35 SALIENT

standard interesting hidden **conspicuous** unattractive

36 DISCERNIBLE

available unusual reasonable invisible **apparent**

37 SOLICITOUS

pleased confused **concerned** angry curious

38 MERCENARY

helpless poor forgiving **greedy** disloyal

39 PROTRACT

take back support revise dictate **prolong**

40 ASTUTE

shrewd vicious curious obscene learned

41 GARRULOUS

Restrained vulnerable dangerous **talkative** uneducated

42 IMPASSIVE

stubborn unsure exhausted ineffective **expressionless**

43 LAITY

youth insiders ministers **nonprofessionals** academics

44 CHARLATAN

salesperson miser beggar **fake** expert

45 VINDICTIVE

tolerant **revengeful** blameless cheating judgmental

46 SURMISE

wish for **guess** recall observe propose

47 PENSIVE

Thoughtful irritated pleasant nervous tickle

48 RETICENT

Eager lonely reluctant **silent** unhappy

49 MUNDANE

worldly unusual never-ending pertinent annoying

50 EXONERATE

Praise convict charge demote **acquit**

51 JOVIAL

Humorous foolish **merry** friendly meaningless

52 ACCOLADE

gift reprimand celebration opportunity **award**

53 ESOTERIC

Useful important **private** insignificant accessible

54 MANIFEST

powerful **apparent** abundant permissible secret

55 SUBTERFUGE

proposal conflict turn of events **deception** violation

56 ADMONISH

warn seize ignore reward punish

57 PRODIGIOUS

unusual **enormous** lucky important unexpected

58 PUGNACIOUS

ugly friendly stubborn **combative** self-centered

59 OFFICIOUS

Hardworking ambitious **meddlesome** efficient overbearing

60 COMPLICITY

Respect maturity submissiveness understanding **conspiracy**

61 EDIFY

instruct inspire change confuse oppose

62 CIRCUITOUS

roundabout difficult unusual direct impossible

63 SUPERCILIOUS

hasty sophisticated sympathetic hopeless **haughty**

64 VINDICATED

criticized made legal represented **cleared from blame** omitted

65 ABSTRUSE

long and involved **hard to understand** illogical pointless secret

66 OSTRACIZED

Misunderstood reprimanded perplexed **expelled** depressed

67 PUERILE

insulting helpful **childish** worthless Intelligent

68 TRANSMUTE

debate **change** rise above exchange disprove

69 SONOROUS

sad high-pitched **resonant** lonely obnoxious

70 SYCOPHANT

maniac faithful friend liar **flatterer** fool

71 INCESSANT

intense useless **constant** annoying irregular

72 PROCLIVITY

aptitude opinion accomplishment likelihood **inclination**

73 TRUNCATE

extend wipe out **cut short** withdraw summarize

74 OBSEQUIOUS

Religious insulting demanding **subservient** insincere

75 SAGACIOUS

wise uncalled for absurd polite sarcastic

76 ABSTEMIOUSNESS

moderation timidity complexity inflexibility respect

77 RIBALD

stern foolish critical **mildly indecent** grossly offensive

78 BOMBASTIC

vehement disorganized loud exaggerated **pompous**

79 LUGUBRIOUS

joyful complicated grand background
mournful

80 CELERITY

courteousness **speed** excellence ease pleasure

81 SPURIOUS

Exceptional unnecessary authentic offensive **false**

82 SUCCOR

praise trick deny advise **aid**

83 VAPID

lifeless lively intelligent irrelevant foolish

84 RISIBLE

laughable cutting irrelevant serious obvious

85 TURBID

hot **muddy** polluted bubbling still

86 MELLIFLUOUS s

Indistinct melodic beautiful romantic **smooth-flowing**

87 NASCENT

incomplete unproved unchanged possible **beginning**

88 PARSIMONIOUS

holy **stingy** considerate hypocritical generous

89 TEMERITY

Cleverness **rashness** pride ability shyness

90 TANTAMOUNT

next unrelated superior **equivalent** opposed

91 PHLEGMATIC

Immediate inappropriate **sluggish** evasive minimal

92 DESICCATED

dried up destroyed saturated consumed cut up

93 PAUCITY

Worth variety **lack** truth likelihood

94 SOLECISM

old saying correction **blunder** demand complaint

95 PERIPATETIC

thoughtful argumentative irrational **traveling on foot** preaching

96 PROTEAN

changeable workable abnormal supportive vague

97 SATURNINE

gloomy cheerful thoughtful evil wise

98 VITIATED

abused freed exposed corrected **corrupted**

99 HEUOLATHY

deep thought criminal activity **sun worship** air travel scholarly debate

100 HIERATIC

Official ancient magical philosophical **priestly**