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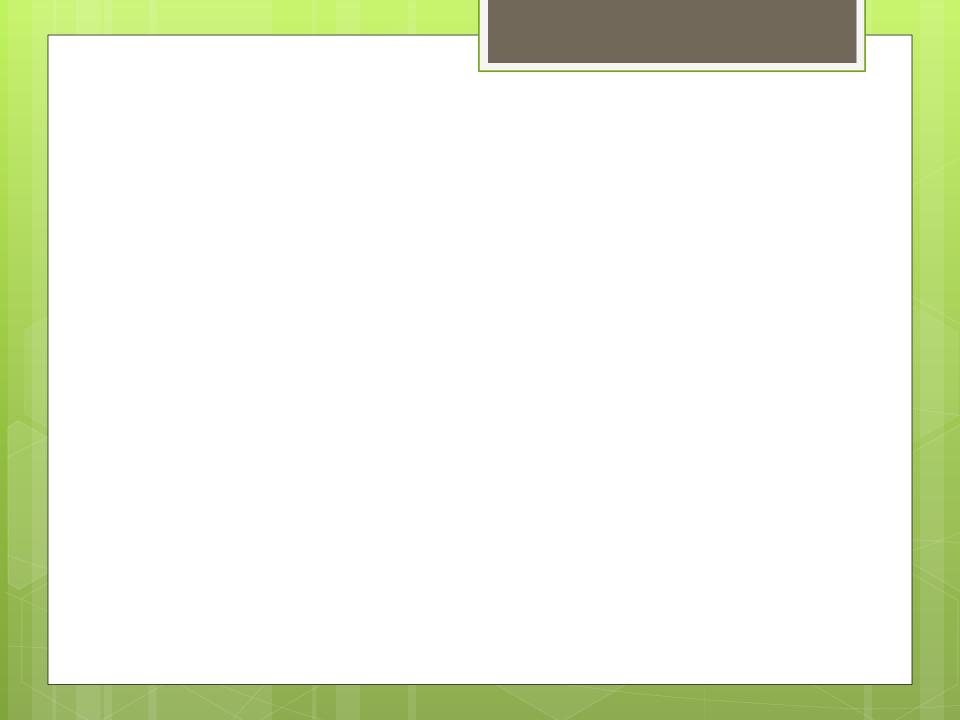
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Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters:

VACATE

A. abandon

B. charter

C. sever

D. occupy

E. discharge

1) D

The word vacate means to leave a place that was previously occupied. When you check out of a hotel room, you vacate it. The opposite of vacate is to fill or stay in a space. Because occupy means to reside, take over, or fill, choice (D) is correct.

o 2. AMASS

- A. disperse
- B. meld
- C. muster
- D. compile
- E. infuse

o 2) A

The word amass means to gather together or accumulate over time. For instance, a stamp collector would amass postage stamps. The opposite of amass is to divide or donate. Because disperse means to distribute or spread, choice (A) is correct.

o 3. ENAMOR

- A. entice
- B. enlighten
- C. loathe
- D. subdue
- E. fascinate

• 3) C

The word enamor means to be filled with love for something or someone. Someone might be enamored of a certain city if he or she were infatuated with the city or simply loved being there. The opposite of enamor is to not love. Because loathe means to feel intense dislike for, choice (C) is correct.

o 4. RENOWN

- A. acclaim
- B. obscurity
- C. villainy
- D. infamy
- E. prestige

o 4) B

The word renown means fame or being known. A movie star would have great renown. The opposite of renown is being unknown. Because obscurity is the state of being unknown or unimportant, choice (B) is correct.

o 5. AMPLIFY

- A. magnify
- B. intensify
- C. allay
- D. withdraw
- E. lessen

o 5) E

The word amplify means to increase in size or effect. If one turns up the volume on a stereo, he or she is amplifying it.

The opposite of amplify is to decrease in size or effect. Because lessen means to decrease, choice (E) is correct.

o 6. FESTIVE

- A. serene
- B. hearty
- C. gruesome
- D. jaunty
- E. dreary

o 6) E

The word festive means cheerful or celebratory. A fun party would have a festive atmosphere. The opposite of festive is not cheerful. Because dreary means depressing or lifeless, choice (E) is correct.

o 7. WAN

- A. pale
- B. drab
- C. anemic
- D. glowing
- E. kaleidoscopic

• 7) D

The word wan means pale and weak. A sickly individual would likely appear wan. The opposite of wan is flush and healthy. Because glowing means showing the radiance of health, choice (D) is correct

o 8. FORGO

- A. despise
- B. revere
- C. indulge
- D. abstain
- E. waive

o 8) C

The word forgo means to omit or decline to take. If one skips breakfast, he or she is forgoing a morning meal. The opposite of forgo is to choose to take. Because indulge means to allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of, choice (C) is correct.

• 9. POROUS

- A. fragile
- B. waterproof
- C. consolidated
- D. dense
- E. spongy

o 9) B

The word porous means having holes through which liquid or air may pass. For example, sponges are porous. The opposite of porous is impervious or lacking in holes for air or water. Because waterproof means impervious to water, choice (B) is correct.

o 10. EXPEND

- A. stash
- B. dispatch
- C. splurge
- D. exhaust
- E. smother

o 10) A

The word expend means to spend or use up. When you exercise, you expend energy. The opposite of expend is to save up or store. Because stash means to store safely in a specified place, choice (A) is correct.

o 11. CHIDE

- A. notice
- B. admonish
- C. laud
- D. scold
- E. allow

o 11) C

The word chide means to scold or rebuke. A father might chide his daughter if she misbehaves. The opposite of chide is to praise. Because laud means to praise, choice (C) is correct.

• 12. DENY

- A. corroborate
- B. commend
- C. renounce
- D. verbalize
- E. muffle

o 12) A

The word deny means to refuse to admit the truth or existence of something. Someone accused of a crime he or she did not commit might deny any involvement in the crime. The opposite of deny is to affirm as the truth. Because corroborate means to make certain or confirm, choice (A) is correct

• 13. AVERT

- A. abide
- B. preclude
- C. divert
- D. gaze
- E. skipper

o 13) D

The word avert means to turn one's eyes away. For example, one should avert his or her eyes from an eclipse, since staring at an eclipse can cause blindness. The opposite of avert is to face head on or not turn away. Because gaze means to look steadily and intently, choice (D) is correct

• 14. MUTILATE

- A. deface
- B. adapt
- C. augment
- D. mar
- E. mend

o 14) E

The word mutilate means to disfigure violently. Severely cutting someone's face would mutilate him or her. The opposite of mutilate is to repair or improve one's appearance. Because mend means to repair something broken or damaged, choice (E) is correct.

• 15. LUMINOUS

- A. brilliant
- B. mournful
- C. pessimistic
- D. gloomy
- E. radiant

o 15) D

The word luminous means full of light. A room with lots of windows would be luminous on a sunny day. The opposite of luminous is dark or unlit. Because gloomy means dark or poorly lit, choice (D) is correct.

o 16. BARREN

- A. moist
- B. parched
- C. sterile
- D. dewy
- E. fertile

o 16) E

The word barren means unable to produce offspring or vegetation. A wasteland is barren. The opposite of barren is able to produce offspring or vegetation. Because fertile means capable of producing abundant vegetation or offspring, choice (E) is correct.

o 17. IRRITATE

A. mollify

B. acknowledge

C. appreciate

D. peeve

E. vex

o 17) A

The word irritate means to bother or annoy. Someone who nags might irritate another person. The opposite of irritate is to soothe or calm. Because mollify means to appease the anger of someone, choice (A) is correct.

o 18. BEWITCH

A. invite

B. revolt

C. ravage

D. inflict

E. allure

o 18) B

The word bewitch means to enchant and delight. In The Odyssey, the song of the sirens had the power to bewitch the men on Odysseus's ship. The opposite of bewitch is to repulse or repel. Because revolt means to cause to feel disgust, choice (B) is correct.

• 19. INGENIOUS

A. crafty

B. inane

C. incompetent

D. inventive

E. skillful

o 19) B

The word ingenious means clever, intelligent, or inventive. An ingenious idea is one that is very original and smart. The opposite of ingenious is not clever or intelligent. Because inane means stupid or silly, choice (B) is correct.

o 20. VERIFY

- A. justify
- B. equivocate
- C. invalidate
- D. corroborate
- E. approximate

o 20) C

The word verify means to make sure that something is true or accurate. When you show someone your ID card, you are

verifying that you are who you say you are. The opposite of verify is to prove that something is not true or accurate.

Because invalidate means to discredit or render something inaccurate or erroneous, choice (C) is correct

o 21. HINDER

- A. exonerate
- B. deduct
- C. suppress
- D. maintain
- E. facilitate

o 21) E

The word hinder means to prevent or cause delay. A storm may hinder one's progress. The opposite of hinder is to free or promote. Because facilitate means to assist or make easier, choice (E) is correct.

o 22. NAVIGABLE

- A. passable
- B. obstructed
- C. laborious
- D. upstream
- E. remote

o 22) B

The word navigable means maneuverable or able to be passed through. A waterway is navigable if a ship can easily sail through it. The opposite of navigable is unable to be passed through. Because obstructed means blocked or opposing the ease of passage, choice (B) is correct.

o 23. SCOFF

- A. ridicule
- B. worship
- C. deride
- D. commend
- E. rally

o 23) D

The word scoff means to speak to express mockery or contempt. When someone is making fun of something, he or she is scoffing at it. The opposite of scoff is to praise something. Because commend means to praise formally, choice (D) is correct.

o 24. DALLY

- A. hasten
- B. tinker
- C. linger
- D. tire
- E. idle

o 24) A

The word dally means to move slowly. When one dallies, he or she does not bother to hurry. The opposite of dally is to hurry. Because hasten means to be quick to do something, choice (A) is correct.

o 25. OVERBEARING

- A. snooty
- B. tyrannical
- C. unassertive
- D. affectionate
- E. underhanded

o 25) C

The word overbearing means unpleasantly domineering. A very forceful individual might be considered overbearing. The opposite of overbearing is submissive or not domineering. Because unassertive means not having a forceful personality, choice (C) is correct.

o 26. RESPITE

- A. truce
- B. industry
- C. moratorium
- D. continuation
- E. reprieve

o 26) D

The word respite means a short pause or break. For example, a coffee break is a respite from the workday. The opposite of a respite is not taking a break. Because a continuation is the state of remaining in a particular position or carrying on with an activity, choice (D) is correct.

o 27. TANGIBLE

- A. visible
- B. superfluous
- C. definite
- D. plastic
- E. abstract

o 27) E

The word tangible means real and able to be touched. Something tangible is something that exists in reality. The opposite of tangible is something unreal or fanciful. Because abstract means existing in thought only, choice (E) is correct.

• 28. CONTEMPLATIVE

- A. wistful
- B. unreflective
- C. numbed
- D. aroused
- E. nostalgic

o 28) B

The word contemplative means involving prolonged thought. A contemplative individual would often be lost in deep thoughts. The opposite of contemplative is not thinking. Because unreflective means not engaging in thought, choice (B) is correct.

o 29. CRANKY

- A. bearish
- B. altruistic
- C. amiable
- D. irritable
- E. considerate

o 29) C

The word cranky means ill-tempered or irritable. Someone who gets angry very easily would be described as cranky. The opposite of cranky is pleasant in demeanor or not irritable. Because amiable means having a friendly and pleasant manner, choice (C) is correct

o 30. CONVERTIBLE

- A. fixed
- B. malleable
- C. dissimilar
- D. mature
- E. modifiable

o 30) A

The word convertible means able to be changed in form or function. A convertible sofa is one that can be unfolded or changed into a bed. The opposite of convertible is not changeable. Because fixed means predetermined and not able to be changed, choice (A) is correct