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ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

‘One word Substitution’ is one of the essential parts of vocabulary. It is asked in various competitive exams. It simply means that a sentence is replaced with a single word. One requires a good vocabulary to solve the questions.

e.g. The life history of a person written by himself can be substituted with ‘autobiography’.

Some Commonly Used One Word Substitutions

- **Agenda**—a list of headings of the business to be transacted at a meeting
- **Amphibian**—animals which live both on land and sea
- **Anthology**—a collection of poems
- **Anthropologist**—one, who studies the evolution of mankind
- **Aquatic**—animals/plants which live in water
- **Archives**—a place where government or public records are kept
- **Astrologer**—a person who studies the influence of heavenly bodies on human beings
- **Atheist**—a person who does not believe in God
- **Audience**—a number of people listening to a lecture
- **Autobiography**—the life history of a person written by himself
- **Axiom**—a statement which is accepted as true without proof
- **Bibliophile**—a lover and collector of books
- **Biennial**—an event which happens once in 2 years
- **Bouquet**—a collection of flowers
- **Carnivorous**—one who lives on flesh

- **Calligraphist**—a person, who writes beautiful handwriting
- **Cardiologist**—a person who is specialist in heart diseases
- **Cartographer**—one who draws maps
- **Chauffeur**—one who is employed to drive a motorcar
- **Choreographer**—one who teaches dancing
- **Cloak room**—a place for luggage at railway station
- **Crèche**—a nursery where children are cared for while their parents are at work
- **Curator**—a person in charge of a museum
- **Edible**—fit to be eaten
- **Encyclopedia**—a book that contains information on various subjects
- **Fatal**—causing death
- **Fauna**—the animals of a certain region
- **Feminist**—one who supports feminism
- **Flora**—the plants of a particular region
- **Florist**—one who deals in flowers
- **Fragile**—easily broken
- **Herbivorous**—one who lives on herbs
- **Hive**—a place for bees
- **Horticulture**—the art of cultivating and managing gardens
- **Horizon**—a line at which the earth and the sky seem to meet
- **Insolvent/Bankrupt**—a person who is unable to pay his debts
- **Inaudible**—a sound that cannot be heard
- **Inaccessible**—that cannot be easily approached
- **Illegible**—incapable of being read
- **Invigilator**—one who supervises in the examination hall
- **Infirmity**—a home or room used for ill or injured people
- **Infanticide**—murder of an infant
- **Infantry**—soldiers who fight on foot
- **Inflammable**—liable to catch fire easily
- **Linguist**—one who is skilled in foreign languages
- **Mortuary**—a place where dead bodies are kept for post mortem
- **Martyr**—one who dies for a noble cause
- **Maiden speech**—the first speech delivered by a person
- **Mint**—a place where coins are made
- **Mammals**—animals which give milk
- **Namesake**—a person having same name as another
- **Optimist**—a person who looks at the brighter side of things
- **Orphan**—one who has lost his parents
- **Omnipresent**—one who is present everywhere
- **Omnipotent**—one who is having unlimited power and influence
- **Omniscient**—one who knows everything
- **Opaque**—that which cannot be seen through
- **Orphanage**—a home for orphans
- **Omnivorous**—one who eats everything
- **Pessimist**—a person who looks at the darker side of things
- **Potable**—fit to drink
- **Post mortem**—an examination of dead body
- **Panacea**—a remedy for all diseases
- **Pediatrician**—a person who is specialist in child diseases
- **Pedestrian**—one who goes on foot
- **Portable**—that can be carried easily
- **Suicide**—murder of oneself
- **Stable**—a place for horses
- **Sanatorium**—a place for the sick to recover health
- **Transparent**—that which can be seen through
- **Uxoricide**—murder of one's wife
- **Volunteer**—one who offers one's services
- **Versatile**—interested in and clever at many different things
- **Wardrobe**—a place for clothes

PRACTICE EXERCISE

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-20) *Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words.*

1. One not concerned with right or wrong
(a) moral (b) amoral
(c) immoral (d) immortal
2. Call upon God or any other power (like law) etc for help or protection
(a) invocation (b) involution
(c) inundation (d) revocation
3. Act of deceiving somebody in order to make money
(a) fraud (b) robbery
(c) pickpocket (d) theft
4. A person who is unable to pay his debts
(a) solvent (b) banker
(c) insolvent (d) lender
5. A person coming to a foreign land to settle there
(a) immigrant (b) emigrant
(c) tourist (d) settler
6. Something capable of being done
(a) probable (b) feasible
(c) tenable (d) explicable
7. Killing of a child
(a) homicide (b) genocide
(c) infanticide (d) suicide
8. Lasting only for a moment
(a) momentous (b) momentary
(c) trivial (d) petty
9. One who hates mankind
(a) philanthropist
(b) terrorist
(c) misanthrope
(d) misogynist
10. One who walks on ropes
(a) funambulist (b) upholsterer
(c) acrobat (d) aviator
11. Deep in thought
(a) ballad (b) pensive
(c) pesky (d) apathy
12. Without risk of punishment
(a) impudent (b) impunity
(c) inexorable (d) imperturbable
13. The sound of the funeral bell
(a) knell (b) spell
(c) dong (d) ding-dong
14. The worship of idols or images
(a) atheism (b) theism
(c) idolatry (d) iconoclasm
15. A home for dog
(a) kennel (b) lair
(c) den (d) cage
16. One who intervenes between two or more parties to settle differences
(a) neutral (b) intermediary
(c) judge (d) connoisseur
17. One who hates women
(a) philanthropist (b) ascetic
(c) misogamist (d) misogynist
18. A voice that cannot be heard
(a) unheard (b) faint
(c) audible (d) inaudible
19. Murder of a man
(a) regicide (b) fratricide
(c) homicide (d) genocide
20. Animal that feeds on plants
(a) carnivorous (b) herbivorous
(c) insectivorous (d) gaminivorous

Answers

1	(b)	2	(a)	3	(a)	4	(c)	5	(a)	6	(b)	7	(c)	8	(b)	9	(c)	10	(a)
11	(b)	12	(b)	13	(a)	14	(c)	15	(a)	16	(b)	17	(d)	18	(d)	19	(c)	20	(b)