

VERBAL ABILITY HANDOUT

Directions for questions 1 to 5: Match the following words with their meanings.

Column - A

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| 1. Profligate () | (A) One who gives support to a person or cause. |
| 2. Iconoclast () | (B) A self-indulgent person |
| 3. Benefactor () | (C) A person who hates human kind. |
| 4. Sybarite () | (D) A recklessly extravagant person. |
| 5. Misanthrope () | (E) A person who attacks cherished beliefs. |

Directions for questions 6 to 10: There are two blanks in each of the following sentences. From the pairs of words given below, choose the pair that fills the blanks most appropriately.

6. In a society that has a / an ____ concept of gods and godmen, people can proclaim themselves to be ____ of god.
(A) permissive... embodiments
(B) pantheistic... manifestations
(C) amorphous... incarnations
(D) evangelical... apostles
7. The times of high price almost always ____ much fraud; there is an opportunity for ____ mendacity.
(A) prognosticate... disingenuous
(B) engender... ingenious
(C) legalise... immutable
(D) supplant... intermittent
8. A cynic would dismiss the speculations that the armed forces make about vanquishing a fully defended neighbour as ____ and ____ to its self interest.
(A) specious... inimical
(B) apocryphal... acrimonious
(C) circumspect... detrimental
(D) apocalyptic... belligerent
9. Higher volatility and wider spreads prompt banks to seek more ____ which in turn ____ the problem of wobbling prices.
(A) security... palliates
(B) autonomy... initiates
(C) collateral... exacerbates
(D) freedom... aggravates
10. It is imperative that ____ have a vibrant and ____ opposition.
(A) anarchies... indefatigable
(B) democracies... credible
(C) timocracies... tenacious
(D) plutocracies... equitable

Directions for questions 11 to 15: Each question gives a word followed by 4 choices. From among the choices, select the most suitable SYNONYM for the given word and mark its number as your answer.

11. DISCREDITABLE
(A) Illiterate (B) Mimetic
(C) Ignominious (D) Unconscientious
12. FRACAS
(A) Quandary (B) Smithereens
(C) Altercation (D) Dejection
13. LUGUBRIOUS
(A) Doleful (B) Panicky
(C) Uncongenial (D) Notorious
14. APPURTENANT
(A) Cognate (B) Arable
(C) Cadaverous (D) Connected
15. ANTHROPOPHAGITE
(A) Maverick (B) Ascetic
(C) Traducer (D) Cannibal

Directions for questions 16 to 20: Each of the following questions has a word in capitals followed by four choices. Select the most suitable ANTONYM and mark that number as your answer.

16. ANATHEMA
(A) Decadence (B) Favourite
(C) Acerbity (D) Fortuity
17. BELLICOSE
(A) Malicious (B) Peaceable
(C) Acrid (D) Beneficial
18. GRATUITOUS
(A) Expedient (B) Cumudgeonily
(C) Legitimate (D) Compulsory
19. GENESIS
(A) Degeneracy (B) Expiration
(C) Necropolis (D) Perpetuation
20. INCULPATE
(A) Incommensurate (B) Incinerate
(C) Anteambulate (D) Exonerate

Directions for questions 21 to 25: In each of the questions below, a word with its usage is given. Select as your answer, the word that is INAPPROPRIATE as a replacement to the question word in the sentence.

21. Antediluvian : The speaker's antediluvian ideas were heckled by the audience.
(A) incredible (B) ancient
(C) primeval (D) prehistoric

22. Laissez Faire: London's laissez faire approach to education has its downside.

- (A) non-interfering (B) unintrusive
(C) liberal (D) disinclined

23. Ceded: The Chagos Islands, ceded to the British by France in 1814, are located in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

- (A) relinquished (B) bequeathed
(C) conceded (D) yielded

24. Quagmire: Iraq fragmented their enemies' military and political efforts and ensnared the U.S. in a quagmire.

- (A) quandary (B) imbroglio
(C) quintessence (D) deadlock

25. Impasse: The negotiations between the two contiguous nations, regarding the border issue, have reached an impasse.

- (A) deadlock (B) stalemate
(C) standstill (D) embargo

Directions for questions 26 to 30: Find the "odd man" out.

26. (A) Amateur (B) Dilettante
(C) Veteran (D) Dabbler

27. (A) Paragon (B) Culprit
(C) Malefactor (D) Reprobate

28. (A) Aphorism
(C) Precept

(B) Maxim
(D) Benediction

29. (A) Cadence
(C) Rhyme

(B) Rhythm
(D) Lilt

30. (A) Amiable
(C) Gregarious

(B) Amicable
(D) Hostile

Directions for questions 31 to 35: In each of the following questions, a word is given with certain letters missing. This is followed by a synonym or explanation of what the word means. Use this clue to fill in the missing letters and complete the word.

31. p _ _ _ _ l _ _ _ _ i _ _ _ e
(something used to alleviate pain, anxiety)
(10 letters)

32. a _ _ _ _ c _ _ _ l _ _ _ p _ _ _ e
(the end of the world) (10 letters)

33. c _ _ _ _ i _ _ a _ _ _ e
(ponder; meditate) (8 letters)

34. _ _ _ l _ _ _ o cracy
(government by the wealthy) (10 letters).

35. am _ _ _ o _
(clue: a strong women) (6 letters)