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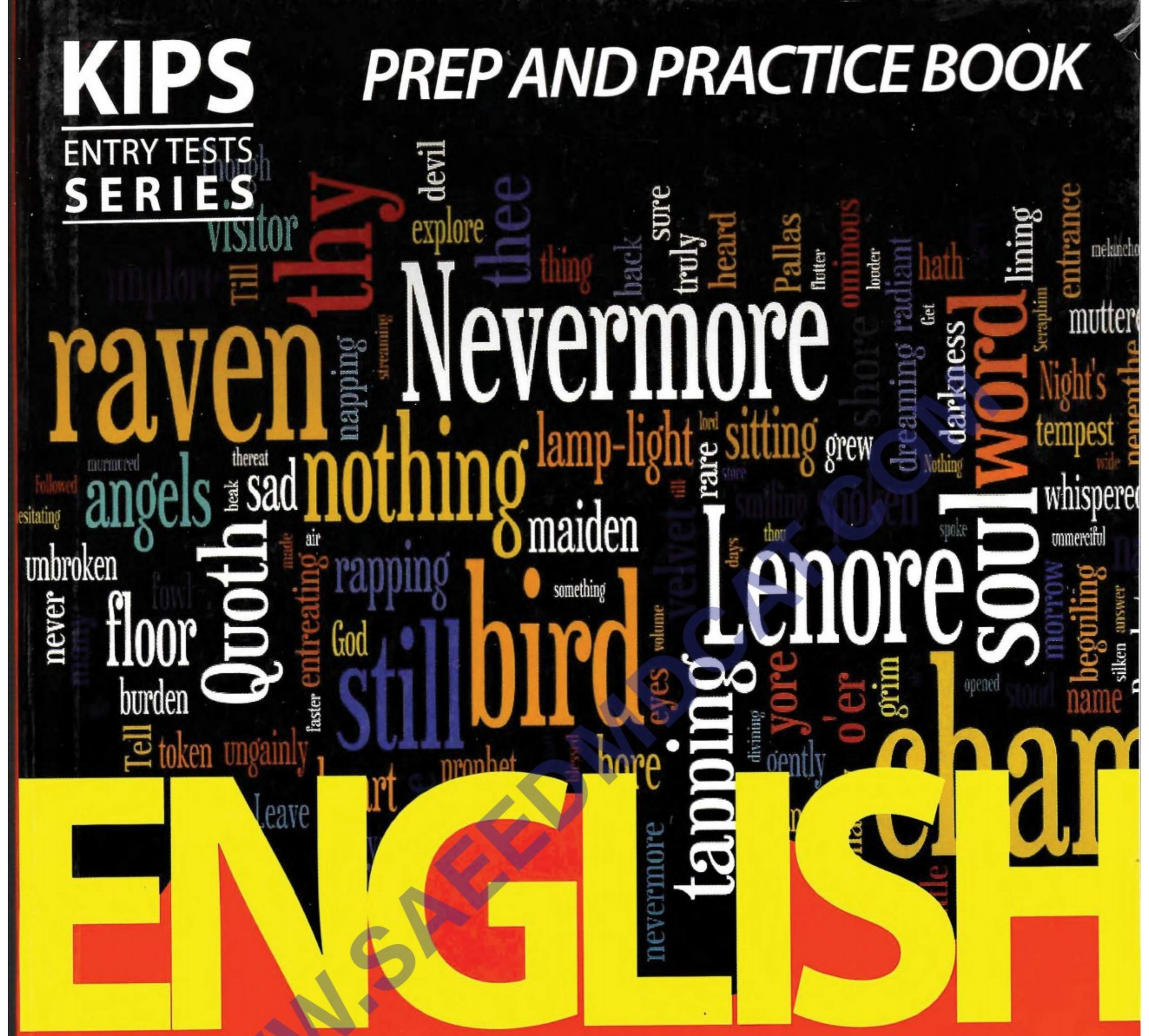

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UNIT 1

VOCABULARY (WORDS 1-25)

1. APPALLING

Adjective:
causing shock or dismay; horrific, very bad

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: shocking, horrible, terrible, dreadful, frightful, sickening, shameful, unspeakable, unforgivable, hateful
Medium: awful, contemptible, offensive, despicable, detestable, abhorrent, loathsome, disgusting, monstrous, nightmarish, outrageous, unpardonable, revolting, repellent, repulsive, nauseating
Difficult: odious, grim, gross, ghastly, execrating, heinous, atrocious, hideous, gruesome, grisly, dire, deplorable, abominable, lurid, repugnant

ANTONYMS

Easy: delightful, appealing, attractive, blessed, marvelous, welcome, delightful
Medium: magnificent, heavenly, inviting, fascinating, captivating, hospitable, intriguing, cordial, entrancing, superb, fantastic, mesmerizing, hypnotizing, exquisite
Difficult: felicitous, savory, gratifying, delectable, dulcet, congenial, luscious, palatable, alluring

EXAMPLES

An appalling number of women have died from puerperal fever.
A few male deer suffered appalling injuries as they tried to get away from the crowds of jeering onlookers.
The killing of innocents is deplorable and appalling in any part of the world.
The standard of cleanliness in some of these restaurants is frankly appalling.
After her appalling behavior, we had no option but to dismiss her.

2. ASTOUNDED

Adjective:
feeling or showing great surprise or wonder

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: amazed, astonished, surprised, horrified, shocked, wide-eyed, breathtaking
Medium: stupefied, dazed, bewildered, startled, stunned, indifferent
Difficult: flabbergasted, aghast, awestruck, overwhelmed, confounded, dumbfounded, thunderstruck, nonplus, unnerved, disconcerted, taken aback

ANTONYMS

Easy: relaxed, calm, composed, uninterested, impassive, unexcited, bored, fed up
Medium: tranquil, poised, incurious, unconcerned, weary
Difficult: serene, equable, sedate, phlegmatic, nonchalant, stolid, unruffled, unperturbed, unflustered, placid

EXAMPLES

Mr. Hubert, the simple countryman looked at the Mayor astounded and already terrified by the suspicion resting on him.
Firefighters were called to the scene at 9:15 am and were astounded that the building had not gone up in flames.
We were too astounded to speak; we could only stand there staring in amazement.

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3. APPARENTLY

Adverb:
as far as one knows or can see

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

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SYNONYMS

Easy: supposedly, probably, obviously, outwardly, seemingly
Medium: evidently, visibly, superficially, presumably
Difficult: ostensibly, tangibly, allegedly, plausibly, professedly, putatively

ANTONYMS

Easy: surely actually, really, truly, certainly, exactly
Medium: positively, absolutely, authentically, definitely, essentially
Difficult: precisely, utterly, conclusively, categorically, unequivocally, undoubtedly

EXAMPLES

We were all, quite apparently, thinking of that, though no one had as yet spoken of the thing.
There is apparently no common theme to the show, and each of the artists is able to shine as an individual.
A series of apparently unfortunate events has led to his resignation.

4. ATTACHED TO

Verb:
connected or joined to something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: connected to, joined to, linked to, added to, fond of
Medium: devoted to, committed to, affixed to, tied to, bound
Difficult: adhered to, stuck to, affiliated to, glued to, hooked up, annexed to, appended to, latched onto, tagged on

ANTONYMS

Easy: detached, disconnected, removed, separated
Medium: independent, apart, distant, unfastened, split disengaged
Difficult: isolated, severed, indifferent, uninvolved, disassociated, autonomous, divorced, aloof, estranged, cleaved, bifurcated, deployed

EXAMPLES

He examined it with the air of a connoisseur and studied the price label attached to it.
It is easy to let the emotions attached to one situation spill over into others.
I told you she is attached to somebody, so why are you still persistent in wanting her number?

5. ALAS

Exclamation:
used to express unhappiness, pity, or concern

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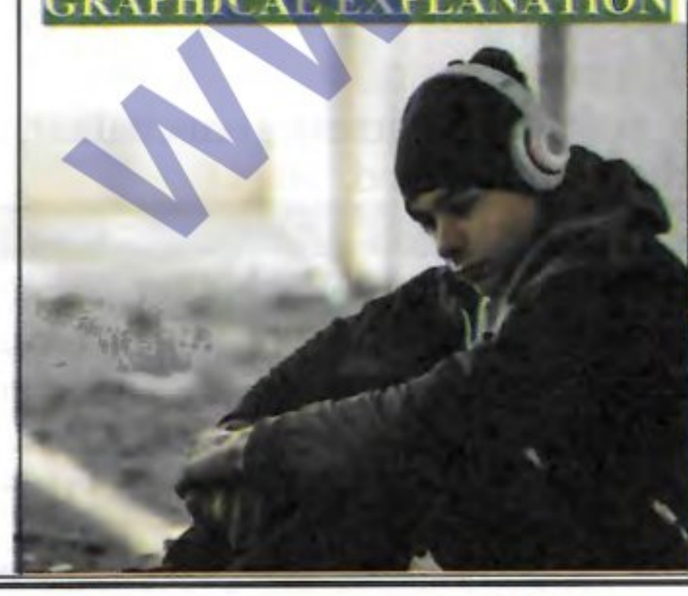

SYNONYMS

Easy: unluckily, sadly, tragically, unfortunately
Medium: pitifully, regrettably
Difficult: dismally, grievously, gloomily, pathetically, woefully, deplorably, lamentably, dolefully, mournfully

ANTONYMS

Easy: joyfully, gladly, cheerfully, luckily
Medium: merrily, fortunately, promisingly, blessedly
Difficult: providentially, auspiciously, opportunely, propitiously, gleefully, blissfully

EXAMPLES

Alas, his little cane, which was perhaps lost at the time of the accident, was not included in the list.
Explaining cultural change in popular music is, alas, much more complicated than connecting content with social norms.

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6. ABRUPTLY

Adverb:
(a) in a sudden and unexpected way
(b) in a rude or curt manner

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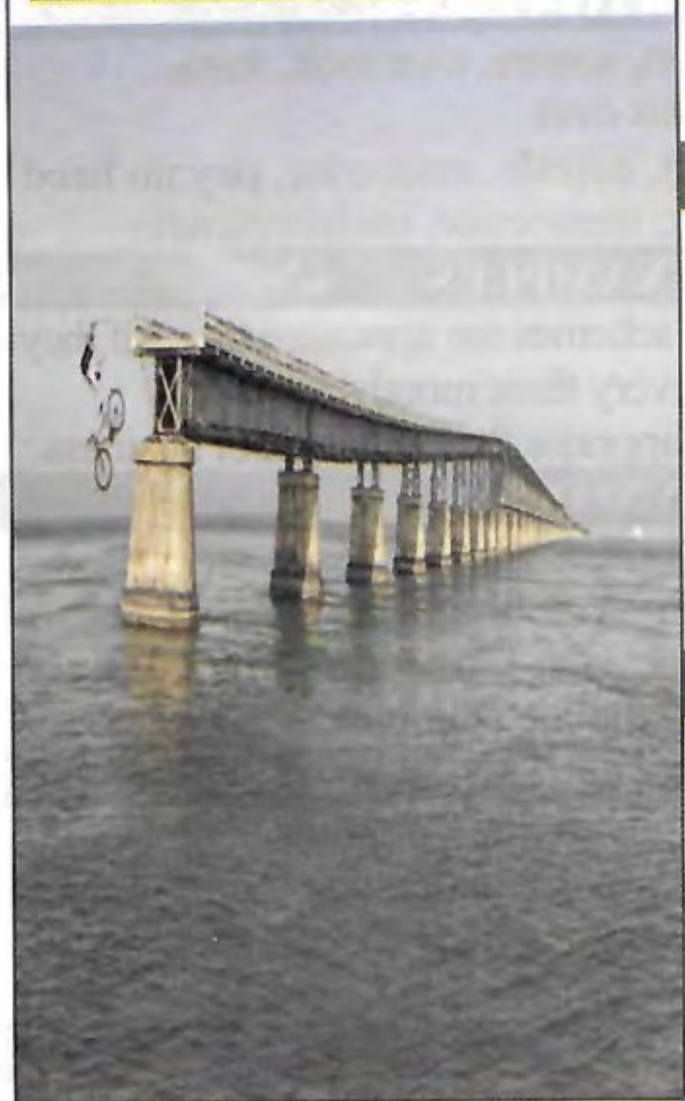

SYNONYMS

Easy: suddenly, hurriedly, quickly, swiftly, shortly, speedily, at once, unexpectedly, surprisingly
Medium: immediately, hastily, rapidly, curtly, insolently, impudently, cheekily, impolitely, coarsely, inconsiderately, impertinently, audaciously, bluntly, unpredictably
Difficult: unanticipatedly, steeply, tersely, brusquely, instantaneously, precipitately

ANTONYMS

Easy: slowly, unhurriedly, gradually, gently, politely, respectfully, decently, humbly
Medium: leisurely, steadily, humorously, courteously, patiently, cheerfully, moderately, graciously
Difficult: blandly, urbanely, cordially, placidly, tardily, sedately, amiably, amicably, affably, gingerly, civilly, winsomely, genially

EXAMPLES

She turned abruptly, dried her hands and took the package from the bottom cabinet.
On the side opposite to the river, the land rose abruptly toward the village.
She barely concealed her irritation and spoke briefly and abruptly to the woman.

7. ANXIETIES

Noun:
uneasiness or nervousness about something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: concerns, fears, worries, doubts, nervousness, uncertainties, restlessness
Medium: suspicions, disquiet, agitation
Difficult: consternation, fidgets, qualms, regrets, scruples, apprehension, perturbation, fretfulness, misgiving, trepidation, foreboding

ANTONYMS

Easy: peace, calm, rest, ease, comfort, relief, quietness, relaxation, carefreeness
Medium: composure, indifference, contentment
Difficult: placidity, serenity, poise, tranquility, consolation, solace, repose, complacency, equanimity, phlegm

EXAMPLES

Grayson was excused lessons; for a whole day the School centred emotionally upon his anxieties.
Meditation allows us to relinquish our worries and anxieties and awaken our innate energy and creativity.
"Did she express any anxieties or fears?"

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8. APPRAISED

Verb:
evaluate the worth, value or status of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: measure, examine, evaluate, guess, estimate, survey, review, calculate, weigh up
Medium: determine, quote, inspect, investigate, analyze, assess, gauge, audit
Difficult: reckon, assay, scrutinize

ANTONYMS

Easy: neglect, skip, forget, ignore, overlook, miss, misjudge, undervalue, pass over
Medium: disregard, omit, belittle, underrate, pay no heed
Difficult: abandon, slack, depreciate, underestimate

EXAMPLES

The bids are evaluated and schemes are appraised to see if they are achieving their targets every three months.
To collect, scrutinize, and appraise facts is his chief business.

9. ACCENTUATED

Verb:
to make more noticeable or prominent

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: stress, mark, highlight, point out, insist on
Medium: intensify, heighten, spotlight, feature, emphasize
Difficult: punctuate, illuminate, pronounce, limelight, foreground, underscore, italicize, enunciate

ANTONYMS

Easy: mask, hide, minimize, belittle, degrade
Medium: conceal, cold-shoulder understate, undermine
Difficult: veil, cloak, depreciate, deprecate, disparage, trivialize, obscure, eclipse, brush aside

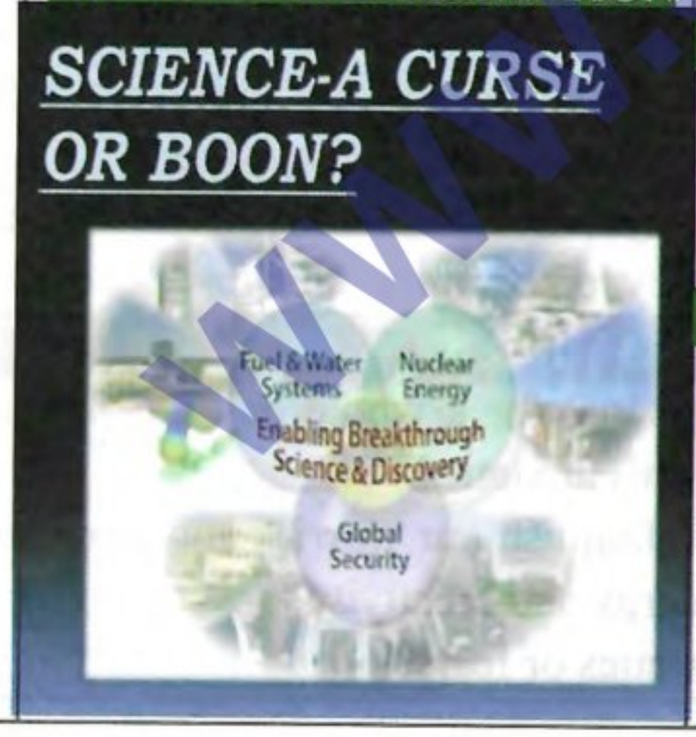
EXAMPLES

His jacket unfortunately accentuated his paunch.
He emerges and they dance a sweet duet, her fragility accentuated by his height and strength.
Rather than dwell on poor academic performance, teachers should accentuate the positive.

10. BOON

Noun:
something helpful, beneficial of favorable

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: blessing, luck, profit, gain, gift favor, reward, advantage
Medium: benefit, fortune, bonus, success, lottery, luxury, windfall
Difficult: benevolence, fluke, raffle, privilege, bonanza, largess, bounty, godsend, benediction, goldmine

ANTONYMS

Easy: disadvantage, curse, harm, loss, drawback, hindrance
Medium: misfortune, inconvenience, shortcoming, deprivation
Difficult: bereavement, detriment, constraint, obstacle, obstruction, restraint, bane, privation, handicap, nuisance

EXAMPLES

The route will be a boon to many travelers.
Instead of being hailed as a boon to public safety, the law was criticized as a threat to privacy.
I'm sure it would be a boon to small clubs like ours who are struggling to make both ends meet.
These programs, though a boon for busy clinicians, raise a few significant ethical and legal issues.

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11. BEWILDERMENT

Noun:
the quality or state of being lost, perplexed, or confused

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: confusion, surprise, astonishment, puzzlement, uncertainty
Medium: embarrassment, mystification, perplexity, panic
Difficult: daze, stupefaction, bafflement, entanglement, incomprehension, bamboozlement, distraction, disorientation, maze, muddle

ANTONYMS

Easy: clarity, ease, peacefulness, calm, rest, relaxation, carefreeness
Medium: composure, comfort, quietness, stability
Difficult: tranquility, contentment, serenity, poise, placidity, repose, equanimity, imperturbability, phlegm, complacency

EXAMPLES

Chips began, in sheer bewilderment, and then he took up isolated words out of that extraordinary indictment.
The stages of human growth have been blurred, causing intense bewilderment and psychological confusion.
He had watched her in bewilderment, chilled to the bones, as if touched by the hand of death.

12. BRISKLY

Adverb
in an active, quick, or energetic way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: quickly, lively, actively, fast, smartly, hurriedly, energetically
Medium: hastily, efficiently, rapidly, vigorously, enthusiastically
Difficult: jauntily, promptly, animatedly, nimbly, brusquely, frisky, sprightly, vivaciously

ANTONYMS

Easy: Casually, lifelessly, spiritlessly, slowly, lazily, idly, gently
Medium: leisurely, indolently, unhurriedly, passively
Difficult: slackly, sluggishly, listlessly, torpidly, vapidly, languidly, at a snail's pace

EXAMPLES

While others were walking briskly to keep warm, he was ambling along obviously enjoying his promenade.
When the milk boils pour in the flour, and stir it briskly until it thickens.
The hurricane was two days away, but the wind was already blowing briskly.

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13. BEAD

Verb:
decorate or cover with beads

Noun:
a small piece of glass, stone, etc. usually put on a string to make jewelry

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: beautify, enrich, decorate, grace

Medium: adorn, gild, embellish

Difficult: ornament, elaborate, deck, prettify, garnish, glamorize, enhance, embroider, emblazon, titivate, festoon

Noun: pearl, droplet, sphere, bean, pear, round, pill, oval, pea, blob, orb, pellet, speck

ANTONYMS

Easy: spoil, damage, destroy, corrupt, pollute

Medium: stain, deform

Difficult: impair, scar, flaw, uglify, disfigure, ruin, wreck, distort, mangle, mar, deface, tarnish, blemish, blot, sully, disrobe

EXAMPLES

I am a cluster of bright beads.

In order to get authentic bead jewelry, be sure to buy it where it is crafted by hand.

She had the decency to cover herself with a brightly colored, beaded shawl but it hardly helped.

14. BRIMMING

Adjective:
to be full, often overflowing

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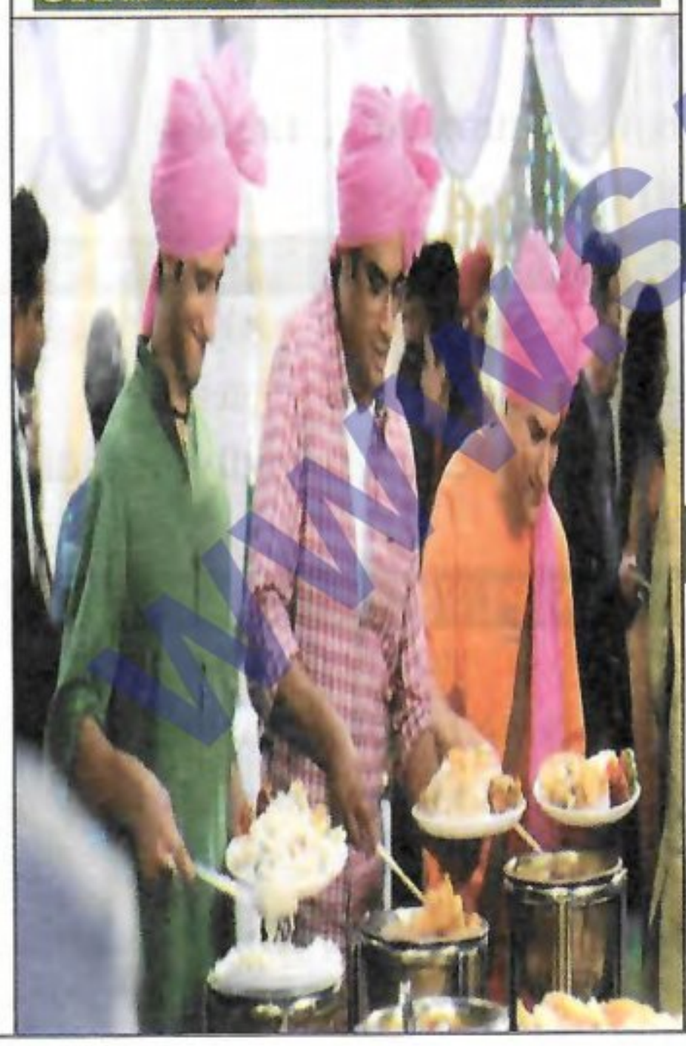

SYNONYMS

Easy: full, overflowing, overloaded, stuffed, packed, filled

Medium: seething, bursting, abounding, jammed, crammed, teeming

Difficult: profuse, thronging, swarming, replete, copious, inundated, congested, saturated, satiated

ANTONYMS

Easy: lacking, short, empty, unoccupied, insufficient

Medium: bare, blank, hollow, inadequate, vacant, deficient, barren

Difficult: scarce, void, uninhabited, depleted, desolate, bereft, stark

EXAMPLES

I could feel the tears brimming at the edge of my eyes.

Her heart was brimming over with happiness.

He was always hungry, forever demanding, brimming with ill will.

Your brimming optimism made us launch a project which was considered impossible.

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15. BAFFLING

Adjective:
extremely confusing or difficult to understand

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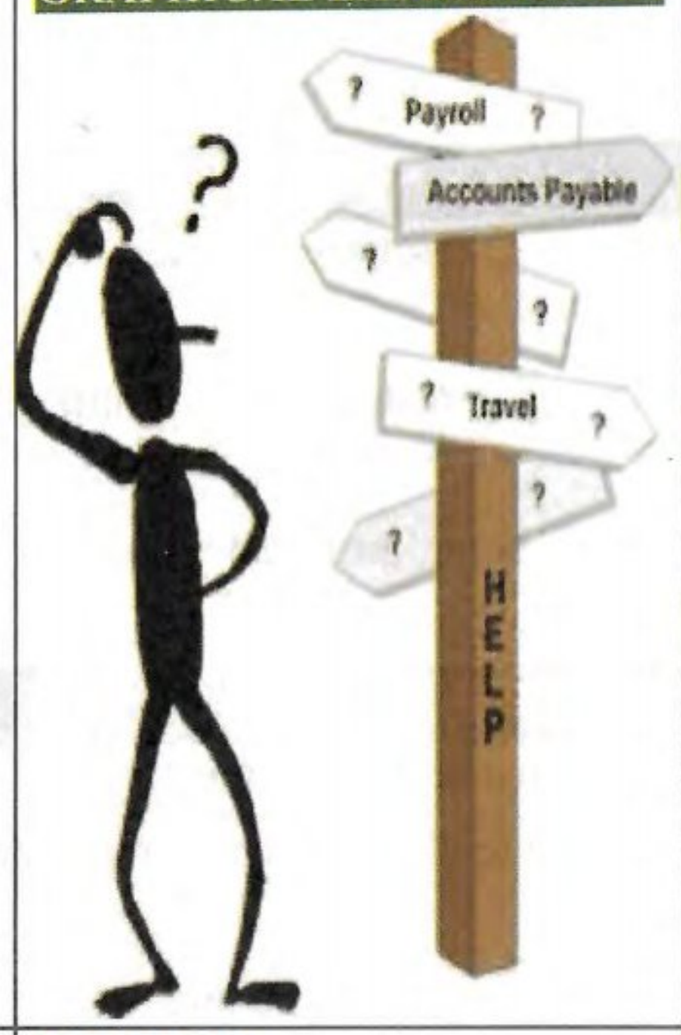

SYNONYMS

Easy: confusing, puzzling, tricky, complicated, strange, secret
Medium: bewildering, enigmatic, perplexing, mysterious, inexplicable
Difficult: paradoxical, beguiling, ambiguous, elusive, arcane, inscrutable, intricate, cryptic, obscure, abstruse, unfathomable, impenetrable, confounding, bemusing, muddling

ANTONYMS

Easy: understandable, apparent, easy, clear, plain, obvious
Medium: graspable, comprehensible, self-explanatory, accessible, perceptible
Difficult: discernible, enlightening, illuminating, digestible, palpable, penetrable, fathomable, intelligible, lucid, explicit

EXAMPLES

The crime is a baffling mystery for the police, but they hope to get some tangible clue.
He was confronted with one of the most baffling mysteries.
How a state could enforce such mind-bogglingly stupid policies is baffling.

16. BASHFUL

Adjective:
feeling uncomfortable with other people and easily embarrassed

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: shy, reluctant, hesitant, reserved, shrinking, nervous, insecure
Medium: embarrassed, modest, sheepish, withdrawn, blushing
Difficult: meek, timid, diffident, retiring, coy, demure, reticent, timorous, apprehensive, introvert, recessive

ANTONYMS

Easy: courageous, brave, bold, fearless, confident, assured, adventurous
Medium: daring, dashing, heroic, dauntless, aggressive
Difficult: cheeky, valiant, venturesome, audacious, intrepid, enterprising, rash, reckless, foolhardy, impudent, extrovert

EXAMPLES

Barbara was a very, very gentle person, but she was not bashful about expressing her point of view.
She hesitated in a funny, bashful manner which roused my interest.
As a bashful child he hid in his room whenever there were visitors in the house.
She gave a bashful smile as he complimented her on her work.

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17. BECKONED

Adjective:

1. to call or signal with a wave or nod; to appear attractive or inviting

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: wave, nod, call, gesture, signal, indicate, charm, motion, invite, attract, interest, persuade, fascinate

Medium: summon, captivate

Difficult: coax, lure, tempt, allure, gesticulate, entice, enchant, induce

ANTONYMS

Easy: reject, discourage, prevent, discharge, hinder, dismiss, put off

Medium: dissuade, repulse, repel, restrain, divert, turn off, hold back

Difficult: avert, impede daunt, deter, intimidate, obstruct, debar

EXAMPLES

She beckoned to her friend with a nod of the head.

Tragedy and pathos can beckon to all that is great in us, and strengthen the wings of love.

Upon entering, a charming flapper greets you and beckons you to see the 1920's show.

18. COVETED

Adjective:

greatly desired or wished for

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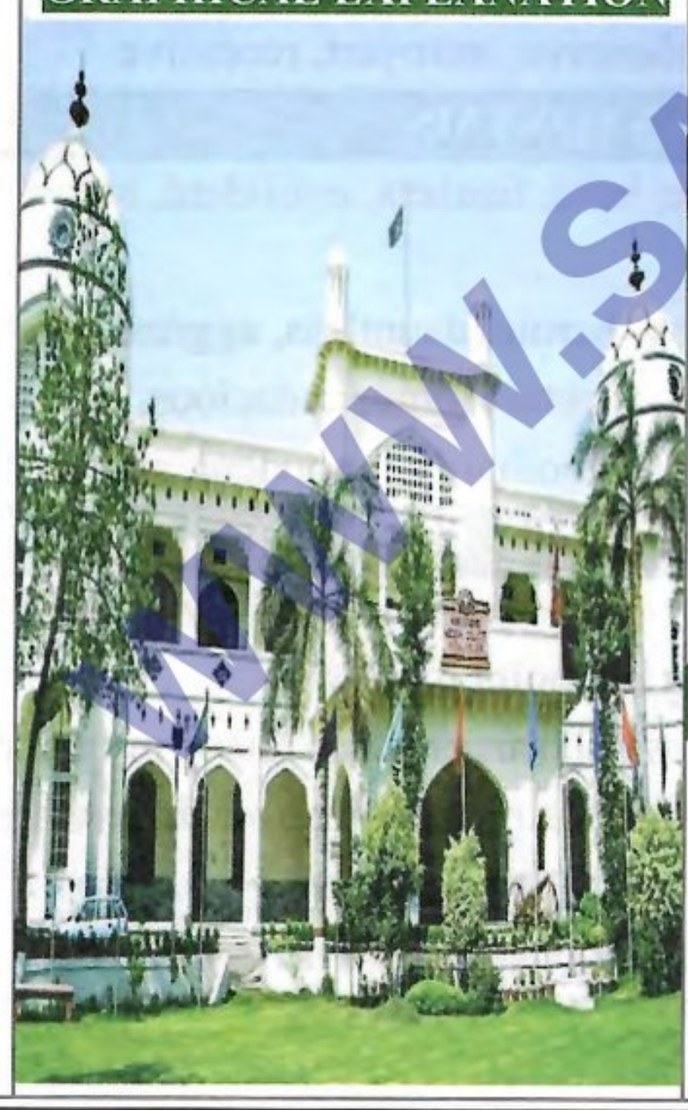

SYNONYMS

Easy: desire, want, wish for, long for, aspire to, aim for, dream of, hunger for/after thirst for/after

Medium: seek after, yearn for, envy, pursue, hanker after, lust for/after

Difficult: crave, itch, ache, adore, cherish, idolize, pant for, pine for

ANTONYMS

Easy: dislike, hate reject, refuse, discard, criticize, condemn, object to, disapprove of, frown on, look down on

Medium: disgust, decline

Difficult: abhor, despise, detest, loathe, scorn, disdain, abominate, repudiate, execrate

EXAMPLES

The Michelin Awards are coveted by restaurants all over the world.

I had coveted that sleek sports car in the showroom for ages.

Over 2,000 players from 128 teams will compete for the coveted trophy.

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19. CREDENTIALS

Noun:
certified documents showing that a person has a right to exercise official power

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: qualifications, certificates, records, diplomas, documents, capability, authority, competency
Medium: proficiency, eligibility, expertise
Difficult: testimonials, accreditation, endorsement, bona fides

ANTONYMS

Easy: helplessness, powerlessness, deficiency, inadequacy, disability, inability, incapacity, impotence
Medium: censure, disapproval, condemnation
Difficult: reproach, castigation, denunciation, reproof, disapprobation

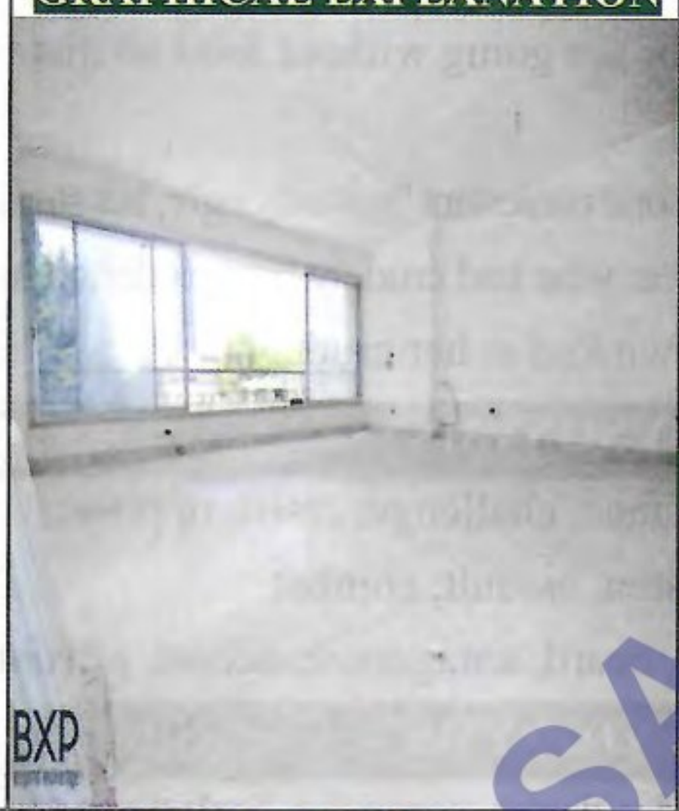
EXAMPLES

My experience as a manager is one of my strongest credentials.
With your credentials, your background and your contributions to photography, readers should have given you a little more credit than they did.

20. CAPACIOUS

Adjective:
having a lot of space inside

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: roomy, large, big, vast, broad, sizable, huge
Medium: spacious, expansive, extended, extensive, plentiful, voluminous
Difficult: commodious, enormous, massive, gigantic, colossal, ample, substantial, dilatable, copious

ANTONYMS

Easy: small, little, narrow, tight, close, limited
Medium: confined, tiny, slender, trivial, minor, inadequate, restricted, squeezed
Difficult: condensed, constricted, constrained, cramped, diminutive, incommodious, minute, paltry, tapered

EXAMPLES

A popular, capacious theatre in the city tempted many a moviegoer on a hot, sunny afternoon.
I found the suites capacious, the sofas commodious, the sandwiches copious.

21. COLLIDED WITH

Verb:
to hit by accident when moving,
or come into conflict or opposition

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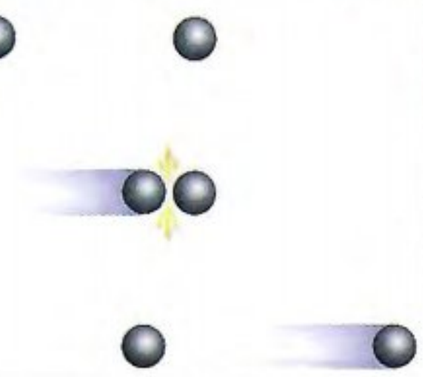

SYNONYMS

Easy: strike, beat, hit, knock, clash, disagree
Medium: bang, slam into, crash into, shatter, differ, conflict
Difficult: butt, shove, bump, ram, jar, run into, smash into

ANTONYMS

Easy: mend, repair, match, harmonize
Medium: accord, fix, restore, blend, correspond, accord
Difficult: rehabilitate, assent, coincide, concur, conform

EXAMPLES

As he fell, his head collided with the table.
It's when the love story collides with the subplot that conflict arises.
The candidate had a reputation as a maverick whose ideas often collided with the party manifesto.

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22. CRUDELY

Adverb

in a way that is rough and not skillfully done or made

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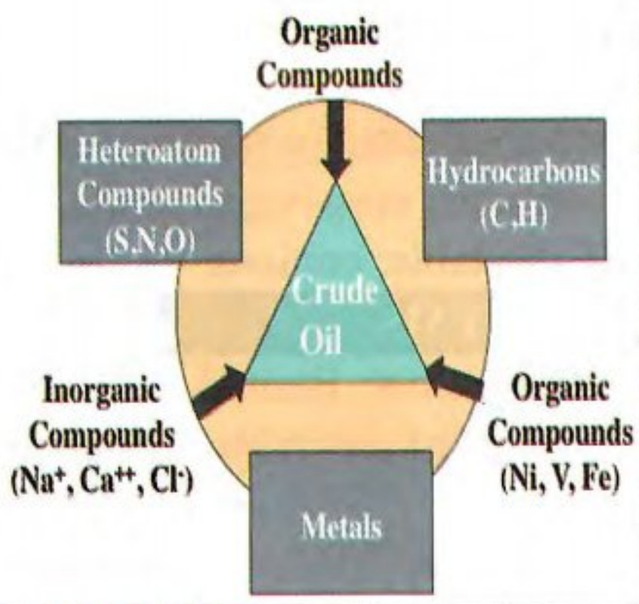

SYNONYMS

Easy: casually, roughly, loosely, carelessly, inexactly

Medium: artlessly, inaccurately, tactlessly, sketchily, awkwardly, coarsely, vulgarly, poorly, approximately, blunderingly

Difficult: grossly, ingenuously, flagrantly, blatantly, clumsily, uncouthly

ANTONYMS

Easy: decently, skillfully, neatly, perfectly

Medium: gracefully, accurately, exactly, capably, artfully, expertly, competently, masterly, proficiently, elegantly

Difficult: aptly, precisely, urbanely, gallantly, adeptly, adroitly, deftly, dexterously, nimbly

EXAMPLES

In its crude form penicillin was unstable.

To put it crudely, the poor are going without food so that the rich can drive cars.

He spoke so crudely, calling one contestant "not only ugly, but stupid".

She yelled at a passing driver who had crudely propositioned her.

He turned his horse and winked at her crudely.

23. CONFRONT

Verb:

to face especially in challenge

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: encounter, tackle, face, challenge, resist, oppose

Medium: provoke, threaten, assault, combat

Difficult: contend, defy, beard, antagonize, accost, affront

ANTONYMS

Easy: escape, dodge, avoid, sidestep, surrender, back down

Medium: yield, submit

Difficult: flee, eschew, shirk, shun, balk, evade, elude, circumvent, sneak away

EXAMPLES

When confronting the enigma of the Chinese planet, too many Westerners have forgotten the Asiatic background.

She knew that she had to confront her fears, so she mustered up her courage.

Despite the looming calamity, no one has confronted the core problem.

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24. COMPELLED

Adjective:
to force or demand somebody to do something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: drive, force, press, push, require, demand

Medium: impel, insist on, urge, prevail on, oblige, impose, yoke, bind, induce

Difficult: urge, constrain, coerce, obligate

ANTONYMS

Easy: discourage, dishearten, check, block

Medium: impede, halt, dissuade, deter, hinder

Difficult: obstruct, hamper

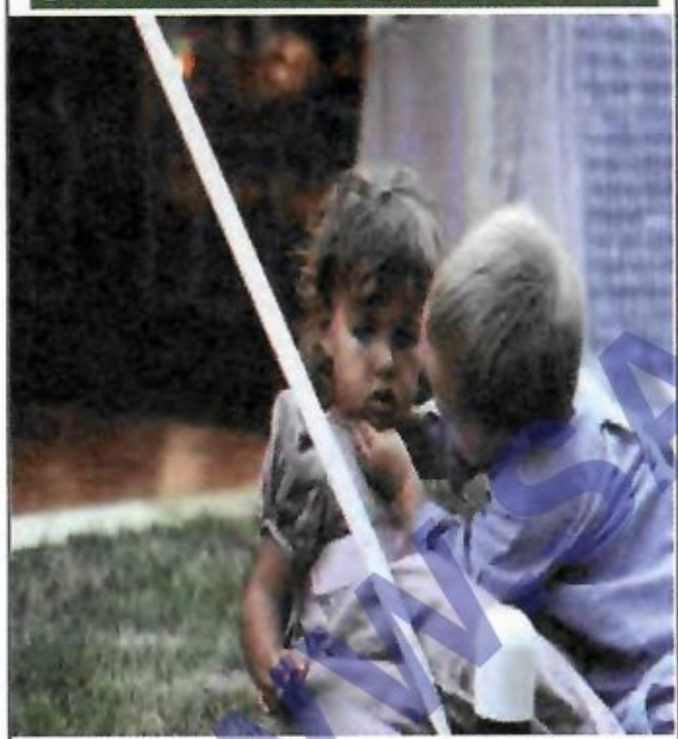
EXAMPLES

No boy ought to be compelled to earn his entire way through college. If he does not mind being whipped, there is nothing to compel him to work for his master.

25. COAXED

Adjective:
gently persuade somebody to do something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: influence, persuade, convince, sweet-talk, win over

Medium: urge, flatter, induce, caress, tempt, allure, beguile

Difficult: blandish, cajole, entice, wheedle inveigle, lure

ANTONYMS

Easy: drive, force, compel, require, demand, insist on

Medium: impel, bind, prevail on, oblige, impose, yoke

Difficult: constrain, coerce, obligate

EXAMPLES

"Aw, come on," I coaxed, "just open your mouth wide and let me take a look."

He has coaxed law enforcement agencies into agreeing to the new protocol.

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1 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 APPALLING
A) Delightful
B) Abysmal
C) Rightful
D) Appealing

Q.2 ASTOUNDED
A) Sounded
B) Toned
C) Thunderstruck
D) Founded

Q.3 APPARENTLY
A) Frequently
B) Faithfully
C) Prescriptively
D) Ostensibly

Q.4 ATTACHED TO
A) Fond of
B) Adept in
C) Retrieved to
D) Refer to

Q.5 APPRAISED
A) Conveyed
B) Surveyed
C) Annoyed
D) Annexed

Q.6 ALAS
A) Inopportunely
B) Favorably
C) Alias
D) Alien

Q.7 ABRUPTLY
A) Gradually
B) Politely
C) Snappishly
D) Civilly

Q.8 ACCENTUATED
A) Heightened
B) Blighted
C) Crucified
D) Ratified

Q.9 ANXIETIES
A) Atrocities
B) Comprehensions
C) Reassurances
D) Apprehensions

Q.10 BOON
A) Boom
B) Gratuity
C) Annoyance
D) Aggravation

Q.11 BEWILDERMENT
A) Wilderness
B) Panning
C) Bafflement
D) Temperance

Q.12 BRISKLY
A) Readily
B) Rarely
C) Brutally
D) Sensuously

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Q.13 BEAD
A) Global
B) Bread
C) Globule
D) Breed

Q.14 BRIMMING
A) Crammed
B) Slammed
C) Cutting
D) Netting

Q.15 BAFFLING
A) Buffering
B) Impenetrable
C) Surfing
D) Imperturbable

Q.16 BASHFUL
A) Shy
B) Dash
C) Trash
D) Dank

Q.17 BECKONED
A) Summoned
B) Surprised
C) Deterred
D) Referred

Q.18 COVETED
A) Covert
B) Committed
C) Dejected
D) Hankered

Q.19 CREDENTIALS
A) Disqualifications
B) Qualifications
C) Crucial
D) Credibility

Q.20 CAPACIOUS
A) Rapacious
B) Cramped
C) Commodious
D) Tramped

Q.21 BEWILDERMENT
A) Serenity
B) Panic
C) Confusion
D) Deferment

Q.22 CRUDELY
A) Abruptly
B) Groggily
C) Rudely
D) Gingerly

Q.23 CONFRONT
A) Devoid
B) Avoid
C) Defy
D) Void

Q.24 COMPELLED
A) Forced
B) Ventured
C) Farced
D) Volunteered

Q.25 COAXED
A) Disenchanted
B) Fascinated
C) Cajoled
D) Disembarked

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Direction: **In each of the following sentences, a word is underlines. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the underlined word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.**

Q.26 COLLIDED WITH

A) Accorded with
B) Crashed into
C) Broke into
D) Complied with

Q.27 BEADS

A) Emblazon
B) Manufacture
C) Cobble
D) Embolden

Q.28 COMPEL

A) Weaken
B) Awaken
C) Repel
D) Impel

Q.29 CAPACIOUS

A) Congested
B) Commodious
C) Perverted
D) Melodious

Q.30 ACCENTUATED

A) Accelerated
B) Exempted
C) Averted
D) Intensified

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1 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 The child nodded, _____ content with the promise.

A) inaudibly
B) incredibly
C) inconsistently
D) apparently

Q.2 Brady met the world in the same way that a child is inclined to do, before we drum our fears and _____ into him or her.

A) guarantees
B) grantees
C) anxieties
D) insobrieties

Q.3 Her mouth was full, and a half-moon of light _____the lustrous curve of her lower lip.

A) subdued
B) endued
C) accentuated
D) situated

Q.4 The lines of passage and the stages of human growth have been blurred, causing intense _____ and psychological confusion.

A) bewilderment
B) disseverment
C) intrepidity
D) lucidity

Q.5 He was _____with confidence and hugely keen to take part in all the training prior to the operation.

A) brimming
B) humming
C) vacating
D) placating

Q.6 They don't address the same market, and you simply can't fit numerous albums onto even the most _____ memory card currently on the market.

A) dainty
B) contumacious
C) scanty
D) capacious

Q.7 My paper was so badly reviewed that I was _____to withdraw the paper.

A) enrolled
B) compelled
C) leveled
D) uncontrolled

Q.8 To this end, when writing up the results of their ethnographic work, authors play up their academic _____ and qualifications, their previous experience, and so on.

A) Expansive
B) Credentials
C) reluctant
D) ingredients

Q.9 I could have dismantled the existing network cable from its wall connectors and fed that back through, then _____ the new cable and pulled them both down together.

A) detached
B) disconnected
C) removed
D) attached

Q.10 The bids are evaluated and schemes are _____ to see if they are achieving their targets every three months.

A) appraised
B) praised
C) phased
D) trenched

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Q.11 I heard a rumour that she's leaving, but _____ it's not true.
A) grandiloquently
B) apparently
C) incredibly
D) indelibly

Q.12 We looked in vain expecting the area to miraculously improve but _____, no such luck.
A) alias
B) alas
C) alien
D) ales

Q.13 The success of others is your _____not your bane.
A) boon
B) boom
C) ban
D) vain

Q.14 The man was talking _____ now, snapping instructions at me.
A) gingerly
B) cautiously
C) happily
D) briskly

Q.15 Around her neck she wore a necklace of amber _____ that she had inherited from her Great Aunt Caroline.
A) beans
B) means
C) beads
D) beats

Q.16 How a state could enforce such mind-bogglingly stupid policies is _____.
A) baffling
B) soothing
C) caressing
D) tendering

Q.17 The staff are very approachable and we let more _____ people wander around to avoid embarrassment unless they ask us.
A) rash
B) proud
C) knotty
D) bashful

Q.18 You will also have a constant reminder of your _____ actions through your own and your partner's permanent injuries.
A) appalling
B) thrilling
C) pushing
D) cushioning

Q.19 The man _____ to Gaden to come hither; Gaden apprehensively approached the merchant.
A) reckoned
B) rationed
C) beckoned
D) sanctioned

Q.20 In times of tight elections these unsung regions become political hubs, and their votes are _____ prizes.
A) covert
B) coveted
C) concerned
D) redeemed

Q.21 The car was shunted backwards by the force of the impact and _____with the black Ford Fiesta directly behind it.
A) collided
B) collision
C) marked
D) decoyed

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Q.22 The artist varies his technique, sometimes painting lyrically, sometimes_____, with a near garish palette.

A) smoothly
B) causally
C) softly
D) crudely

Q.23 The situation soon turned violent, and cadets were forced to _____the hostile crowd.

A) confirm
B) conform
C) confront
D) deform

Q.24 He _____ the mouse onto his hand and put it into a tiny wicker basket.

A) rocked
B) endangered
C) axed
D) coaxed

Q.25 The stupidity of this government and its inability to manage this country effectively and fairly _____ me.

A) astounds
B) sounds
C) sooths
D) pleases

Q.26 Dishonest managers commonly embellish their résumés by hyping their investment experience or academic _____.

A) Nuisance
B) naïve
C) negligence
D) credentials

Q.27 He spoke_____, as if he wanted to avoid the subject.

A) politely
B) cautiously
C) gingerly
D) abruptly

Q.28 Relevant staff then need to be _____ and the extent and quality of the team's skills base assessed.

A) appraised
B) ignored
C) talked
D) dejected

Q.29 I was stunned and sickened by the _____ images, replayed over and over again on the TV screen.

A) appalling
B) tempting
C) failing
D) attempting

Q.30 He emerges and they dance a sweet duet, her fragility _____ by his height and strength.

A) fabricated
B) accentuated
C) molested
D) rusted

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1 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) The exasperations they harvest from this loyalty to the dead, to memories of victims of injustice, is bitter indeed.
B) The exasperation they harvest from this loyalty to the dead, to memories of victims of injustice, are bitter indeed.
C) The exasperations they harvest from this loyalty to the dead, to memories of victims of injustice, are bitter indeed.
D) The exasperation they harvests from this loyalty to the dead, to memories of victims of injustice, is bitter indeed.

Q.2

A) The results of this review is sufficient encouraging to warrant further and more expansive studies in this area.
B) The result of this review are sufficient encouraging to warrant further and more expansive studies in this area.
C) The result of this review is sufficiently encouraging to warrant further and more expansive studies in this area.
D) The results of this review are sufficiently encouraging to warrant further and more expansive studies in this area.

Q.3

A) Your crusades to unseat them by peddling exaggerations and half-truths lowers you to their level.
B) Your crusade unseating them by peddling exaggerations and half-truths lowers you to their level.
C) Your crusades unseating them by peddling exaggerations and half-truths lower you to their level.
D) Your crusade to unseat them by peddling exaggerations and half-truths lowers you to their level.

Q.4

A) The interpretation of the city's controlled power cuts as representing apocalyptic cracks in Shanghai's foundations was a gross exaggeration.
B) The interpretations of the city's controlled power cuts like representing apocalyptic cracks in Shanghai's foundations were a gross exaggeration.
C) The interpretations of the city's controlled power cuts as representing apocalyptic cracks in Shanghai's foundations was a gross exaggeration.
D) The interpretation of the city's controlled power cuts like representing apocalyptic cracks in Shanghai's foundations were a gross exaggeration.

Q.5

A) Hardly he does wash the dishes and he rarely, if ever, do any cleaning.
B) Hardly he washes the dishes and he rarely, if ever, does any cleaning.
C) Hardly does he washes the dishes and he rarely, if ever, do any cleaning.
D) Hardly does he wash the dishes and he rarely, if ever, does any cleaning.

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Q.6

A) Sharp edges from twisted wood and steel on boats, along with tangled wires and leaking fuels, is hazards that could injure divers.
B) Sharp edges from twisted wood and steel on boats, along with tangled wires and leaking fuels, are hazards that could injure divers.
C) Sharp edges from twisted wood and steel on boats, along with tangled wires and leaking fuels, was hazards that could injure divers.
D) Sharp edges from twisted wood and steel on boats, along with tangled wires and leaking fuels, has hazards that could injure divers.

Q.7

A) Neither changes in time nor the effects of international crisis are effectively appraised.
B) Neither changes in time nor the effect of international crisis are effectively appraised.
C) Neither changes in time nor the effects of international crisis is effectively appraised.
D) Neither changes in time nor the effect of international crisises are effectively appraised.

Q.8

A) A good deal of role confusion and bewilderment as the growing child encounters the new ways are to be expected and observed.
B) A good deal of role confusion and bewilderment like the growing child encounters the new ways are to be expected and observed.
C) A good deal of role confusion and bewilderment as the growing child encounters the new ways is to be expected and observed.
D) A good deal of role confusion and bewilderment like the growing child encounters the new ways is to be expected and observed.

Q.9

A) Making his way to one of the deep blue glass pillars that adorned the laboratory, he gently swept any beads of condensation off the surface.
B) Making his way to one of the deep blue glass pillars that adorned the laboratory, he gently swept some beads of condensation off the surface.
C) Making his way to one of the deep blue glass pillars that adorned the laboratory, he gently swept much beads of condensation off the surface.
D) Making his way to one of the deep blue glass pillars that adorned the laboratory, he gently swept a little beads of condensation off the surface.

Q.10

A) What is certain is that mass media left unique war records for the present age to interpret.
B) What is certain are that mass media left unique war records for the present age to interpret.
C) What is certain is that mass media left a unique war records for the present age to interpret.
D) What is certain are that mass media left unique war records for the present age to interpret.

Q.11

A) Making false promises to the people create mayhem and unrest among it.
B) Making false promises to the people creates mayhem and unrest among it.
C) Making false promises to the people creates mayhem and unrest among them.
D) Making false promises to the people create mayhem and unrest among them.

Q.12

A) On the shelves there were fish swimming in the air as if it was its natural habitat.
B) On the shelves there was fish swimming in the air as if it were their natural habitat.
C) On the shelves there were fish swimming in the air as if it was their natural habitat.
D) On the shelves there were fish swimming in the air as if it were their natural habitat.

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Q.13

A) The number of garbage the city generates is staggering; piles and piles of rubbish are heaped on the sidewalks by the end of the day.
B) The amount of garbage the city generates is staggering; piles and piles of rubbish are heaped on the sidewalks by the end of the day.
C) The amount of garbages the city generates is staggering; piles and piles of rubbish are heaped on the sidewalks by the end of the day.
D) The number of garbages the city generates is staggering; piles and piles of rubbish are heaped on the sidewalks by the end of the day.

Q.14

A) Many of these are supported on folded steel plates which, like all the other visible steel in the building, has been oil quenched.
B) Many of these are supported on folded steel plates which, like all the other visible steel in the building, has oil quenched.
C) Many of these are supported on folded steel plates which, like all the other visible steel in the building, have been oil quenched.
D) Many of these are supported on folded steel plates which, like all the other visible steel in the building, have oil quenched.

Q.15

A) Doctors are so scared of being sued that much will refuse to treat high-risk patients or perform difficult operations, medical experts have warned.
B) Doctors are so scared of being sued that little will refuse to treat high-risk patients or perform difficult operations, medical experts have warned.
C) Doctors are so scared of being sued that an amount of them will refuse to treat high-risk patients or perform difficult operations, medical experts have warned.
D) Doctors are so scared of being sued that many will refuse to treat high-risk patients or perform difficult operations, medical experts have warned.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 We are simply asked to contemplate the appalling act and the (A) nightmare who (B) one loathsome human being (C) can inflict (D) on an innocent bystander.

Q.17 We are (A) all living (B) longer and healthier lives, so why is (C) so many of us apparently too (D) sick to work?

Q.18 Day hikes (A), long treks, paddling (B) excursions - short or long trips, we have (C) a variety of events that takes (D) place in the summer of all members.

Q.19 It is worth bearing (A) in mind that much (B) of the activities and excursions, such as (C) boat trips and diving, are (D) subject to good weather conditions.

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Q.20 A majority of the participants was curious to know as to what prompted him to accept
A) B) C) D)
the role.

Q.21 Some orbits are so eccentric that it never loop back around again.
A) B) C) D)

Q.22 What unfold is a riot of comic mayhem as mistaken identity leads to uproarious farce
A) B) C) D)
throughout.

Q.23 It twitched and fluttered its wings at him as if it was annoyed.
A) B) C) D)

Q.24 Chris is the only one who don't seem to look haggard and exhausted.
A) B) C) D)

Q.25 So many expectation of having a good time invariably leads to disappointment.
A) B) C) D)

Q.26 To spend more time in the coming year visiting inspiring wild habitats are the desire of
A) B) C)
everyone.
D)

Q.27 Every teacher and every principal, along with other staff members, are responsible for
A) B) C) D)
the poor result of a student at college.

Q.28 Police gives her the choice of a fine or going to court and she opts for a trial.
A) B) C) D)

Q.29 There are those of us who likes nothing better than to start the day off with a piece of
A) B) C) D)
cherry pie and whipped cream.

Q.30 Neither of these choices offer an attractive life strategy, but, out of sheer informational
A) B)
desperation, more and more people are opting for the second alternative.
C) D)

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2 UNIT

VOCABULARY (WORDS 26-50)

26. COMPREHENSION

Noun:
the ability to understand something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: understanding, knowledge, command, awareness, realization, intelligence
Medium: grasp, grip, insight, perception, enlightenment, conception, judgment, appreciation
Difficult: discernment, apprehension, cognition, cognizance

ANTONYMS

Easy: ignorance, unawareness, foolishness, silliness, confusion, unfamiliarity, blindness
Medium: vagueness, insensitivity, brainlessness, stupidity, mindlessness, senselessness, illiteracy
Difficult: obscurity, misapprehension, miscomprehension, misinterpretation, misperception, idiocy, imbecility, witlessness

EXAMPLES

How she manages to fit so much into a working day is beyond my comprehension.
Her mother looked at her for a moment before comprehension dawned on her face.
In the experiments, only data from participants who had an error rate lower than 37% on comprehension questions were included.

27. CURIOUS

Adjective:
1. eager to know or learn something
2. strange or unusual

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: 1. Interested, keen, excited, in suspense,
2. strange, funny, unusual, unexpected, unfamiliar, abnormal
Medium: 1. anxious, inquiring, longing, eager, impatient, analytical, investigative, inquisitive, probing, interrogative
2. eccentric, odd, peculiar, queer, weird
Difficult: 1. quizzical, officious **2.** atypical, anomalous

ANTONYMS

Easy: 1. uninterested, unconcerned, bored
2. normal, usual, average, ordinary, common, regular, expected, routine, typical
Medium: 1. casual, dispirited, indifferent, dispassionate, heedless, impassive, unimpressed **2.** predictable, customary
Difficult: **1.** stolid, phlegmatic, stoic, listless, apathetic, complacent, nonchalant, perfunctory, **2.** prosaic

EXAMPLES

I was curious to know what would happen next.
He experienced a curious longing to see some more of the strange and mighty desert.
Many people who have seen her on the programme stop her on the streets and make curious enquiries.
I have never heard of a concept like this before, and am curious to know more.

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28. CASUALLY

Adverb:
in a relaxed and informal way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: by chance, carelessly, unintentionally, accidentally, informally, unconcernedly
Medium: randomly, heedlessly, offhandedly
Difficult: arbitrarily, desultorily, capriciously, indiscriminately, haphazardly, inadvertently, nonchalantly, whimsically

ANTONYMS

Easy: watchfully, carefully, sensibly, purposely, systematically, formally, orderly
Medium: judiciously, cautiously, intentionally
Difficult: prudently, vigilantly, methodically, gingerly, meticulously, punctiliously, deliberately

EXAMPLES

"Is that so, Harry?" Sam said, casually.
She was dressed casually in shorts and a T-shirt.
Harry remarked, much too casually to have deceived anybody but old Sam.
Across the street, a boy in his teens leaned against a stall, chatting casually with a gray-bearded man.

29. CONFINING

Adjective:
keeping or restricting within certain limits

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: limiting, binding, bounding, enclosing
Medium: repressing, suppressing, restricting, enchaining, contracting, squeezing, detaining, restraining
Difficult: circumscribing, fettering, curbing, barring, constricting, quarantining, impounding

ANTONYMS

Easy: releasing, freeing, discharging, widening
Medium: liberating, exceeding, broadening, enlarging, expanding, extending, lengthening, stretching
Difficult: emancipating, enfranchising

EXAMPLES

The Church, however, forbade Galileo to teach the theory and eventually confined him to house arrest until his death in 1642.
I am now confining my argument to Negro suffrage in the rebel states.
Confining your use of the phone to business calls is to be strictly followed.

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30. CRAMMED

Adjective:

1. filled or stuffed completely

2. study hastily just before an examination

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: 1. Crowded, overflowing, stuffed, packed, overfilled, jammed **2.** studied, memorized, learned, revised

Medium: swarming, thronged, bulked, sandwiched, abounding, teeming, cramped, bursting, congested

Difficult: saturated, brimful, replete, rife, rammed, satiated, glutted, bloated

ANTONYMS

Easy: 1. short, inadequate, incomplete, insufficient, wanting, empty **2.** forgotten, elapsed

Medium: 1. Flushed, bare, blank, vacant, hollow, void, unoccupied, lacking, deficient, drained, exhausted

Difficult:1. evacuated, depleted, purged

EXAMPLES

All the shelves were crammed with books.

The auditorium is usually crammed when some distinguished speaker makes an appearance.

There are too many students who believe in cramming rather than studying.

31. CONFIRM

Verb:

state with assurance that a report or fact is true

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: prove, approve, authenticate, acknowledge, settle, assure, verify, attest, guarantee

Medium: establish, assert, determine, certify, affirm, reinforce, enhance

Difficult: ratify, corroborate, approbate, substantiate, validate, sanction, endorse, warrant, accredit, bear out

ANTONYMS

Easy: disprove, disapprove, oppose, reject, disagree, cancel, challenge, question, doubt

Medium: deny, counter, contradict, discredit, dismiss, disclaim, suspect

Difficult: invalidate, dispel, refute, confute, gainsay, disavow, contest, veto, repudiate, annul, rebut

EXAMPLES

Please write to have your seats confirmed.

That truth is stranger than fiction is only confirmed through experience.

It is confirmed that the longer we stay here, the more we are likely to be infected.

I've accepted the job over the phone, but I haven't confirmed in writing yet.

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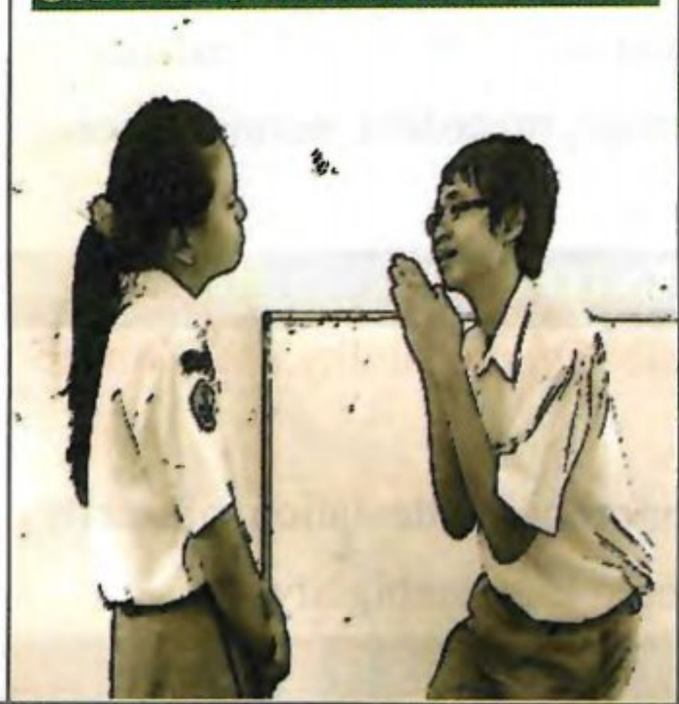
32. CAUTIONED

Adjective:
say something as a warning

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: warn, alarm, advise, alert, notify, threaten
Medium: urge, admonish, reprimand, counsel
Difficult: exhort, censure, presage, rebuke, reprove, chide, upbraid, apprise

ANTONYMS

Easy: let go, spare, liberate, discharge, forgive, excuse, pardon, release
Medium: acquit, exempt
Difficult: absolve, vindicate, exonerate, exculpate

EXAMPLES

She wasn't sent to the juvenile court; instead she was cautioned.
The mayor cautioned that the hike in property taxes is needed to comply with the state law requiring him to present a balanced budget.

33. CAPTIVATED

Adjective:
holding the attention of someone by being extremely interesting, exciting, pleasant, or attractive

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: fascinated, entranced, charmed, impressed, delighted, attracted
Medium: enchanted, spellbound, awestruck, stunned, mesmerized, dazzled, hypnotized, obsessed
Difficult: transfixed, enthralled, bewitched, beguiled, enraptured, allured, wiled, infatuated, enamored, intrigued

ANTONYMS

Easy: offended, disgusted, repulsed, bored, disappointed, displeased
Medium: deterred, nauseated
Difficult: wearied, disillusioned, irked

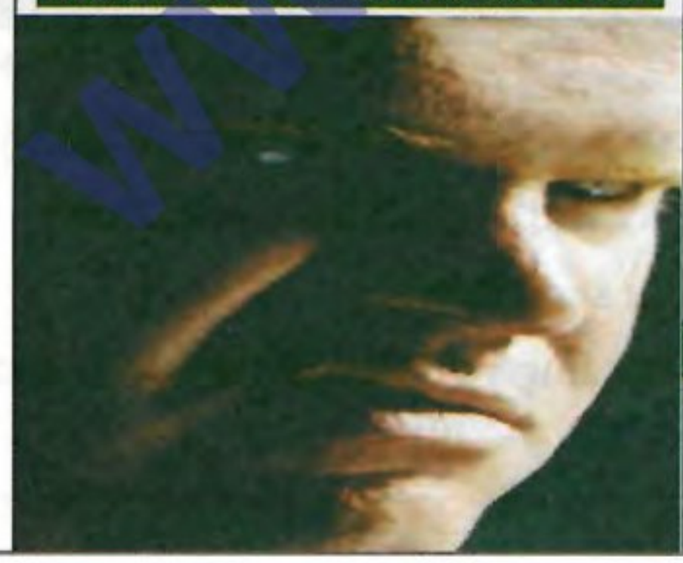
EXAMPLES

He was possessed of a gentle and attractive personality that captivated children.
He wooed dozens of heroines on-screen and captivated millions of fans off it with his urbane charm.

34. CONDE SCENDED

Verb:
assume an air of superiority; behave in a patronizing manner

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: patronized, insult, humiliated, disdained, deigned, obliged
Medium: stooped, humbled, degraded, belittled, pitied, discredited, disgraced, dishonored, lowered, shamed
Difficult: yielded, demeaned, abased

ANTONYMS

Easy: loved, valued, worshipped, respected, appreciated
Medium: esteemed, treasured, idealized, cherished
Difficult: pampered, adored, adulated, deified, idolized, revered, venerated, doted on

EXAMPLES

We had to wait almost an hour before he condescended to see us.
Wealthy people often condescend toward their poor relations.
He treats his employees fairly and never condescends to them.

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35. CRITERIA

Noun:

a standard on which a judgment or decision may be based

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: standards, principles, measures, conditions, basis, test, rule, formula, scale, indicator

Medium: yardstick, foundation, law, model, instance

Difficult: touchstone, gauge, precedent, norms, canon, paradigm, archetype

ANTONYMS

Easy: fancy, guess, possibility, probability, indefiniteness, likelihood

Medium: vagueness, abnormality, deviation, obscurity

Difficult: conjecture, aberration, ambiguity

EXAMPLES

They award a green label to products that meet certain environmental criteria.

Exclusion criteria were evidence of organic brain syndrome or terminal illness.

What should be stressed is the importance of meritarian criteria in our general thinking about justice.

36. DAINTILY

Adverb:

in a delicate and graceful way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: delicately, neatly, gracefully, nicely, decently, finely

Medium: tenderly, prettily, tidily, elegantly, subtly

Difficult: exquisitely, deftly, gingerly, fastidiously, meticulously

ANTONYMS

Easy: roughly, poorly, grossly, bluntly

Medium: crudely, vulgarly, clumsily, awkwardly, coarsely

Difficult: ineptly, uncouthly, maladroitly

EXAMPLES

I will charge only what I have spent for these dainty shoes.

Hose-pipes coil over the floors, so one must walk by them daintily.

She moved away so lightly and so daintily that he stood there bewitched, staring in stupefaction.

Della finished dabbling her fingers in the finger-bowl, and wiped them daintily.

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37. DISPENSING

Adjective:
1. distributing, providing supplying, or releasing a product, cash, or some service
2. **Dispense With**
manage without or get rid of something useless or unwanted

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: giving, providing, supplying, releasing, distributing
Medium: shoveling out, dishing out, dealing out, handing out allotting, assigning, administrating, allocating, issuing
Difficult: proportioning, rationing, delivering, bestowing, conferring, disbursing, apportioning, appropriating, disseminating, enfranchise, meting out
Dispense With
omit, drop, waive, dismiss, abandon, leave out, give up, get rid of, do away with, dispose of, discard, forgo, relinquish, renounce

ANTONYMS

Easy: keeping, blocking, hiding, declining, denying, depriving of, disallowing, refusing, rejecting
Medium: repressing, suppressing, suspending, concentrating, reserving, preserving, conserving, retaining
Difficult: bereaving, hoarding, withholding, abating, divesting, stripping
dispense with
adopt, embrace, take on employ, use, utilize, hold back, keep, retain

EXAMPLES

He dispenses food among the needy, but he also keeps doing such deeds as should cancel out the reward of his charity.
The ethanol should be available from any dispensing chemist.
A conscientious pharmacist never *dispenses* pills to people without assurances that they understand the instructions.
'Let's dispense with the formalities, shall we?'
I am now recovering well and have managed to dispense with my crutches.

38. DISPUTE

Verb:
to disagree or argue with somebody
Noun:
an argument, quarrel, or disagreement

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: Verb: disagree, quarrel, clash, challenge, doubt, question, differ, debate, mistrust, collide, resist
Noun: disagreement, conflict
Medium: Verb: argue, object to, contradict, oppose, protest
Noun: controversy, contention, discord
Difficult: Verb: controvert, defy, combat, altercate, impeach wrangle, contend, deny, fall out, quibble over, call into question
Noun: altercation, dissension, friction, strife, antagonism, altercation, squabble, feud, brawl

ANTONYMS

Easy: Verb: back, defend, support, advocate, champion, promote, abide, endure, accept, believe
Noun: peace, harmony, acceptance
Medium: Verb: approve, tolerate, consent, assent
Noun: unity, coordination, companionship, collaboration, correlation
Difficult: Verb: embrace, swallow, concur, acquiesce, accede
Noun concord, accord, symphony, unanimity, correspondence, uniformity, consensus, compliance, compatibility, amity, concurrence congeniality, reciprocity, symbiosis

EXAMPLES

Few critics dispute his status as the finest artist of the period, yet he gradually slid into obscurity.
I don't dispute that his movies are entertaining, but they don't have much depth.
The consultants are in dispute with the company over medical indemnity.
The beauty of the Turkish women is still a matter of dispute.
Norma is currently in dispute with the officials, who she says are trying to evict her from the house for damage.

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39. DISTRACT

Verb:

1. divert attention, or prevent someone from concentrating on something
2. draw one's attention from something unpleasant by doing something pleasurable.

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: disturb, bother, confuse, upset, sidetrack, turn away, draw away
Medium: unsettle, discompose
Difficult: divert, derail, disconcert, deflect, abstract, unhinge, perturb
2. amuse, cheer, entertain, delight, interest, gladden, please, charm, convulse, beguile, intrigue, tickle, enliven

ANTONYMS

Easy: focus, direct, lead, ix, center, occupy, engage, busy, interest, involve
Medium: converge, absorb, concentrate
Difficult: heed, engross, employ, immerse, pivot, zoom in
2. bore, weary, tire, anger, annoy, displease, jade

EXAMPLES

We were distracted from our discussion by the noise outside.
The police have even condemned certain billboard adverts for distracting drivers resulting in more crashes.
The teacher had to separate the two friends because they tend to distract each other in class.
Shoplifters often work in pairs, with one creating a diversion to distract the shop assistants while the other steals the goods.

40. DRUMMED

Verb:

make a continuous rhythmic noise by striking something repeatedly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: beat, knock, strike, hit
Medium: tap, throb, pound, thump, pulsate
Difficult: thud, bang, rattle, clatter, reverberate, rap

ANTONYMS

Easy: silent, calm
Medium: serene, tranquil
Difficult: hushed

EXAMPLES

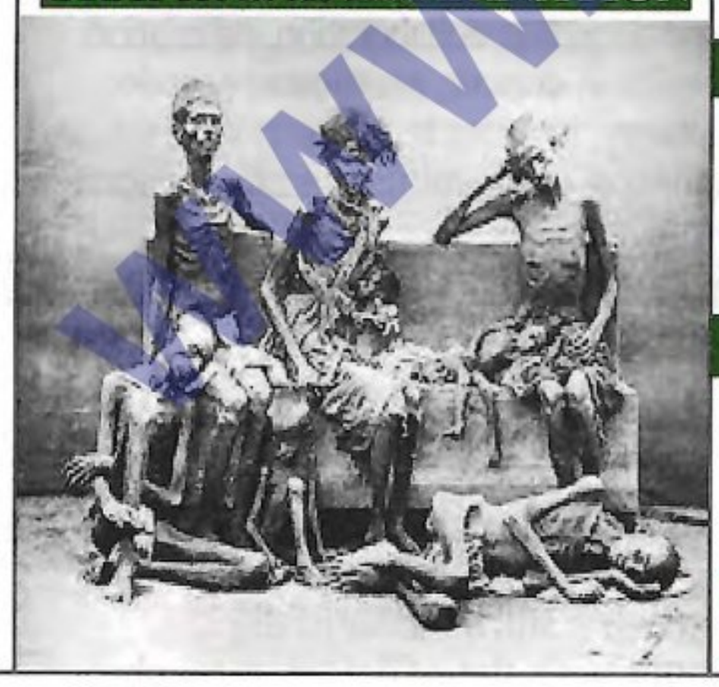
I saw him sitting there, absentmindedly drumming his fingers on the table.
So frightened she was that she felt the blood drumming in her ears.

41. DILAPIDATED

Adjective:

in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age, neglect or misuse; old and in poor condition

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: damaged, destroyed
Medium: decayed, ruined, declined, impaired, wrecked, crumbling, rundown, tumbledown, broken-down
Difficult: battered, tattered, decrepit, degenerated, atrophied, derelict, deteriorated, disintegrated shabby, worn-out, ragged, rickety

ANTONYMS

Easy: fresh, new, stable, sound
Medium: cared-for, kept-up, mended, patched, rebuilt, reconstructed, vigorous, maintained
Difficult: sturdy, stalwart, flourishing, renovated

EXAMPLES

We saw a dilapidated car that had seen better days.
Our neighbor's building was so dilapidated as to threaten damage to our own.
Much less space was now needed for locking up offenders and a number of dilapidated penal institutions were shut down.

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42. DISCONSOLATELY

Adverb:
in a very unhappy and disappointed way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: sadly, sorrowfully, dispiritedly
Medium: miserably, dejectedly, regretfully, gloomily
Difficult: agonizingly, mournfully, dismally, wretchedly, abjectly, despairingly, dolefully, grievously, sorely, woefully, ruefully, desolately, despondently, pessimistically

ANTONYMS

Easy: happily, confidently
Medium: gladly, heartily, contentedly, cheerfully, merrily, joyously
Difficult: jocularly, gaily, giddily, blissfully, mirthfully, serenely, blithely, amusedly, exuberantly, optimistically, sanguinely elatedly, euphorically, rapturously

EXAMPLES

The bereaved child wandered disconsolately around the town in the pouring rain.
The distraught mother of the slain young man said disconsolately at his funeral, 'I don't know whom to blame for my son's death.'
She was disconsolately watching him when her husband was admitted to the hospital.

43. DELICATELY

Adverb:
very carefully, finely and tenderly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: gracefully, nicely, pleasantly, neatly, decently
Medium: prettily, elegantly, daintily
Difficult: precisely, subtly, exquisitely, fastidiously, tidily, deftly, gingerly, meticulously

ANTONYMS

Easy: roughly, badly, poorly, unstylishly
Medium: clumsily, awkwardly
Difficult: crudely, vulgarly, coarsely, ineptly, basely, uncouthly, maladroitly, unsophisticatedly, sordidly

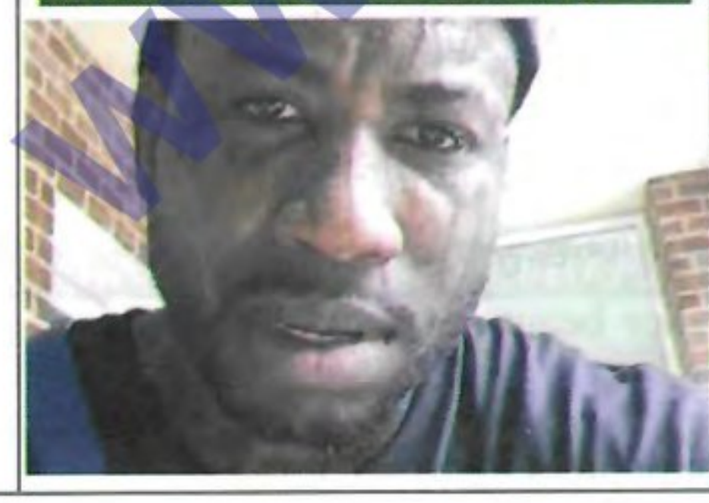
EXAMPLES

He stepped delicately over the broken glass.
They saw the old cities, lost in their meadows, lying like children's delicate bones among the blowing lakes of grass.

44. DANK

Adjective:
unpleasantly moist or wet

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: wet, sticky, moist
Medium: damp, steamy, dewy, humid
Difficult: slimy, clammy, muggy, soggy, musty

ANTONYMS

Easy: dry, warm, hot
Medium: dehydrated, balmy, baked
Difficult: droughty, parched, temperate, arid, tepid, scorched, seared

EXAMPLES

He shivered as he entered the dank cellar.
They have been living in a dank, dark basement apartment for ages.

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45. DISGUISE

Verb:
give a different look in order to hide identity

Noun:
the concealing of true appearance

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: Verb: hide, mask, cover
Noun: costume, get-up, make up
Medium: Verb: pose, pretend
Noun: cloak, veil, concealment
Difficult: Verb: belie, occult, impersonate, shroud
Noun: trickery, affectation, deceit, veneer, pretense, camouflage, masquerade, smokescreen, semblance, façade, dissimulation

ANTONYMS

Easy: Verb: show, reveal, uncover
Noun: reality, truth
Medium: Verb: expose, disclose
Noun: artlessness, genuineness
Difficult: Verb: display, exhibit, divulge, uncloak, undrape, unveil, bare, betray
Noun: bluntness, candidness, candor, naïveté

EXAMPLES

He made no attempt to disguise his liking for her, he opened his heart to her.
She wore glasses and a wig as a disguise.
We took elaborate measures to disguise ourselves as locals.
Somehow, he managed to put on a disguise of happiness as he watched his beloved marry someone else.
The spies disguised themselves as harmless tourists.

46. DEFINITE

Adjective:
clear, certain or sure about something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: confident, certain, sure, exact, clear-cut, final, decisive
Medium: obvious, specific, absolute, evident, conclusive, undeniable
Difficult: express, precise, distinct, manifest, irrefutable, categorical

ANTONYMS

Easy: doubtful, questionable, incalculable, inestimable
Medium: vague, indistinct, ambiguous, dimensionless, indistinguishable
Difficult: nebulous, obscure, blurred, hazy, equivocal, elusive, indeterminate, amorphous, dubious

EXAMPLES

Can you give me a definite answer by tomorrow?
They've yet to reach a definite conclusion about why a hydrogen fuel sensor failed last Wednesday.
My getting this award is definite proof that our traditions and customs are appreciated by other nations.

47. ENCHANTED

Adjective:
being or appearing to be under a magic spell,
or filled with great delight

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: charmed, impressed, delighted, attracted
Medium: fascinated, awestruck, stunned, entranced, captivated, dazzled, spellbound, obsessed
Difficult: beguiled, hypnotized, mesmerized, transfixed, enthralled, bewitched, enraptured, allured, wiled, infatuated, enamored

ANTONYMS

Easy: sickened, bored, disappointed, displeased
Medium: disgusted, offended, annoyed, repulsed, repelled, deterred, nauseated
Difficult: appalled, dismayed, aghast, horror-struck, irked, wearied, disillusioned

EXAMPLES

She so enchanted him by her beauty that he did whatever she wished him to do.
The orchestra played classical favorites to an enchanted audience.
I was enchanted, ravished with pleasure by what I saw.
He maintained composure with difficulty, but at bottom he was enchanted.

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48. ENCOURAGED

Adjective:
inspired with courage, spirit, or hope

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: hopeful, daring, confident, bold, enthusiastic, motivated, boosted, enlivened
Medium: determined, inspired, dauntless
Difficult: valiant, reassured, optimistic, buoyant, gallant, intrepid, animated, resolute, audacious

ANTONYMS

Easy: afraid, scared, frightened, disheartened, dispirited, downcast, depressed
Medium: dismayed, unenthusiastic, dejected
Difficult: melancholy, disconsolate, craven, gloomy, diffident, skittish, timid, apprehensive

EXAMPLES

On hearing her sing, her father encouraged her, and recommended a teacher.
She was praised for her commitment to promoting the game and encouraging new players.
He feels encouraged when he succeeds in overcoming his fears.

49. FRINGED

Adjective:
having a decorative border of hanging threads

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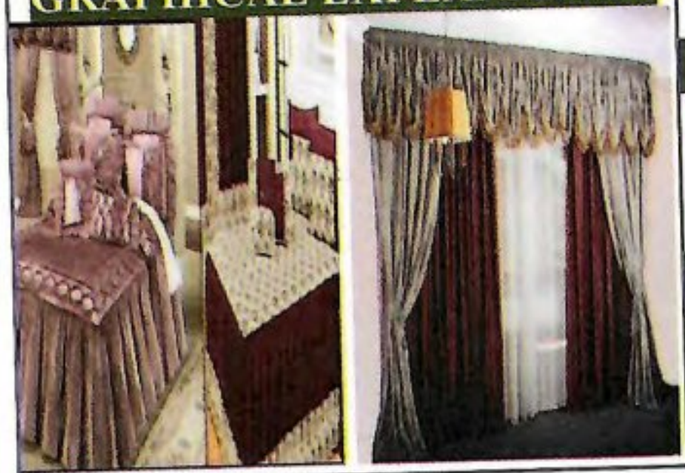

SYNONYMS

Easy: bordered, brimmed, embroidered, garlanded, laced, lined, margined
Medium: bejeweled, gilded, laminated, studded
Difficult: embossed, beaded, emblazoned, wreathed, verged, hemmed

ANTONYMS

Easy: simple, plain, bare, unadorned
Medium: unembellished, homely
Difficult: modest, bald

EXAMPLES

The east side of the gulf is fringed with islands, some solitary, others in groups.
The river widened suddenly into a great pool, fringed with trees.

50. EXUDE

Verb:
discharge a smell or liquid; display some emotion or quality strongly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: discharge, release, send out, give off, emit, issue, convey, trickle, flow, drip, leak, bleed, drain, expel, spring
Medium: display, exhibit, project, secrete, excrete, radiate
Difficult: ooze, emanate, exhale, seep, vent

ANTONYMS

Easy: absorb, sip, sniff, inhale, draw, pull, swallow, engulf
2. flood, gush, pour, stream, explode, blow up
Medium: suck, gulp, devour, surge, erupt, break out
Difficult: imbibe, inundate, deluge, suction

EXAMPLES

Some trees exude from their bark a sap that repels insect parasites.
Slime exudes from the fungus.
An artist should not exude his agonies and nightmares to his viewers.

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2 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 DISCONSOLATELY
A) Plainly
B) Gleefully
C) Pensively
D) Plaintively

Q.2 COMPELLED
A) Covert
B) Coerced
C) Hampered
D) Spelled

Q.3 DISPENSING
A) Apportioning
B) Rationing
C) Expensing
D) Extending

Q.4 CAPTIVATED
A) Captive
B) Disruptive
C) Bewitched
D) Disenchanted

Q.5 DISTRACT
A) Allay
B) Derail
C) Trail
D) Alloy

Q.6 FRINGED
A) Emblazoned
B) Embosomed
C) Spoiled
D) Spoilt

Q.7 ENCOURAGED
A) Endangered
B) Holistic
C) Pessimistic
D) Undaunted

Q.8 ENCHANTED
A) Disgusted
B) Irked
C) Spellbound
D) Housebound

Q.9 DEFINITE
A) Illicit
B) Implicit
C) Explicit
D) Elicit

Q.10 DISGUISED
A) Determined
B) Shrouded
C) Shuddered
D) Detrimental

Q.11 DANK
A) Soggy
B) Saga
C) Saggy
D) Raga

Q.12 DELICATELY
A) Deceptively
B) Deafeningly
C) Raptly
D) Subtly

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Q.13 CONDESCENDED
A) Rumbled
B) Contentedly
C) Humbled
D) Frankly

Q.14 DILAPIDATED
A) Prestigious
B) Deployed
C) Pristine
D) Threadbare

Q.15 DRUMMED
A) Clinked
B) Dragged
C) Blinked
D) Ridged

Q.16 DISTRACT
A) Futile
B) Concentrate
C) Beguile
D) Consulate

Q.17 DISPUTE
A) Hassle
B) Discord
C) Concord
D) Conquer

Q.18 DISPENSING
A) Begrudging
B) Providing
C) Expansion
D) Expensing

Q.19 DAINTILY
A) Maladroitly
B) Awkwardly
C) Superlatively
D) Ineptly

Q.20 CRITERIA
A) Deviations
B) Aberrations
C) Anomalies
D) Yardstick

Q.21 COMPELLED
A) Discretionary
B) Optional
C) Obliged
D) Obligated

Q.22 CURIOUS
A) Inquisitive
B) Dispirited
C) Apathetic
D) Erratic

Q.23 CAPTIVATED
A) Disgruntled
B) Enthralled
C) Disenchanted
D) Disillusioned

Q.24 CAUTIONED
A) Imperiled
B) Reprimanded
C) Auctioned
D) Imperious

Q.25 CONFIRM
A) Discredit
B) Abrogate
C) Corroborate
D) Invalidate

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Direction: In each of the following sentences, a word is underlines. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the underlined word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.26 CRAMMED

A) Ragged
B) Thrust
C) Tugged
D) Discarded

Q.27 CONFINING

A) Imprisoning
B) Defining
C) Releasing
D) Containing

Q.28 CASUALLY

A) Carefully
B) Nonchalantly
C) Cautiously
D) Precisely

Q.29 CURIOUS

A) Inquisitive
B) Ordinary
C) Unusual
D) Intriguing

Q.30 COMPREHENSION

A) Enlightenment
B) Enigma
C) Premonition
D) Provocation

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2 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 He is clad in a jeweled robe _____ with ermine and his mustache and beard are immense and golden.

A) feigned
B) freight
C) fringed
D) franked

Q.2 They were _____ by his progress and the lack of any infection in his lacerations.

A) encumbered
B) encouraged
C) encompassed
D) encountered

Q.3 From the moment I read that book I was _____with the heroism and gallantry and poetry of Collins's life.

A) enchanted
B) cherished
C) entangled
D) cheated

Q.4 She added that an increased police presence had _____ deterred gangs of youths.

A) deafeningly
B) minutely
C) arrogantly
D) definitely

Q.5 During the Civil War in America, unknown numbers of females _____ themselves as male soldiers.

A) gazed
B) disposed
C) gauzed
D) disguised

Q.6 The building is in a _____ condition because maintenance work has not been carried out for years.

A) dilapidated
B) dilatory
C) dispersed
D) dissolution

Q.7 The cellar, which was a _____ and dark part of the house, housed several things, including all the things that would need ice or coldness to keep good.

A) fang
B) rank
C) dank
D) dunk

Q.8 If your nails lack luster, try _____ massaging some oil into them to give them a nice shine.

A) deliciously
B) delicately
C) delinquently
D) deleteriously

Q.9 The distraught mother of the slain young man said _____ at his funeral, 'I don't know who to blame for my son's death.

A) disguisedly
B) hilariously
C) disconsolately
D) humorously

Q.10 Hooves _____ against the packed earth and the horses raced as fast as their legs could carry them.

A) tinkled
B) clinked
C) plopped
D) drummed

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Q.11 I believe this devotion to sport _____ people from their own lives, making it by definition an opiate of masses.
A) distracts
B) extracts
C) retracts
D) protracts

Q.12 Despite his dissatisfaction with financial constraints, Mr. Martin said he was not in _____ with Mr. McCreevy.
A) repute
B) compute
C) dispute
D) refute

Q.13 The Act also prevents doctors from _____medicines without a new, costly and scarce licence which is supposed to be restricted to those who are more than five kilometres from a pharmacy.
A) expensing
B) dispensing
C) disparaging
D) disapproving

Q.14 He handed round a plate of tiny sandwiches, _____ arranged in rings.
A) daintily
B) groggily
C) drably
D) dankly

Q.15 Clearly the rules and the _____ by which the licensing panel are working are deeply flawed.
A) reverie
B) sanctity
C) criteria
D) entity

Q.16 For a split second, I thought about ignoring the call, but something _____ me to answer.
A) dispelled
B) compelled
C) dissuaded
D) dispersed

Q.17 He treats his players fairly and never _____ to them.
A) consoles
B) condenses
C) condescends
D) contempt

Q.18 He was possessed of a gentle and attractive personality that _____ children.
A) captivated
B) erupted
C) fabricated
D) dismantled

Q.19 If they have no social contact and no exercise, these dogs are psychologically and physically deprived - a situation dog experts have long _____ can lead to aggression and attacks.
A) tabooed
B) armored
C) encountered
D) cautioned

Q.20 Two of the six applicants had already found other jobs due to the long wait to _____ their appointments.
A) conform
B) confirm
C) inform
D) perform

Q.21 The room was _____ with suitcases, footwear, clothes and other odds and ends strewn carelessly around.
A) crammed
B) ramped
C) drummed
D) cramped

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Q.22 Most dramatically, the state can use the fact of a prior conviction as the basis for _____ someone in a mental institution, even after he has completed his prison sentence.

A) refining
B) reframing
C) confining
D) conforming

Q.23 He is dressed _____ with a corduroy jacket and pom-pom hat.

A) casually
B) causality
C) causally
D) formally

Q.24 Seeing her eyes unwavering, he was _____ to know what had brought such a change in her attitude.

A) injurious
B) dubious
C) furious
D) curious

Q.25 Such abstraction is essential to human understanding, and it has opened up _____ of natural processes in an amazing way.

A) convention
B) condescension
C) dissention
D) comprehension

Q.26 My primary role is as a pharmacist _____ prescriptions and selling medicines with advice.

A) dispensing
B) despairing
C) desecrating
D) dissenting

Q.27 She _____ herself as a peasant boy and romped in the marketplace, darting between the steam drums and the soup kettles.

A) misgauged
B) disguised
C) revised
D) traumatized

Q.28 The fields here were _____with rowan trees, their bright red berries clashing horribly with the purple heather of late summer.

A) hinged
B) hanged
C) fringed
D) submerged

Q.29 Her charms would _____ me and make it difficult later to leave her.

A) rusticate
B) mitigate
C) dissuade
D) captivate

Q.30 I find it _____ that if I am overwhelmed by emotion, I stumble over words in English.

A) curious
B) humorous
C) hilarious
D) passive

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2 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.3

Directions: In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.

Q.1

A) The commission's report revealed a grisly catalogue of facts almost so appalling to believe.
B) The commission's report revealed a grisly catalogue of facts almost too appalling to believe.
C) The commission's report revealed a grisly catalogue of facts almost very appalling to believe.
D) The commission's report revealed a grisly catalogue of facts almost much appalling to believe.

Q.2

A) Her outsize veneers were so unattractive that they apparently drove away her husband.
B) Her outsize veneers were very unattractive that they apparently drove away her husband.
C) Her outsize veneers were such unattractive that they apparently drove away her husband.
D) Her outsize veneers were as unattractive that they apparently drove away her husband.

Q.3

A) Brady met the world in the same way which a child is inclined to do, before we drum our fears and anxieties into him or her.
B) Brady met the world in the same way as a child is inclined to do, before we drum our fears and anxieties into him or her.
C) Brady met the world in the same way that a child is inclined to do, before we drum our fears and anxieties into him or her.
D) Brady met the world in the same way like a child is inclined to do, before we drum our fears and anxieties into him or her.

Q.4

A) It will have power either to compel testimony nor to bring prosecutions.
B) It will have power neither to compel testimony or to bring prosecutions.
C) It will have power either to compel testimony as well as to bring prosecutions.
D) It will have power either to compel testimony or to bring prosecutions.

Q.5

A) I felt compelled to succeed because there were those that wanted me to fail.
B) I felt compelled to succeed because there were those who wanted me to fail.
C) I felt compelled to succeed because there were those which wanted me to fail.
D) I felt compelled to succeed because there were those they wanted me to fail.

Q.6

A) The appearance of privileged communities was quite as haphazard as it may seem.
B) The appearance of privileged communities was quite so haphazard as it may seem.
C) The appearance of privileged communities was quite as haphazard like it may seem.
D) The appearance of privileged communities was quite so haphazard like it may seem.

Q.7

A) Siddiqui said Urdu which is spoken not only in India and Pakistan yet in the entire world can be utilized for promoting composite culture and communal harmony.
B) Siddiqui said Urdu which is spoken only in India and Pakistan but also in the entire world can be utilized for promoting composite culture and communal harmony.
C) Siddiqui said Urdu which is spoken only in India and Pakistan yet in the entire world can be utilized for promoting composite culture and communal harmony.
D) Siddiqui said Urdu which is spoken not only in India and Pakistan but also in the entire world can be utilized for promoting composite culture and communal harmony.

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Q.8

A) I think I'm regarded as harmless and mildly eccentric, I'm happy with both qualities.
B) I think I'm regarded as harmless and mildly eccentric- I'm happy with both qualities.
C) I think I'm regarded as harmless and mildly eccentric; I'm happy with both qualities.
D) I think I'm regarded as harmless and mildly eccentric: I'm happy with both qualities.

Q.9

A) More and more, both churchmen nor philosophers chafed irritably with early medieval practices of text setting.
B) More and more, both churchmen or philosophers chafed irritably with early medieval practices of text setting.
C) More and more, both churchmen and philosophers chafed irritably with early medieval practices of text setting.
D) More and more, either churchmen and philosophers chafed irritably with early medieval practices of text setting.

Q.10

A) Delays invariably occur between the output of a system and subsequent adjustments.
B) Delays invariably occur between the output of a system or subsequent adjustments.
C) Delays invariably occur among the output of a system and subsequent adjustments.
D) Delays invariably occurs between the output of a system and subsequent adjustments.

Q.11

A) If the ending is ultimately and abruptly happy, the pathos linger.
B) If the ending is ultimate and abruptly happy, the patho lingers.
C) If the ending is ultimately and abrupt happy, the pathos will linger.
D) If the ending is ultimately and abruptly happy, the pathos lingers.

Q.12

A) He had packed for short excursions before, but he didn't know how long he would have to stay out of town.
B) He had packed for short excursions before: but he didn't know how long he would have to stay out of town.
C) He had packed for short excursions before but he didn't know how long he would have to stay out of town.
D) He had packed for short excursions before- but he didn't know how long he would have to stay out of town.

Q.13

A) Though he makes some brief excursions into literary forms, but the tone of his writing is terse.
B) Though he makes some brief excursions into literary forms, so the tone of his writing is terse.
C) Though he makes some brief excursions into literary forms, yet the tone of his writing is terse.
D) Though he makes some brief excursions into literary forms, the tone of his writing is terse.

Q.14

A) Because the book's elaborate details make slow going for readers, so it will serve as a resource for scholars.
B) Since the book's elaborate details make slow going for readers, but it will serve as a resource for scholars.
C) Though the book's elaborate details make slow going for readers, it will serve as a resource for scholars.
D) Though the book's elaborate details make slow going for readers, hence it will serve as a resource for scholars.

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Q.15

A) The final issue surrounds the proper application of power, whether and when it is appropriate to use force nor the threat of force to compel peace.
B) The final issue surrounds the proper application of power, whether and when it is appropriate to use force and the threat of force to compel peace.
C) The final issue surrounds the proper application of power, whether and when it is appropriate to use force with the threat of force to compel peace.
D) The final issue surrounds the proper application of power, whether and when it is appropriate to use force or the threat of force to compel peace.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 There is no such thing (A) as a law, ruling, edict, decree, or (B) order of any kind as (C) is not backed by the threat to use physical force to compel (D) obedience to it.

Q.17 There was never (A) a time when any more than (B) a handful of eccentrics had advocated (C) the establishment (D) of a separate black nation-state.

Q.18 Eccentric drifters that normally roam the farthest (A) reaches of the solar system fly such (B) close to the Sun that they pass through (C) its scorching corona (D).

Q.19 As (A) with many first-time visitors to (B) Mexico, the short excursion stirs up more (C) in the author then (D) he can fully comprehend.

Q.20 Though he does (A) some brief (B) excursions into literary (C) forms, the tone of his writing is terse (D).

Q.21 If she did (A) so, he would have had (B) to elaborate his (C) policy ambitions (D) in detail.

Q.22 The congresswoman (A) said she was resigning (B) but refused to elaborate (C) on her reasons for doing so (D).

Q.23 They have been torturing each other for decades, giving (A) vent to shouts and (B) exasperations, because (C) at night they (D) sleep in adjoining double beds.

Q.24 I sighed (A) in exasperation as I realise (B) Evaline hadn't (C) even started (D) on dinner yet.

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Q.25 When (A) I pull into the parking lot and see the expansive empty area in front: (B) it almost appears as if (C) the store were (D) closed.

Q.26 The inside (A) of the cottage was much larger from (B) the outside and (C) she new at once that (D) it was enchanted.

Q.27 The fund (A) manager can therefore (B) select the mix of bonds which (C) offers the most attractive yield and (D) capital growth potential.

Q.28 When (A) shooting was hated by (B) the mass of the rural population, they took a benign and (C) active interest in (D) the hunt.

Q.29 The range of Eco's interests and talents is such that (A) to make him exemplary as (B) a classic intellectual, for whom wide reading (C) and capacious reflection (D) are the distinguishing duties.

Q.30 The man, in fact, confirmed (A) in his testimony that it was he who (B) always took (C) the decisions during (D) the marriage.

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VOCABULARY (WORDS 51-75)

51. ECCENTRIC

Adjective/Noun:
(a person or their behavior) strange, odd, or unusual

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: strange, odd, funny, comic, uncommon, abnormal, wild, extraordinary
Medium: queer, peculiar, curious, deviant, weird
Difficult: quaint, atypical, uncanny, cranky, funky, screwy, outlandish, conspicuous, freakish, bizarre, arcane, aberrant, anomalous, idiosyncratic, whimsical, capricious, maverick

ANTONYMS

Easy: common, normal, regular, usual, routine, standard, typical, average, ordinary, plain
Medium: predictable, unexciting, nondescript
Difficult: unexceptional, unremarkable, conventional customary, conservative, orthodox, conformist, prosaic

EXAMPLES

Maybe some eccentric millionaire is playing games with people.
I think I'm regarded as harmless and mildly eccentric; I'm happy with both qualities.
Brando was also known for his eccentric behavior and sometimes outlandish salary demands.
There is something that creates a bond between the two of them, both of whom are viewed as eccentrics by the community.

52. EXCURSION

Noun:
1. a short trip or journey for pleasure
2. a deviation from a regular activity or the subject under consideration

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: trip, tour, outing, picnic, visit, travel, wandering
Medium: journey, voyage, hiking
Difficult: venture, jaunt, cruise, expedition, junket
2. departure, deviation, digression, divergence, divagation, circumlocution

ANTONYMS

Easy: immobility, inactivity, stay, idleness, laziness
Medium: confinement, captivity, stillness, indolence, sluggishness
Difficult: sojourn, indolence, stagnation, dormancy, inertia
2. focus, concentration, convergence, single-mindedness

EXAMPLES

My class is going on an excursion to Niagara Falls.
There are regular weekend excursions throughout the summer.
The professor's frequent and sometimes far-ranging excursions in his lecture are the stuff of campus legend.
While excursions and even short holiday trips were nothing new for manual workers, the 'proper' tourism had remained in the realm of the upper and middle classes.

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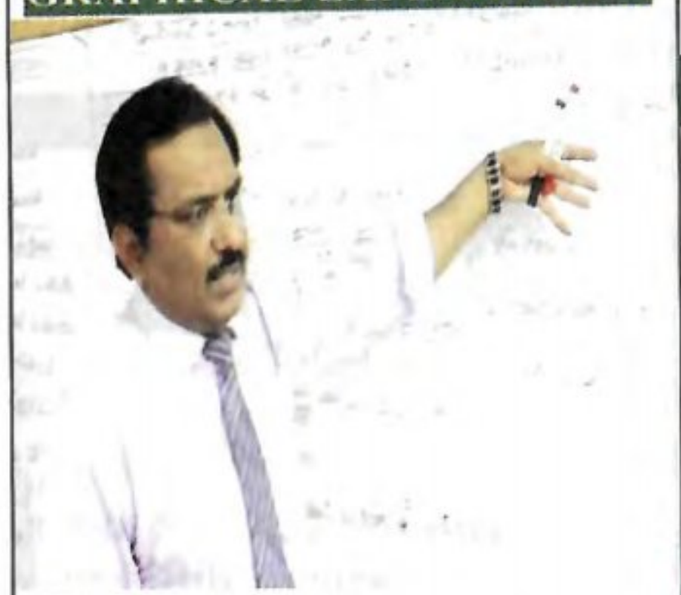
53. ELABORATE

Adjective:
detailed and complicated in design or planning

Verb:
present or explain in full detail

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: complicated, complex, detailed
Medium: thorough, exhaustive, elegant, splendid, grand, tangled, magnificent, embellished, adorned, ornate, exquisite, comprehensive
Difficult: ostentatious, involved, knotty, multifaceted, intricate
Verb: explain, enlarge, expand, develop, exemplify, demonstrate, illustrate, interpret, elucidate, explicate, expound

ANTONYMS

Easy: simple, easy, plain, modest, moderate
Medium: shallow, superficial, skin-deep, sketchy, limited,
Difficult: cursory, facile, précis
Verb: shorten, lessen, reduce, shrink, condense, compress, diminish, dwindle, trim, summarize, contract, abridge, abbreviate, curtail, epitomize, taper

EXAMPLES

He realized that the elaborate modes of address and flowery phrases were out of place in the modern world.
They're making the most elaborate preparations for the wedding.
He came out with such an elaborate excuse that I didn't quite believe him.
The dancers leading the procession were in colorful and elaborate costumes.
Some of the space has been left solely for elaborate drawings with intricate details.

54. EXASPERATION

Noun:
something that is a source of irritation or anger

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: irritation, anger, displeasure, madness, frustration
Medium: annoyance, disgust, discontent
Difficult: crossness, wrath, indignation, fury, rage, desperation, exacerbation, aggravation, resentment, spleen, chagrin, vexation

ANTONYMS

Easy: delight, joy, pleasure, comfort, happiness, satisfaction
Medium: contentment, amusement, gladness
Difficult: alleviation, pacification, appeasement, jubilation, gaiety, gratification, cheerfulness, merriment, mitigation, bliss, elation, mirth, glee, ecstasy, euphoria, rapture

EXAMPLES

Mr. Hubert said in the most exasperating tone, "It is, nevertheless, truth of the good God, the sacred truth." There is growing exasperation within the government at the failure of these policies to reduce unemployment.

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55. EXPANSIVE

Adjective:

1. covering a wide area of space or scope

2. friendly, generous and willing to talk

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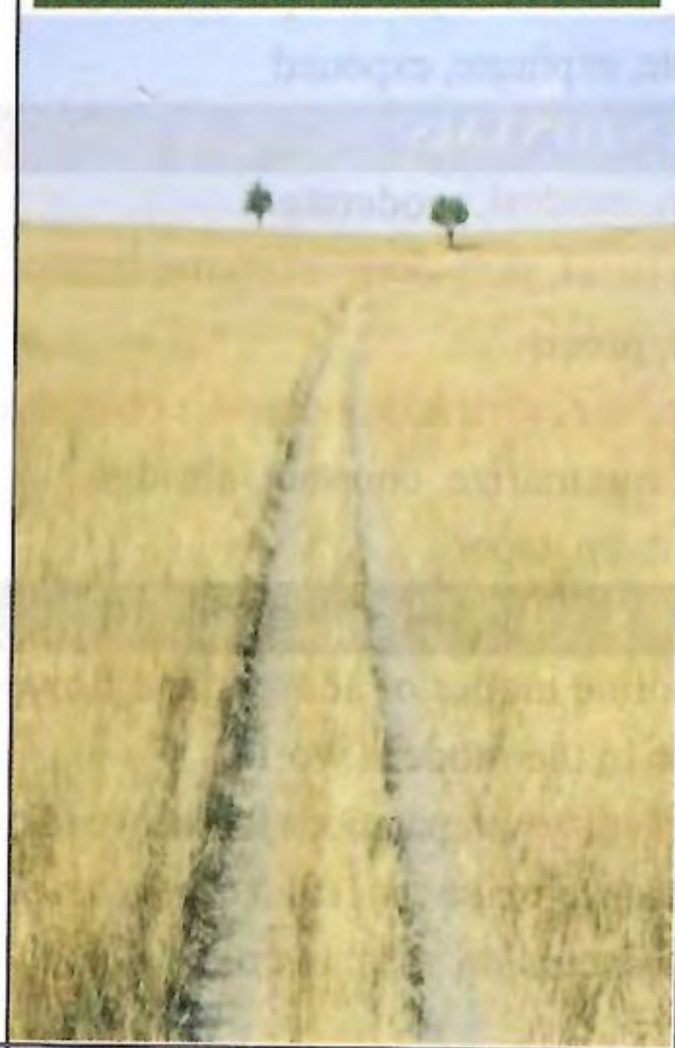

SYNONYMS

Easy: wide, broad, vast, extensive, large, far-reaching, open

Medium: roomy, sweeping, rolling, scopic, rangy, thorough, spread-out, spacious, plentiful

Difficult: commodious, capacious, sprawling, comprehensive, ample, copious

2. friendly, communicative, sociable, vocal, talkative, conversational, gossipy, voluble, affable, amiable, genial, chatty, extrovert, gregarious, garrulous, loquacious

ANTONYMS

Easy: narrow, tight, limited, little, small, close

Medium: contracted, confined, tiny, trivial, minor, inadequate, squeezed

Difficult: finite, constricted, restricted, cramped, constrained, tapered, concise

2. hostile, cross, sober, bashful, closemouthed, tight-lipped retiring, reserved, aloof, indrawn, introvert, sullen, morose, dumb, laconic, reticent, taciturn, coy, demure, diffident

EXAMPLES

She opened her arms wide in an expansive gesture of welcome.

As the river nears the end of its long journey to the sea it becomes quite expansive in breadth.

This expansive yard and storage area is a focal point for the festival.

He was in an expansive mood on the night of the party.

The woodlands depressed him, but the plains made him expansive.

56. EXAGGERATION

Noun:

a statement that represents something as better or worse than it really is

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: overstatement, falsehood, misrepresentation, overemphasis, overestimation, magnification

Medium: distortion, elaboration, dramatization, enhancement, embellishment

Difficult: amplification, embroidery, hyperbole, fabrication aggrandizement

ANTONYMS

Easy: understatement, underestimation, undervaluation, truth, reality, actuality, honesty, plainness

Medium: minimization, belittlement, straightforwardness, simplification, genuineness, accuracy

Difficult: authenticity, shrinkage, veracity, precision, trivialization

EXAMPLES

Behind all this fantastic exaggeration is the sound advice — don't stuff your head with things you don't understand.

There is a series of half-truths and exaggerations that has upset all our plans.

I tried to be truthful in my description, because I did not wish to be accused of exaggeration.

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57. EVALUATES

Verb:
judge or calculate the quality, importance, or value of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: survey, judge, analyze, rate, guess, review, calculate, consider, value, examine, measure, estimate, inspect, work out, weigh up, sum up
Medium: appreciate, assess, gauge, audit, quote
Difficult: reckon, determine, appraise, compute, assay, scrutinize, ascertain

ANTONYMS

Easy: disregard, neglect, ignore, skip, forget, reject, overlook, miss, bypass, misjudge, undervalue, pay no heed turn a blind eye, turn a deaf ear, pass over
Medium: turn back on, depreciate, omit, brush off, shrug off
Difficult: abandon, quit

EXAMPLES

The study will evaluate the effect of Corona virus on the people; therefore, a massive campaign is being launched for the test.
The advisory board evaluates story ideas, reviews materials for accuracy, and provides quotes for articles.
Her new book looks at how we can evaluate animal intelligence.
This activity encourages students to evaluate different points of view and present their own conclusions.

58. FATALITY

Noun:
death caused in an accident, war, or by violence or disease

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: death, loss, accident, tragedy, disaster
Medium: casualty, mortality, prey, victim
Difficult: bereavement, catastrophe, calamity, decease

ANTONYMS

Easy: birth, life
Medium: being, existence, survival
Difficult: subsistence

EXAMPLES

I can barely think of any main road in our city which is not blighted by accidents and fatalities.
It is evident that the rate of fatality associated with these viruses is nearly one percent.

59. FLICKED

Verb:
1. to move with a light quick movement, or strike lightly with a quick sharp motion
2. to go through a book, magazine, etc. quickly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: brush, jerk, click, touch, wave, shake, whip, zip, hit, pat, tap
Medium: strike, stroke, sweep, graze, swish, flutter, swing, sway, swipe, flit, flitter
Difficult: whirl, twirl, snap, flicker, flip, flirt, whisk, wag, dart, twitch, brandish, oscillate, vacillate
2. look briefly, glance, browse, skim

ANTONYMS

Easy: float, hang, stop, remain, keep, put, hold, stay, place, settle, suspend
Medium: steady, pause, lay, store, dump, spare, secure, reserve, suspend, collect, gather, assemble, hover, retain, deposit
Difficult: linger, cease, halt, soar, inert, preserve, conserve,
2. read thoroughly, scan, peruse

EXAMPLES

He flicked the dust off his collar.
She flicked her hair back over her shoulder.
He flicked the horse with a whip.
The horse's tail flicked in restless irritation.
He flicked through the pages of the book as he sat at the table, waiting for his host.

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60. FLAWLESSLY

Adverb:
free from errors or defects; perfectly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: perfectly, ideally, just right, soundly, purely, excellently, finely, superbly
Medium: aptly, faultlessly, precisely, marvelously, spotlessly, fabulously
Difficult: exquisitely, opportunely, immaculately, impeccably, meticulously

ANTONYMS

Easy: badly, wrongly, poorly, roughly, defectively, incorrectly, mistakenly, deficiently
Medium: crudely, clumsily, vulgarly, insufficiently, inadequately, faultily, coarsely, incompetently, awfully, nastily
Difficult: erroneously, execrably, wretchedly, shoddily, fallibly, atrociously, amiss

EXAMPLES

Spinoza's conception of the universe, flawlessly operating under necessary laws, effectively disposes of miracles.
Their mission was so flawlessly executed that we risk taking for granted the bravery and skill it required.
This is an action film that is very well crafted and flawlessly executed.

61. FRICTION

Noun:
1. the action of one object rubbing against another, or conflict caused by a clash of temperaments, or opinions

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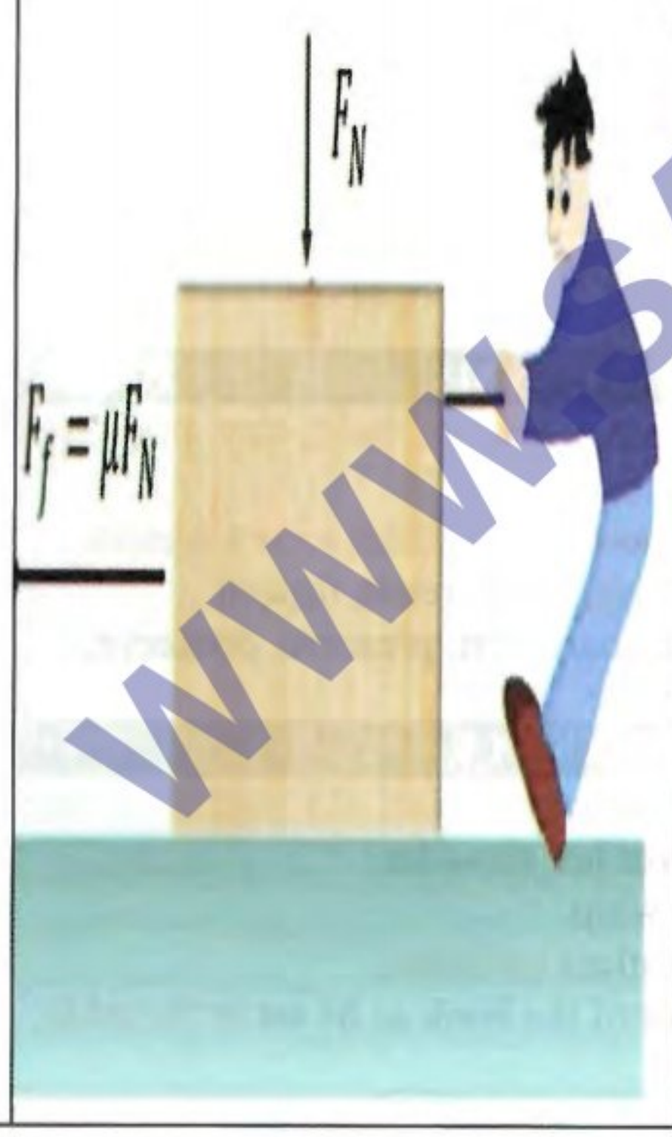

SYNONYMS

Easy: resistance, wearing away, grinding, rubbing, contact, dispute, opposition, argument
Medium: discord, enmity, hostility, conflict, rivalry, contention, row, collision, incompatibility, incongruity, dissent, dissension
Difficult: gnawing, erosion, corrosion, chafing, rasping, excoriation, abrasion, attrition, feuding, altercation, animosity, antagonism, antipathy

ANTONYMS

Easy: agreement, harmony, unity, peace, evenness, cooperation, coordination, correlation, friendship
Medium: alliance, uniformity, correspondence, accord, concord, ceasefire, unanimity, conformity, reconciliation,
Difficult: symphony, consensus, concurrence, appeasement, amity, empathy, amicableness, cordiality, coalition, rapport, affinity, equilibrium

EXAMPLES

When you rub your hands together the friction produces heat.
There had always been friction between his parents and him.
Politics is a source of considerable friction in our family.
Border clashes have led to increased friction between the two countries.
Despite the occasional friction between the partners, they normally got along quite well.

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62. FLUTTERED

Verb:
to flap the wings rapidly, or move about restlessly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: wave, beat, quiver, shake, shiver, tremble vibrate, shake, dance, wag
Medium: swing, sway, agitate, whip, ripple, undulate, stir
Difficult: hover, flicker, flit, flitter, flap, twitch, palpitate, oscillate

ANTONYMS

Easy: float, remain, stay, calm
Medium: hang, linger, cheer, chill
Difficult: steady, poise, hover, stagnate

EXAMPLES

We saw butterflies flutter among the flowers.
His eyelashes fluttered as he struck up a conversation with the new guy at work.
Children fluttered around, overwhelmed by the horrible sights around them.

63. GINGERLY

Adverb:
showing great care or caution

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: carefully, gently, delicately, suspiciously, attentively, watchfully, observantly, alertly
Medium: guardedly, judiciously, vigilantly, cautiously, heedfully, hesitantly, tentatively
Difficult: cannily, prudently, discreetly, fastidious, meticulously, conservatively, warily, circumspectly

ANTONYMS

Easy: carelessly, unmindfully, unsafely, casually, messily, tactlessly, rashly, neglectfully
Medium: recklessly, incautiously, negligently, heedlessly, indifferently
Difficult: haphazardly, inaccurately, imprecisely, desultorily, indiscreetly, unwarily, indiscriminately, erratically, randomly, nonchalantly

EXAMPLES

Because of the low recovery rate, throat cultures in hospital are usually performed by laboratory technicians or nurses, often somewhat gingerly.
I obliged her request and, sitting gingerly in the arm chair, turned slightly to face her.
Holding her painful back, she sat down gingerly on the bench.

64. GLISTENING

Adjective:
shining with a sparkling light

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: shining, sparkling, polished, flashing, glowing, brilliant
Medium: glittering, reflective, luminous, radiant
Difficult: sleek, gleaming, shimmering, glassy, glossy, glimmering, lustrous, dazzling, beaming, glazed, phosphorescent, incandescent

ANTONYMS

Easy: dim, dull, dark, faded, faint, smoky, muddy, shady, cloudy, shadowy, coarse
Medium: dusky, vague, foggy, grey, drab, opaque, hazy, blurred, misty
Difficult: gloomy, twilit, dreary, sooty, somber, hazy, lackluster, fuzzy, murky, bleak, dingy, grimy

EXAMPLES

His sunken eyes glistened with delight, and bulging cheeks with hope.
His skin was glistening with sweat and he had his sleeves and pants rolled up.
Before us were a colossal statue and a huge monument of glistening white crystal.

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65. GLARED

Verb:
to stare angrily
or reflect uncomfortably
brilliant light

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: stare angrily, look threateningly
Medium: frown, blaze, flare, flame, dazzle
Difficult: scowl, glower, look menacingly, look daggers, scintillate

ANTONYMS

Easy: shine, sparkle, radiate, laugh, smile, glow
Medium: giggle, chuckle, grin
Difficult: beam, glimpse, glance, wink

EXAMPLES

She glared at the carton as she unlocked the door.
The spotlight glares down on the suspect as the police question him relentlessly.

66. GROGGY

Adjective:
weak, sleepy, or unsteady from illness, tiredness, intoxication, sleep, or a blow

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: weak, unsteady, confused, drunk, shaky, whirling, staggering
Medium: stumbling, drowsy, stupefied, bewildered, vague, benumbed, faint, stunned, giddy, dizzy, swaying, faltering, hazy
Difficult: dazed, bleary, blurry, tipsy, muddled, rickety, tottering, disoriented, reeling, wobbly, addled, woozy

ANTONYMS

Easy: wide-awake, alert, attentive, balanced, settled, watchful
Medium: conscious, stable, steady, mindful, cautious, firm, sound, sensible, observant, clear-headed, levelheaded, unwavering
Difficult: poised, heedful, vigilant, guarded, fast, cognizant, wary, on guard, on one's toes

EXAMPLES

I'm still a little groggy from my nap.
Coffee may also interfere with a good night's sleep and cause a groggy start the following day.
I felt a little bit groggy for a couple of days after the operation.
The sleeping pills had left her feeling groggy.

67. HEAP

Noun/Verb:
1. an untidy collection, mass, or pile of things
2. put objects in a heap

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: pile, stack, lot, collection, stock, mass, mess, load, plenty, mountain, bundle, quantity
Medium: abundance, assortment, cluster, hoard, jumble, mound, lump, clump
Difficult: profusion, dune, accumulation, multitude, ridge

ANTONYMS

Easy: part, bit, piece, scrap, fragment, lack, want, need, shortage, poverty, necessity, absence
Medium: insufficiency, deprivation, scarcity, deficiency, inadequacy
Difficult: destitution, dearth, paucity, depletion, deficit, meagerness, privation

EXAMPLES

Her belongings were scattered in various heaps around the room.
Fall leaves lay in heaps on the ground, enveloping the road as well.
Avoid dung or urine patches and areas where fertilizer or lime was heaped or spilled.

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68. HIDEOUS

Adjective:
extremely horrible, ugly, or disgusting

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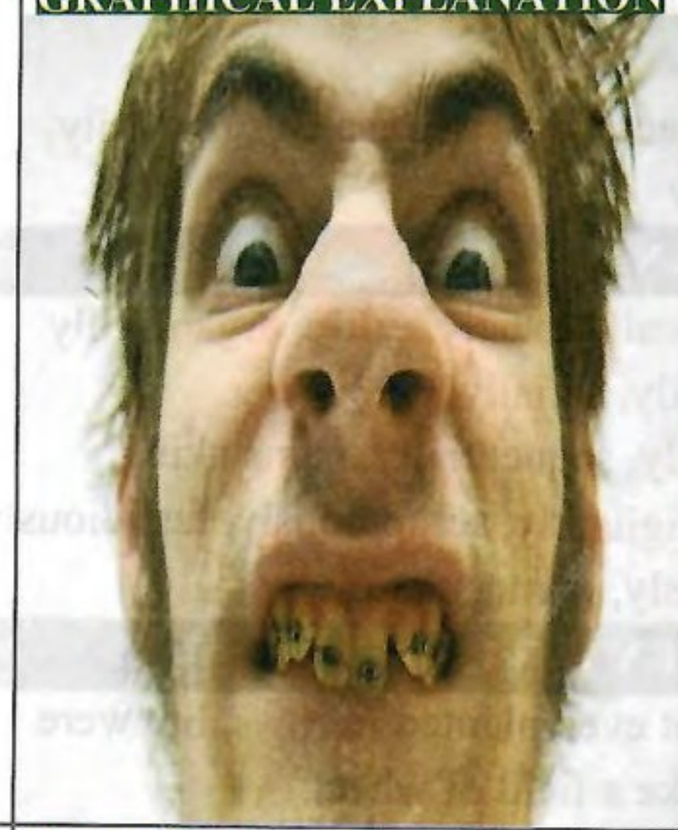


SYNONYMS

Easy: ugly, foul, fearful, terrible, awful, horrible, dreadful, shocking, sickening, disgusting
Medium: grim, odious, loathsome, contemptible, execrable, repulsive, repellent, outrageous, abhorrent, monstrous
Difficult: ghastly, unsightly, appalling, heinous, revolting abominable, vile, repugnant, gruesome, grotesque

ANTONYMS

Easy: delightful, appealing, attractive, delightful, dreamy, pleasing
Medium: fascinating, captivating, magnificent, marvelous, superb, endearing, intriguing, exquisite, inviting, fantastic
Difficult: felicitous, savory, delectable, dulcet, gratifying, luscious, palatable, alluring, congenial

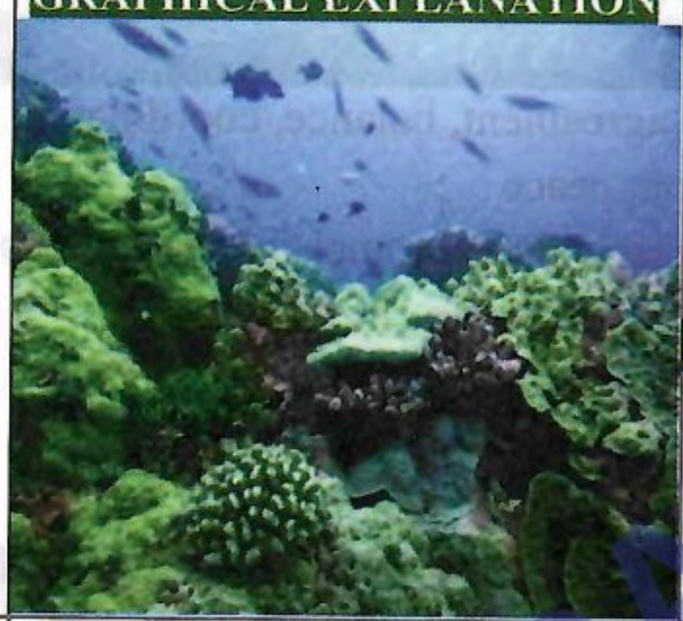
EXAMPLES

Haven't you seen how hideous the demon looks?
Are you wearing those hideous glasses to hide your dilated pupils or something else?
Being caught in the middle of someone else's family argument is hideous and embarrassing.
She wears the most hideous color combinations you could ever imagine.
These are dramatic genetic disorders that typically cause early death by hideous pathology.

69. HABITAT

Noun:
natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: environment, surroundings, residence, home, place, shelter, locale, locality
Medium: dwelling, haven, abode, lodging, domain, territory, habitation
Difficult: resort, niche, site, haunt

ANTONYMS

Easy: unnatural surroundings, unreal locale, man-made abode, fake shelter
Medium: foreign dwelling, imitation lodging, artificial home, synthetic haven
Difficult: alien environment, pseudo habitation

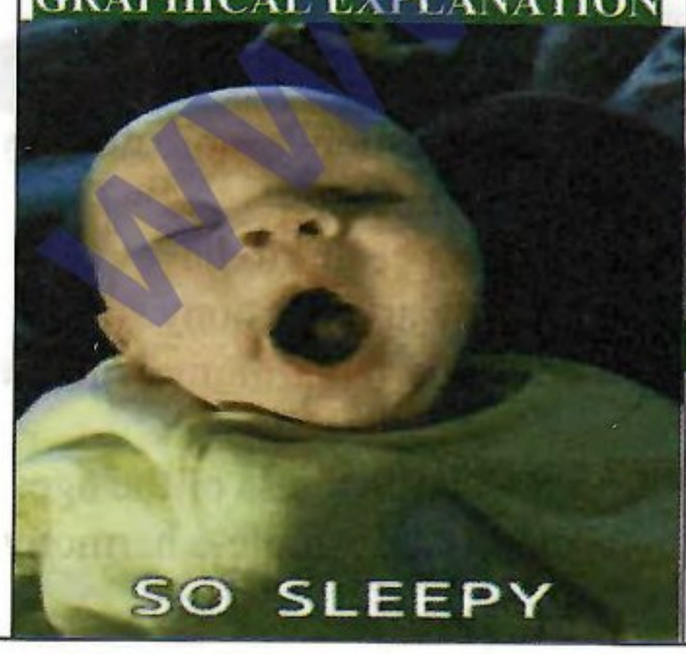
EXAMPLES

With so many areas of woodland being cut down, a lot of wildlife is losing its natural habitat.
These amoebae were collected at the same place, in the same habitat and over a short period.
Many habitats such as mangroves and wetlands are disappearing fast.

70. HAGGARD

Adjective:
looking tired or unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering.

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: tired, careworn, weak, sleepy, wasted, faded
Medium: exhausted, drawn, worn out, drowsy, fatigued, sunken, shrunken, skeletal, wrinkled
Difficult: weary, withered, drained, gaunt, comatose, cadaverous, emaciated

ANTONYMS

Easy: healthy, fresh, fit, active, lively, energetic, awake
Medium: hale, hearty, well, sound, vigorous, spirited, bubbly, stable, all right, wholesome
Difficult: stout, stalwart, sturdy, lusty, lively, vibrant, robust, agile, dynamic, spry, sprightly, animated, vivacious, in the pink

EXAMPLES

She was haggard, pale, and her hair was matted with blood.
He had been drinking the night before and was looking a bit haggard.
Crowded in a large hall were a number of men, ill-clad, dejected, with haggard, pale faces.
His muscular body was now haggard, but he was still fighting fervently.

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71. HAPHAZARDLY

Adverb:
in a way that lacks order, plan, pattern, or sequence

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: carelessly, casually, irregularly, clumsily, messily
Medium: randomly, accidently, aimlessly unevenly, cursorily, negligently, inconstantly
Difficult: desultorily, chaotically, erratically, arbitrarily, messily, indiscriminately

ANTONYMS

Easy: orderly, systematically, neatly, tidily, organizedly
Medium: accurately, aptly, serially, precisely, methodically, strategically, sequentially, painstakingly
Difficult: assiduously, vigilantly, scrupulously, fastidiously, meticulously, punctiliously, immaculately

EXAMPLES

Some vineyards were not even planted in rows, but were haphazardly arranged, like a field of wheat.
Whenever police investigate, they find tools strewn haphazardly everywhere and not a soul in sight.
They were still engrossed in their game, cards scattered haphazardly across their table.

72. HARMONY

Noun:
pleasing arrangement or combination

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: unity, uniformity, agreement, balance, coordination, cooperation, collaboration, peace
Medium: proportion, correspondence, compatibility, symmetry
Difficult: concord, accord, unanimity, symphony, synchronization, affinity, amity, empathy, congruence, consensus, consonance, solidarity, rapport, coherence, reciprocity, symbiosis

ANTONYMS

Easy: disagreement, disproportion, imbalance, confusion, disorganization, irregularity, disunity
Medium: unevenness, discord, asymmetry, incompatibility
Difficult: severance, incoherence, dissonance, cacophony, jangling, breach, estrangement, rupture, scission, dissent, dissidence

EXAMPLES

The chorus sang in his ears in final harmony, more grandly and sweetly than he had ever heard it before.
The modern generation of composers seems to have discarded traditional ideas of melody and harmony.
We must ensure that tourism develops in harmony with the environment.
Modern art reflects the mechanical hollowness of the age; ancient art, on the other hand, depicts a complete harmony with nature.

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73. HAUGHTY

Adjective:
behaving in a proud, superior, or unfriendly way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: proud, superior, lordly, bigheaded, self-important
Medium: arrogant, vain, commanding, domineering, dictatorial, bossy, scornful, puffed-up, disdainful, imperious, rude, contemptuous, patronizing, pompous, peremptory, highhanded, egoistic
Difficult: conceited, pontifical, snobbish, supercilious, condescending, overbearing, complacent, smug, sniffy, snooty, cavalier

ANTONYMS

Easy: humble, shy, polite, kind, respectful
Medium: modest, timid, submissive, courteous, gracious, considerate, meek, lowly, unpretentious, yielding, retiring, shrinking, bashful, sheepish, docile, cowering, tame subdued
Difficult: unassuming, deferential, demure, diffident, self-effacing, unassertive, introvert, unobtrusive

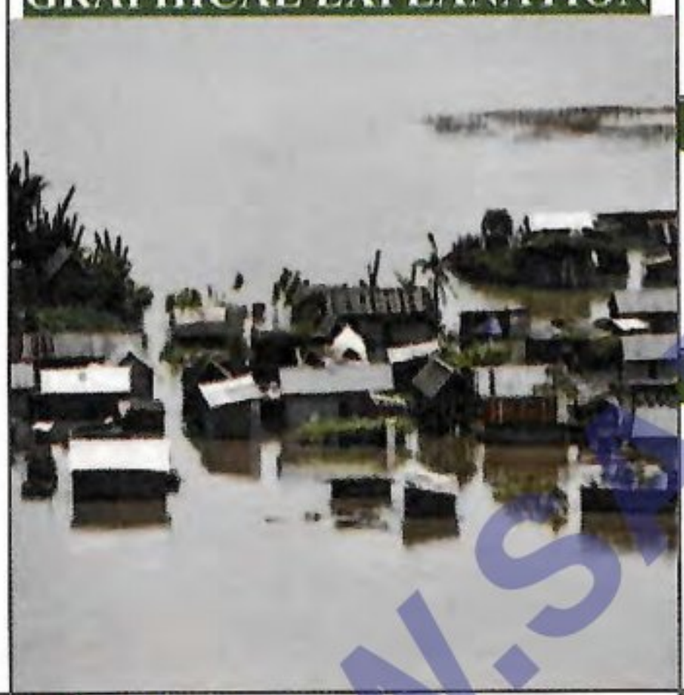
EXAMPLES

The haughty waiter smirked when I remarked that it was odd that a French restaurant didn't even have French fries on the menu.
As he tried to cheer them up, some feigned smiles, others looked away with haughty contempt.
Although she was a profound scholar, her demeanor was proud and haughty.
In reality, Elen was more bashful than cold, and she certainly wasn't conceited or haughty.

74. HAVOC

Noun:
widespread destruction

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: disorder, destruction, damage, confusion
Medium: wreck, devastation, ruin, demolition
Difficult: chaos, ravage, calamity, catastrophe, dishevelment, anarchy, mayhem, riot, annihilation, extermination, disruption, bedlam, pandemonium, turmoil, tumult, disarray, extinction

ANTONYMS

Easy: safety, protection, rescue, blessing, benefit, luck, fortune
Medium: salvation, deliverance, redemption
Difficult: survival, preservation, boon, salvage, conservation, reclamation, godsend, windfall, benefaction

EXAMPLES

The grave of Hubert withstood the havoc of the flood.
A tornado is a funnel-shaped cloud that descends on land, creating havoc and destruction in its wake.
The storm wreaked havoc in the garden, uprooting trees and blowing a fence down.
The delay played havoc with their travel arrangements

75. HEARSAY

Noun:
information which may or may not be true: word of mouth

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: talk, chatter, leak, comment, tale, whisper, idle talk
Medium: rumor, anecdote, false news, word of mouth, unfounded information, unconfirmed report, propaganda, scandal, gossip
Difficult: buzz, earshot, fiction, tittle-tattle

ANTONYMS

Easy: reality, fact, truth, actuality, certainty, proof
Medium: evidence, accuracy, occurrence
Difficult: authenticity, genuineness, testimony, veracity

EXAMPLES

Supposedly, he's planning to quit, but that's only hearsay.
The court cannot accept evidence based on hearsay and rumor.
Some of the testimony may simply have constituted hearsay or slander.

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3 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 3.1

Direction: **In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.**

Q.1 ECCENTRIC
A) Unconventional
B) Controversial
C) Typical
D) Pivotal

Q.2 EXCURSION
A) Damnation
B) Expedition
C) Indolence
D) Condemnation

Q.3 ELABORATE
A) Quail
B) Abridge
C) Elucidate
D) Demur

Q.4 EXASPERATION
A) Ambiguity
B) Tiredness
C) Elation
D) Vexation

Q.5 EXPANSIVE
A) Cheap
B) Sprawling
C) Costly
D) Cramped

Q.6 EXAGGERATION
A) Embellishment
B) Accuracy
C) Endorsement
D) Meanness

Q.7 EVALUATES
A) Omit
B) Commend
C) Commit
D) Appraise

Q.8 FATALITY
A) Survival
B) Decease
C) Revival
D) Disease

Q.9 FLICKED
A) Scanned
B) Glanced
C) Floated
D) Fallen

Q.10 FLAWLESSLY
A) Illegally
B) Ruthlessly
C) Awfully
D) Precisely

Q.11 FRICTION
A) Incompatibility
B) Incapacity
C) Perplexity
D) Conformity

Q.12 FLUTTERED
A) Steady
B) Buckled
C) Flickered
D) Buttered Up

Q.13 GINGERLY
A) Heedlessly
B) Tentatively
C) Sordidly
D) Shamefully

Q.14 GLISTENING
A) Sticky
B) Twilit
C) Moist
D) Gleaming

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Q.15 GLARED
A) Look Daggers
B) Look Sharp
C) Chuckle
D) Sickle

Q.16 GROGGY
A) Bullied
B) Bleary
C) On Guard
D) On Cloud Nine

Q.17 HEAP
A) Depletion
B) Paucity
C) Dearth
D) Mound

Q.18 HIDEOUS
A) Intriguing
B) Repugnant
C) Endearing
D) Rapacious

Q.19 HABITAT
A) Dungeon
B) Imitation Lodging
C) Haunt
D) Pseudo Habitation

Q.20 HAGGARD
A) Weary
B) Robust
C) Scared
D) Daunted

Q.21 HAPHAZARDLY
A) Abruptly
B) Strategically
C) Daringly
D) Indiscriminately

Q.22 HARMONY
A) Scission
B) Asymmetry
C) Congruence
D) Severance

Q.23 HAUGHTY
A) Condescending
B) Meek
C) Covetous
D) Ferocious

Q.24 HAVOC
A) Haste
B) Extempore
C) Deliverance
D) Catastrophe

Q.25 HEARSAY
A) Testimony
B) Gossip
C) Communication
D) Matrimony

Q.26 HAGGARD
A) Famished
B) Sprightly
C) Drowsy
D) Starving

Q.27 GROGGY
A) Dazed
B) Heedful
C) Suspicious
D) Malicious

Q.28 FLICKED
A) Stabbed
B) Ceased
C) Wagged
D) Curtailed

Q.29 EXASPERATION
A) Inflation
B) Mirth
C) Monotony
D) Indignation

Q.30 EXCURSION
A) Concentration
B) Deviation
C) Derivation
D) Perversion

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3 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 3.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 Some of the testimony may simply have constituted _____or slander.

A) hearsay
B) havoc
C) fatality
D) harmony

Q.2 A tornado is a funnel-shaped cloud that descends on land, creating _____in its wake.

A) excursion
B) havoc
C) friction
D) distraction

Q.3 In reality, Elen was more bashful than cold, and she certainly wasn't conceited or_____.

A) haughty
B) eccentric
C) flawless
D) haggard

Q.4 Modern art reflects the mechanical hollowness of the age; ancient art, on the other hand, depicts a complete _____with nature.

A) hearsay
B) harmony
C) habitat
D) friction

Q.5 Some vineyards were not even planted in rows, but were _____arranged, like a field of wheat.

A) haphazardly
B) elaborately
C) flawlessly
D) gingerly

Q.6 His muscular body was now_____, but he was still fighting fervently.

A) haphazard
B) glistening
C) hideous
D) haggard

Q.7 Since so many areas of woodland are being cut down, a lot of wildlife is losing its_____.

A) harmony
B) habitat
C) excursion
D) disguise

Q.8 Apparently, he seems to be virtuous and charitable; his inner-self, however, bespeaks the most _____hypocrisy.

A) flawless
B) eccentric
C) hideous
D) haphazard

Q.9 Plastics and metals lay in _____everywhere, waiting to be trucked to smelters.

A) flutters
B) habitats
C) evaluates
D) heaps

Q.10 I haven't been sleeping well over the past few nights; as a result, I am a bit _____throughout the day.

A) hideous
B) groggy
C) glistening
D) exasperated

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Q.11 As the sun _____in my face, and the bright light blinded me, I could not see the people around me clearly.

A) glared
B) fluttered
C) glistened
D) fringed

Q.12 Though she looked calm, her eyes were still _____with unshed tears of anger

A) glistening
B) flicking
C) fluttering
D) exasperating

Q.13 He _____felt his way along the dark tunnel, doing his best to avoid hurting himself.

A) expansively
B) haughtily
C) elaborately
D) gingerly

Q.14 The bird began to sing still more melodically, and then _____its wings and flew from its branch.

A) coaxed
B) evaluated
C) glistened
D) fluttered

Q.15 When you rub your hands together the _____produces heat.

A) excursion
B) friction
C) exasperation
D) harmony

Q.16 Despite grandiose promises, no software works _____for all parties in all environments.

A) flawlessly
B) apparently
C) haphazardly
D) casually

Q.17 Since he was short of time, he simply _____through the pages of the report, and submitted it.

A) distracted
B) brimmed
C) crammed
D) flicked

Q.18 Many_____ occur as a result of mudslides in deforested areas.

A) excursions
B) fatalities
C) boons
D) habitats

Q.19 The study will _____the effect of COVID 19 on the people; therefore, a massive campaign is being launched for the test.

A) evaluate
B) confine
C) attach
D) elaborate

Q.20 Beneath the cinematic _____lies a vein of historical truth.

A) fatalities
B) exaggerations
C) credentials
D) anxieties

Q.21 The woodlands depressed him, but the plains made him_____.

A) baffling
B) expansive
C) curious
D) eccentric

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Q.22 There is growing_____ within the government at the failure of these policies to reduce unemployment.

A) exasperation
B) exaggeration
C) harmony
D) excursion

Q.23 Since the facts could cause havoc, he refused to_____ on his reasons for resigning.

A) confirm
B) beckon
C) elaborate
D) disguise

Q.24 While _____were nothing new for manual workers, the 'proper' tourism had remained the privilege of the upper class.

A) exasperations
B) credentials
C) excursions
D) anxieties

Q.25 Many scientists have the reputation of being_____; their being so much engrossed in their work makes them oblivious of normal social behavior.

A) eccentric
B) enchanted
C) appalling
D) astounded

Q.26 The activity is really enjoyable, but I'm a bit _____and disorientated. So, I'd rather you excused me.

A) groggy
B) coveted
C) gingerly
D) haughty

Q.27 Instead of panicking, she _____untangled herself from some thorny vines and tried to stand.

A) crudely
B) apparently
C) haughtily
D) gingerly

Q.28 Expecting the watch to fix itself, he _____it with his finger, yet nothing happened.

A) attached
B) flicked
C) collided
D) coaxed

Q.29 The police officer sighed in _____when he could not get any witness to tell him the facts of the robbery.

A) havoc
B) comprehension
C) exasperation
D) dilapidation

Q.30 Though he makes some brief _____into literary works, the overall tone of his writing is terse and laconic.

A) disguises
B) appraisals
C) excursions
D) criteria

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USAGE AND CORRECTION

Q.1

A) Whether evidence is hearsay or not depends on what you are using it for.
B) Whether evidence is hearsay or not it depend on what you are using it for.
C) Whether evidence is hearsay or not depends on what are you using it for?
D) Whether evidence is hearsay and not depends on what are you using it for.

Q.2

A) The storm wreaked havoc in the garden, uprooting trees and blew a fence down.
B) The storm wreaked havoc in the garden, uprooting trees and blowing a fence down.
C) The storm wreaked havoc in the garden, uprooted trees and blowing a fence down.
D) The storm wreaked havoc in the garden, uprooted trees and blew a fence down.

Q.3

A) Although she was a profound scholar, but her demeanor was proud and haughty.
B) Although she was a profound scholar, yet her demeanor was proud and haughty.
C) Although she was a profound scholar, her demeanor was proud and haughty.
D) Although she was a profound scholar, however, her demeanor was proud and haughty.

Q.4

A) The chorus sang in final harmony, more grandly and sweetly than he had ever heard it before.
B) The chorus sang in final harmony, grandly and sweetly than he had ever heard it before.
C) The chorus sang in final harmony, more grandly and sweet than he had ever heard it before.
D) The chorus sang in final harmony, more grand and sweetly than he had ever heard it before.

Q.5

A) Some vineyards were not planted in rows, they were haphazardly arranged.
B) Some vineyards were not planted in rows they were haphazardly arranged.
C) Some vineyards were not planted in rows; but were haphazardly arranged.
D) Some vineyards were not planted in rows; they were haphazardly arranged.

Q.6

A) His face was haggard with exhaustion, and his energy stores were nearly almost depleted.
B) His face was haggard with exhaustion, and his energy stores were almost depleted.
C) His face was haggard with exhaustion, and his energy stores were completely almost depleted.
D) His face was haggard with exhaustion, and his energy stores were a bit almost depleted.

Q.7

A) With so many areas of woodland being cut down, a lot of wildlife is losing its natural habitat.
B) With so many areas of woodland being cut down, a lot of wildlife losing its natural habitat.
C) With so many areas of woodland being cut down, a lot of wildlife loses its natural habitat.
D) With so many areas of woodland being cut down, a lot of wild lives are losing their natural habitat.

Q.8

A) She wears the most hideous color combinations than you could ever imagine.
B) She wears the most hideous color combinations than you can ever imagine.
C) She wears the most hideous color combinations you could ever imagined.
D) She wears the most hideous color combinations you could ever imagine.

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Q.9

A) Being caught in someone else's family argument it is hideous and embarrassing.
B) Being caught in someone else's family argument hideous and embarrassing.
C) Being caught in someone else's family argument, it is hideous and embarrassing.
D) Being caught in someone else's family argument is hideous and embarrassing.

Q.10

A) Fall leaves lay in heaps on the ground; they seem to envelope the road as well.
B) Fall leaves lay in heaps on the ground; they seem to envelop the road as well.
C) Fall leaves lay in heaps on the ground they seem to envelop the road as well.
D) Fall leaves lay in heaps on the ground, they seem to envelope the road as well.

Q.11

A) At first, being groggy with sleep, I could only think of what a terrible dream had I?
B) At first, being groggy with sleep, I could only think of what a terrible dream I saw.
C) At first, being groggy with sleep, I could only think of what a terrible dream I had.
D) At first, being groggy with sleep, I could only think of what a terrible dream did I see?

Q.12

A) The spotlight glares down on the suspect as the police questioned him relentlessly.
B) The spotlight glared down on the suspect as the police question him relentlessly.
C) The spotlight glares down on the suspect as the police question him relentlessly.
D) The spotlight glares down on the suspect as the police questions him relentlessly.

Q.13

A) Before us was a colossal statue and a monument of glistening white crystal.
B) Before us was a colossal statue in size and a monument of glistening white crystal.
C) Before us were a colossal statue and a monument of glistening white crystal in front.
D) Before us were a colossal statue and a monument of glistening white crystal.

Q.14

A) Holding her painful back she sat down gingerly on the bench.
B) Holding her painful back; she sat down gingerly on the bench.
C) Holding her painful back: she sat down gingerly on the bench.
D) Holding her painful back, she sat down gingerly on the bench.

Q.15

A) His eyelashes flutters as he strikes up a conversation with the new guy at work.
B) His eyelashes fluttered as he struck up a conversation with the new guy at work.
C) His eyelashes fluttered as he stroke up a conversation with the new guy at work.
D) His eyelashes fluttered as he striked up a conversation with the new guy at work.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 Politics (A) has often been (B) a source of sufficiently considerable (C) friction in our family. (D)

Q.17 Spinoza's conception of the universe, flawlessly operating (A) under (B) necessary laws, it (C) effectively disposes of (D) miracles.

Q.18 He flicked off (A) through (B) the pages of the book as (C) he sat at (D) the table, waiting for his host.

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Q.19 It is evident that the rate of fatality associated with these viruses is nearly about one percent.
A) B) C) D)

Q.20 The students who have evaluated the reports they can present themselves before the board with their conclusions.
A) B) C) D)

Q.21 There is a series of half-truths and exaggerations of the military role of the president's that has caused havoc.
A) B) C) D)

Q.22 This expansive yard and storage area is a main focal point for the festival scheduled for the Christens at Christmas.
A) B) C) D)

Q.23 He said in the most exasperating tone, "It is, nevertheless, truth of the good God, the sacred truth".
A) B) C) D)

Q.24 Some of the space has been left solely for elaborate drawings with intricate details and with minute characteristics.
A) B) C) D)

Q.25 He had packed for short excursions, but he didn't know how long would he have to stay out of town.
A) B) C) D)

Q.26 If he will exhibit his eccentric behavior in the future, he will perhaps lose his job as well as social contacts.
A) B) C) D)

Q.27 You will not succeed in attracting them unless you do not give up your haughty behavior towards them.
A) B) C) D)

Q.28 Being haggard and exhausted it hampered him to continue his journey any longer.
A) B) C) D)

Q.29 The historian is always 'a man of his time': of his social class, of his nation, his political habitat.
A) B) C) D)

Q.30 The teams that have flawlessly executed their campaigns they are likely to achieve the desired results.
A) B) C) D)

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4 UNIT

VOCABULARY (WORDS 76-100)

76. INTENDED

Adjective:
something that you are trying to achieve: done with full awareness

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: expected, wished, planned, desired, prearranged, preconceived, calculated, designed, conscious, purposed, future
Medium: intentional, aspired, longed, projected, schemed, predestined, predetermined, premeditated, deliberate, intentional
Difficult: implied, anticipated, envisioned, plotted, connoted

ANTONYMS

Easy: accidental, casual, abrupt, incidental, aimless, unexpected, unprepared, offhand, unstudied
Medium: spontaneous, impulsive, instinctive, haphazard, involuntary, random, unrehearsed, unscripted
Difficult: desultory, improvised, impromptu, inadvertent, extempore

EXAMPLES

The numbers for intended suicides and incidents of self-harm are much higher than ever before.
You may feign innocence, but I know that last remark of yours was an intended taunt.
It is believed that the second victim was not an intended target and may have been shot accidentally.

77. IN VAIN

Phrase:
unsuccessful or useless; of no value; producing no results

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: useless, fruitless, unproductive, hopeless, for nothing
Medium: ineffective, unavailing, pointless, vainly
Difficult: inefficacious, futile, abortive, of no avail

ANTONYMS

Easy: valuable, useful, fruitful, helpful, rewarding, successful,
Medium: effective, profitable, beneficial, fertile
Difficult: gainful, worthwhile, efficacious, fecund

EXAMPLES

Pasteur pleaded ignorance in vain.
The couple suffered severe burns as they battled in vain to rescue their boys from the blaze.
She was one of hundreds of customers who were trying in vain to benefit from a giveaway deal.

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78. ILLUMINATION

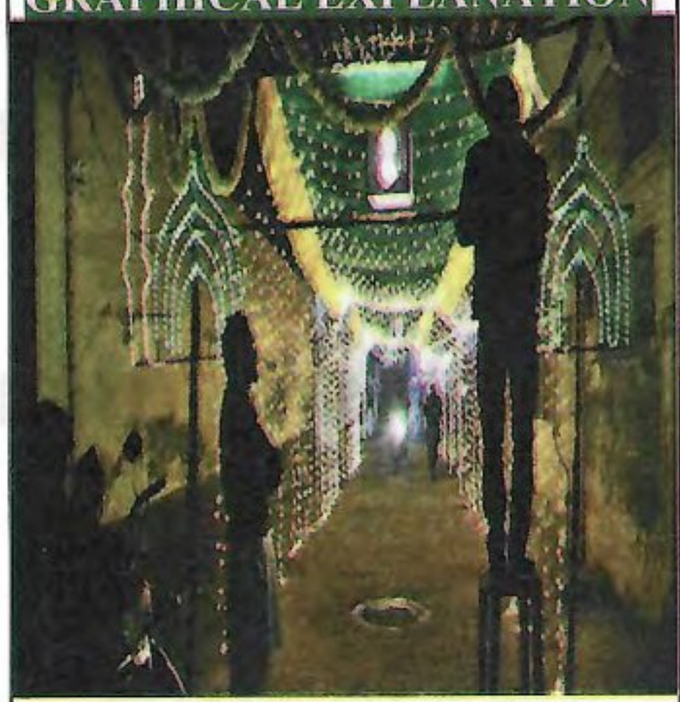
Noun:

light or lighting

2. spiritual or intellectual enlightenment

3. the art of illustrating a manuscript or book

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: 1. light, glow, flash, brightness, brilliance
Medium: glare, radiance, luminosity, dazzle
Difficult: glitter, gleam
2. knowledge, explanation, clarification, insight, interpretation, revelation, demonstration, enlightenment, elucidation, explication, exposition, exegesis, rationalization **3.** decoration, illustration, embellishment, adornment, ornamentation

ANTONYMS

Easy: dullness, darkness, dimness
Medium: grayness, duskiness, haziness
Difficult: murkiness, bleakness, obscurity
2. ignorance, doubt, confusion, uncertainty, puzzlement, unawareness, misconception, misunderstanding, vagueness, incomprehension, skepticism, misperception, incognizance
3. ugliness, distortion, deformity, blemish, defacement, disfigurement

EXAMPLES

In that clime the illumination of the full moon on a clear night is so bright that you can practically read by it.
Socrates was put to death, but the Socratic philosophy rose like the sun in heaven, and spread its illumination over the whole intellectual world.
France had maintained a longstanding tradition of floral decoration in art and manuscript illumination since the Middle Ages.

79. INVARIABLY

Adverb

in every case or on every occasion; always

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: always, unchangeably, unfailingly, consistently, universally, regularly, ever
Medium: habitually, undeviatingly, unvaryingly, customarily,
Difficult: perpetually, incessantly

ANTONYMS

Easy: sometimes, rarely, seldom, infrequently, occasionally, at times, not often
Medium: periodically, now and then, once in a while/blue moon
Difficult: sporadically, intermittently

EXAMPLES

The subjects which were dearest to the examiners were almost invariably those I fancied least.
Their slacker son invariably gives the same response to the questions about his career plans as may be expected of a good-for-nothing fellow.

80. IRRITABLE

Adjective:

easily irritated or annoyed

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: angry, annoyed, quarrelsome, bad-tempered
Medium: exasperated, combative, contentious
Difficult: cross, snarly, peevish, surly, irascible, cantankerous, choleric, bilious, morose, fretful, belligerent, disputatious, pugnacious, petulant, choleric, querulous, antagonistic, bellicose

ANTONYMS

Easy: cheerful, jolly, tolerant, relaxed, friendly
Medium: merry, lively, glad, affable, cordial, enduring
Difficult: placid, tranquil, patient, indifferent, resigned, forbearing, jaunty, genial, buoyant, sanguine, extroverted, stoic

EXAMPLES

The irritable old man always yells at people to stay off his lawn.
She began to grow very irritable at the thought of what would be expected of her.
The children who live in conducive environment are expected to be less fussy and, thus, less irritable than other children.

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81. INSINUATED

Adjective:

1. suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way

2. maneuver oneself into (a favorable position) by subtle manipulation

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: suggest, hint, whisper, indicate, refer, signal

2. slip, creep, introduce

Medium: signify, allude, intimate **2.** insert, interpose, sneak

Difficult: imply, purport, connote **2.** maneuver, ingratiate, curry favor, infiltrate

ANTONYMS

Easy: **(a)** announce, declare, explain, describe, make public

(b) conceal, hide, leave alone

Medium: proclaim, pronounce

Difficult elaborate, elucidate, spell out, delineate

EXAMPLES

The article insinuated that he was having an affair with his friend's wife.

Eyeing his father's money with growing envy, he tried to succeed in insinuating himself into his father's favor.

She insinuated herself into her boss's confidence.

82. INTENTLY

Adverb:

with strong interest and attention

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: attentively, keenly, eagerly, concentratedly, alertly, carefully, painstakingly, thoroughly

Medium: absorbedly, resolutely, determinedly, industriously, exhaustively, animatedly, vigorously, zealously

Difficult: raptly, conscientiously, earnestly, diligently, strenuously, arduously, assiduously, ardently, vehemently, meticulously

ANTONYMS

Easy: casually, absentmindedly, halfheartedly, lazily, distantly, unconcernedly, uninterestedly, tiredly

Medium: wearily, indolently

Difficult: unresponsively, spiritlessly, listlessly, vaguely, desultorily, distractedly, abstractedly, sluggishly, frivolously, lackadaisically, languidly, indifferently

EXAMPLES

I listened intently to what she had to say.

Her eyes, when they look at you and listen intently, focus like laser beams.

I can focus intently on things that fascinate me, to the exclusion of all other things.

She looked intently into Elsa's eyes.

In fact, his gaze has been so intently fixed on the young hero that he fails to notice her exit.

83. INDUSTRY

Noun:

1. the quality of working hard

2. economic activity concerned with the manufacture of goods in factories: business, trade, manufacturing, production, construction, commerce, engineering, enterprise, fabrication

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: hard work, labor, productiveness, tirelessness

Medium: application, dedication

Difficult diligence, persistence, perseverance, assiduity, conscientiousness, drudgery, pertinacity

ANTONYMS

Easy: laziness, inactivity, carelessness, idleness, lifelessness, unemployment

Medium: lethargy, negligence, sluggishness

Difficult: indolence, slackness, sloth, torpor, inertia, languor

EXAMPLES

He isn't the smartest kid in class, but he gets the best grades by determined *industry*.

Once again, the town's manufacturing industry bore the brunt of the bad news.

By industry and thrift, laborers would have the chance to buy their own land.

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84. INTOLERABLE

Adjective:
so bad that you cannot tolerate it; completely unacceptable

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: insufferable, unsupportable, unacceptable, crushing, painful, inappropriate
Medium: inexcusable, overpowering, unjustifiable
Difficult overwhelming, unwarranted, excruciating

ANTONYMS

Easy: manageable, bearable, endurable, reasonable, satisfactory
Medium: convenient, maintainable, defensible
Difficult: survivable, sustainable, admissible

EXAMPLES

They have served a three-year sentence in intolerable circumstances for something they never did.
The smell in the wards was so offensive as to be intolerable even by the oldest medical officers.

85. IMPERCEPTIBLY

Adverb:
in a very slight and subtle way that cannot be seen or felt

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: lightly, faintly, slightly, gently, slowly, quietly, unnoticeably
Medium: barely, gradually, moderately, invisibly, undetectably
Difficult: furtively, insidiously, indiscernibly, subtly, stealthily, surreptitiously, sneakily

ANTONYMS

Easy: 1. clearly, observably, understandably, recognizably 2. abruptly, suddenly acutely, sharply, steeply hastily
Medium: obviously, markedly, apparently, evidently, observably, manifestly
Difficult: conspicuously

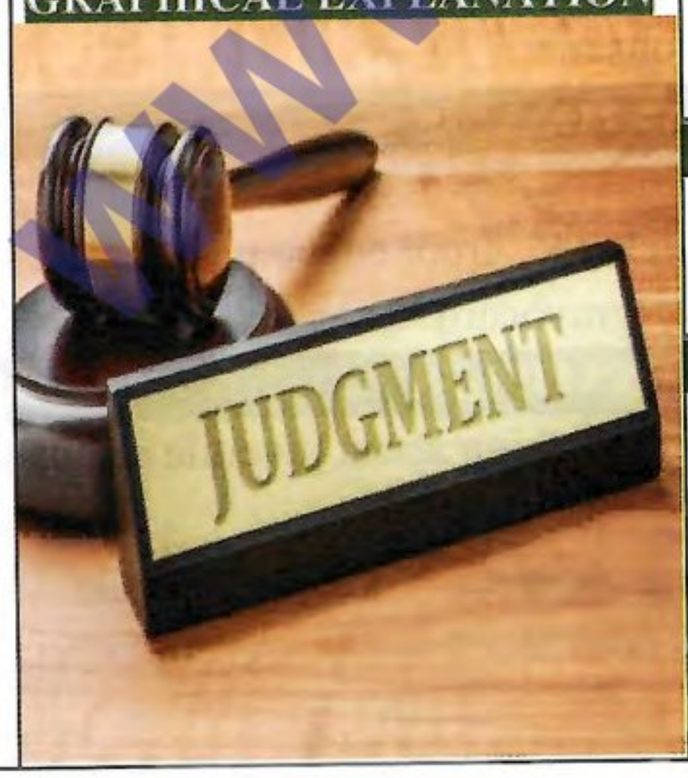
EXAMPLES

The daylight faded almost imperceptibly into night.
His right eye is almost imperceptibly larger than the left.
The wife is a thoroughly odious creature, but the author has imperceptibly subverted the reader's sympathies.

86. JUDGMENT

Noun:
the ability to make decisions or come to conclusions; view, opinion, finding

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: decision, opinion, finding, result, conclusion, view intelligence, wisdom, reason, common sense
Medium: assessment, decree, sentence, estimation, evaluation, ruling, perception, logic,
Difficult: appraisal, discretion, insight, sagacity, discernment, comprehension, apprehension, verdict, sensibility, prudence, judiciousness, acumen, shrewdness, perspicacity

ANTONYMS

Easy: ignorance, stupidity, madness, foolishness, absurdity, nonsense
Medium: mindlessness, brainlessness, idiocy, folly, silliness, irrationality
Difficult: ridiculousness, insanity, lunacy, psychosis, paranoia, imbecility

EXAMPLES

There are many undergraduates whose judgment is perverted by the attractiveness of athletic sports.
I don't think you have the right to pass judgment on others.
It proved **Difficult** to make a judgment about how well the school was performing.
Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment.
At twenty years of age, the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; and at forty, the judgment.

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87. JUDICIAL

Adjective:
connected with court, judge or legal judgment

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: relating to court, lawful, legal, official
Medium: valid, administrative, magisterial
Difficult: legislative, jurisdictive, forensic

ANTONYMS

Easy: unfair, unjust, illegal, unlawful
Medium: unconstitutional, biased, prejudiced
Difficult: illegitimate, discriminatory, illicit, bigoted, inequitable

EXAMPLES

The Supreme Court ordered a judicial inquiry into the deaths.
It would be an abuse of the judicial process to allow proceedings to be repetitive.

88. JUNCTION

Noun:
an intersection of roads or a point of meeting

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: joint, link, connection, interchange, intersection
Medium: bond, juncture
Difficult: seam, nexus, conjunction, adjunction, confluence, crossroads

ANTONYMS

Easy: detachment, disunion, separation, division
Medium: parting
Difficult: severance, estrangement, segregation, digression, divergence

EXAMPLES

The allies evacuated the important Baghdad Railway junction.
Bikes have their own lanes, traffic lights at junctions and dedicated road signs.

89. JUVENILE

Adjective:
relating to young people who are not yet adults

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: young, junior, teenager, minor, babyish, childish, immature, innocent
Medium: green, raw, blooming
Difficult: adolescent, puerile, pediatric, pubescent, infantile, naïve, ingenuous, credulous

ANTONYMS

Easy: grown-up, senior mature, aged, elder, sensible
Medium: adult, ripe, developed, crooked, come of age
Difficult: mellow, dotard, graybeard

EXAMPLES

The legislature has to do something about juvenile crimes, particularly the violent ones.
Despite occasional warnings about a rising tide of juvenile crime, the statistics show a determined resistance to inflation.

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90. JEOPARDY

Noun:
danger of loss, harm, or failure

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: danger, risk, insecurity, threat, trouble
Medium: vulnerability, hazard
Difficult: presage, nuisance, menace, peril, precariousness, susceptibility

ANTONYMS

Easy: safety, defense, protection, guard
Medium: immunity, shield, haven
Difficult: preservation, salvation, rampart, armor, sanctuary, impunity, inviolability

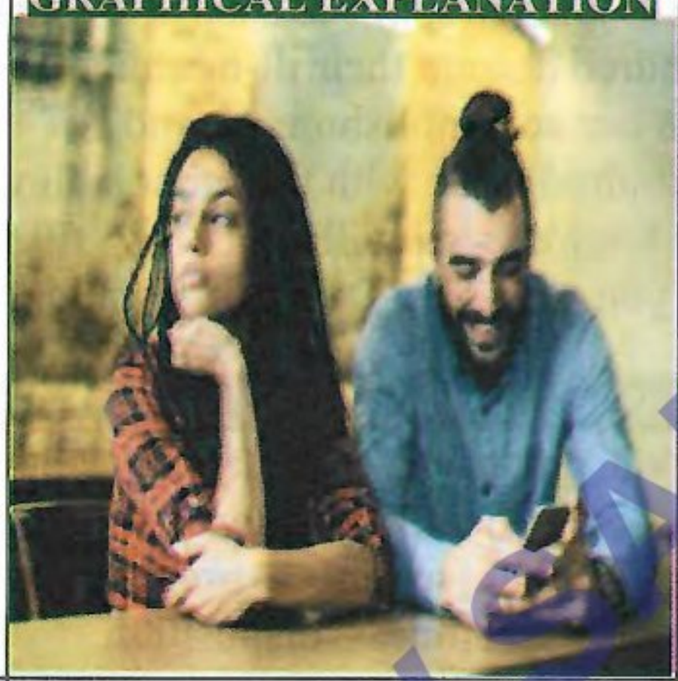
EXAMPLES

A series of setbacks has put the whole project in jeopardy.
Any unfair jeopardy to the petitioner should be dealt with promptly if it arises.
If the money doesn't start flowing soon, the country's very future will be in jeopardy.

91. JEALOUSY

Noun:
a feeling of unhappiness and anger because someone has something that you want

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: selfishness, distrust, doubt, possessiveness, protectiveness, watchfulness, evil eye
Medium: envy, eagerness, enmity, grudge, rivalry, ill-will
Difficult: suspicion, vigilance, invidiousness, covetousness, resentment, animosity, malice, spitefulness, wariness

ANTONYMS

Easy: generosity, big-heartedness, goodwill, confidence, kindness, love, sympathy
Medium: charitableness, liberality, unconcern, indifference, tolerance, endurance, forbearance
Difficult: benevolence, beneficence, chivalry, munificence, stoicism, resignation

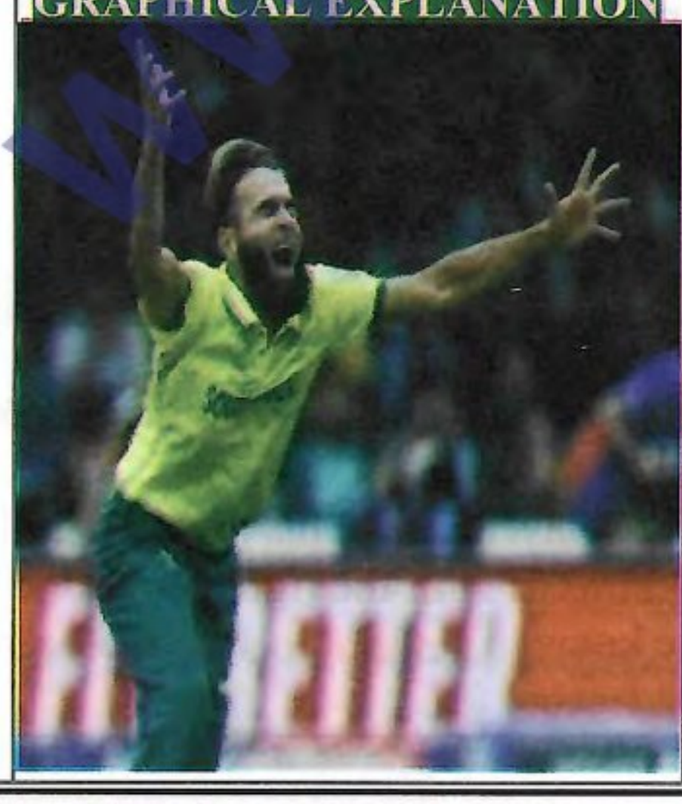
EXAMPLES

Her promotion aroused intense jealousy among her colleagues.
I know people link our vandalism to boredom and jealousy, but what we're really trying to do is get a reaction.
The book deals with envy and jealousy and how these emotions cause so much unnecessary suffering in our lives.

92. JUBILANT

Adjective:
feeling or expressing great happiness, especially because of a success

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: happy, glad, delighted, overjoyed, pleased, proud
Medium: merry, cheerful, jolly, thrilled, boastful
Difficult: triumphant, gay, jaunty, rejoicing, exhilarated, rapturous, buoyant, exultant, blissful, gleeful, exuberant, elated, ecstatic, euphoric, enraptured, in seventh heaven, on cloud nine

ANTONYMS

Easy: sad, depressed, upset, discouraged sorrowful
Medium: disappointed, dissatisfied, defeated, dispirited, downcast, frustrated, discontented, dejected
Difficult: desperate, despaired, gloomy, dismal, melancholy, funereal, dismayed, mournful, sepulchral, disconsolate, doleful, thwarted

EXAMPLES

The fans were in jubilant mood after the victory.
Thousands of students and teachers will be jubilant at the additional funding.
Students, former guerrilla fighters, police and soldiers took to the streets in a jubilant parade.
Foreign companies are jubilant, since they hope to get unprecedented access to the Chinese market.

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93. KINDRED

Adjective:
having a close connection like that between family members

Noun:
your family and relatives

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: similar, related, matching, same, agreeable, likeable, attractive, friendly
Medium: alike, parallel, associated, affiliated, allied, identical, resembling, sympathetic
Difficult: corresponding, compatible, analogous, affable, amiable, amicable, genial, congenial, cordial, akin, kith and kin
Noun: family, relatives, relations, folks, tribe, ancestry, lineage, clan, kith and kin, flesh and blood

ANTONYMS

Easy: different, unlike, clashing, conflicting, contradictory
Medium: contrary, rivaling, hostile, adversary, inhospitable combative, antagonistic, inimical
Difficult: disparate, discordant, diverse, distinct, differentiable, discriminable, distinguishable, belligerent, contentious
Noun: strangers, outsiders, aliens

EXAMPLES

They sell dried fruit and nuts and other kindred products.
We recognized each other as kindred spirits as soon as we met.
He is still loyal to his kindred despite their ill-treatment.
It was a time to rejoice in her accomplishments, and I couldn't help but feel a kindred pride with the other siblings.
Someone you consider a kindred soul will either help fill an emotional void or guide you through a **Difficult** situation.

94. KNACK

Noun:
1. a special and usually inborn ability, or a tendency to do something
2. a clever means to achieve a target

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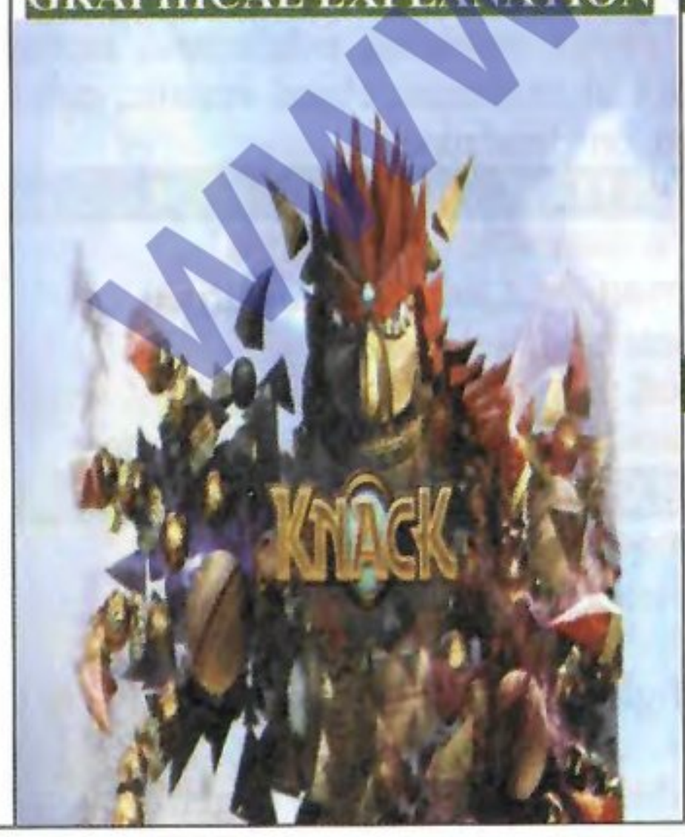

SYNONYMS

Easy: ability, capability, skill, gift, talent, specialty, know-how
Medium: mastership, expertise, bent, tendency, instinct aptitude, capacity, faculty, leaning, partiality, proficiency
Difficult: propensity, proneness, aptness, disposition, penchant, ingenuity, dexterity, adroitness, forte
2. trick, scheme, dodge, bluff, stratagem, artifice, ruse

ANTONYMS

Easy: disability, weakness, ignorance
Medium: helplessness, powerlessness, incapability, incapacity, impotence, shortcoming
Difficult: inadequacy, ineligibility, inaptitude, handicap, ineptness, disinclination, incompetence
2. honesty, sincerity, naivety, truthfulness, innocence

EXAMPLES

He's got a real knack for making money.
Nothing is more important to good teaching than the knack of apt illustration.
During this campaign he displayed one of his greatest skills, the knack of surrounding himself with the right people.
She tried every knack she knew to get him to spill the beans.

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95. KNICKERS

Noun:
loose-fitting short pants gathered at the knee

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: shorts, trousers
Medium: underpants
Difficult: briefs, slacks

ANTONYMS

Easy: dress
Medium: costume
Difficult: overalls, attire, apparel

EXAMPLES

Men's knickers went out of style and are now a drug on the market.
I wonder why you have too many pairs of knickers.

96. KNICKKNACK

Noun:
Small, tiny objects, especially household ornaments

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: ornament, decoration, showpiece
Medium: souvenir, embellishment, keepsake, token, miniature
Difficult: memento, trifle, relic

ANTONYMS

Easy: huge, massive, giant, plainness, dullness
Medium: heavy, immense, gigantic, titanic, enormous, bareness, baldness
Difficult: monstrous, colossal

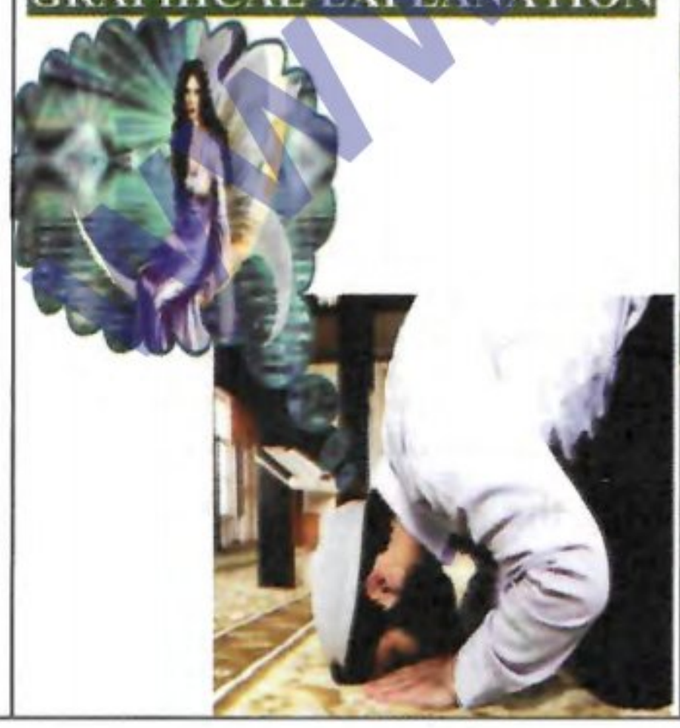
EXAMPLES

A variety of pretty porcelain knickknacks adorned the mantel.
He was stunned at the vast amount of knick-knacks and souvenirs- of value to his mother but to no one else.

97. LIKELIHOOD

Noun:
the chance of something happening

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: chance, possibility, option
Medium: probability, expectation, anticipation, feasibility, prospect
Difficult: odds, fluke, viability, plausibility, liability

ANTONYMS

Easy: doubt, impracticality, improbability, unlikeliness
Medium: uncertainty, dubiousness, questionability, fallibility
Difficult: suspicion

EXAMPLES

Today babies are born in hospitals where there is little likelihood of their getting a disease.
The likelihood of instability might increase in the future because of the economic crisis.
There is little likelihood now that interest rates will come down further.

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98. LABYRINTH

Noun:

a complicated network of paths; a Difficult situation

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: puzzle, network, confusion, complication, jumble

Medium: mystery, enigma, tangle, interweave, chaos, bewilderment, complexity, knot web, coil, muddle, riddle, trap, snare

Difficult: mesh, maze, quagmire, morass, intricacy, convolution, blind alley

ANTONYMS

Easy: ease, line, order, organization, plainness, clarity simplicity, clue

Medium: facility, clarification, disentanglement, release, rescue, resolution, straight path

Difficult: illumination, exposition, explication, extrication, elucidation

EXAMPLES

We lost our way in the labyrinth of streets, and got late for the meeting.

Finally, through a labyrinth of corridors she found his office.

He was no stranger to the labyrinth of love.

Alcohol, drugs and age can all affect the balance mechanism in the inner ear known as the labyrinth.

99. LUDICROUS

Adjective:

stupid or unreasonable that makes you laugh

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: foolish, stupid, laughable, comic, funny, nonsensical, absurd, odd, idiotic

Medium: insane, peculiar, chuckle-some, ridiculous, silly, humorous, ludicrous, weird

Difficult: derisive, droll, hilarious, farcical, preposterous

ANTONYMS

Easy: sensible, serious, wise, normal, ordinary, usual, common, typical, average, standard, customary

Medium: judicious, logical, sober, solemn, rational, earnest, grave, sane

Difficult: sagacious, prudent, sedate

EXAMPLES

Some stories that initially seemed ludicrous turned out to be true.

Of course when you're young the possibility that you ever might be old is ludicrous.

The world, as he saw it, was full of hypocrites who were either ludicrous or malevolent or both.

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100. LIMP

Verb:
walk with **Difficulty** due to a damaged leg or foot

Adjective:
lacking strength or energy

Noun:
a tendency to limp; a gait impeded by injury or stiffness: lameness, hobble, uneven gait, shuffle

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: waver, crawl, creep, drag, walk unevenly, walk unsteadily
Medium: stumble, stagger walk lamely, walk haltingly
Difficult: hobble, shamble, hitch, wallow, sway, shuffle, falter, lumber, plod, trudge
Adj. soft, loose, weak, bendy, elastic, flexible, floppy, lifeless, sleepy, drowsy, listless, spiritless, droopy, feeble, flimsy, yielding, infirm, slack, sluggish, debilitated, pliable, resilient, supple, flaccid, lank, lax, lackadaisical, languid enervated, sapped

ANTONYMS

Easy: run, rush, float, drift, flow, race, speed, hurry, walk smoothly
Medium: glide, slide, skate, march, parade
Difficult: stride, amble, stroll, strut, soar
Adj. firm, hard, solid, sound, strong, tough, spirited, strengthened, energetic, tense, vigorous, stiff, revitalized, rigid, sturdy, stout, substantial, alert, awake, rejuvenated, animated, vivacious, dynamic, brittle, crisp

EXAMPLES

She limped all day after stubbing her toe on the lawn sprinkler.
He staggered to his feet, limping towards the entrance of the cave.
The injured player limped off the field.
The conversation limped for some time.
His hand went limp and the knife clattered to the ground.
His broken arm was limp as he held it against his side.
The team's limp performance has many a calling for the head coach's resignation.
They have a pitcher whose right leg is an inch shorter than his left leg, giving him a limp in his gait.

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 INTENDED
A) Envisioned
B) Inadvertent
C) Spontaneous
D) Impulsive

Q.2 IN VAIN
A) Facile
B) Futile
C) Fertile
D) Frivolous

Q.3 ILLUMINATION
A) Oblivion
B) Obscurity
C) Anonymity
D) Clarification

Q.4 INVARIABLY
A) Sporadically
B) Intermittently
C) Perpetually
D) Sequentially

Q.5 IRRITABLE
A) Contentious
B) Pretentious
C) Forbearing
D) Intriguing

Q.6 INSINUATED
A) Proclaimed
B) Convinced
C) Alluded
D) Impelled

Q.7 INTENTLY
A) Vividly
B) Raptly
C) Distractedly
D) Deliberately

Q.8 INDUSTRY
A) Assiduity
B) Slackness
C) Ambiguity
D) Drabness

Q.9 INTOLERABLE
A) Domineering
B) Admissible
C) Overbearing
D) Overwhelming

Q.10 IMPERCEPTIBLY
A) Subtly
B) Evidently
C) Curtly
D) Conspicuously

Q.11 JUDGMENT
A) Absurdity
B) Discernment
C) Bossiness
D) Officiousness

Q.12 JUDICIAL
A) Discriminatory
B) Arbitrary
C) Illicit
D) Jurisdictive

Q.13 JUNCTION
A) Confluence
B) Congruence
C) Divergence
D) Analogy

Q.14 JUVENILE
A) Jolly
B) Infantile
C) Sensitive
D) Sensible

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Q.15 JEOPARDY
A) Brigandage
B) Armor
C) Susceptibility
D) Furor

Q.16 JEALOUSY
A) Aggressiveness
B) Resignation
C) Stoicism
D) Possessiveness

Q.17 JUBILANT
A) Betrayed
B) On Cloud Nine
C) Under A Cloud
D) Dismayed

Q.18 KINDRED
A) Categorical
B) Typical
C) Hostile
D) Akin

Q.19 KNACK
A) Proficiency
B) Naivety
C) Impotence
D) Impudence

Q.20 KNICKERS
A) Attire
B) Briefs
C) Sheaths
D) Pyre

Q.21 KNICKKNACK
A) Stifle
B) Adornment
C) Colossal
D) Bickering

Q.22 LIKELIHOOD
A) Resemblance
B) Dubiousness
C) Anticipation
D) Preference

Q.23 LABYRINTH
A) Tangle
B) Mangle
C) Explication
D) Extrication

Q.24 LUDICROUS
A) Ominous
B) Solemn
C) Pretentious
D) Preposterous

Q.25 LIMP
A) Droopy
B) Stiff
C) Strut
D) Stride

Q.26 INSINUATED
A) Eluded
B) Enumerated
C) Sneaked
D) Proclaim

Q.27 JUVENILE
A) Merry
B) Mellow
C) Callous
D) Pubescent

Q.28 JEOPARDY
A) Peril
B) Haven
C) Bluff
D) Mirth

Q.29 KINDRED
A) Affiliated
B) Antagonistic
C) Adversary
D) Inhospitable

Q.30 LABYRINTH
A) Maize
B) Maze
C) Disentanglement
D) Abandonment

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 The Board has called for the head coach's resignation because of the team's _____ performance.

A) limp
B) coveted
C) elaborate
D) gingerly

Q.2 Some stories that initially seemed _____turned out to be true.

A) flawless
B) juvenile
C) intolerable
D) ludicrous

Q.3 Conditions are predictable for novice divers, but spectacular fun for certified cave divers, who can twist through _____of limestone tunnels.

A) knickknacks
B) labyrinths
C) heaps
D) excursions

Q.4 Our suffering calls for revenge, but waging a war will only make the _____ of retaliation greater.

A) bewilderment
B) exaggeration
C) likelihood
D) comprehension

Q.5 They bought cheap _____for putting in children's stockings for Christmas day.

A) knick-knacks
B) knickers
C) knacks
D) kindreds

Q.6 He was wearing leather boots, a tweed jacket, wool_____, and a felt hat.

A) junctions
B) knickers
C) knickknacks
D) knacks

Q.7 He usually sings at Christmas, but he has a_____ for getting out his piano at unexpected moments.

A) judgment
B) jeopardy
C) likelihood
D) knack

Q.8 They were exhausted but_____; however, their victory proved to be short-lived.

A) jubilant
B) kindred
C) irritable
D) haggard

Q.9 Her fiancé worked himself into a passion of_____, pulling his hair and shaking his fists.

A) bewilderment
B) labyrinth
C) jealousy
D) curiosity

Q.10 Since the money doesn't seem to start flowing soon, the country's very future is in_____.

A) distraction
B) disconsolation
C) friction
D) jeopardy

Q.11 Despite occasional warnings about a rising tide of _____crime, the government is least bothered about the consequences.

A) juvenile
B) haphazard
C) eccentric
D) gingerly

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Q.12 In Britain, you're supposed to put your car into neutral whenever you stop at a_____.
A) habitat
B) junction
C) excursion
D) boon

Q.13 There were strong rumors of his acquittal; the _____verdict, however, was finally set against the accused.
A) imperceptible
B) dilapidated
C) juvenile
D) judicial

Q.14 Though no formalities are observed here, I don't think you have the right to pass _____on others.
A) criteria
B) hearsay
C) judgment
D) exaggeration

Q.15 Apparently, there seems to be no difference; however, his right eye is _____larger than the left.
A) imperceptibly
B) haphazardly
C) invariably
D) intently

Q.16 The levels of violence have become_____; therefore, drastic measures are needed
A) intolerable
B) disconsolate
C) ludicrous
D) abrupt

Q.17 By _____and thrift, laborers would have the chance to buy their own land.
A) confrontation
B) insinuation
C) industry
D) comprehension

Q.18 Despite the miserable conditions I am living in, I can focus _____on things that fascinate me.
A) haphazardly
B) irritably
C) intently
D) appallingly

Q.19 Critics have raised hue and cry, but the film doesn't _____anything offensive against women.
A) evaluate
B) flutter
C) insinuate
D) coax

Q.20 The children who live in conducive environment are expected to be less fussy and, thus, less_____.
A) irritable
B) haughty
C) coveted
D) curious

Q.21 So much expectation of having a good time _____leads to disappointment.
A) imperceptibly
B) haphazardly
C) intently
D) invariably

Q.22 Socrates was put to death, but the Socratic philosophy spread its _____over the whole intellectual world.
A) likelihood
B) bewilderment
C) illumination
D) exasperation

Q.23 They battled _____to rescue the children from the blaze, because it was too late now.
A) in vain
B) in an elaborate way
C) apparently
D) gingerly

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Q.24 You may feign innocence, but I know that last remark of yours was an _____taunt.

A) intended
B) illuminated
C) appalling
D) accentuated

Q.25 That he is unstable she realizes only after he's _____himself deeply into her isolated life.

A) fringed
B) dilapidated
C) disguised
D) insinuated

Q.26 He had succeeded in representing himself as insignificant while _____building up his rampart.

A) disconsolately
B) imperceptibly
C) apparently
D) casually

Q.27 The police believe that 50 per cent of the crimes are committed by 16-year-olds who know the _____Justice Act.

A) Judicial
B) Judgmental
C) Juvenile
D) Jubilant

Q.28 Democracy unchains us, whereas dictatorship puts in_____ our sacred right to life, liberty, and happiness.

A) jeopardy
B) exaggeration
C) junction
D) likelihood

Q.29 Old cities developed naturally as trees do. As a result, London is a_____, full of turnings and twistings just like a brain.

A) habitat
B) labyrinth
C) comprehension
D) harmony

Q.30 When faced with challenge, it is better to _____in the way than run out of the way.

A) limp
B) beckon
C) fringe
D) flick

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) Although he had his leg operated on, he still has a slight limp in his gait.
B) Although he had his leg operate on, he still has a slight limp in his gait.
C) Although he had his leg to operate on, he still has a slight limp in his gait.
D) Although he had his leg to be operated on, he still has a slight limp in his gait.

Q.2

A) The judge did not consider the factor of the likelihood of danger rising soon.
B) The judge did not consider the factor of the likelihood of danger arising soon.
C) The judge did not consider the factor of the likelihood of danger raising soon.
D) The judge did not consider the factor of the likelihood of danger to rise soon.

Q.3

A) The table was packed with knick-knacks that had removed from the shelves.
B) The table was packed with knick-knacks that removed from the shelves.
C) The table was packed with knick-knacks that had been removed from the shelves.
D) The table was packed with knick-knacks that was removed from the shelves.

Q.4

A) She tried every knack she knew to get him to spill the beans.
B) She tried every knack she knew to get him spill the beans.
C) She tried every knack she knew to get him spilled the beans.
D) She tried every knack she knew to get him spilling the beans.

Q.5

A) She was in triumph, and I couldn't help but feeling a kindred pride with the other siblings.
B) She was in triumph, and I couldn't help to feel a kindred pride with the other siblings.
C) She was in triumph, and I couldn't helped feeling a kindred pride with the other siblings.
D) She was in triumph, and I couldn't help but feel a kindred pride with the other siblings.

Q.6

A) The jubilant fans carried on celebrate their victory for some days.
B) The jubilant fans carried on celebrating their victory for some days.
C) The jubilant fans carried on to celebrate their victory for some days.
D) The jubilant fans carried on celebration their victory for some days.

Q.7

A) He busied himself in work with a view to getting rid of professional jealousy.
B) He busied himself in work with a view to get rid of professional jealousy.
C) He busied himself in work with a view of getting rid of professional jealousy.
D) He busied himself in work with a view to get rid professional jealousy.

Q.8

A) I'd rather you don't risk putting the whole project in jeopardy.
B) I'd rather you don't risk to put the whole project in jeopardy.
C) I'd rather you didn't risk to put the whole project in jeopardy.
D) I'd rather you didn't risk putting the whole project in jeopardy.

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Q.9

A) The government had better taken measures to curb juvenile crimes.
B) The government had better to take measures to curb juvenile crimes.
C) The government had better took measures to curb juvenile crimes.
D) The government had better take measures to curb juvenile crimes.

Q.10

A) People keep to say it's an awkward union, but it's a great junction of two fashion superstars.
B) People keep saying it's an awkward union, but it's a great junction of two fashion superstars.
C) People keep to saying it's an awkward union, but it's a great junction of two fashion superstars.
D) People keep on to say it's an awkward union, but it's a great junction of two fashion superstars.

Q.11

A) The book helps you to learn to make a judgment about important issues.
B) The book helps you learn to make a judgment about important issues.
C) The book helps you to learn how to make a judgment about important issues.
D) The book helps you learn make a judgment about important issues.

Q.12

A) It's important that the play penetrates you imperceptibly, moving you to share the author's compassion.
B) It's important that the play to penetrate you imperceptibly, moving you to share the author's compassion.
C) It's important that the play penetrate you imperceptibly, moving you to share the author's compassion.
D) It's important that the play penetrated you imperceptibly, moving you to share the author's compassion.

Q.13

A) I propose that the leakage is stopped immediately before the smell becomes intolerable.
B) I propose that the leakage should be stopped immediately before the smell becomes intolerable.
C) I propose that the leakage stops immediately before the smell becomes intolerable.
D) I propose that the leakage be stopped immediately before the smell becomes intolerable.

Q.14

A) True success lie in industry and dedication rather than in shortcuts and tricks.
B) True success lay in industry and dedication rather than in shortcuts and tricks.
C) True success lays in industry and dedication rather than in shortcuts and tricks.
D) True success lies in industry and dedication rather than in shortcuts and tricks.

Q.15

A) Being guilty, he dares not look intently into Elsa's eyes.
B) Being guilty, he dared not look intently into Elsa's eyes.
C) Being guilty, he dared not to look intently into Elsa's eyes.
D) Being guilty, he did not dare to look intently into Elsa's eyes.

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SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 It would be an abuse (A) of the judicial process to allow (B) proceedings (C) repetitive (D).

Q.17 He categorically (A) denied to misbehave (B) towards (C) the visitors, and called the indictment (D) ludicrous.

Q.18 It is high time we ask (A) ourselves (B) if this is (C) the freedom that was intended (D) for us by our forefathers.

Q.19 We saw them to follow (A) him through a (B) labyrinth of narrow alleys (C), and heard people raise (D) hue and cry.

Q.20 She needs (A) not worry (B) if he ever tries (C) to insinuate (D) into his father's favor.

Q.21 The medicine helps clean (A) the kidneys, heal (B) bladder infections and to alleviate (C) irritable bowel conditions (D).

Q.22 So much expectation of having a good time (A) invariably leads (B) to disappointment. Therefore, it's wise that one (C) should (D) be judicious.

Q.23 I look forward to seek (A) spiritual illumination through (B) reading holy scriptures and practising (C) sacred rituals. (D)

Q.24 It was recommended (A) that the patient should be (B) put on the ventilator; but they tried in vain (C) to resuscitate him, because it was too late. (D)

Q.25 You may feign innocence (A), but you cannot make us to believe (B) that last remark of yours (C) was not an intended taunt. (D)

Q.26 I'd rather (A) you avoided (B) to accept (C) evidence based on hearsay or rumor if you want to make a sound judgment. (D)

Q.27 A number (A) of school pupils are being put (B) in quarantine as (C) the world battles to stop COVID 19 to wreak (D) havoc.

Q.28 The haughty waiter couldn't help to smirk (A) when I remarked that it was odd that a French (B) restaurant didn't even have (C) French fries on (D) the menu.

Q.29 Safety measures demand that tourism develops (A) in harmony with (B) the environment in order to (C) avoid upsetting (D) the balance.

Q.30 Would that (A) you keep (B) silent until (C) the crisis is over, because jeopardy can arise from (D) disclosure.

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VOCABULARY (WORDS 101-125)

101. MENACED

Verb:
place in danger or put at risk

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: endanger, threaten, risk, terrorize, alarm, scare, frighten, curse, brutalize, torment, victimize
Medium: assault, adventure, savage, harass, gamble with
Difficult: impend, intimidate, bully, persecute, oppress, jeopardize, savage, hazard, hang over, loom over, imperil

ANTONYMS

Easy: protect, shelter, save, defend, support, spare, rescue, look after, ease, relieve
Medium: guard, ward, shield, brace, secure, care for
Difficult: fence, preserve, reassure, bulwark, liberate, redeem, deliver, alleviate

EXAMPLES

A few months later the oppressive system collapsed, to the immense benefit of everyone living under or menaced by it.
Africa's elephants are still menaced by poaching.
Despite their often misunderstood appearance, they are teens to be immensely proud of, not menaced by or feared.

102. MUSTERED

Verb:
1. gather together
2. assemble and make ready for action

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: gather, collect, crowd, group, blend, merge, unite, compile
Medium: mass, cluster
Difficult: concentrate, flock, assimilate, accumulate, congregate, aggregate, amalgamate, integrate, assemble, mobilize, rally, summon, conscript, convene, recruit, deploy, line up, call to arms

ANTONYMS

Easy: disarrange, disorder, divide, disorganize, spread, distribute
Medium: separate, dismiss, dissolve, disperse, scatter, split
Difficult: sever dispense, disband, strew, demobilize, diffuse, disrupt, dissipate, break up

EXAMPLES

He finally mustered up courage, cleared his throat, and began in a low voice.
Opponents are unlikely to be able to muster enough votes to override the veto.
Italy, like Britain and America, is mustering its troops for a possible war in Iraq.
The cavalrymen mustered beside the other regiment.

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103. MEAN

Verb: intend to convey, indicate, or refer to something

Adjective: not willing to share things; uncaring, unkind

Noun: a middle point between extremes

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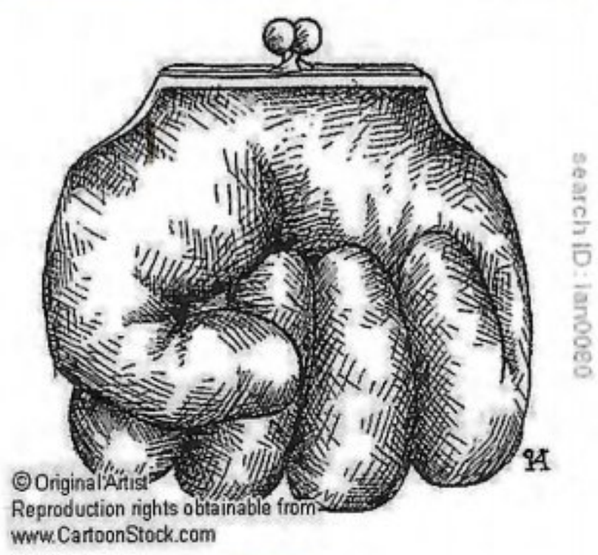


SYNONYMS

Easy: suggest, show, hint, convey, indicate, express, explain
Medium: symbolize, refer, represent, imply, signify
Difficult: elucidate, import, betoken, denote, connote, entail, stand for, point, cite, allude
Adjective: greedy, selfish, foul, cruel, low, inferior, nasty, despicable, contemptible, sordid, covetous, grasping, base, miserly, stingy, niggardly, callous, rapacious, parsimonious, close-fisted, penny-pinching, penurious, avaricious, acquisitive, spiteful, vicious, malicious, malevolent
Noun: average, middle, standard, intermediate, moderate, modest, center, balance, median, par

ANTONYMS

Easy: hide, ignore, cover, disregard, conceal, mask, overlook, screen
Medium: veil, bury, withhold, suppress, repress, disguise, cloak
Difficult: occult, shroud, secrete, obscure, camouflage, infer
Adjective: caring, kind, fair, generous, liberal, friendly, sympathetic, charitable, hospitable, considerate, big-hearted, compassionate, munificent, magnanimous, bountiful, benevolent, altruistic
Noun: total, extreme, ultimate, absolute, utmost, exception, peculiarity

EXAMPLES

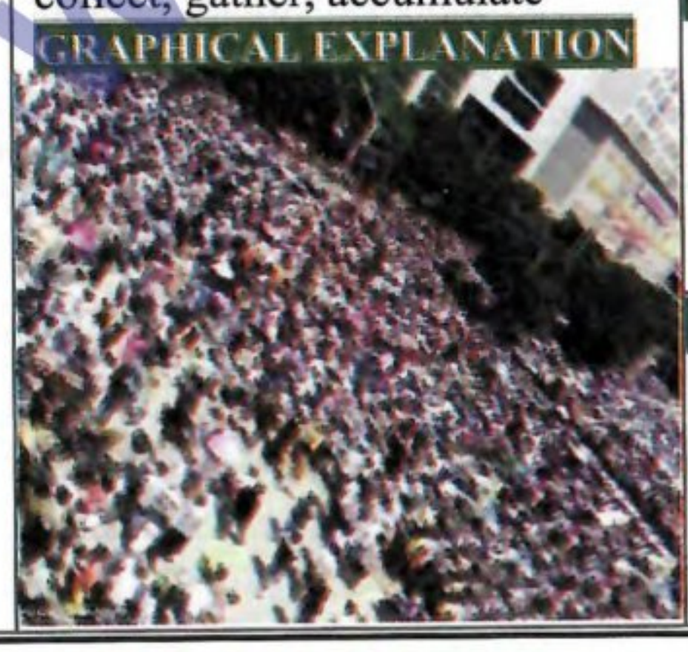
If you don't know what the word means, look it up in a dictionary.
The word patriotism comes from a Greek word meaning fatherland.
He's rather mean when it comes to spending money on the children.
I felt a little bad about being so mean to him, but he deserved it.
She was a woman of mean understanding, little information, and uncertain temper.
Take a hundred and twenty values and calculate the mean.
The tests were performed ten times and the mean of the measurements was taken as the result for the test.

104. MASS

Noun a quantity or aggregate of considerable size

Verb: assemble or cause to assemble; collect, gather, accumulate

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: quantity, amount, heap, pile, volume, stack, stock, clump, form, figure, majority, crowd, troop, army, flood, pack
Medium: abundance, plenty, bulk, reserve, horde, herd, flock
Difficult: swarm, throng magnitude, profusion, corpus, multitude, mob, accumulation, hoard, cache

ANTONYMS

Easy: piece, atom, grain, particle, drop, portion, section, bit, handful, trace, mouthful, ounce, absence, shortage, deficiency, want
Medium: lack, speck, fragment, component
Difficult: scrap, famine, inadequacy, insufficiency, dearth, scarcity, meagerness, paucity

EXAMPLES

The waves would be very different from the little tides which the small mass of the moon raises in our oceans.
I do not propose even to summarize let alone to attempt to analyze this vast mass of material.
The clouds had massed heavily on the horizon before the sun set.

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105. MOUNTING

Verb

1.1 climb up stairs, a hill, or an animal

1.2 grow larger in volume, amount, or number

Noun:

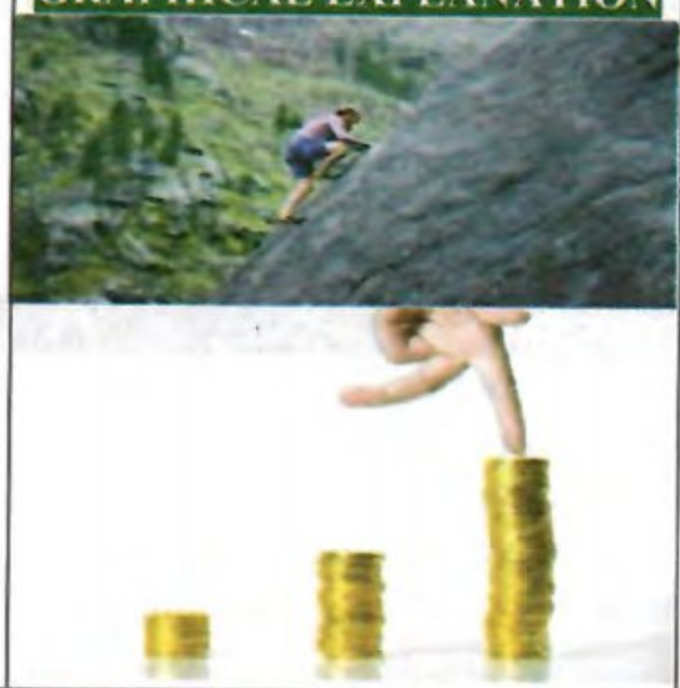
a backing or support for something

Verb:

2. produce or present for public view; organize and initiate a campaign:

prepare, arrange, set up, establish, show, enact, depict, display, exhibit, perform, portray dramatize, render

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: 1. go up, climb, boost, elevate, raise, upheave, uplift, surmount, incline, ascend, clamber, scramble, scale
2. increase, enlarge, grow, rise, shoot up,

Medium: swell, snowball, pile up, leap up, ride, intensify

Difficult: expand, extend, multiply, bulk, bulge, puff, flourish, prosper, appreciate, soar, inflate, wax, surge, mushroom, bloat, proliferate, distend

Noun support, holder, base, stand, rack, frame, platform, bottom, column, pedestal, pillar, foundation, prop, chassis, bolster, buttress

ANTONYMS

Easy: 1. come down, get down, climb down, run down, slide down, hop down 2. decrease, drop, fall, sink, lessen, reduce, shrink

Medium: descend, alight, dismount, decline, contract, subside

Difficult: dwindle, diminish, sink, dive, plunge, collapse, slump, tumble down, depreciate, abate, recede, ebb, wane, deplete, run down

EXAMPLES

The quack mounted his camel and went on to the next village.

Expenses mount up when you come to add refreshments and other things.

Grazing goats ignore us as we mount the hill toward the church.

I silently mounted the stairs myself, and crouched down two steps from the top to listen to the conversation.

Apparently, I looked calm, but my rage was mounting.

The museum is mounting an exhibition of sixteenth-century drawings next week.

Police are going to mount a reconstruction of what they believe happened before the explosion.

106. MINIMUM

Adjective

the lowest or smallest amount or quantity of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: lowest, least, smallest, slightest, fewest, bottom, foot, depth

Medium: nominal, negligible, insignificant, marginal, tiniest, minimal, minutest, trifling

Difficult: nadir, miniscule

ANTONYMS

Easy: maximum, full, highest, biggest, greatest, topmost, utmost, top, peak, crown

Medium: absolute, considerable, supreme, climax, summit, prime, culmination

Difficult: zenith, optimum, substantial

EXAMPLES

You have only to select, sir, and we will reduce the price to the minimum.

If your bank account balance falls below the minimum, you'll get a $5 service charge.

The moral effect should be so good that the loss of life should be reduced to a minimum.

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107. MAYHEM

Noun

violent or extreme disorder; chaos

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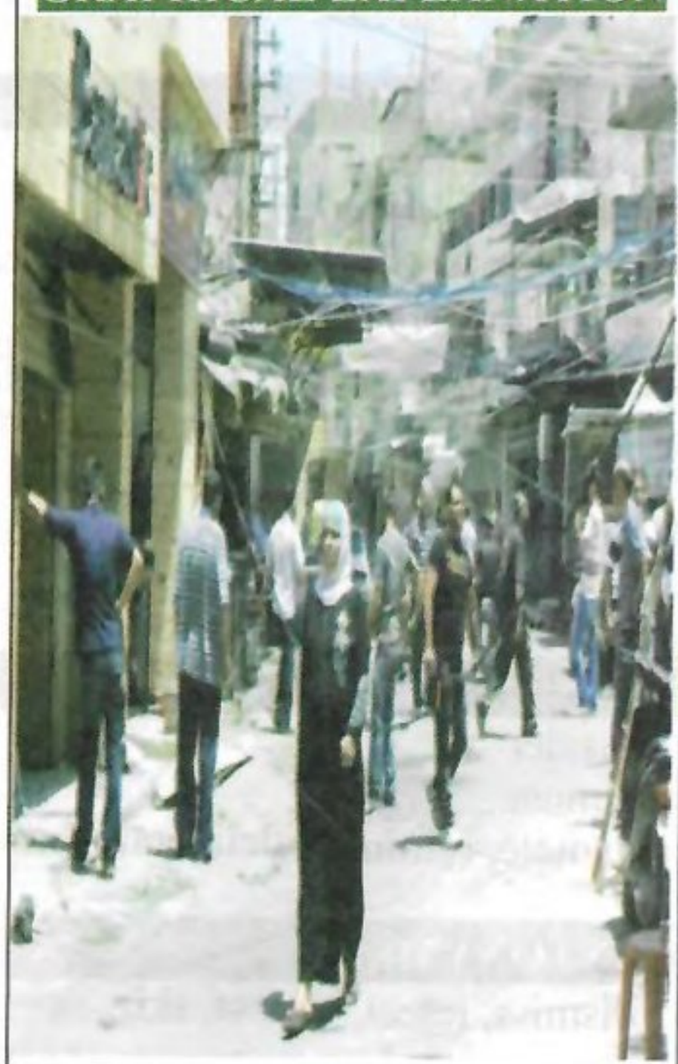

SYNONYMS

Easy: confusion, damage, disorder, violence, destruction, trouble, disturbance

Medium: barbarity, uproar, upheaval, unrest, brutality, furor, savagery, disarray

Difficult: havoc, riot, chaos, turmoil, tumult, anarchy, bedlam commotion, pandemonium

ANTONYMS

Easy: order, calm, quiet, harmony, peace

Medium: stability, accord, concord, poise, composure, ceasefire

Difficult: tranquility, serenity, placidity, truce, armistice, pacification, quietude, imperturbability, amity, equability, equanimity, mollification

EXAMPLES

Movies seem to be filled with murder and mayhem these days.

A mob of young white males stormed the field, torching records and wreaking mayhem.

With 20 kids running around and only two adults to supervise, it was complete mayhem.

108. MINIATURE

Adjective:

very small of its kind

Noun:

a small model

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: small, tiny, little, mini, undersized

Medium: microscopic, insignificant, minute

Difficult: minuscule, diminutive, scaled-down, midget, dwarf, pygmy, Lilliputian

Noun small model, copy, imitation, representation, mock-up, replica, dummy, duplicate

ANTONYMS

Easy: huge, giant, mega, jumbo

Medium: massive, immense, enormous, towering, bumper

Difficult: colossal, gigantic, titanic, mighty, tremendous, monstrous, prodigious, mammoth, inordinate

EXAMPLES

The model railway has all the buildings, bridges, and trees in miniature.

He drank miniatures of brandy on the flight.

At first glance, the portions may appear small, but don't let these miniatures fool you.

As miniatures of human bodies, dolls have had many meanings.

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109. MUMBLED

Verb:
a) speak in a low voice
b) chew without teeth

Adjective:
of words spoken in a low voice, or unclearly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: speak quietly, whisper
Medium: murmur, mutter, grumble
Difficult: muffle, moan, grunt, ramble, rumble, stammer, stutter, babble, jabber, gibber
Adjective: inaudible, quiet, unintelligible, incomprehensible, inarticulate

ANTONYMS

Easy: cry, shout, scream, roar, declare
Medium: yell, holler, bark, shriek, pronounce
Difficult: exclaim, snarl, bray, neigh, howl, growl, articulate, enunciate
Adjective: audible, intelligible, thundering, roaring, clamorous

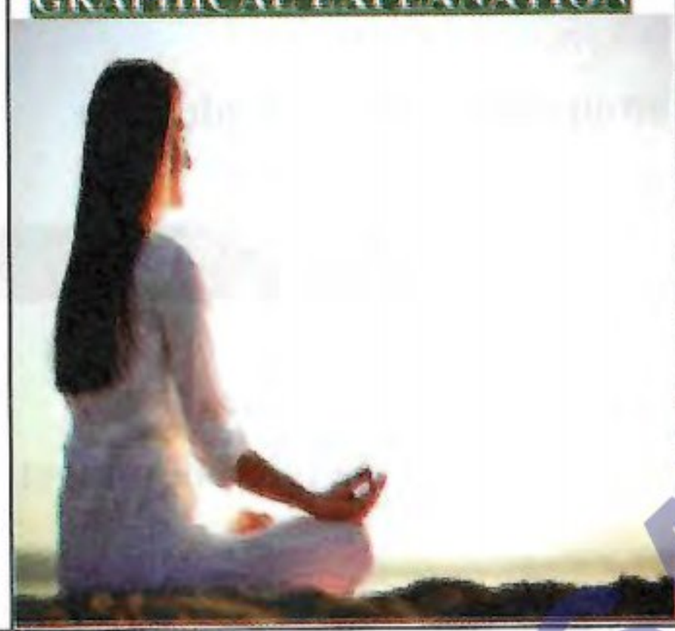
EXAMPLES

He has been mumbling away since the debate commenced.
While asleep, victims are often heard mumbling.
Curious onlookers soon went back to their work, mumbling quietly to themselves.
The old man had no teeth left and mumbled his food.

110. MEDITATED

Verb
think deeply and seriously

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: think, meditate, consider
Medium: ponder, reflect, muse
Difficult: contemplate, cogitate, ruminate, deliberate, brood, pore over, chew over

ANTONYMS

Easy: ignore, overlook, dismiss, reject, bypass, skip, underestimate
Medium: neglect, slight,
Difficult: disregard, abandon, cold-shoulder, pass over, brush aside, push aside

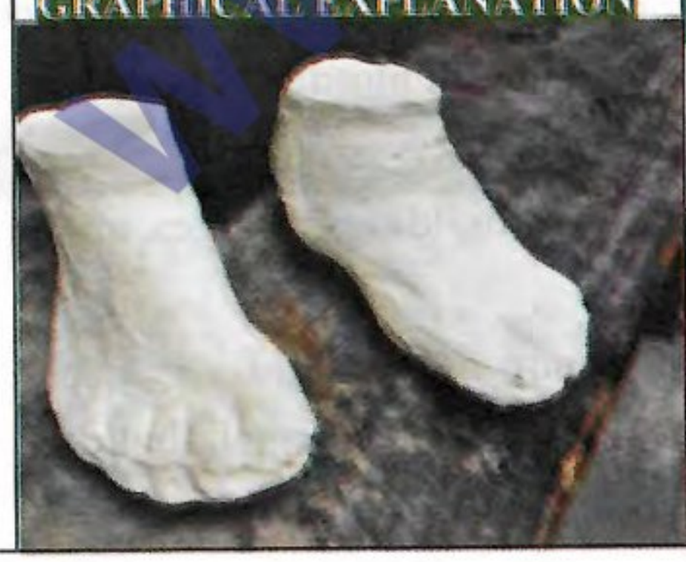
EXAMPLES

He meditated on the consequences of his decision.
I sat down quietly and meditated so that I could be clear and calm.
In leisure, I do nothing but meditate and rest my mind.

111. MOULDED

Verb
1. to form an object out of soft, moldable material
2. to influence the formation or development of

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: form, shape, adapt, fashion, model, construct, frame, create, design, 2. determine, direct, control, guide, lead, adjust, influence, affect
Medium: cast, carve, manufacture
Difficult: sculpt, sculpture, forge, configure

ANTONYMS

Easy: disassemble, take to pieces, pull to pieces
Medium: dismember, take apart, pull apart
Difficult: dismantle, misconfigure, rip to shreds, disorient

EXAMPLES

The children molded little pots out of/from clay.
She molded the clay into little animals.
Religion is crucial to any society, molding attitudes and dispositions and facilitating mutual understandings.
Parents help mold a child's character.

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112. MENACING

Adjective

likely to cause harm or danger

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: endangering, threatening, frightening

Medium: alarming, imminent, ominous, disastrous, impending, daunting

Difficult: intimidating, formidable, doomy, hazardous jeopardizing, appalling, looming, scary, perilous, dire, baneful, baleful, fateful, foreboding, forbidding, minatory, portentous, sinister, grave, grievous, perilous

ANTONYMS

Easy: supportive, encouraging, comforting, heartening, favorable, kind

Medium: beneficial, cheering, soothing, reassuring, promising

Difficult: prosperous, auspicious, benevolent, opportune, propitious, benign, innocuous

EXAMPLES

Scientists warn that the emergence of new viruses is one of the most menacing developments we have ever faced.

Many an expert fears that the unemployment rate may reach menacing proportions.

It was as if menacing music had been played in a film, accompanying a scene of innocent happiness.

113. NUISANCE

Noun

a thing or person that causes trouble or problems

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: curse, problem, difficulty, trouble, burden

Medium: agitation, irritation, annoyance, bother, inconvenience

Difficult: exasperation, menace, vexation, affliction, plague, tribulation, scourge, persecution, pest, hassle, bane, blight

ANTONYMS

Easy: calmness, peace, quietness, comfort, blessing, pleasure

Medium: relief, benefit, joy, composure, convenience

Difficult: poise, solace, tranquility, gaiety, placidity, serenity, boon, godsend, bliss, elation, exultation, exhilaration

EXAMPLES

I don't want to be a nuisance, so tell me if you want to be alone.

Peaceful demonstrations that do not cause a public nuisance are a fundamental right in any democratic country.

What is desired to be done is simply to prevent nuisance.

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114. NAÏVE

Adjective

showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: simple, innocent, childlike, natural, inexperienced, unworldly

Medium: immature, trusting, green, spontaneous, artless, unaffected, raw, exploitable, unstudied

Difficult: credulous, vulnerable, candid, ingenuous, guileless, gullible, susceptible

ANTONYMS

Easy: mature, clever, deceitful, critical, watchful, careful, doubting

Medium: suspecting, suspicious, guarded, pretentious, cautious, crooked

Difficult: incredulous, cynical, devious, sophisticated, skeptical, wary, cosmopolitan, hypocritical, manipulative

EXAMPLES

She was blushing; her flushed face made her look innocent and naïve.

A series of naïve pop images has been created using the phone's drawing application.

Everything about them was dainty and naïve, innocent and pure, lovely and artless.

115. NATIVE

Adjective:

associated with the place of a person's birth

Noun:

a local inhabitant; resident, inhabitant

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: local, domestic, inborn, natural, basic

Medium: aboriginal, crude, raw, fundamental, inherited

Difficult: indigenous, instinctive, intrinsic, innate, congenital, endemic, inherent, intuitive, integral

ANTONYMS

Easy: foreign, unknown, strange, imported, introduced

Medium: unfamiliar, acquired, gained, learnt, studied

Difficult: alien, exotic, refined, extrinsic, immigrant, extraneous

EXAMPLES

Many boys attempt to make good, and have the native ability to do so.

Henderson Island in the Pacific has more than 55 species of native flowering plants.

The horse is not native to America; it was introduced by the Spanish.

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116. NAUSEOUS

Adjective

causing nausea or disgust

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: sick, ill, ailing, unwell, nasty, foul, horrible

Medium: disgusting, awful, dreadful, evil offensive, filthy, sordid, detestable, repellant, revolting, repulsive

Difficult: appalling, gross, odious, loathsome

Easy: woozy, bilious, abhorrent, ghastly, execrable, abominable, noisome, noxious, obnoxious, obscene, rancid, repugnant

ANTONYMS

Easy: healthy, fit, well, hale and hearty, appealing, pleasant, attractive, delicious, delightful, enjoyable

Medium: invigorating, hygienic

Difficult: savory, felicitous, wholesome, alluring, delectable, dulcet, luscious, palatable, salubrious, salutary

EXAMPLES

The rancid odor of the stale food made him feel a little nauseous.

After eating the two-week-old pizza, he was feeling a little nauseous.

When the medication makes her tired and nauseous, she works at home instead of going to the office.

During initial tests some passengers complained of being nauseous due to the tilting motion.

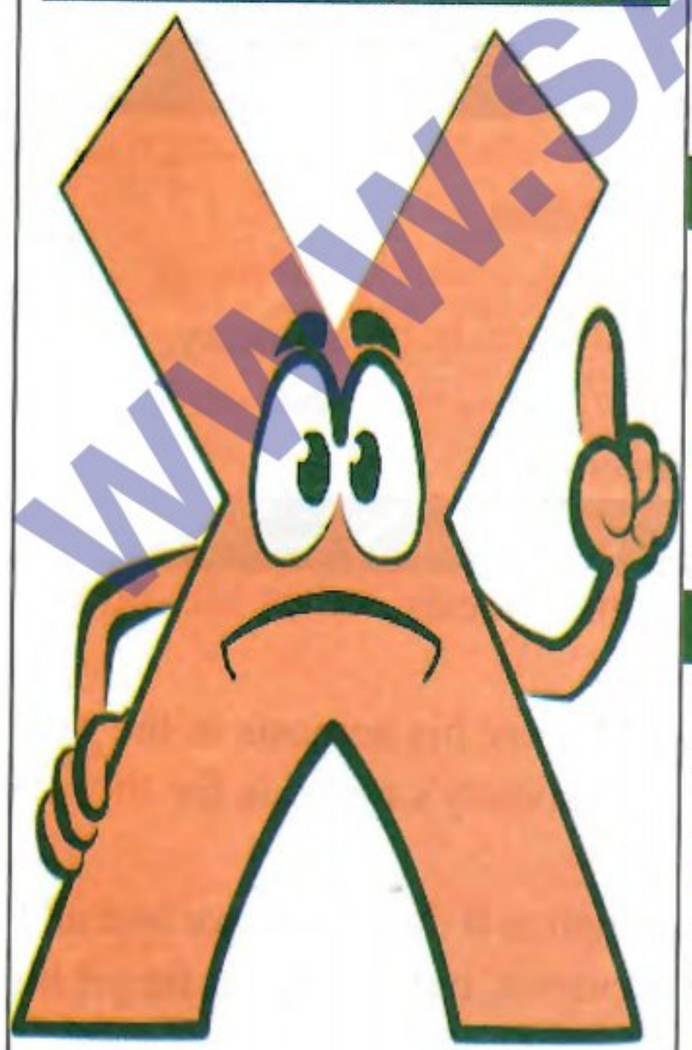
He is allergic to perfume and make-up scents, which make him nauseous.

117. NEGATE

Verb:

reject or deny the existence of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: reject, deny, cancel, disagree, disown, disprove, discard, decline, discredit, call into question

Medium: contradict, dispute, invalidate, nullify, disclaim, eliminate, counteract

Difficult: annihilate, refute, confute, repudiate, revoke, disaffirm, annul, gainsay, repeal, rescind, disavow, rebut, belie

ANTONYMS

Easy: accept, adopt, claim, legalize, authorize, confirm announce

Medium: own, declare, assert, justify, authenticate, acknowledge, admit, embrace, verify, maintain

Difficult: affirm, reinforce, validate, avow, concede, profess, substantiate, corroborate

EXAMPLES

Disaster and evil do not negate the existence of God; they negate the existence of love and courage.

Prohibition was established by the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, only to be negated by the 21st amendment 13 years later.

The theory doesn't negate an interest in politics, history, ethics or humanity at large.

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118. NEGLIGENCE

Noun:
failure to take proper care over/of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: carelessness, casualness, neglect, overlooking, irresponsibility
Medium: disregard, rashness, omission, indifference
Difficult: recklessness, abandon, slackness, laxity, unwariness, delinquency, remissness, lapse, dereliction

ANTONYMS

Easy: care, alertness, attention, attentiveness, observance, watchfulness
Medium: consideration, devotion, caution, heedfulness
Difficult: guardedness, vigilance, circumspection, prudence

EXAMPLES

The accident was caused by negligence on the part of the driver.
Exhibiting his usual negligence, he failed to apply/set the emergency brake, and the car rolled down the steep hill.
The factory's owners are being charged with criminal negligence for the fire that killed a dozen workers.

119. NEMESIS

Noun:
1. a person or thing that causes harm, suffering, or misfortune
2. a long-standing enemy

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: suffering, loss, hardship, risk, danger, curse, punishment
Medium: threat, affliction, penalty
Difficult: pitfall, scourge, hazard, menace, wrath, castigation, chastisement, retribution, vengeance, peril, bane
2. enemy, rival, opponent, foe, competitor, adversary, avenger, antagonist, redresser

ANTONYMS

Easy: benefit, gift, relief, defense, blessing, forgiveness,
Medium: shield, armor, pardon
Difficult: solace, consolation, felicity, immunity indemnity, acquittal, absolution, boon, amnesty, friend, aide, supporter, ally, associate, savior, rescuer, liberator, deliverer, ransomer, redeemer

EXAMPLES

The injury, consistently his nemesis, struck him down during the match.
Many a pursued man fell before his nemesis in the streets.
Social ostracism was once society's nemesis for those who defied its moral code.
Seldom does nemesis triumph as it does when we lose all hope.
He can forgive his old nemesis, but can never forget his maltreatment.

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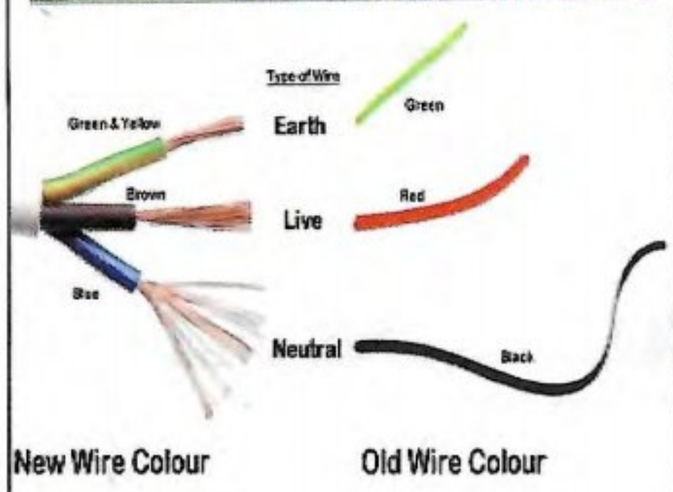
120. NEUTRAL

Adjective:
not supporting either side in a conflict or disagreement

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: impartial, just, objective, disinterested
Medium: detached, independent, evenhanded, impersonal, indifferent, dispassionate
Difficult: nonaligned, equitable, nonpartisan

ANTONYMS

Easy: unfair, partner, one-sided, subjective, undue
Medium: influenced, predisposed
Difficult: inclined, biased, ally, prejudiced, jaundiced, confederate, accomplice, bigoted, discriminatory

EXAMPLES

Mr. Chips was neutral rather dry sort of person.
The two countries were neutrals while their neighbors were at war.
I'd rather meet on neutral ground rather than in his apartment.

121. NIGGLE

Verb:
worry unnecessarily or excessively, or argue over petty things.
Noun:
a trivial criticism, discomfort, or annoyance.

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: irritate, worry, trouble, bother, complain
Medium: criticize, object, annoy, grumble, vex, find fault
Difficult: wail, whine, moan, demur, fuss, nag, fret, split hairs
Noun: anxiety, objection, criticism, protest, reprimand, censure, rebuke, indictment, admonition, condemnation, denunciation, reproof, grievance

ANTONYMS

Easy: praise, admire, salute, appreciate, approve
Medium: solace, soothe, acknowledge,
Difficult: applaud, compliment, commend, endorse, acclaim, extol
Noun: tribute, homage, adoration, adulation, approbation, deference, accolade, commendation, acclamation, panegyric

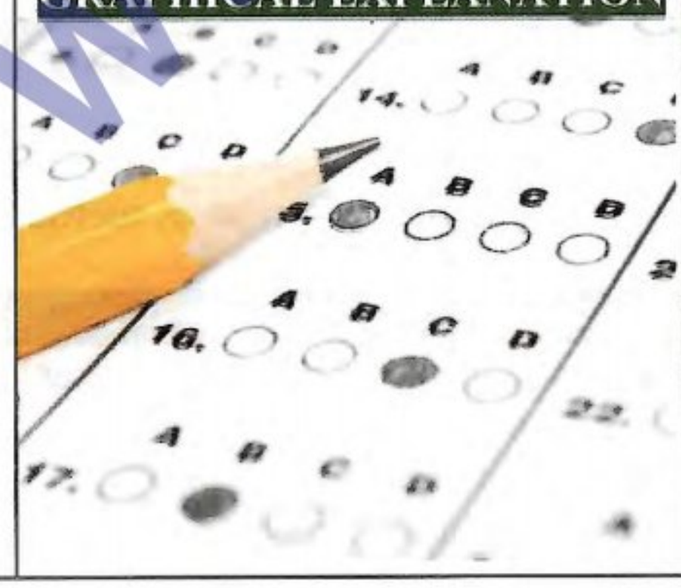
EXAMPLES

She wanted to discuss matters that niggled at her mind.
He's always niggling over small details.
It niggled him that she had not phoned back.
You know it drives me crazy when you niggle like that.
My only niggle is that they should have told me sooner than much too later.

122. OPTED FOR

Verb:
make a choice from a range of possibilities

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: choose, select, decide, take, pick, mark, like, favor, settle, go for, single out,
Medium: prefer, elect, conclude, determine, nominate
Difficult: resolve

ANTONYMS

Easy: dislike, hate, cancel, withdraw refuse, reject, discard, abstain, turn down
Medium: decline, hesitate, disregard,
Difficult: waver, halt, vacillate, turn back on

EXAMPLES

After graduating she opted for a career in music.
Consumers will opt for low-priced goods.
Fewer students than ever are opting to study maths at a higher level

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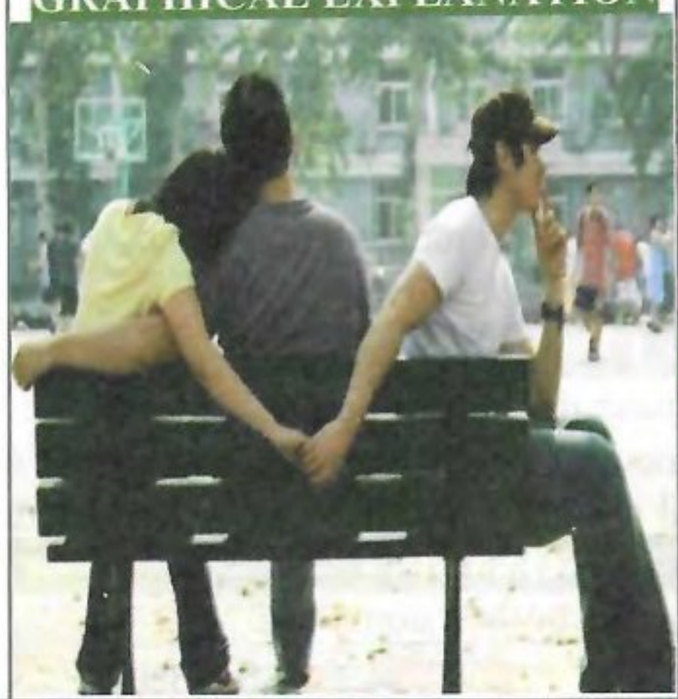
123. ON THE WRONG FOOT

Adjective:
to begin a relationship badly, or to begin things incorrectly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: false start, mismatch, disadvantageous, unfortunate, ill-fated, ill-started
Medium: pitiable, regretful
Difficult: deplorable, inauspicious, ominous, ill-omened, fateful, inept

ANTONYMS

Easy: on the right foot, harmonized, favorable, suitable, fortunate, lucky, promising
Medium: apt, appropriate, corresponded
Difficult: felicitous, providential, propitious, opportune, synchronized

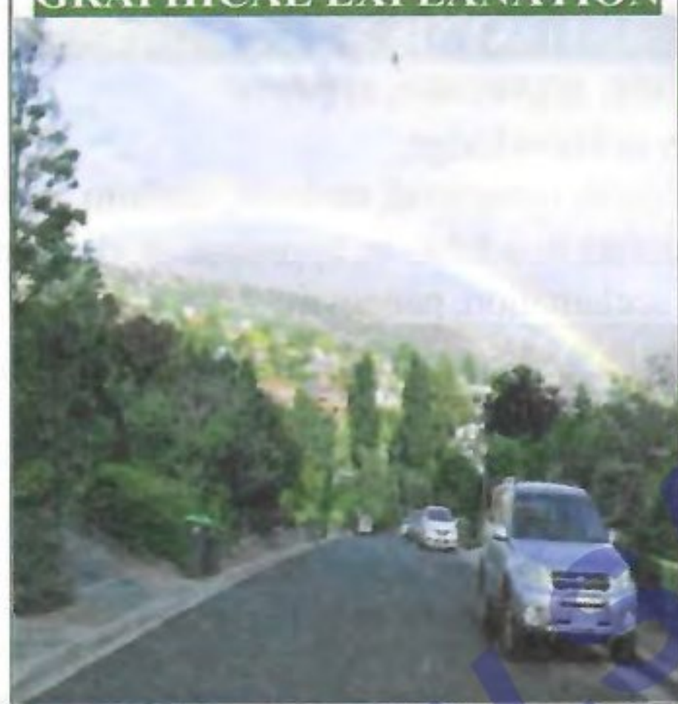
EXAMPLES

They got off on the wrong foot when they first met, and they've disliked each other ever since.
To avoid starting off on the wrong foot with your boss, make sure you understand what he expects you to do.
Even though they had been preparing for the election for some time, they got off on the wrong foot.

124. OCCASIONALLY

Adverb:
sometimes but not often

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: sometimes, seldom, at times, rarely
Medium: exceptionally, on and off, now and then, now and again, once in a while, in a few cases
Difficult: periodically, at intervals, intermittently, sporadically

ANTONYMS

Easy: often, habitually, usually, always
Medium: ever, frequently, invariably, consistently, uninterruptedly
Difficult: perpetually, persistently, incessantly, ceaselessly, recurrently, methodically, interminably

EXAMPLES

Occasionally in winter if there had been a continuous hard frost for some days we would get a whole day's 'skating holiday'.
Once you chill out and learn to only glance occasionally at the display, it's all much better.
Occasionally, things don't go as planned.

125. OPERATION

Noun:
performance, functioning, process, organized activity, or business organization

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: performance, work, business, functioning, task, mission, process
Medium: procedure, administration, management, company, firm, organization, surgery
Difficult: venture, campaign, obligation

ANTONYMS

Easy: inaction, inactivity, laziness, passivity
Medium: idleness, suspension, lethargy
Difficult: slackness, indolence, sluggishness, repose, inertia, stagnation, sloth, torpidity

EXAMPLES

Christopher performed useful service in helping the greaser with the arduous operation.
The company's first hotel is now in operation.
A franchisee by contrast will have far less freedom in the day-to-day operations of the business.

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5 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 MENACED
A) Prosecuted
B) Persecuted
C) Alleviated
D) Appeased

Q.2 MUSTERED
A) Congregated
B) Strewn
C) Severed
D) Hectored

Q.3 MEAN
A) Affluent
B) Average
C) Ultimate
D) Oblivious

Q.4 MASS
A) Dearth
B) Speck
C) Horde
D) Spore

Q.5 MOUNTING
A) Escalating
B) Roaming
C) Subsiding
D) Alighting

Q.6 MINIMUM
A) Inimitable
B) Magnificent
C) Considerable
D) Insignificant

Q.7 MAYHEM
A) Riot
B) Contamination
C) Pacification
D) Manipulation

Q.8 MINIATURE
A) Inordinate
B) Manuscript
C) Minuscule
D) Nomenclature

Q.9 MUMBLED
A) Inaudible
B) Intelligible
C) Articulate
D) Comprehensible

Q.10 MEDITATED
A) Curative
B) Contemplated
C) Disregarded
D) Alienated

Q.11 MOULDED
A) Sprained
B) Disoriented
C) Twisted
D) Adjusted

Q.12 MENACING
A) Looming
B) Coping
C) Promising
D) Craving

Q.13 NUISANCE
A) Bliss
B) Scourge
C) Boon
D) Innovation

Q.14 NAIVE
A) Candid
B) Cynical
C) Devious
D) Incredulous

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Q.15 NATIVE
A) Extrinsic
B) Acquired
C) Congenital
D) Exotic

Q.16 NAUSEOUS
A) Bland
B) Stoic
C) Felicitous
D) Odious

Q.17 NEGATE
A) Betray
B) Confute
C) Avow
D) Dismay

Q.18 NEGLIGENCE
A) Laxity
B) Meagerness
C) Vigilance
D) Prudence

Q.19 NEMESIS
A) Indemnity
B) Naivety
C) Pitfall
D) Impudence

Q.20 NEUTRAL
A) Equitable
B) Biased
C) Discriminatory
D) Accomplice

Q.21 NIGGLE
A) Acclaim
B) Groan
C) Nag
D) Devour

Q.22 OPTED FOR
A) Singled Out
B) Fallen Out
C) Withdrawn
D) Indrawn

Q.23 ON THE WRONG FOOT
A) Ambiguous
B) Expeditious
C) Inauspicious
D) Providential

Q.24 OCCASIONALLY
A) Preposterously
B) Periodically
C) Recurrently
D) Invariably

Q.25 OPERATION
A) Campaign
B) Torpidity
C) Stagnation
D) Solemnity

Q.26 MEAN
A) Shroud
B) Infer
C) Cloak
D) Imply

Q.27 MOUNTING
A) Contracting
B) Clambering
C) Descending
D) Crumbling

Q.28 MAYHEM
A) Anarchy
B) Truce
C) Amity
D) Armistice

Q.29 MENACING
A) Benign
B) Impending
C) Innocuous
D) Hospitable

Q.30 NUISANCE
A) Exasperation
B) Exultation
C) Gaiety
D) Placidity

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5 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 Because assassination is an act of war, such an activity should always be considered a military_____.

A) nuisance
B) negligence
C) operation
D) mayhem

Q.2 Football is _____a rough sport, but politics is always a dirty undertaking.

A) ludicrously
B) occasionally
C) intolerably
D) flawlessly

Q.3 His career started off _____because the company he joined had to shut down due to recession.

A) on the wrong foot
B) haphazardly
C) irritably
D) intolerably

Q.4 Instead of laser vision correction he _____a lens replacement.

A) opted for
B) dispensed with
C) cautioned against
D) condescended to

Q.5 I made my way to our meeting ready to hammer them down, but my sense of fair play _____ me.

A) niggled at
B) opted for
C) dispensed with
D) condescended to

Q.6 Despite the mounting regional pressure, Russia may still prefer to stay _____in America's bloody conflict with Iraq.

A) casual
B) native
C) judicial
D) neutral

Q.7 Social boycott was once society's _____for those who defied its moral code.

A) hearsay
B) negligence
C) knack
D) nemesis

Q.8 People hesitate to approach consumer courts either because of _____or due to some inherent fear about the very idea of filing a case.

A) eccentricity
B) exasperation
C) negligence
D) condescension

Q.9 Disaster and evil do not _____the existence of God; they belie the existence of love and courage.

A) mean
B) negate
C) confirm
D) exaggerate

Q.10 The rancid odor of the stale shrimp made him feel _____.

A) nauseous
B) groggy
C) ludicrous
D) intolerable

Q.11 Because of freedom, you can gather the fruits of your labor, develop your _____qualities, and gain the respect of others.

A) native
B) neutral
C) naive
D) intended

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Q.12 Although she is not very beautiful, she wins everybody's heart with her _____spontaneity.
A) intended
B) neutral
C) kindred
D) naive

Q.13 Until Jill planted a vegetable garden, she never knew a raccoon could be such a_____.
A) labyrinth
B) haphazardness
C) nuisance
D) excursion

Q.14 The light barely illuminated the forest around them and it was very _____at this late hour.
A) juvenile
B) negligent
C) menacing
D) moulded

Q.15 She experimented with new materials and _____plastics into forms that evoked fish, animals, insects, and plants.
A) moulded
B) mustered
C) intended
D) fringed

Q.16 He usually _____to clear his mind of distractions and fight off the frightening hallucinations.
A) mustered
B) meditated
C) mumbled
D) insinuated

Q.17 Embarrassed, all he could manage was _____an incoherent reply.
A) intend
B) mumble
C) mould
D) negate

Q.18 Children like to play with _____toys; It helps reduce the overwhelming world of adults to a manageable size
A) miniature
B) juvenile
C) capacious
D) imperceptible

Q.19 Rioters wreak havoc wherever they are; they cause _____even behind the bars.
A) junction
B) niggle
C) jealousy
D) mayhem

Q.20 It is suggested that the tournament consist of at least three rounds or ten games at _____.
A) a minimum
B) a judgment
C) an exaggeration
D) an excursion

Q.21 Such _____are frequently used to support lenses, windows, and small mirrors.
A) operations
B) criteria
C) mountings
D) junctions

Q.22 As ominous clouds were _____in the sky, we couldn't resist stepping inside an old church.
A) exuding
B) dispensing
C) flicking
D) massing

Q.23 They don't like pets and are _____to small children, too.
A) mean
B) neutral
C) nuisance
D) gingerly

Q.24 Even those who despised his politics found it difficult to _____hatred for the man.
A) muster
B) flutter
C) exaggerate
D) disguise

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Q.25 Stray dogs should not be allowed to roam; they can be a _____to the public, especially children, the weak and the aged.

A) haughty
B) menace
C) boon
D) negligence

Q.26 Despite the niggles, which were often demanding, his morale remained high.

A) disconsolately
B) imperceptibly
C) apparently
D) casually

Q.27 Throughout his life, he remained loyal and benign to his kinreds, even his professed.

A) nemeses
B) nuisances
C) niggles
D) mayhems

Q.28 We are not _____about the threats to world peace and security, but we are certainly blind to our liabilities.

A) baffled
B) naive
C) native
D) mean

Q.29 Italy, like Britain, _____its troops for a possible war in Iraq.

A) confined
B) distracted
C) mustered
D) moulded

Q.30 I saw a sports car _____the pavement and colliding with a tree.

A) mounting
B) beckoning
C) limping
D) flicking

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5 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) His leadership combined military operations, government administration, and economic management.
B) His leadership combined military operations, government administration, and economical management.
C) His leadership combined military operations, government administrative, and economic management.
D) His leadership combined military operations, government administrative, and economical management.

Q.2

A) Once you chill out and only glance occasionally at the display, it's all very better.
B) Once you chill out and only glance occasionally at the display, it's all much better.
C) Once you chill out and only glance occasionally at the display, it's all much well.
D) Once you chill out and only glance occasionally at the display, it's all much good.

Q.3

A) He started off on the wrong foot in his new job when he had bit of an argument with his manager.
B) He started off on the wrong foot in his new job when he had bit of argument with his manager.
C) He started off on the wrong foot in his new job when he had a bit of an argument with his manager.
D) He started off on the wrong foot in his new job when he had a bit of argument with his manager.

Q.4

A) Fewer students than ever are opting to study maths at a higher level.
B) A few students than ever are opting to study maths at a higher level.
C) Few students than ever are opting to study maths at a higher level.
D) Fewest students than ever are opting to study maths at a higher level.

Q.5

A) Whistling a tune can real help you keep a positive frame of mind when life's little niggles get to you.
B) Whistling a tune can really help you keep a positively frame of mind when life's little niggles get to you.
C) Whistling a tune can really help you to keep a positive frame of mind when life's the few niggles get to you.
D) Whistling a tune can really help you keep a positive frame of mind when life's little niggles get to you.

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Q.6

A) We could oppose the war, support it or remain awkward neutral, though few chose the latter option.
B) We could oppose the war, support it or remain awkwardly neutral, though few chose the latter option.
C) We could oppose the war, support it or remain awkwardly neutral, though the few chose the latter option`.
D) We could oppose the war, support it or remain awkwardly neutral, though a few chose the later option.

Q.7

A) The triple axel remains his nemesis, sometimes disappearing when he needs it the most.
B) The triple axel remains his nemesis, sometimes disappearing when he needs it most.
C) The triple axel remains his nemesis, sometime disappearing when he needs it the most.
D) The triple axel remains his nemesis, some time disappearing when he needs it the most.

Q.8

A) In a case a client has suffered damage owing to the negligence of the advocate, the latter can be made responsible.
B) In case client has suffered damage owing to the negligence of the advocate, the latter can be made responsible.
C) In case a client has suffered damage owing to the negligence of the advocate, the later can be made responsible.
D) In case a client has suffered damage owing to the negligence of the advocate, the latter can be made responsible.

Q.9

A) We live the most of our lives in a constant process of negating the base realities of nature.
B) We live most of our lives in a constant process of negating the bass realities of nature.
C) We live much of our lives in a constant process of negating the base realities of nature.
D) We live most of our lives in a constant process of negating the base realities of nature.

Q.10

A) I was feeling ok, but after I had my breakfast I started feeling little nauseous.
B) I was feeling ok, but after I had my breakfast I started feeling a little nauseous.
C) I was feeling ok, but after I took my breakfast I started feeling little nauseous.
D) I was feeling ok, but after I took my breakfast I started to feel a little nauseous.

Q.11

A) You can get special microchips implanted in your tongue that allows you to speak the local language as a native.
B) You can get specially microchips implanted in your tongue that allow you to speak the local language like a native.
C) You can get special microchips implanted in your tongue that allow you to speak the local language like a native.
D) You can get especially microchips implanted in your tongue that allow you to speak the local language like a native.

Q.12

A) Though she is pretty naïve, she does not deal with tough situations in cowardly manner.
B) Though she is pretty naïve, she does not deal with tough situations cowardly.
C) Though she is pretty naïve, she does not deal with tough situations in a cowardly manner.
D) Though she is pretty naïve, yet she does not deal with tough situations cowardly.

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Q.13

A) Of the two problems, your is the more distracting nuisance.
B) Of the two problems, yours is more distracting nuisance.
C) Of the two problems, yours is the most distracting nuisance.
D) Of the two problems, yours is the more distracting nuisance.

Q.14

A) The emergence of new viruses is one of the menacing developments we have ever faced.
B) The emergence of new viruses is one of the more menacing developments we have ever faced.
C) The emergence of new viruses is one of the much menacing developments we have ever faced.
D) The emergence of new viruses is one of the most menacing developments we have ever faced.

Q.15

A) He is almost always neutral, and refuses to get involved in the squabbles of others'.
B) He is almost always neutral, and refuses to get involved in the squabbles of others.
C) He is almost always neutral, and refuses to get involved in the squabbles of other's.
D) He is always most neutral, and refuses to get involved in the squabbles of others.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 Although perfectly sane (A) most of the time, occasionally Thomas slips into (B) a daze and starts (C) mouthing incoherent. (D)

Q.17 Because (A) she was on a diet (B), Anne opted for a healthier meal (C) choice instead (D) her usual burger and fries.

Q.18 Negligence at the hands (A) of hospital workers caused several patients to die (B) a few (C) years before (D).

Q.19 I wonder if you (A) yet (B) believe your fake apology (C) has negated all reminders of your rude behavior towards (D) others.

Q.20 Only cowardly (A) fear dangers (B) or panic (C) when threatened with (D) a menacing situation.

Q.21 He kept mumbling (A) indistinctly to (B) himself (C), and I couldn't understand the most (D) of his words.

Q.22 Unfortunately (A), miniature roses have little (B) or no fragrance, so they are quite (C) different than (D) common roses.

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Q.23 It's strange that COVID 19 caused more mayhem in developed countries than developing countries.
A) B) C) D)

Q.24 It's hard enough to muster the confidence to attempt to even talk to an elder girl, let alone befriend one.
A) B) C) D)

Q.25 Gems were pried from their mountings to be sold or deployed in a more different context.
A) B) C) D)

Q.26 The clouds had massed heavily more on the horizon than our heads before we could get to our destination
A) B) C) D)

Q.27 A franchisee by contrast will have very less freedom in the day-to-day operations of the business.
A) B) C) D)

Q.28 I admit that I do object occasionally to him coming here without intimation.
A) B) C) D)

Q.29 After graduating she opted for a career in music, because she always gave more preference to
A) B) C) D)
the voice of her heart.

Q.30 When confronted with a decision to take sides between two conflicting parties, it is better to be
A) B) C)
fully devoted to one side as compared to be neutral.
D)

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6 UNIT

VOCABULARY (WORDS 126-150)

126. PLOPPED

Verb:
fall (usually into water) with a sound, or put down, sit down clumsily

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: drop, shower, spit, sit, seat, settle, land, sink, place, deposit, descend, fall down, go under
Medium: dump, droop, dive, plunge, submerge, put down, lay down, bury, set down, slump
Difficult: splash, sprinkle, spray, bang, slump, plump, trickle, drizzle, dribble, slap, slop, splat, spatter, smack

ANTONYMS

Easy: rise, arise, jump, climb, float, sail, lift off, fly, spring, move up, shoot, take off, tower
Medium: ascend, heave, toss, leap, drift, glide, slide, soar, boost
Difficult: swell, mount, exalt, propel, project, sprout, rocket, surge, levitate, hoist, hover, catapult, outpour, jet, gush, erupt, blow up

EXAMPLES

She plopped a sugar cube into the cup.
He plopped his bag down on a chair and sat heavily at table.
Big wet tears slipped down my cheeks and plopped onto the table.
Both girls plopped themselves down into empty seats next to mine.
He sighed disconsolately and plopped himself between two fluffy pillows.

127. PRESUME

Verb:
Suppose that something exists or exists

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: suppose, imagine, expect, believe, trust, guess, judge
Medium: daresay, gather, assume, propose
Difficult: conjecture, reckon, anticipate, theorize, fancy, surmise, opine, venture, speculate, postulate, deduce, premise, predicate, deduce, hypothesize, infer, put forward, posit

ANTONYMS

Easy: prove, confirm, justify, declare, find out
Medium: testify, establish, determine, attest, authenticate, certify, verify
Difficult: deny, negate, validate, contradict, demonstrate affirm, assay, ascertain, rebut, corroborate, substantiate, refute, repudiate, bear out

EXAMPLES

"You are one of Pinkerton's men, I presume," he said.
Two of the journalists went missing and are presumed dead.
The court must presume innocence until there is proof of guilt against the accused.
The temple is presumed to date from the first century BC.
I presume that someone will be there to meet us when we arrive.

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128. PRE-CAUTIONS

Noun:
measures taken to prevent something dangerous or unpleasant

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: measures, safety, warnings, advice, insurance, defense, safeguards,
Medium: cautions, alerts, preventatives, foresight, armors, forethought,
Difficult: vigilance, reprimand, admonition, providence, exhortation, reproach, circumspection, discretion, prudence, wariness, heedfulness, quarantine

ANTONYMS

Easy: carelessness, ignorance, irresponsibility, inattention
Medium: thoughtlessness, negligence, incaution, disregard, shortsightedness
Difficult: recklessness, obliviousness, unwariness, heedlessness, slackness, laxness, foolhardiness, rashness, omission, delinquency, dereliction

EXAMPLES

Be sure to follow the usual safety precautions when cooking outdoors.
People who visit state parks are encouraged to take precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
As parents of young children, they have taken the usual precaution of locking up their household cleansers.
Companies have a legal responsibility to take adequate precautions against fire.
The threat of terrorist attacks has prompted some elaborate security precautions.

129. PANTING

Verb/Adj.
to breathe hard, quickly, or with **Difficulty**;
to be out of breath

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: breathless, short-winded, blowing
Medium: choking, heaving, hyperventilating,
Difficult: gagging, gasping, throbbing, smothering stifling, strangling, puffing, gulping, huffing, asthmatic, palpitating, wheezing

ANTONYMS

Easy: breathy, relaxed, calm, hale, healthy, stable, steady
Medium: inhaling, stout, stalwart, sturdy, robust
Difficult: respiring, deflating

EXAMPLES

The hikers were panting by the time they reached the top of the hill.
Three strangely dressed men stand in the moonlight by three panting camels.
He slammed the door shut behind him and leaned panting against the glass.
The infantry were also upon the run, sweating and panting in the hot sunshine.

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130. PURCHASE

Verb:
acquire (something) by paying for it; buy

Noun:
sale, transaction, property, asset, possession, auction

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: buy, gain, earn, secure, exchange for, trade for, deal for, come by, pay for, shop for, invest in
Medium: bargain, obtain, acquire
Difficult: procure, barter, haggle

ANTONYMS

Easy: sell, provide, supply, market, trade in, deal in, traffic in, give
Medium: retail, cater, dispose, grant
Difficult: donate, dispense, bestow, confer, endow, endue, bequeath, impart, merchandise, peddle, hawk, vend

EXAMPLES

1. My purchase in the presence of entire village may impress them.
Mr. Gill spotted the manuscript at a local auction and purchased it for £1,500.
The implementation may include adding delivery services or purchasing prepared meals from local restaurants.

131. PERSISTED

Verb:
continue to exist or do something in spite of **Difficulty** or opposition

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: continue, remain, stay, last, hold, maintain, go on, carry on
Medium: prevail, endure, survive, exist, stick, subsist, insist, keep up, hang on, adhere, sustain
Difficult: persevere, dwell, linger, abide, pursue, recur, tarry

ANTONYMS

Easy: leave, stop, discontinue, surrender, hesitate, give up
Medium: quit, bow, suspend, terminate, subside, give in, hang back, wind up
Difficult: cease, desist, yield, falter, vacillate, submit, wane, abate, lapse

EXAMPLES

We are persisting with policies that will create jobs for the future.
Scientists have spent decades studying how and where microbes persist and even thrive beneath the oceans, far removed from the sun.
She persisted in her efforts and eventually got the job she wanted.

132. PENSIVELY

Adverb:
engaged in or reflecting deep thought

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: thoughtfully, absently, absorbed
Medium: meditatively, preoccupied
Difficult: engrossedly, raptly, wistfully, ponderingly, musingly, distractedly, reflectively, contemplatively, ruminatively melancholy, dazedly, blankly, longingly, vacantly, mournfully, disconsolately, broodingly, morosely, dolefully, abstractedly, cogitatively, introspectively

ANTONYMS

Easy: care-freely, thoughtlessly, brainlessly, foolishly
Medium: playfully, lightheartedly, shallowly, superficially, giddily, gaily, jubilantly, cheerfully, dizzily, heartily
Difficult: jestingly, jauntily, wantonly, profligately, mirthfully, witlessly, flippantly, frivolously, capriciously

EXAMPLES

With a frustrated sigh, she lifted her hand and gazed at him pensively.
"If he were not a father, there would be nothing I could reproach him with," said Anna, looking up pensively.
Shakespeare's monologue "All the world's a stage." pensively summarizes seven phases of human life.
He walks away pensively, with no trace of pity for the fisherman, only a little envy.

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133. PRIME

Adjective:
of first importance; main.

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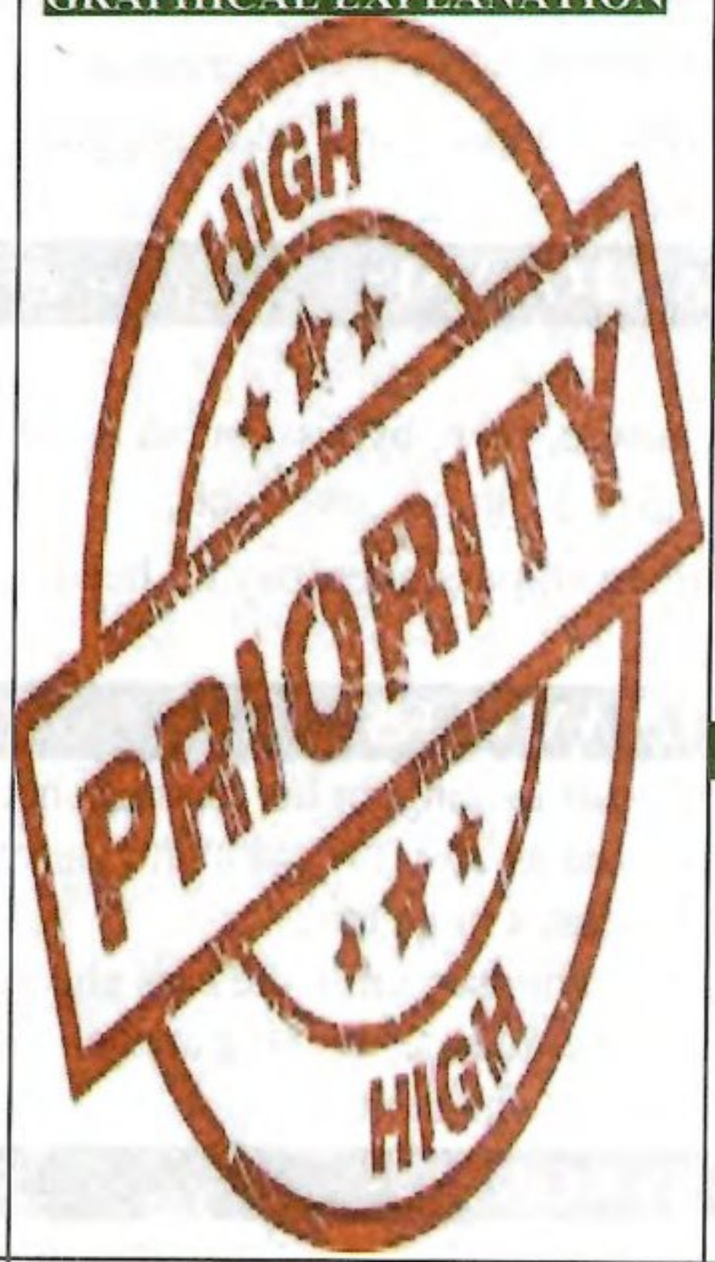


SYNONYMS

Easy: main, chief, peak, leading, central, important, classic, superior, supreme, finest, model, select, perfect, master, ideal, grand, excellent
Medium: foremost, principal, ultimate, crucial, invaluable, key, striking, splendid, preferential, marvelous, fantastic, outstanding, extraordinary
Difficult: fabulous, optimum, privileged, illustrious, distinguished, premier, core, vital, vintage, paramount, impeccable, heyday, exquisite

ANTONYMS

Easy: ordinary, average, secondary, shameful, additional, poor, inferior, terrible
Medium: mediocre, base, awful, rotten, supplementary
Difficult: wretched, pitiable, despicable, contemptible, appalling, dreadful, pathetic, vile, tributary, subsidiary, auxiliary, ancillary, collateral

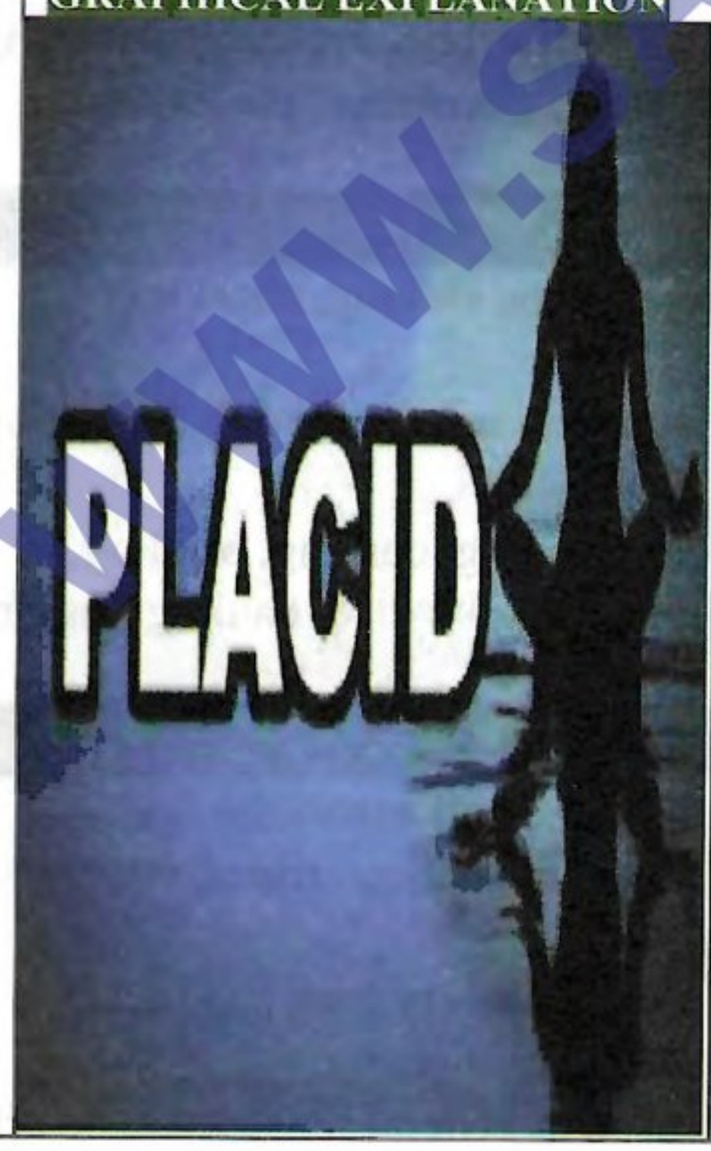
EXAMPLES

While choosing a site, our prime consideration should be whether the soil seems fertile enough to support plant growth.
He was a father who lost not one but two children in quick succession, in the prime of their lives.
The three works on this disc are prime examples of modern literature at its best.
The prime importance of having an up-to-date will is to ensure your assets are appropriately disposed of or managed after your death.

134. PLACIDLY

Adverb:
calmly and peacefully

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: calmly, peacefully, coolly, gently, kindly, mildly, passively
Medium: composedly, quietly, patiently, tamely, self-possessedly
Difficult: tranquilly, blandly, indolently, numbly, stolidly, serenely, meekly, pacifically, slackly, amblingly, equably, reposefully, sluggishly, inertly, apathetically, stoically, sedately, imperturbably, quiescently, languidly, smugly, complacently, slothfully

ANTONYMS

Easy: excitedly, wildly, confusedly, madly, crazily, violently, passionately
Medium: desperately, hotheadedly, agitatedly
Difficult: frenziedly, hysterically, feverishly, heedlessly, recklessly, chaotically, riotously, hectically, zealously, ardently, fervently, frantically, fanatically, obsessively, tumultuously, turbulently

EXAMPLES

He was a man of quick temper, and perhaps he would not have taken it so placidly as I did.
The people were prosperous, enjoyed profound peace and were placidly content with the existing order of things.
Birthday parties can either be wildly successful or placidly humdrum.
The cattle grazed placidly alongside the track; elegant white cranes glided serenely across the paddy fields.

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135. PEERED

Verb:
look with **Difficulty** or concentration

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: stare, watch, look, closely
Medium: inspect, examine, focus, eye, blink, observe, regard, gaze, concentrate, survey, investigate, explore, scrutinize
Difficult: peep, spy, probe, squint, gape, rake, goggle, peruse, pry, gawk, pore over

ANTONYMS

Easy: glance, glimpse
Medium: omit, skip, browse, scan, bypass, brush aside
Difficult: peep, peek, surf 2. ignore, overlook, neglect, disregard, connive at, pass over, pay no heed, take no notice, turn a blind eye

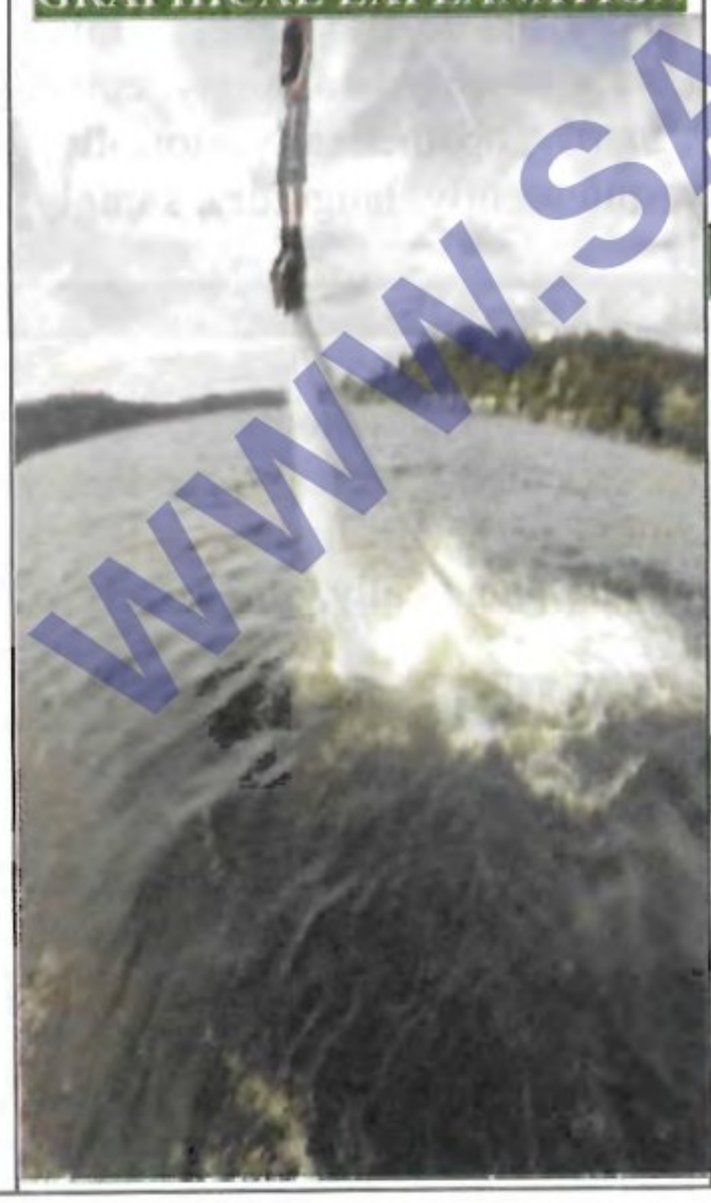
EXAMPLES

She peered into the dark closet looking for her missing shoe.
Visitors seemed mesmerized as they peered at the variety of marine life in the aquarium's huge tank.
He peered through the wet windscreen at the cars ahead.
The detective peered at the evidence, looking at each piece carefully before moving on to the next.

136. PROPELLING

Verb:
drive or push something forward

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: pushing, driving, sending, tossing, throwing, raising, advancing, shooting, rocketing
Medium: elevating, exalting, thrusting, boosting, launching, erecting, impelling, projecting, triggering, surging
Difficult: shoving, flinging, hurling, impelling, spurring, buoying, prompting, hoisting, elbowing, precipitating, catapulting

ANTONYMS

Easy: pulling, dropping, falling, sinking, checking, lowering, controlling
Medium: repressing, suppressing, restraining, hindering, withdrawing
Difficult: inhibiting, constraining, curbing, bridling, reining in, relegating, dragging, drawing, hauling, lugging, towing, tugging

EXAMPLES

He succeeded in propelling the ball across the line.
Playfully he propelled his rambunctious friend into the swimming pool to cool off.
The boat is propelled by using a very long paddle.
Fear propelled her out of her stillness.
Grammar point: Fear used in general sense takes no article.

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137. PASSION

Noun:
strong and barely controllable emotion, or an intense desire

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: energy, craze, spirit, love, thrill, interest, desire
Medium: devotion, ache, enthusiasm, vigor, eagerness, urge, appetite, fondness, preference, zest, dedication, zeal, lust, obsession
Difficult: longing, craving, mania, fervor, ardor, yearning, avidity, animation, vehemence, verve, penchant, vivacity, exuberance

ANTONYMS

Easy: dislike, enmity, disgust
Medium: unconcern, hostility, stolidity, weariness, coldness, lethargy, disinterest, unresponsiveness, allergy, disfavor, indifference, repulsion, sloth, revulsion
Difficult: numbness, abhorrence, animosity, antagonism, aversion, apathy, repugnance

EXAMPLES

He soon developed the passion for work which marked the whole of the rest of his life.
The English have a passion for gardens.
In addition to education in specific areas of interest, one should also have a strong innate passion and interest for one's profession.
Her passion to help others resulted in the devotion of her life to God by becoming a nun.

138. PROMPTLY

Adverb:
without delay: very quickly or immediately

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: quickly, speedily, swiftly, hurriedly, shortly, soon, rapidly, fast, timely, directly, briskly, right away, straightaway, at once, on the spot
Medium: immediately, instantly, urgently, presently, abruptly, momentarily, hastily, posthaste
Difficult: instantaneously, forthwith, anon, expeditiously

ANTONYMS

Easy: slowly, lazily, idly, late, thereafter, afterwards
Medium: leisurely, subsequently, negligently, lamely, limply, unpunctually, indolently, hesitatingly, reluctantly
Difficult: dilatorily, sluggishly, slothfully, tardily, belatedly, delinquently

EXAMPLES

It takes much less time to use indigenous equipment which can be promptly prepared.
She turned off the alarm and promptly went back to sleep.
Treatment is promptly resumed until the virus is suppressed again, and then stopped to see if the patient's immune system is able to keep the viral levels in check.
She arrived promptly at 7:00 p.m. as we had agreed.

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139. PRACTICALLY

Adverb:

1. nearly; almost
2. in a practical manner

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: almost, much, about, around, nearly, fairly, chiefly, largely, mainly, mostly, basically

Medium: principally, all but, more or less, by and large, essentially, fundamentally, in effect

Difficult: literally, approximately, virtually, realistically, sensibly, reasonably, rationally, logically, pragmatically, statistically, expediently

ANTONYMS

Easy: completely, entirely, fully, totally, purely

Medium: barely, hardly, scarcely

Difficult: utterly, wholly, solely, absolutely, thoroughly, comprehensively, altogether, categorically, exclusively, unequivocally, partly, partially, fractionally, somewhat, equally, foolishly, unjustly, clumsily, perversely, awkwardly, arbitrarily, irrationally

EXAMPLES

Practically every family set aside the best room in the house for the rearing and tending of silkworms.

The room's ceiling was so low that we practically had to crawl.

The question is how to respond to it practically in a war that does not respect borders.

There were rumors of mayhem for a day or two; however, the strike lasted practically a fortnight.

140. PRONE TO:

Verb

having a tendency or likely to suffer from

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: interested in, desirous of, likely to

Medium: tending, eager, fond of, bent, leaning, horizontal, inclined to, subject to, keen on

Difficult: partial to, biased, vulnerable to, obsessed, liable to, induced, proclive, disposed to, susceptible to, infatuated

ANTONYMS

Easy: opposed to, unwilling to, against, resistant, uninterested,

Medium: indifferent to, intolerant, hesitant, reluctant, allergic to

Difficult: hostile to, apathetic to, antagonistic to, loath, averse, repulsed, disinclined, impervious to

EXAMPLES

Working without a break makes you more prone to error.

During allergy season, Sara is prone to having a couple of asthma attacks each day.

He was prone to emotional outbursts under stress.

Grammar point: Mass nouns like stress, bravery, time, etc. when used in general sense take no articles.

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141. PARAPHERNALIA

Noun:
objects or items needed for the performance of a task or activity

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: belongings, supplies, tools, instruments, fittings, materials, odds and ends, stuff, kit, machinery, attachment
Medium: provisions, equipment, accessories, gear
Difficult: tackle, apparatus, furnishings knickknacks, miscellanea, complement, implements, supplement, appendage, appliances, trappings, accouterments

ANTONYMS

Easy: immovables, landed property
Medium: real estate
Difficult: landholdings, helplessness, dependence, disadvantage, deprivation, disability, handicap, shortcoming, incapacity, hindrance, hurdle, obstacle, deficiency, inconvenience, infirmity, drawback, barrier, impediment

EXAMPLES

He was charged with possessing syringes and other drug paraphernalia.
Martha could easily spend hours in any store that specializes in cooking paraphernalia.
The tents were struck and all the paraphernalia of the camp was\ were returned to the three vans.
Grammar point: Paraphernalia can take either a singular or plural verb in English.

142. PREROGATIVE

Noun:
a right or advantage belonging to a particular person

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: right, claim, advantage, authority, choice, liberty, license
Medium: title, entitlement, superiority, concession, due, immunity, priority, dominance, exemption
Difficult: privilege, supremacy, sovereignty, arbitrariness prestige, perquisite, sanction, latitude

ANTONYMS

Easy: duty, charge, responsibility, answerability, necessity
Medium: requirement, commitment, compulsion, inconvenience, accountability, bond, debt
Difficult: liability, obligation, hindrance, encumbrance, impediment, restraint, constraint, handicap

EXAMPLES

The prime minister exercised his prerogative to decide when to call an election.
In some countries, higher education is predominantly the prerogative of the rich.
That is exclusively Dr. Smith's prerogative, and no one else's.
The governor of each state has the prerogative to declare a state of emergency when necessary.

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143. PATH

Noun:
a way or track that is built or is made by people's walking

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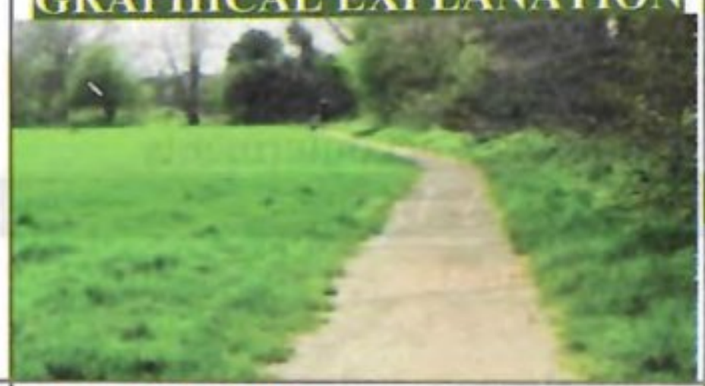

SYNONYMS

Easy: way, road, track, route, lane, orbit, pavement, passage
Medium: alleyway, corridor, course, rail, circuit
Difficult: channel, avenue, promenade, trail, thoroughfare, boulevard

ANTONYMS

Easy: closing, dead-end, jam, blockage, barrier
Medium: deadlock, standstill
Difficult: impasse, gridlock, checkmate, halt stand-off, stalemate

EXAMPLES

I wiped more sweat from my face as I followed him down the little path between the pasture and the meadow.
They chose a winding path through the woods.

144. PRECISION

Noun:
the quality of being exact, accurate and careful

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: exactness, delicacy, perfection, clarity, refinement. fineness, nicety
Medium accuracy, aptness, preciseness, definiteness, neatness, strictness, elegance, excellence, daintiness, painstaking
Difficult: fidelity, subtlety, assiduousness, distinctness, deftness, dexterity, meticulousness, fastidiousness, adroitness, exquisiteness

ANTONYMS

Easy: carelessness, roughness
Medium: negligence, crudeness, impropriety, clumsiness, vagueness, rawness, untidiness, obliviousness, coarseness, awkwardness
Difficult: grossness, perversion, perversity, slovenliness ambiguity, rusticity, sloppiness, messiness

EXAMPLES

The company that measures TV ratings prides itself on the precision of its calculations.
Now even more airshow fans will be able to see the precision aerobatics.
When once a man has recourse to reason and precision, there is an end of love.
In golf, you must have extreme precision, as you are ultimately trying to land a rather small ball into an equally small hole.

145. PIZAZZ

Noun:
an attractive combination of vitality and glamour

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: appeal, grace, spark, liveliness, attractiveness, style, dash, energy, smartness, finesse
Medium: vitality, elegance
Difficult: captivation, enchantment, fascination, glamor, flair, urbanity, charisma, sophistication, allurement, zing, magnetism, vivacity, seductiveness, exuberance

ANTONYMS

Easy: dullness, lifelessness, unpleasantness, commonplaceness
Medium: drabness, flatness, dreariness
Difficult: mediocrity, insipidness, staleness, banality, coarseness, tediousness, repulsion, obnoxiousness, offensiveness

EXAMPLES

We need someone with youth, glamour and pizzazz.
The recipe includes an optional raisin addition for a bit of pizzazz.
Peppers, in all their bold, beautiful hues, are a terrific way to add color and pizzazz to almost any dish.
I want food that's low in fat but that has some pizazz.

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146. POTENTIAL

Noun/Adj. having or showing the capacity to develop in the future

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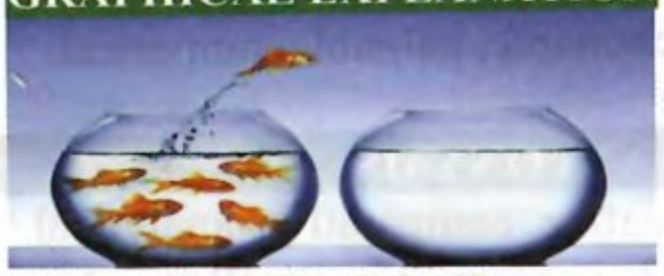

Pendulum Example

SYNONYMS

Easy: talent, skill, scope, capacity, ability, possibility, likelihood
Medium: probability, capability, promise, prospect
Difficult: anticipation, faculty, knack, endowment, latent, budding, would-be, impending, potency, feasibility, momentum

ANTONYMS

Easy: inability, incapability, incapacity, unfitness
Medium: incompetence, barrenness, ineptitude
Difficult: infertility, sterility, ineligibility, disability, inadequacy, inefficiency, impotence, ineptness, handicap

EXAMPLES

Potential buyers are looking for a property that they can see themselves living in.
You aren't using your computer to its full potential.
First we need to identify actual and potential problems.

147. QUALITATIVE

Adjective:

relating to how good or bad something is

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: subjective, evaluative, comparative, analytical
Medium: valuational, benchmarking, excellence-based, competence-wise, superior, ideal, model
Difficult: partial, specific, biased, appraisive, empirical, strategic, quintessential

ANTONYMS

Easy: objective, general, impersonal, calculable, measurable
Medium: disinterested, impartial, quantitative, concrete, physical substantive
Difficult: tangible, reckonable, palpable, numerical, statistical, computable

EXAMPLES

Although their prices almost same, there are qualitative differences between the two products.
Yours is the interpretation qualitative rather than quantitative, specific rather than general.
It will take the chemist at least an hour to evaluate the qualitative composition of the street drug.

148. QUALM

Noun:

an **Easy** feeling of doubt, worry, or fear

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: uneasiness, doubt, second thought, worry, concern, anxiety, shame, uncertainty, unwillingness
Medium: reservation, pang, reluctance, guilt, regret, disquiet,
Difficult: conscience, demureness, skepticism, suspicion, self-reproach, repentance, apprehension, foreboding, trepidation, scruple, remorse, misgiving, compunction, contrition, penitence

ANTONYMS

Easy: calmness, comfort, peace, satisfaction, certainty, ease, coolness, relaxation, confidence, relief, liveliness
Medium: composure, firmness, determination, steadiness
Difficult: contentment, pacification, serenity, placidity, poise, stolidity blandness, resoluteness, coziness, complacency, smugness, equanimity

EXAMPLES

She left her husband and children without a qualm.
He has no qualms about downloading pirated music files from the Internet.
When it comes to salary, many business owners have no qualms about paying themselves a hefty amount.
I had a qualm of absolute horror, and shuddered; and then the emotion was immediately repressed.
Without any qualm, the killer shot the young woman in the face.

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149. QUANTITATIVE

Adjective:
connected with the amount or number of something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: objective, general, impersonal, calculable, measurable
Medium: disinterested, impartial, quantitative, concrete, physical, substantive
Difficult: tangible, reckonable, palpable, numerical, statistical, computable

ANTONYMS

Easy: subjective, evaluative, comparative, analytical
Medium: valuational, benchmarking, excellence-based, competence-wise, superior, ideal, model
Difficult: partial, specific, biased, appraisive, empirical, strategic, quintessential

EXAMPLES

Studies range from a qualitative type of food habit inquiry to a much more precise quantitative one.
After writing down everyone's height, he analyzed the quantitative data to determine who was the tallest student in the class.
During my quantitative survey, I asked students how many times they had traveled out of the country.

150. QUARREL

Verb/Noun:
an angry argument or disagreement between people

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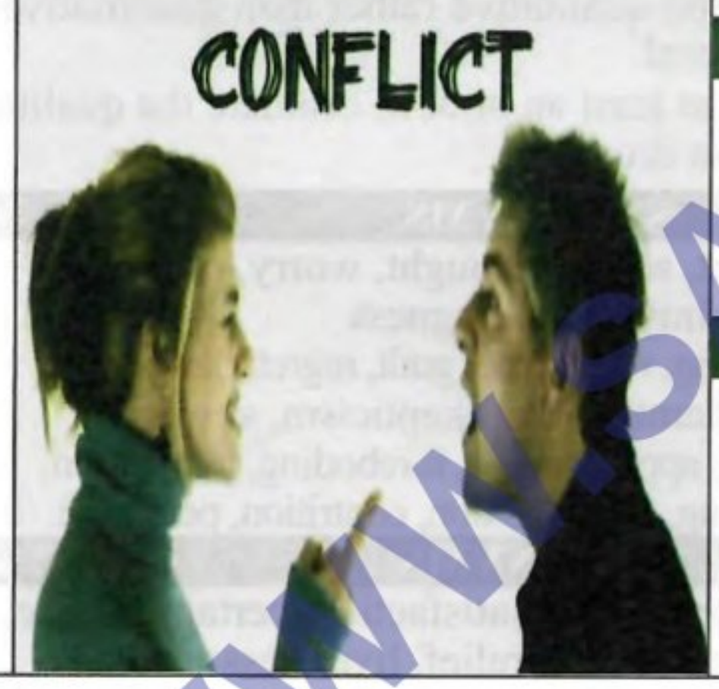

SYNONYMS

Easy: disagreement, war, clash, fight, tussle
Medium: argument, dispute, conflict, fuss, discord, controversy cross fire
Difficult: hostility, dissension, contention, altercation, feud, vendetta, strife, discrepancy, wrangling, antagonism

ANTONYMS

Easy: peace, settlement, harmony, reunion, compromise
Medium: ceasefire, accord, concord, coexistence, symbiosis
Difficult: armistice, truce, unanimity, reconciliation, coherence, amity, congruence, homogeneity, solidarity, appeasement

EXAMPLES

Please don't quarrel. It always gives me a headache.
Suddenly a loud quarrel erupted between the couple sitting at the next table.
Actually, the same principle used to solve domestic quarrels can be applied to achieve world peace.

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6 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 PLOPPED
A) Splashed
B) Surged
C) Hoisted
D) Levitated

Q.2 PRESUME
A) Assay
B) Daresay
C) Affirm
D) Ascertain

Q.3 PRECAUTIONS
A) Delinquency
B) Safeguard
C) Recklessness
D) Obliviousness

Q.4 PANTING
A) Gasping
B) Poised
C) Breathy
D) Robust

Q.5 PURCHASE
A) Bestow
B) Dispense
C) Confer
D) Acquire

Q.6 PERSISTED
A) Submitted
B) Vacillated
C) Perused
D) Pursued

Q.7 PENSIVELY
A) Mirthfully
B) Reflectively
C) Capriciously
D) Wittily

Q.8 PRIME
A) Pathetic
B) Vile
C) Invaluable
D) Tributary

Q.9 PLACIDLY
A) Blandly
B) Feverishly
C) Heedlessly
D) Recklessly

Q.10 PEERED
A) Blurred
B) Browsed
C) Gloat
D) Probed

Q.11 PROPELLING
A) Shoving
B) Quailing
C) Inhibiting
D) Tugging

Q.12 PASSION
A) Frailty
B) Numbness
C) Aversion
D) Fervor

Q.13 PROMPTLY
A) Subsequently
B) Delinquently
C) Straightaway
D) Tardily

Q.14 PRACTICALLY
A) Literally
B) Thoroughly
C) Categorically
D) Exclusively

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Q.15 PRONE TO
A) Partial to
B) Antagonistic to
C) Allergic to
D) Apathetic to

Q.16 PARAPHERNALIA
A) Impediment
B) Shortcoming
C) Tackle
D) Handicap

Q.17 PREROGATIVE
A) Privilege
B) Commitment
C) Requirement
D) Compulsion

Q.18 PATH
A) Standstill
B) Stalemate
C) Impasse
D) Thoroughfare

Q.19 PRECISION
A) Rawness
B) Brevity
C) Clumsiness
D) Fastidiousness

Q.20 PIZZAZZ
A) Mediocrity
B) Exuberance
C) Banality
D) Coarseness

Q.21 POTENTIAL
A) Latent
B) Patent
C) Sterility
D) Barrenness

Q.22 QUALITATIVE
A) Statistical
B) Computable
C) Excellent
D) Quantitative

Q.23 QUALM
A) Trepidation
B) Compliance
C) Comprehension
D) Complacency

Q.24 QUANTITATIVE
A) Evaluative
B) Commendable
C) Reckonable
D) Appraisive

Q.25 QUARREL
A) Contention
B) Amity
C) Accord
D) Concord

Q.26 PLOPPED
A) Landed
B) Soared
C) Leapt
D) Retained

Q.27 PERSISTED
A) Struck
B) Lapsed
C) Abated
D) Stuck

Q.28 PENSIVELY
A) Whimsically
B) Raptly
C) Frivolously
D) Flippantly

Q.29 PRIME
A) Crucial
B) Pitiable
C) Pathetic
D) Collateral

Q.30 PLACIDLY
A) Hectically
B) Vivaciously
C) Zealously
D) Blandly

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6 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.2

SENTENCES COMPLETION

Q.1 Since Tom and Ann had a public _____about their infidelities, the two have lived in separate locations.

A) judgment
B) hearsay
C) jealousy
D) quarrel

Q.2 After writing down everyone's height, the student analyzed the _____data to determine he was the tallest student in the class.

A) potential
B) quantitative
C) qualitative
D) neutral

Q.3 Under the influence of drugs, Matt had no _____whatsoever about spending all of his money at the casino.

A) qualm
B) precaution
C) paraphernalia
D) passion

Q.4 While a quantitative analysis produces an amount, a _____analysis reveals a competence.

A) quantitative
B) judicial
C) qualitative
D) flawless

Q.5 Because the building has a gas leak that poses a/an _____risk to residents, it is being evacuated.

A) potential
B) precautionary
C) occasional
D) casual

Q.6 Use hairspray to freeze the hair into place, and for extra_____, dye your hair blonde or red.

A) paraphernalia
B) pizzazz
C) qualm
D) prerogative

Q.7 In golf, you must have extreme_____, as you are ultimately trying to land a rather small ball into an equally small hole.

A) qualm
B) precision
C) pizzazz
D) passion

Q.8 When the _____in the woods forked, I decided to go right because it traveled close to the river.

A) path
B) junction
C) operation
D) mounting

Q.9 Just because you are rich does not give you the _____to break the law!

A) prerogative
B) potential
C) judgment
D) appraisal

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Q.10 Because I had not locked my shed, someone stole my shovel and other landscaping _____in my absence.

A) knack
B) paraphernalia
C) purchase
D) miniature

Q.11 Jack is _____be quite talkative after he has consumed several beers.

A) prone to
B) attached to
C) collided with
D) menaced by

Q.12 It is _____a silent movie, relying on sound effects, rather than dialogue.

A) pensively
B) potentially
C) practically
D) placidly

Q.13 Unless you _____make your car payment, your vehicle will be repossessed.

A) abruptly
B) practically
C) intently
D) promptly

Q.14 Even though his friends called him mean, he just had a strong _____to save as much money as he could.

A) prerogative
B) qualm
C) passion
D) likelihood

Q.15 Solar sails will use the sun's energy to _____spacecraft across the cosmos.

A) propel
B) plop
C) mount
D) flick

Q.16 Struggling to catch a glimpse of her car, she squinted her eyes and _____through the thick fog.

A) peered
B) yearned
C) dispensed
D) panted

Q.17 Birthday parties can either be wildly successful or _____humdrum.

A) flawlessly
B) neutrally
C) promptly
D) placidly

Q.18 After the lawyer submitted his _____evidence in the case, the jury instantly believed his client was innocent.

A) apparent
B) prime
C) coveted
D) imperceptible

Q.19 Devout Christians will often _____pray in church because they want God to know how they feel.

A) disconsolately
B) gingerly
C) pensively
D) daintily

Q.20 The chef _____through many failures, trying different ingredients until he finally came up with the perfect recipe.

A) glared
B) persisted
C) collided
D) beckoned

Q.21 After stowing their_____, they had a light lunch on board the ship.

A) passions
B) purchases
C) qualms
D) rituals

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Q.22 A cart laden with gas cylinders, pushed by two haggard, _____men, entered a one-way street.

A) panting
B) appalling
C) jubilant
D) juvenile

Q.23 Some people consider it a _____to keep a shotgun under the bed; others view it as paranoia

A) precaution
B) criteria
C) prerogative
D) judgment

Q.24 The missing woman is _____dead since no one has heard from her in over twenty years.

A) confirmed
B) opted for
C) presumed
D) prone to

Q.25 He opened the car door and _____himself down in the front seat.

A) limped
B) plopped
C) dispensed
D) moulded

Q.26 Speed restrictions are in _____at the moment to ensure that the tracks are safe whilst the checking is completed.

A) operation
B) criteria
C) jeopardy
D) minimum

Q.27 The crooked businessman appeared to have no _____about tearing down the nursing home to build a parking lot.

A) v
B) precaution
C) qualm
D) exasperation

Q.28 There was a time when cloning was merely a _____and the stuff of science fiction.

A) comprehension
B) excursion
C) potential
D) distraction

Q.29 The 911 operator was fired for not _____answering emergency calls.

A) promptly
B) subsequently
C) reproachfully
D) tentatively

Q.30 You must always exercise _____when firing a weapon, as you may hit anything if you are not accurate.

A) precision
B) condescension
C) presumption
D) compulsion

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6 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) His life moved on placidly, from adolescence to old age, and boredom was the worst thing that could happen to him.
B) His life moved with placidly, from adolescence to old age, and boredom was the worst thing that could happen to him.
C) His life moved on placidly, from adolescence to old age, and boredom was the worst thing that could happen with him.
D) His life moved on placidly, from adolescence to old age, and boredom was the worst thing that could happen for him.

Q.2

A) He lost two children in quick succession at the prime of their lives.
B) He lost two children in quick succession in the prime of their lives.
C) He lost two children with quick succession in the prime of their lives.
D) He lost two children with quick succession at the prime of their lives.

Q.3

A) She leaned with the wall, eyes looking at camera, lips pursed pensively to show off her adorable cheeks.
B) She leaned into the wall, eyes looking from camera, lips pursed pensively to show off her adorable cheeks.
C) She leaned against the wall, eyes looking off camera, lips pursed pensively to show off her adorable cheeks.
D) She leaned at the wall, eyes looking by camera, lips pursed pensively to show off her adorable cheeks.

Q.4

A) She persisted in her efforts and eventually got the job she longed for.
B) She persisted on her efforts and eventually got the job she longed of.
C) She persisted with her efforts and eventually got the job she longed to.
D) She persisted along her efforts and eventually got the job she longed for.

Q.5

A) He spotted the manuscript on a local auction and purchased it for £1,500.
B) He spotted the manuscript from a local auction and purchased it for £1,500.
C) He spotted the manuscript by a local auction and purchased it for £1,500.
D) He spotted the manuscript at a local auction and purchased it for £1,500.

Q.6

A) He slammed the door shut before him and leaned panting with the glass.
B) He slammed the door shut behind him and leaned panting against the glass.
C) He slammed the door shut by him and leaned panting at the glass.
D) He slammed the door shut at him and leaned panting by the glass.

Q.7

A) Accidents testify to people's negligence of precautions against fire.
B) Accidents testify of people's negligence of precautions from fire.
C) Accidents testify upon people's negligence of precautions by fire.
D) Accidents testify about people's negligence of precautions for fire.

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Q.8

A) The monument is presumed to date by the first century BC.
B) The monument is presumed to date back the first century BC.
C) The monument is presumed to date about the first century BC.
D) The monument is presumed to date back to the first century BC.

Q.9

A) Big wet tears slipped under my cheeks and plopped on the table.
B) Big wet tears slipped below my cheeks and plopped at the table.
C) Big wet tears slipped beneath my cheeks and plopped over the table.
D) Big wet tears slipped down my cheeks and plopped onto the table.

Q.10

A) The force is still under operation until you cancel it off.
B) The force is still in operation until you cancel it out.
C) The force is still into operation until you cancel it away.
D) The force is still against operation until you cancel it off.

Q.11

A) Occasionally Alice would look from her book and stared at her coffee.
B) Occasionally Alice would look up her book and stared from her coffee.
C) Occasionally Alice would look up from her book and stared into her coffee.
D) Occasionally Alice would look up from her book and stared onto her coffee.

Q.12

A) Avoid from starting off on the wrong foot, because a good beginning is a half success.
B) Avoid starting of on the wrong foot, because a good beginning is a half success.
C) Avoid starting off on the wrong foot, because a good beginning is a half success.
D) Avoid starting from on the wrong foot, because a good beginning is a half success.

Q.13

A) He still regrets on his decision when he opted for a career of music.
B) He still regrets of his decision when he opted for a career with music.
C) He still regrets at his decision when he opted for a career in music.
D) He still regrets his decision when he opted for a career in music.

Q.14

A) We are persisting on policies that will create jobs for the future.
B) We are persisting by policies that will create jobs for the future.
C) We are persisting at policies that will create jobs for the future.
D) We are persisting with policies that will create jobs for the future.

Q.15

A) The three works in this disc are prime examples of literature of its best.
B) The three works on this disc are prime examples of literature at its best.
C) The three works from this disc are prime examples of literature on its best.
D) The three works at this disc are prime examples of literature with its best.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 The two tribes <u>have been involved</u> (A) <u>in</u> (B) a quarrel <u>on</u> (C) land rights <u>for</u> (D) nearly a decade.

Q.17 When I was <u>in</u> (A) university, I discovered <u>through</u> (B) quantitative research <u>about</u> (C) that people break their bones most <u>during</u> (D) their elderly years.

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Q.18 The merciless killer shot the woman at (A) the face; he had no qualm about (B) causing her children to suffer (C) an irreparable loss (D).

Q.19 Qualitative research approaches are considered (A) complementary for (B), and not in (C) competition with (D), quantitative approaches.

Q.20 Because the area posed a potential threat to (A) residents, people were evacuated in (B) last month from (C) their houses to (D) a safe place.

Q.21 Peppers, in (A) their beautiful hues, are a terrific way to (B) add pizzazz in (C) almost any dish on (D) your menu.

Q.22 A sniper must have extreme precision while on (A) a mission, since (B) he must often hit on (C) a very small target he has aimed at (D).

Q.23 Threatened with (A) danger, the victim ran out (B) a path that led out of the park with (C) the attackers close behind (D) her.

Q.24 If you are of (A) the opinion that you have a prerogative to behave (B) badly with (C) others, you are categorically at (D) fault.

Q.25 There are some stores in (A) our route that specialize in (B) cooking paraphernalia. So, are you keen on (C) buying something in (D) the kitchen?

Q.26 She is not only allergic from (A) dust but also prone to (B) having (C) asthma attacks during (D) allergy season.

Q.27 There were ushers and helpers, but practically not a single (A) man to (B) wait on (C) us on (D) table.

Q.28 All orders entrusted to (A) him are promptly complied with (B) unless he is at (C) a tour or with (D) his family.

Q.29 With a sacred passion in (A) his heart, he devoted himself to helping (B) the poor, who called for (C) him with (D) a hard-luck story.

Q.30 He succeeded to propel (A) the ball across (B) the line and into (C) the hole he had aimed at (D).

Q.31 He peered by (A) the wet windscreen at (B) the cars moving along (C) the border at (D) a snail's pace.

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UNIT 7

VOCABULARY (WORDS 151-175)

151. QUENCH

Verb:
to drink so that you no longer feel thirsty, or to stop a fire from burning

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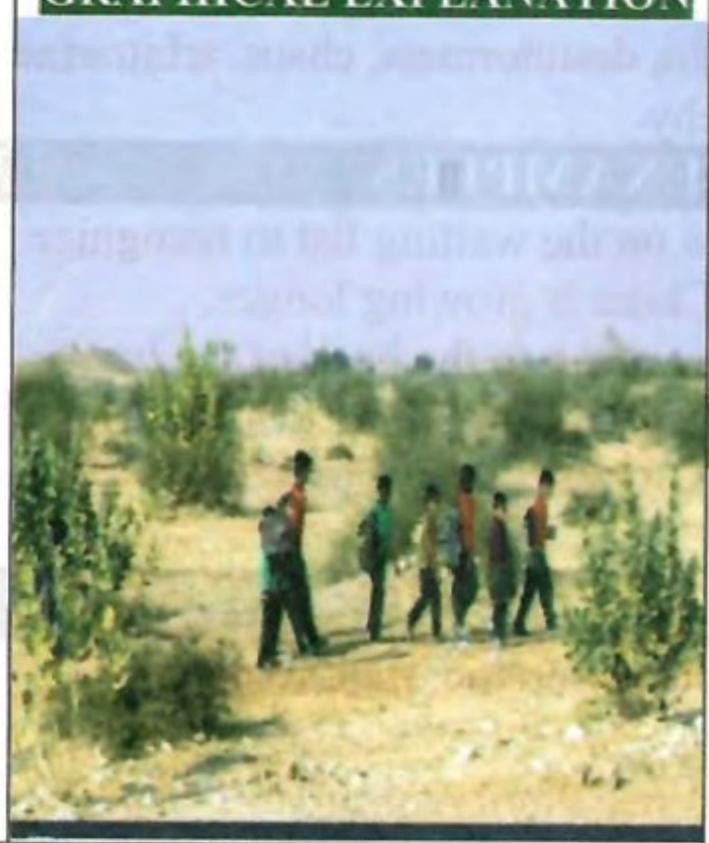

SYNONYMS

Easy: satisfy, relieve, fulfil, serve, provide, supply, reduce
Medium: choke, gratify, extinguish, cater,
Difficult: smother, stifle, alleviate, snuff out, put out, blow out, dowse, saturate, satiate, appease, slake, sate, assuage, allay, glut, gorge

ANTONYMS

Easy: burn, fuel, ash, light, quicken, promote, excite
Medium: consume, stimulate, inspire, stir, arouse, accelerate, scorch, explode, inflame
Difficult: swelter, illuminate, ignite, kindle, stoke, spark, cremate, incinerate, set alight, set fire to, reduce to ashes

EXAMPLES

We thoroughly quenched the campfire before we headed to bed.
On the way back, we stopped at McDonald's, just to get frozen drinks to quench our thirst.
Needless to say, it shows that oil is a bargain, though perhaps less thirst quenching.

152. QUERY

Noun/Verb:
a question, especially one expressing doubt or requesting information

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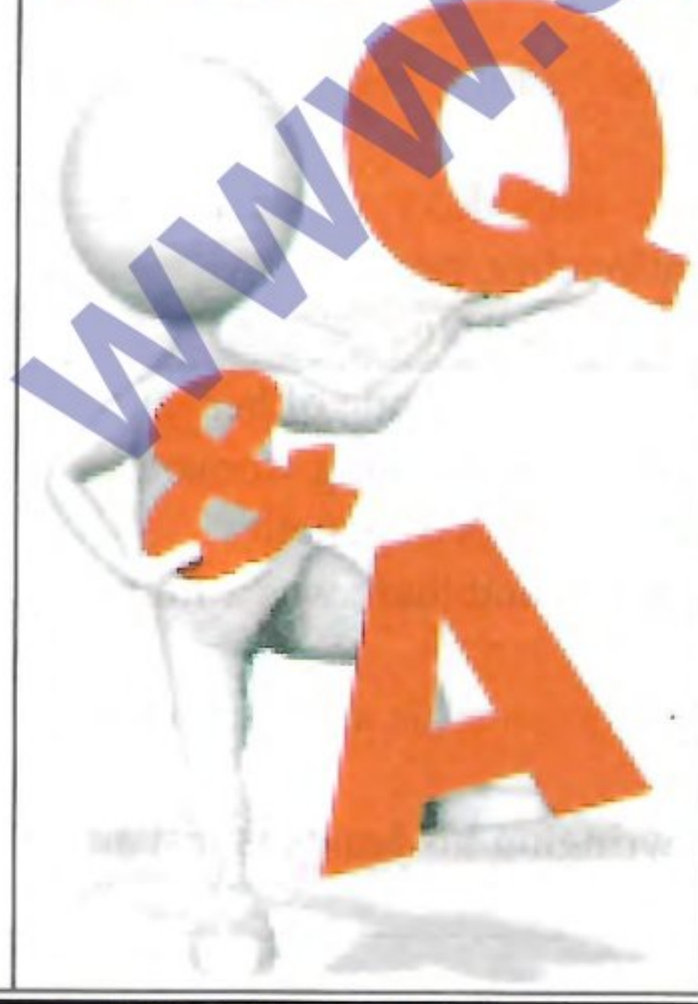

SYNONYMS

Easy: question, request, call, inquiry, doubt, demand, investigation, distrust, mistrust, uncertainty, disbelief, objection, opposition, interrogation, exploration
Medium: suspicion, reservation
Difficult: inquisition, incredulity, denial, probing, skepticism, misgiving

ANTONYMS

Easy: answer, reply, response, trust, faith, belief, agreement, acceptance, dependence, reliance, surety, certainty, assurance, backing, confidence, tolerance, defense
Medium: advocacy, endurance, swallowing
Difficult: credence, conviction, rejoinder, endorsement

EXAMPLES

Please respond to my query at your earliest convenience.
Because Lisa is such a curious child, she is always making one query after another.
It seems odd that someone would want two stoves, so you'd better query that order.
If you have any queries, please telephone our office.
Many people queried whether any harm had been done.

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153. QUEUE

Noun:
a line of people, cars, etc. waiting for something

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: line, chain, tail, train, string, file, column, order, stream, jam
Medium: row, series, organization, plan, pattern, system, discipline
Difficult: rank, succession, sequence, array, coherence, gridlock, trail

ANTONYMS

Easy: disorder, mix-up, mess, crowd, confusion, disarrangement
Medium: cluster, tangle, randomness, jumble
Difficult: haphazardness, desultoriness, chaos, arbitrariness, huddle, muddle, anarchy

EXAMPLES

The queue of countries on the waiting list to recognize the People's Republic of China is growing longer.
The teacher made Jerry move to the back of the lunch queue after he tried to cut in front of another student.
Credit card companies are queuing up to let us spend money we don't have yet.

154. QUIRK

Noun:
a strange aspect of a person's behavior,
or a strange chance, accident, coincidence, etc

Verb:
to twist mouth or eyebrows suddenly

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: habit, feature, characteristic, trait, oddity, shortcoming
Medium: eccentricity, peculiarity, obsession, mannerism
Difficult: queerness, perversion, singularity, coincidence, weirdness, idiosyncrasy, erraticism, aberration, whim, caprice
Verb: twist, screw up, distort, curl, wind, curve, fold

ANTONYMS

Easy: normality, averageness, usualness, routine, commonness, wisdom
Medium: ordinariness, uniformity, predictability, conventionality
Difficult: sanity, sagacity, orthodoxy, conservatism, drabness, conformity, rationality, prudence

EXAMPLES

Wearing red shoes every day is just one of her quirks.
As I look at this photo of hers as a young woman, I can't help but ponder the strange quirks of genetics.
She raised an eyebrow at me, and there was a funny quirk in her mouth.
His lips quirked slightly, showing his amusement at her bland humor.
His habit of constantly wringing his hands is just an uncontrollable quirk.

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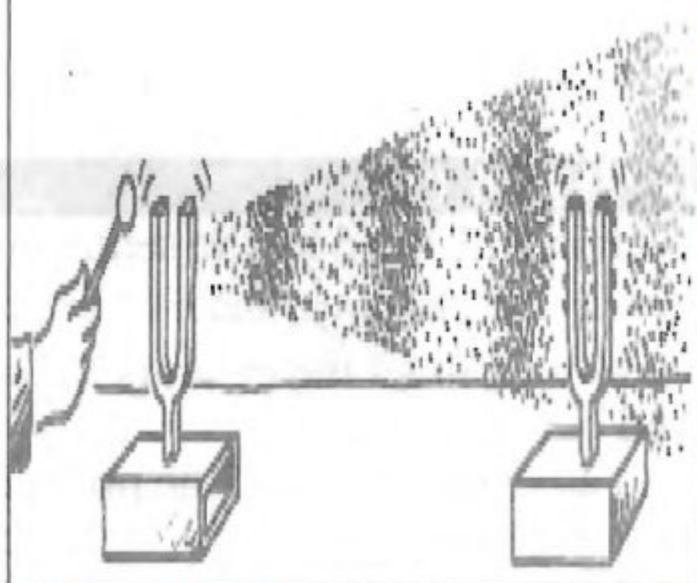
155. QUIVER

Verb:
move or shake slightly

Noun:
a slight trembling movement:
shiver, shudder, ripple, spasm

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

onance - Sent wave causes other tuning fork to vibrate



SYNONYMS

Easy: tremble, shake, vibrate, beat
Medium: jerk, waver, swing, flap, fluctuate
Difficult: flicker, flutter, sway, undulate, throb, quaver, convulse, agitate, fidget, pulsate, palpitate, rock, tremor, jolt, quake, wobble, vacillate, twitch, oscillate

ANTONYMS

Easy: stop, check, be motionless, be immobile, be lifeless, suspend, calm, steady, stabilize, paralyze, cripple
Medium: freeze, halt, be still, be static, be stationary,
Difficult: stifle, choke, strangle, be torpid, be inert,

EXAMPLES

In a quivering voice, he said: "O Allah, daughters are your helpless creatures!"
A quiver ran through the audience when the monster cornered the movie's hero.
The flame quivered a little more then went out.
The earth shook and quivered underfoot.
Jack's voice started to quiver when he talked about his dead wife.

156. QUIZZICAL

Adjective:
showing that you are slightly surprised or amused

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: questioning, inquiring, surprised, puzzled, disbelieving, doubtful
Medium: curious, keen, eager, suspicious, incredulous, inquisitive, mocking
Difficult: baffled, critical, mystified, odd, eccentric, perplexed, reproachful, frowny, squinty, sarcastic, skeptical

ANTONYMS

Easy: certain, convinced, sure, trusting, unconcerned, blank, dull, calm, cool, uninterested, impassive
Medium: persuaded, influenced, indifferent, superficial
Difficult: stolid, drab, credulous, dreary, naïve, gullible, perfunctory, nonchalant, phlegmatic, apathetic

EXAMPLES

His verifying glance was a favorite subject of mimicry throughout the School—
a gaze half rapt, half quizzical.
I can still recall their quizzical expressions who wondered why an apparently healthy girl should suddenly report ill.
His ludicrous pretext made everybody stare at the young man with a quizzical look.

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157. QUOTATION

Noun:

1. a short piece of writing taken from a book, play, speech, etc.
2. the price that a person or company says they will charge

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: quote, selection, passage, line, clip, paragraph, sentence
Medium: verse, reference, extract, phrase, stanza
Difficult: excerpt, citation, allusion
2. estimate, price, cost, charge, rate, figure, fee, duty, assessment,
evaluation, reckoning, appraisal, tender, bid, tariff, excise, fare, toll, levy,

ANTONYMS

Easy: whole, book, essay, thesis, novel, poetry, paper
Medium: article, magazine, travelogue, text
Difficult: manuscript, script, dissertation, treatise, journal, biography
2. reality, actuality, factuality, veracity, exploitation, blindness, disregard, unconcern, impulsiveness, rashness, impetuousness, recklessness

EXAMPLES

Whatever the exact quotation is, I stand by the sentiment.
Each of these quotations motivates, inspires, and enlivens us.
One should obtain quotations from all the insurers to be able to compare costs and benefits.
The aim of this study is to assess the risks of the project, so that a formal quotation can be made.

158. RITUALS

Noun:

a series of actions that are part of a religious ceremony

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: practices, routines, habits, traditions, customs, worships, services, standards, formalities, devotions, beliefs
Medium: celebrations, ceremonies, ceremonials
Difficult: conventions, proceedings, observances, drills, grooves, superstitions, myths, creeds, protocols, rites, norms, dogmas, solemnities, sacraments, liturgies, commemorations

ANTONYMS

Easy: disagreement, difference, unusualness, change, break, newness, introduction, modernization,
Medium: oddness, variation, violation, departure, alteration, deviation
Difficult: rebellion, unconventionality, revolt, peculiarity, innovation, novelty, nonconformity, incongruity, divergence, discrepancy, aberration, anomaly, breach, contravention, defiance, desecration

EXAMPLES

More important than language are nonverbal communication patterns - modes of greeting, social customs and religious rituals.
He finished his routine hygiene rituals, meticulously following some unwritten agenda.
After all, in a secular age where religious rituals have lost meaning for many, the grieving still need comfort.

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159. REINFORCE

Verb:
to give support or make stronger

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: strengthen, support, toughen, increase, back, encourage, promote, improve, add to
Medium: stiffen, sustain, supplement, complement, boost, enhance
Difficult: consolidate, brace, amplify, bolster, buttress, fortify, augment, corroborate, substantiate, validate, prop up, hold up,

ANTONYMS

Easy: weaken, decrease, discourage, hinder, hurt, lessen, let down, reduce, upset, unsettle, damage
Medium: devitalize, destabilize, demoralize, dishearten, dispirit, undercut, diminish
Difficult: disarm, undermine, impair, subvert, sabotage, disrupt, wreck, ruin, thwart, foil, cripple, enervate, debilitate, enfeeble

EXAMPLES

The UN has undertaken to reinforce its military presence along the borders.
Something in her told her she could trust him and he reinforced that feeling by being trustworthy.
Devote most of your time to reinforcing good behavior, with smiles, hugs, compliments or special privileges.

160. REPRIMANDED

Verb:
to rebuke or criticize severely

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: criticize, scold, rebuke, abuse, blame, warn, lecture, bad-mouth
Medium: disapprove, admonish, ridicule, mock, condemn, lash, caution, belittle, yell at
Difficult: censure, scorn, deprecate, depreciate, berate, reprove, reproach, chide, castigate, deride, chastise, assail, scoff, denounce, disparage, decry, rag, take to task

ANTONYMS

Easy: approve, admire, praise, appreciate, salute, honor, flatter, pay tribute, treasure
Medium: applaud, esteem, elevate, hail, exalt, compliment, adore, laud, commend, cherish, pay homage
Difficult: idolize, endorse, acclaim, extol, exalt, cosset approbate, venerate, revere, dote on, eulogize, pamper, glorify, deify

EXAMPLES

Chaudhary Fateh Dad reprimanded Maulvi Abul for his negligence.
The council reprimanded the summer intern for her constant tardiness.
The accountancy firm was reprimanded regarding its audit of that company.
Things went from bad to worse as Nick returned moaning about being reprimanded by a security guard.

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161. RIOT

Noun:
a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: violence, disorder, disturbance, storm, unrest, lawlessness
Medium: row, uproar, demonstration, rebellion, revolt, disruption
Difficult: furor, upheaval, mayhem, chaos, turmoil, tumult, turbulence, mutiny, scuffle, commotion, anarchy, uprising, insurgence, insurrection

ANTONYMS

Easy: calm, order, peace, agreement, quiet, harmony, organization
Medium: composure, stability, accord, concord, poise, ceasefire
Difficult: tranquility, serenity, placidity, truce, armistice, pacification, quietude, imperturbability, amity, equability, equanimity

EXAMPLES

There was talk of having some kind of public riot in the School if Ralston succeeded in banishing Chips.
One prison guard was killed when a riot broke out in the jail.
Some of the runaways formed gangs, rioted, and resorted to violence.
Faced with escalating riots, the Italian police unleashed water cannon, plastic bullets and 12-inch cudgels.

162. RELUCTANTLY

Adverb:
in an unwilling and hesitant way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: unwillingly, half-heartedly, undecidedly, unexcitedly, hesitantly
Medium: disinterestedly, unresponsively, dispassionately, impassively, incuriously
Difficult: disinclined, loath, timidly, aloofly, dubiously, aversely, indisposed, sheepishly, apathetically, indifferently, perfunctorily, tentatively, grudgingly, diffidently

ANTONYMS

Easy: willingly, boldly, enthusiastically, excitedly, fearlessly, impatiently, readily, warmly
Medium: keenly, eagerly, enthusiastically, zealously, valiantly, longingly, vigorously, breathlessly, crazily
Difficult: promptly, fervently, chivalrously, exuberantly, vehemently, avidly, fanatically, voluntarily, animatedly, vivaciously, intrepidly, gallantly

EXAMPLES

Two big Desert Patrol cars came roaring up to the bordj; and Death reluctantly departed.
He finds himself reluctantly succumbing to his suppressed passion.
Two-thirds of bar owners spoken to say they will reluctantly accept the law.
The scared young man reluctantly took the note home to his mother, dreading the impending punishment.

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163. REFUGE

Noun:
a place or situation providing safety or shelter

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: defense, guard, protection, shelter, shield, safety, security
Medium: dugout, retreat, stronghold, fortress, hide-out
Difficult: haven, port, oasis, harbor, immunity, sanctum, asylum, sanctuary, anchorage, ambush

ANTONYMS

Easy: insecurity, danger, helplessness, risk, defenselessness
Medium: exposure, pitfall, unguardedness, instability, unsteadiness
Difficult: vulnerability, menace, jeopardy, hazard, precariousness, peril, liability, susceptibility, desolation, betrayal

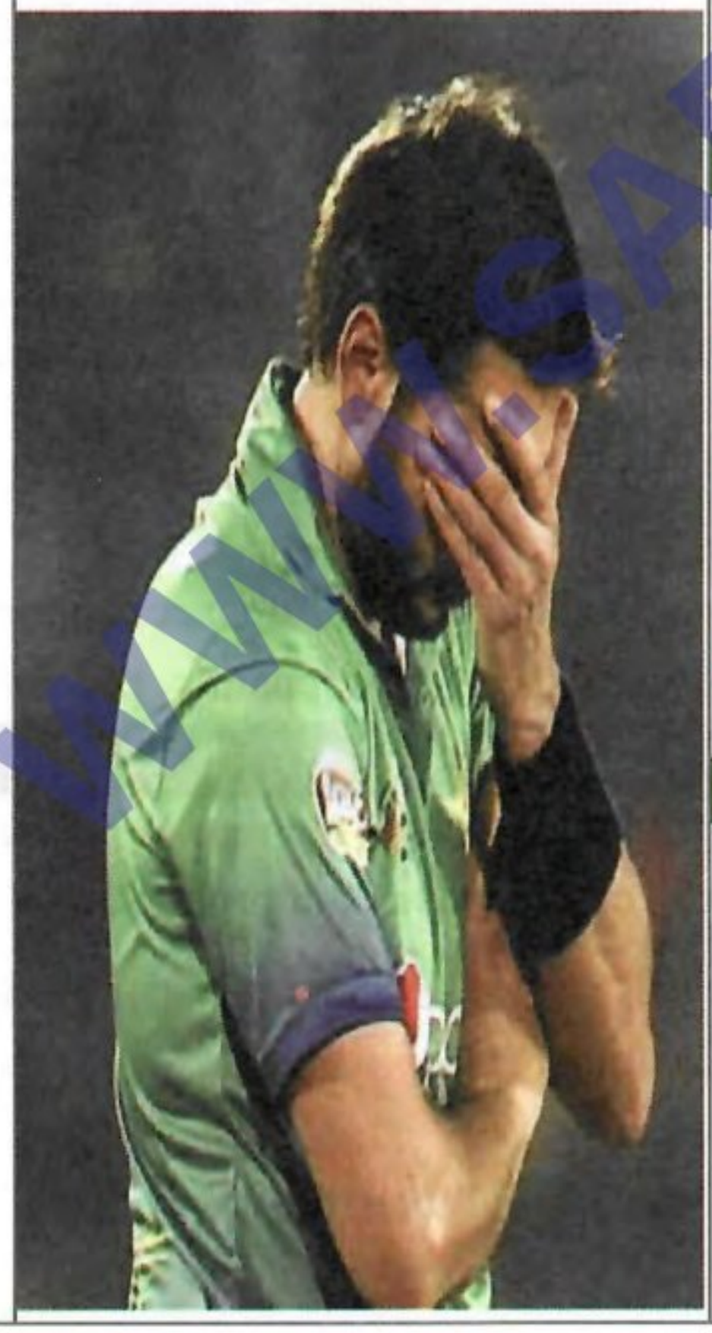
EXAMPLES

The boy sees no other refuge besides God Almighty.
His maternal uncles were Berbers from the district of North Africa. They offered him refuge.
Overwhelmed with guilt, he sought refuge in drink.
Our mountain cottage is a refuge from the ills of the city.

164. REGRET

Noun:
a feeling of guilt or shame
Verb:
to feel sorry about something you have done

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: shame, guilt, disappointment, excuses, sorrow
Medium: distress, grief, apology, agony, dejection, embarrassment
Difficult: dismay, qualm, affliction, repentance, remorse, scruple, compunction, contrition, penitence, self-reproach
Verb: feel sorry, weep over, feel apologetic, mourn, bewail, grieve, sigh over, lament, bemoan, deplore, rue, fret, repent, pine over, feel contrite

ANTONYMS

Easy: satisfaction, ease, comfort, calm, enjoyment, joy, pleasure, comfort
Medium: contentment, gladness, poise, gratification, mirth
Difficult: jubilation, serenity, intoxication, gaiety, shamelessness felicity, bliss, glee, elation, exuberance, exhilaration, exultation, ecstasy, euphoria, rapture
Verb: enjoy, chill, cheer, celebrate, triumph, savor, appreciate, relish, luxuriate, applaud, delight in, exult, rejoice, revel in, make merry

EXAMPLES

I was in fact only two from the bottom of the whole school; and these two, I regret to say, disappeared almost immediately through illness or some other cause.
We regret any inconvenience that we may have caused you.
She was consumed with regret for belittling him in public and felt much better once she had apologized.
I left school at 16, but I've had a great life and I have no regrets.
I have a tinge of regret that I didn't accept her offer.

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165. RARELY

Adverb:
not very often; in an exceptional way

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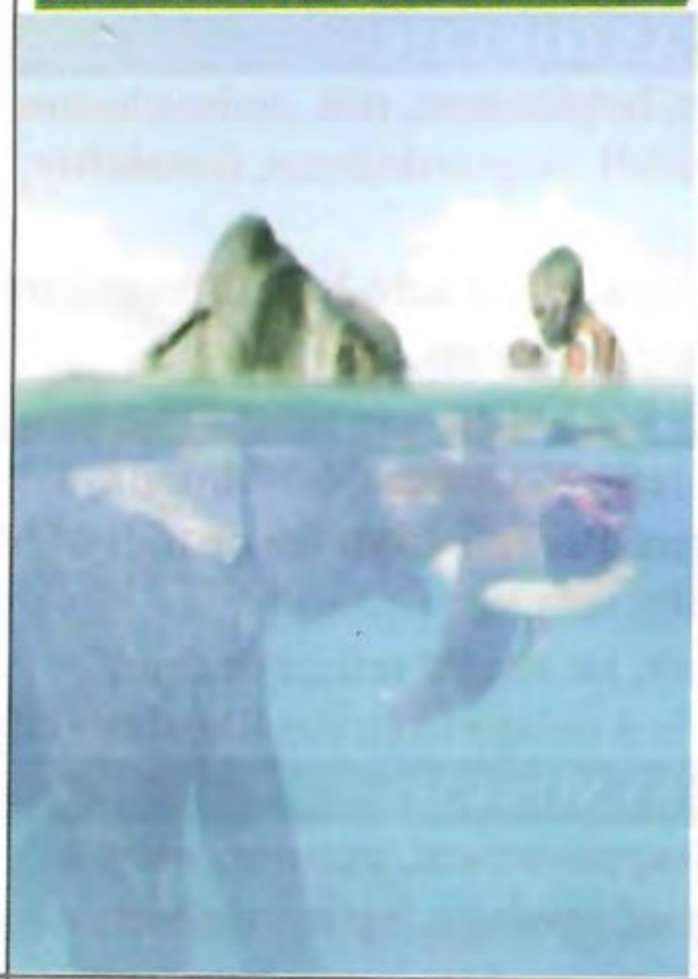

SYNONYMS

Easy: sometimes, hardly, barely, scarcely, occasionally, almost never
Medium: oddly, seldom, exceptionally
Difficult: periodically, sporadically, intermittently, episodically, once in a while, now and then, once in a blue moon

ANTONYMS

Easy: often, always, regularly, generally, routinely, usually, forever, everlastingly
Medium: frequently, repeatedly
Difficult: eternally, invariably, perpetually, unceasingly, recurrently, customarily

EXAMPLES

Rarely did he read more than a page of it before sleep came swiftly and peacefully.
Rarely have I seen such a beautiful sunset.
She rarely spoke her mind out of fear of being ridiculed.
He hardly ever washes the dishes and he rarely does any cleaning.

166. REPROACHFUL

Adjective
expressing blame, criticism, or disapproval

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: disapproving, accusing, insulting, rude, critical
Medium: judgmental, fault-finding, admonishing, scolding, offensive
Difficult: censorious, insolent, condemnatory, reproving, chiding, nagging, castigating, defamatory, derisive, disparaging, sarcastic, harassing

ANTONYMS

Easy: praising, admiring, approving, appreciative, favorable
Medium: congratulatory, complimentary, flattering, celebratory, glorifying
Difficult: commending, laudatory, extolling, acclamatory, adulatory, approbatory, eulogizing, sycophantic, panegyric

EXAMPLES

Shooting her son a reproachful glance, the mother made it clear that texting during lecture was not appropriate.
The reproachful letter was sent to let the company know how much the general public disapproved of its continuous production of toxic waste.
Because of his boss's reproachful tone, the electricians' assistant knew that he had made a big mistake.

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167. RAGGED

Verb:
rebuke or make fun of somebody

Adjective:
1. (thing)
untidy, dirty, torn, (person) weak, tired
2. having an uneven surface

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: Verb: tease, laugh at, mock, rebuke, scold, admonish, ridicule, scorn, taunt, satirize, deride, sneer, make fun of
Adjective: old, dirty, torn, untidy, in holes, poor, weak, tired,
Medium: worn out, weary, patched, split, exhausted, threadbare, unkempt
Difficult: decrepit, tattered, wretched, shabby, fatigued, ripped enervated, frayed, debilitated, shredded, lacerated
2. uneven, rough, irregular, broken, disorganized, disorderly, rugged, bumpy, coarse

ANTONYMS

Easy: Verb: admire, praise, appreciate, honor, esteem, approve of, compliment, flatter, applaud, laud, commend
Adjective: neat, clean, tidy, smart, new, fresh, active, energetic
Medium: firm, vigorous, spirited, stalwart, stout, sturdy, tidy, well-groomed, spick-and-span
Difficult: lusty, robust, chirpy, consolidated, lively, spirited, animated, sprightly, fortified, vibrant, bubbly, effervescent, vivacious, hale, immaculate
2. level, uniform, flat, plane, even, smooth, straight, unimpaired

EXAMPLES

Chips didn't like Melbury, because he had been ragged there a good deal.
I hate biting my nails because it causes them to become all ragged.
I was surprised she hadn't hospitalized my brothers; they both looked ragged and exhausted.
He was a ragged decrepit old man blinking in amazement.
He finally convinced her to throw away her favorite pair of jeans, ragged from years of yard work.
See your doctor when the border or the edge of the mole is not smooth but irregular or ragged.
The edges will look a little ragged, so trim them if you prefer a neat one.

168. REVOLVING

Verb/Adj.
to move in a circle on a central axis

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: turning, winding, circling, moving, circulating
Medium: rotating, orbiting, twisting, spinning, swinging, coiling, wheeling, curling, curving, ringing, rolling whirling
Difficult: twirling, swirling, screwing, reeling, pivoting, gyrating, spiraling, swiveling

ANTONYMS

Easy: immobile, fixed, stopped, unmoving, motionless, fixed, unchanging
Medium: steady, constant, unstirred, restrained, repressed, static, stationary, stagnant, still
Difficult: inert, torpid, barred, immutable, at a halt

EXAMPLES

The earth is revolving round the sun, and not the sun around the earth.
Can repairs be effected to a satellite revolving in its orbit?
Many planets have been found revolving around stars outside the solar system.
There have been scores of films revolving around the vampire theme.

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169. RESONANT

Adjective:
1. having the ability to stir images, memories, or emotions
2. of deep, continuous sound

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: suggestive, expressive, moving, touching
Medium: exciting, stirring, stimulating, inspiring, seductive, indicative, boosting, vivid, enlivening, rousing, haunting
Difficult: reminiscent, provocative, evocative, redolent, allusive, nostalgic, recurring
2. echoing, rich, ringing, deep, loud, vibrant, resounding, profound, reverberating, sonorous, booming

ANTONYMS

Easy: dull, boring, awful, uninteresting, unexciting
Medium: tiresome, wearisome, unimpressive
Difficult: bland, distracting, disgusting, offensive, abhorrent, appalling, revolting, repulsive, repellant, hideous, sedative, dreary, dampening, noisome, tedious, monotonous, unstimulating
2. soft, weak, thin, low, quiet, faint, muted, hollow, scratching, muffled, hushed, stifled, murmurous, smothered, subdued

EXAMPLES

Mr. Spelding is middle-aged, unctuous, and resonant.
The resonant sound in the amphitheater travels to every seat in the house.
After a few months, he'll likely have a resonant, deep, and full voice just like an adult!
It is a country resonant with cinematic potential, from its architecture to its landscape.
The two eavesdroppers looked at each other, their faces resonant with comprehension.

170. SWARMED UP

Phrasal Verb:
climb (something) rapidly by gripping it with one's hands and feet

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: go up, climb, fly, tower, crowd, drift, gather, assemble
Medium: mount, shoot up, uprise, rocket
Difficult: ascend, upheave, throng, cluster, clamber up, scramble, hover, escalate, scale, shin up, soar, flock, hoard, surge, cram

ANTONYMS

Easy: come down, fall, move down, drop, separate, spread, dive, sink, land, withdraw, settle
Medium: descend, slide down, disperse, scatter, plunge, decline
Difficult: retreat, incline, alight, stoop, slump, recede summersault, tumble down

EXAMPLES

I remember the time when we would swarm up the trees and throw down the big ripe nuts.
The kids swarmed up and down the road, setting the dogs barking.
They swarmed up the station and boarded buses bound for Lahore.

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171. SCENARIO

Noun:
1. an expected situation or sequence of events.
2. an outline of a film, novel, or a literary work

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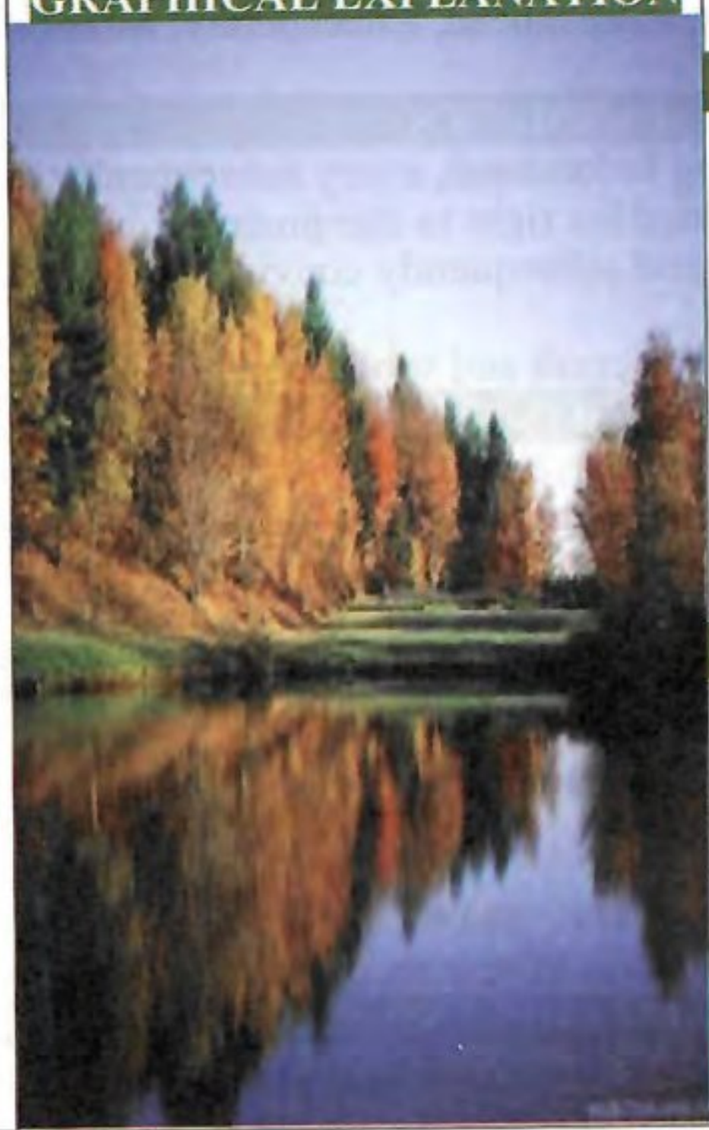


SYNONYMS

Easy: chain, train, setup development, background
Medium: course, series, sequence, range, situation
Difficult: succession, spectacle, pageant, landscape, perspective, progression, consequence, context, picture
2. scheme, plan, pattern, outline, background, scene, structure, storyline, plot, layout, script, context, sketch, framework, design, strategy, screenplay, précis, synopsis

ANTONYMS

Easy: unarrangement, confusion, disorder
Medium: innovation, inventiveness, mess, novelty
Difficult: dishevelment, chaos, anarchy, improvisation, spontaneity, jumble, muddle, impromptu, disarray, extemporization, contrivance
2. book, play, novel, story, poetry, essay, magazine, drama, film, comedy, tale, tragedy, fable, parable, travelogue, memoir, biography, dissertation, thesis, treatise, journal, article, sonnet, epic, panegyric, elegy

EXAMPLES

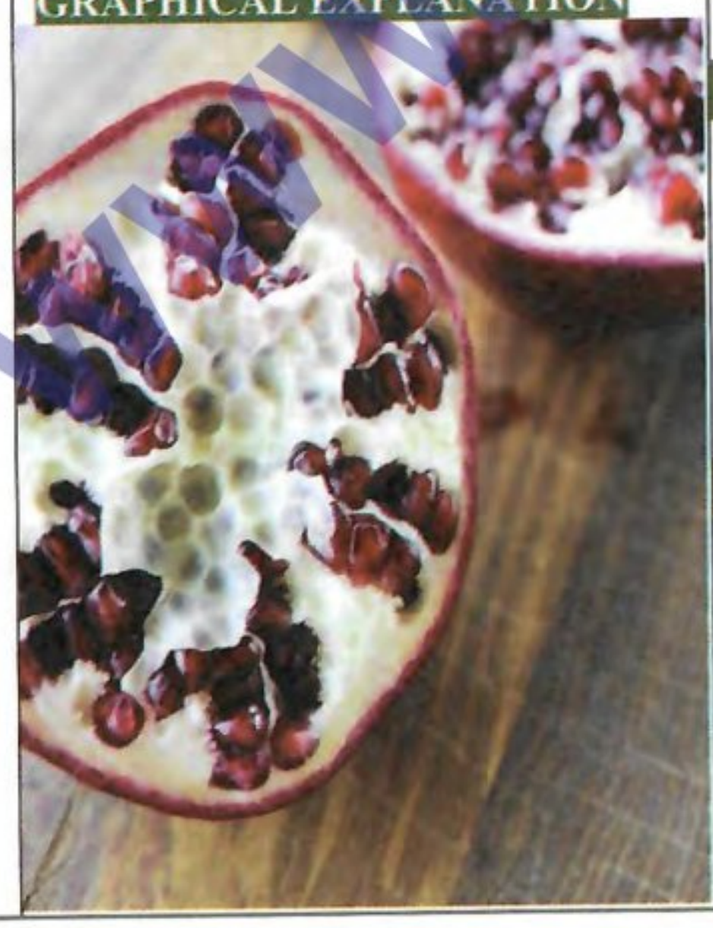
As the pandemic drags on, finance chiefs are devoting more time and resources to examining a range of potential scenarios.
The most likely scenario is that house prices rise again, forcing interest rates up.
We engaged Joan as director, and my other sister wrote the scenario.
Before we advertise or launch our product, we need to have a solution for every scenario that could arise.

172. SWATHE

Verb:
to wrap in several layers of cloth or fabric

Noun:
a broad strip, or an area of land

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: cover, fold, lap, surround, bind, enclose, encircle
Medium: wrap, envelop, tie, clothe, wind, veil, encase, enlace, cloak, enfold
Difficult: mantle, bundle up, muffle up, sheathe, encompass, shroud, overlay
Noun: 1. strap, dressing, covering, band, bandage, plaster, gauze
2. area, strip, line, belt, track, path, row, stretch, expanse, span, tract

ANTONYMS

Easy: unbandage, remove, uncover, undress, unclothe, unmask
Medium: expose, unwrap, unstrap, untie, undo, loosen, unpack, reveal, unbind
Difficult: bare, strip, unveil, uncloak, disclose, undrape, disrobe, unbuckle, unknot, unfasten
Noun: openness, bareness, nakedness, baldness, exposure

EXAMPLES

The nurse swathed the wounded soldier's leg in bandages.
She tenderly swathed the soldier's wounds.
Along the wall, they cleared a swathe as wide as a football field, shearing off row after row of houses.
Huge swathes of rainforest are being cleared for farming and mining.
Religion or education were not the concerns of the privileged few but the concerns of great swathes of the population.

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173. SUB-SEQUENTLY

Adverb:
after a particular thing has happened; afterwards

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: then, next, later, finally, at last, afterwards, following, in the end
Medium: thereafter, consequently
Difficult: successively, in due course, eventually, ensuingly, by and by

ANTONYMS

Easy: earlier, before
Medium: previously, formerly, up till now
Difficult: hitherto, prior, afore, ahead, antecedently, anteriorly, until then, in the past

EXAMPLES

By denying him a hearing beforehand, a jury subsequently ruled, prison officials had violated his right to due process.
In 1982 he was arrested and subsequently convicted on drug trafficking charges.
He was badly injured in the crash and subsequently died.

174. STRUCK UP

Verb:
to start or begin, especially a conversation or relationship with somebody

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: start, begin, open, hit on, raise, arouse, introduce, activate, encourage
Medium: establish, launch, originate, stir up, spark up
Difficult: initiate, inspire, commence, set going, instigate, embark on, kindle, broach, pursue, induce, invoke

ANTONYMS

Easy: end, close, finish, check, stop, hold, abstain, wind up, sum up, give up
Medium: discontinue, quit, conclude, jam, terminate, abandon, terminate
Difficult: desist, halt, cease, inhibit, obstruct, hamper, impede, stifle, choke, bridle, curb, constrain, rein in, restrain, curtail

EXAMPLES

You could always strike up a conversation with someone on the bench next to you.
We might strike up a friendship, become pen pals, and visit each other if we choose to.
The band struck up a tune, and riders paraded around the ring.

175. STRING

Noun:
1. a sequence of similar items or events
2. a length of wire or threads twisted together

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: chain, series, sequence, range
Medium: train, queue, row, column, belt, strip, stripe, boundary, rail, cycle, course
Difficult: progression, succession, trail, cue, file, array
2. thread, cable, lace, line, rope, wire, cord, strand, wrinkle, crease, furrow, ribbon, yarn, fiber, twine, loop, filament

ANTONYMS

Easy: single, singular, one, individual, separate
Medium: detached, apart, disconnected, disjoined, cut off, exclusive, solo, lone, alone, part
Difficult: isolated, severed, solitary, mono, ripped
2. disorganization, heap, stack, pile, stock, confusion, cluster, clutter, mess, chaos, interruption, disorder, disarray, dishevelment, jumble, muddle

EXAMPLES

He saw me pick up this string here.
A piece of string won't hold that gate shut if a big wind comes along.
She wore a string of pearls around her neck.
He strung a banner across the wall.
He managed to turn the tables on them in a rather surprising string of conspiracies.

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 QUENCH
A) Ignite
B) Slake
C) Stoke
D) Kindle

Q.2 QUERY
A) Probe
B) Credence
C) Conviction
D) Rejoinder

Q.3 QUEUE
A) Muddle
B) Rank
C) Cluster
D) Anarchy

Q.4 QUIRK
A) Strangle
B) Fakeness
C) Conformity
D) Peculiarity

Q.5 QUIVER
A) Resuscitate
B) Weird
C) Halt
D) Convulse

Q.6 QUIZZICAL
A) Suspicious
B) Nonchalant
C) Unconcerned
D) Gullible

Q.7 QUOTATION
A) Excerpt
B) Diurnal
C) Journal
D) Pretext

Q.8 RITUALS
A) Qualms
B) Credentials
C) Innovations
D) Rites

Q.9 REINFORCE
A) Sabotage
B) Impair
C) Complement
D) Compliment

Q.10 REPRIMANDED
A) Acclaimed
B) Censored
C) Censured
D) Approbated

Q.11 RIOT
A) Resurrection
B) Upheaval
C) Equanimity
D) Amity

Q.12 RELUCTANTLY
A) Tentatively
B) Gallantly
C) Avidly
D) Intrepidly

Q.13 REFUGE
A) Desolation
B) Peril
C) Dugout
D) Betrayal

Q.14 REGRET
A) Rupture
B) Rapture
C) Agony
D) Gaiety

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Q.15 RARELY
A) Intermittently
B) Unceasingly
C) Customarily
D) Recurrently

Q.16 REPROACHFUL
A) Panegyric
B) Censorious
C) Laudatory
D) Sycophantic

Q.17 RAGGED
A) Frayed
B) Sprightly
C) Immaculate
D) Effervescent

Q.18 REVOLVING
A) Torpid
B) Immutable
C) Inert
D) Pivoting

Q.19 RESONANT
A) Hollow
B) Seductive
C) Stagnant
D) Static

Q.20 SWARMED UP
A) Inclined
B) Ascended
C) Plunged
D) Retreated

Q.21 SCENARIO
A) Novelty
B) Mess
C) Layout
D) Disarray

Q.22 SWATHE
A) Wrap
B) Choke
C) Expose
D) Ooze

Q.23 SUB-SEQUENTLY
A) Consequently
B) Gradually
C) Until then
D) Thereafter

Q.24 STRUCK UP
A) Initiated
B) Halted
C) Ceased
D) Jammed

Q.25 STRING
A) Solitary
B) Mono
C) Disarray
D) Filament

Q.26 SWATHE
A) Bareness
B) Expose
C) Bandage
D) Disrobe

Q.27 SCENARIO
A) Spontaneity
B) Contrivance
C) Perspective
D) Impromptu

Q.28 RESONANT
A) Evocative
B) Timorous
C) Bland
D) Intimidating

Q.29 RAGGED
A) Hale
B) Tattered
C) Tidy
D) Vivacious

Q.30 REPROACHFUL
A) Extolling
B) Derisive
C) Complimentary
D) Acclamatory

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 Detectives are piecing together the evidence of what appears to be a _____of related incidents in the riot.

A) String
B) passion
C) path
D) friction

Q.2 Richard _____an alliance with the king and planned the invasion of England once again.

A) swarmed up
B) collided
C) struck up
D) with opted for

Q.3 It was unfortunate that our team's spirits were raised so high during halftime, because we were _____crushed.

A) reproachfully
B) reluctantly
C) Subsequently
D) practically

Q.4 Without a _____to hold her still, the infant was unable to sleep soundly and tossed back and forth.

A) Swathe
B) quirk
C) refuge
D) flick

Q.5 The film shows different _____of bullying and how the victim turns to his mentor for support.

A) Scenarios
B) qualms
C) rituals
D) paraphernalia

Q.6 Great clouds of oversized winged insects _____from the pavement cracks to the crevices in the walls.

A) Swarmed up
B) swathed
C) struck up
D) through dispensed with

Q.7 Reading the _____memoir caused Amy to spend hours reflecting upon her life.

A) potential
B) reproachful
C) native
D) Resonant

Q.8 Economics is a discipline concerned with a range of issues _____around money and wealth.

A) resonant
B) mounting
C) junction
D) Revolving

Q.9 A shabby, _____cross stood in front of the church for decades before being torn down.

A) Ragged
B) moulded
C) plopped
D) mustered

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Q.10 Shooting her son a _____glance, the mother made it clear that texting during lecture was not appropriate.

A) Reproachful
B) ludicrous
C) curious
D) pensive

Q.11 The large family _____goes on vacation but has decided to take a weekend trip after many years.

A) reluctantly
B) Rarely
C) pensively
D) casually

Q.12 The woman believed that her husband would feel _____leaving her, but he never turned to her.

A) quirk
B) Regret
C) nemesis
D) nuisance

Q.13 Our mountain cottage is a _____from the ills of the city.

A) Refuge
B) mayhem
C) scenario
D) labyrinth

Q.14 Although he dreaded the repercussions, he found himself _____ succumbing to his suppressed passion.

A) Reluctantly
B) haughtily
C) daintily
D) disconsolately

Q.15 Police disbanded the _____and detained some juvenile delinquents, but to date no charges have been filed.

A) rituals
B) habitats
C) Riots
D) anxieties

Q.16 The council _____the summer intern because of her constant tardiness.

A) Reprimanded
B) reinforced
C) regretted
D) negated

Q.17 She felt she could trust him and he _____that feeling by being trustworthy.

A) quenched
B) mustered
C) persisted
D) Reinforced

Q.18 He finished his routine hygiene_____, meticulously following health precautions.

A) credentials
B) qualms
C) Rituals
D) paraphernalia

Q.19 The aim of this study is to assess the risks of the project, so that a formal _____can be made.

A) Quotation
B) excursion
C) scenario
D) comprehension

Q.20 His ludicrous pretext made everybody stare at the young man with a _____look.

A) Quizzical
B) regretful
C) subsequent
D) menacing

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Q.21 Jack's voice started to _____when he talked about his dead wife.

A) Quiver
B) distract
C) mount
D) bewilder

Q.22 His habit of constantly wringing his hands is just an uncontrollable_____.

A) precision
B) Quirk
C) riot
D) quiver

Q.23 _____also means a braid of hair usually worn hanging at the back of the head.

A) Path
B) Mounting
C) Plop
D) Queue

Q.24 It seems odd that someone would want two stoves, so you'd better _____that order.

A) strike up
B) to persist
C) attach
D) Query

Q.25 Even though intimidators continued to taunt her, she refused to let negative comments _____her love for the sport.

A) Quench
B) presume
C) swathe
D) confirm

Q.26 Huge _____of the area were masked under a cloud of white smoke and a strong smell hung in the air.

A) swathes
B) excursions
C) heaps
D) beads

Q.27 The prints are _____traditions of Russian folk art and story.

A) resonant
B) to persisted
C) with prone
D) in disguised by

Q.28 If any male relative came to the village after sunset, the women _____ him and sometimes beat him up.

A) ragged
B) swathed
C) coveted
D) fluttered

Q.29 His comments always held a _____tone, even when he tried to be appreciative.

A) prerogative
B) pensive
C) reproachful
D) ludicrous

Q.30 Despite the involvement of 1000 people in the_____, the story didn't make the front page.

A) boon
B) dank
C) exude
D) Riot

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SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) Because of his boss's reproachful tone, the assistant knew he had made a big mistake.
B) Because of his boss's reproachful tone, the assistant knew he had made big mistake.
C) Because of his boss' reproachful tone, the assistant knew he had made the big mistake.
D) Because of his boss' reproachful tone, the assistant knew he had made big mistakes.

Q.2

A) He wore ragged trousers and a torn shirt, which looked as if it was a type of tent.
B) He wore ragged trousers and a torn shirt, which looked as if it were a type of tent.
C) He wore ragged trousers and a torn shirt, which looked as if it was type of a tent.
D) He wore ragged trousers and a torn shirt, which looked as if it were type of a tent.

Q.3

A) Among the phenomena of the seas of the Asia must be noticed the revolving storms.
B) Among the phenomenons of the seas of Asia must be noticed the revolving storms.
C) Among the phenomena of the seas of Asia must be noticed the revolving storms.
D) Among phenomena of the seas of Asia must be noticed the revolving storms.

Q.4

A) When the cattle move, their horns knock together, producing a resonant sound.
B) When the cattles move, their horns knock together, producing a resonant sound.
C) When the cattle moves, its horns knock together, producing a resonant sound.
D) When the cattle move, their horns knock together, producing resonant sound.

Q.5

A) The path in our surroundings led through the wood and swarmed up the hill.
B) The path in our surrounding led through the wood and swarmed up the hill.
C) The path in our surrounding led through the woods and swarmed up hill.
D) The path in our surroundings led through the woods and swarmed up the hill.

Q.6

A) Finance chieves are devoting more resources to examining a range of potential scenarios.
B) Finance chiefs are devoting more resources to examining a range of potential scenarios.
C) Finance chiefs are devoting more resources to examine a range of potential scenarios.
D) Finance chiefs are devoting more resources to examine a range of potential scenario.

Q.7

A) Religion was not the concern of the privileged but the concern of great swathes of the population.
B) Religion was not the concern of privileged but the concern of great swathes of the population.
C) The religion was not the concern of privileged but the concern of great swathes of the population.
D) The religion was not the concern of the privileged but the concern of great swathes of the population.

Q.8

A) Last June, Julia met the man she subsequently married with in her parents flat.
B) Last June, Julia met the man she subsequently married to in her parent flat.
C) Last June, Julia met the man she subsequently married in her parents's flat.
D) Last June, Julia met the man she subsequently married in her parent's flat.

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Q.9

A) He often struck up a rapport with anyone who spoke English language.
B) He often struck up rapport with anyone who spoke the English.
C) He often strucks up a rapport with anyone who speaks English.
D) He often struck up a rapport with anyone who spoke English.

Q.10

A) He managed to turn the table on them in a rather surprising string of conspiracies.
B) He managed to turn the tables on them in a rather surprising string of conspiracies.
C) He managed to turn the table on them in rather surprising string of conspiracies.
D) He managed to turn the tables on them in a rather surprising string of conspiracy.

Q.11

A) After holding for selected period of time, the specimens are withdrawn from the bath and quenched in cold water.
B) After holding for selected period of times, the specimens are withdrawn from the bath and quenched in cold water.
C) After holding for selected periods of time, the specimens are withdrawn from the bath and quenched in cold water.
D) After holding for selected periods of time, the specimens are withdrawn from the bath and quenched in a cold water.

Q.12

A) The station now has the more staff to deal with queries and give out information.
B) The station now has more staff to deal with queries and give out informations.
C) The station now has more staff to deal with queries and give out information.
D) The station now has more staff to deal with any query and give out an information.

Q.13

A) The queue of countries in the waiting list to recognize People's Republic of China is growing longer.
B) The queue of countries on the waiting list to recognize People's Republic of China is growing longer.
C) The queue of countries in the waiting list to recognize the People Republic of China is growing longer.
D) The queue of countries on the waiting list to recognize the People's Republic of China is growing longer.

Q.14

A) It's a strange quirk of fate that Harry was not actually first to discover the object.
B) It's strange quirk of fate that Harry was not actually first to discover the object.
C) It's a strange quirk of the fate that Harry was not actually the first to discover object.
D) It's a strange quirk of fate that Harry was not actually the first to discover the object.

Q.15

A) He gave me a quizzical look when I attended Friday prayer without performing my ablution.
B) He gave me a quizzical look when I attended Friday prayers without performing my ablutions.
C) He gave me quizzical look when I attended Friday prayer without performing my ablution.
D) He gave me quizzical looks when I attended Friday prayers without performing my ablutions.

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SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 Although it failed to quench her thirst for summer road trip (A), the mini-vacation at the lake (B) was a distraction (C) for the avid traveler (D).

Q.17 Those who have a query, (A) want to seek an information (B) or wish to register a complaint, (C) may telephone our office (D).

Q.18 At the bus station (A), the queue (B) to get onto the coach (C) was so long I wondered if I would be able to find seat (D).

Q.19 As I look at this photo of hers as young woman (A), I can't help (B) but ponder (C) the strange quirks of genetics (D).

Q.20 At the microscopic level (A) of nature, everything is vibrant - sap flowing, leaves and (B) blades of grass quivering in the wind (C) - but eye can hardly see them (D).

Q.21 With a quizzical (A) expression on the face (B), Jack raised a hand (C) to ask his teacher a question. (D)

Q.22 One should obtain a quotation (A) from all the insurers (B) to be able to compare costs (C) and benefits (D).

Q.23 More important than language are nonverbal communication patterns (A) - mode of greetings, (B) social customs (C) and religious rituals (D).

Q.24 Extra padding protects palms (A) from blisters (B), and fingers are reinforced with additional (C) layer (D) of faux suede.

Q.25 The advertising watchdog (A) has reprimanded a company (B) for sending an offensive text message, (C) urging the consumers to upgrade their mobile phone (D).

Q.26 Faced with escalating riots (A), Italian police (B) have unleashed water cannons (C), plastic bullets and 12-inch cudgels. (D)

Q.27 French (A), who had signed a treaty with (B) Holland in 1662, were reluctantly induced to intervene in the war (C) as the enemies of (D) England.

Q.28 A police station (A) is a refuge (B) for the weak and the helpless (C) to help them seek a relief. (D)

Q.29 Washington Times (A) expresses its regret about (B) having distorted the facts, (C) and resolves to do better in the future (D).

Q.30 Another pleasure, which comes more rarely than others, (A) is going to the theatre (B) once in a while, (C) though not at Christmas (D).

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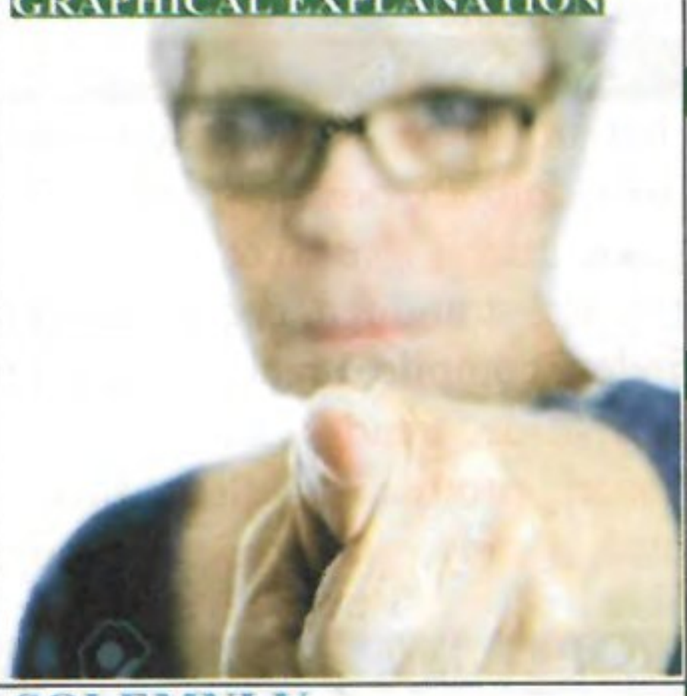
VOCABULARY (WORDS 176-208)

176. STERNLY

Adverb:
in a serious and often disapproving way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: seriously, severely, strictly, harshly, cruelly, hardheartedly
Medium: authoritatively, assertively, fiercely, oppressively, mercilessly, pitilessly
Difficult: grimly, gravely, solemnly, ascetically, brutally, stiffly, relentlessly, inhospitably, ruthlessly, tyrannically, somberly, austerely

ANTONYMS

Easy: softly, gently, kindly, lovingly, mildly
Medium: tenderly, leniently, courteously, graciously, charitably, sympathetically, compassionately, humanely
Difficult: urbanely, benevolently, considerately, cordially, forbearingly, clemently

EXAMPLES

You had better deal sternly with problem employees instead of continuing to bear the pain.
Prince Andrew looked sternly at her and an expression of anger suddenly came over his face.
She looked at her mother sheepishly, while her mother was looking at her very sternly.

177. SOLEMNLY

Adverb:
in a formal, serious and dignified manner

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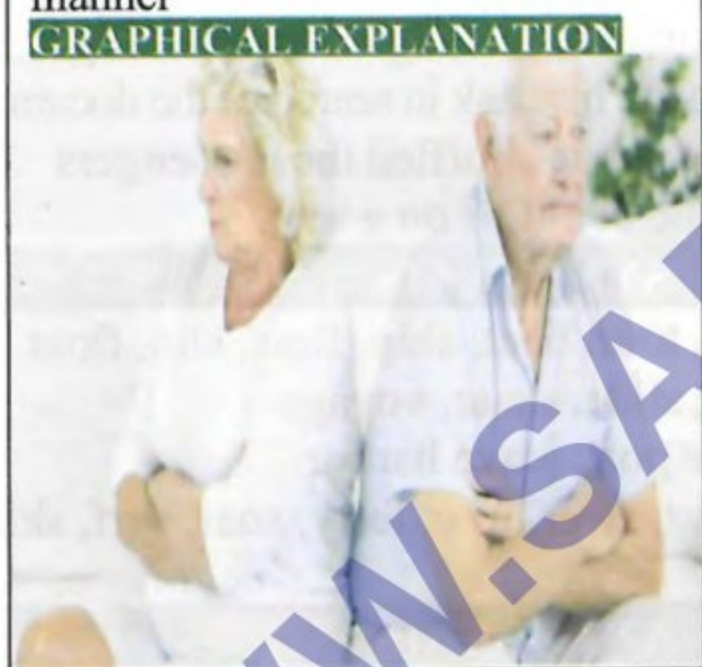

SYNONYMS

Easy: seriously, sincerely
Medium: formally, humorlessly, officially, grandly, stately
Difficult: earnestly, grimly, soberly, gravely, sternly, majestically ascetically, ceremoniously, devoutly, somberly, sedately, austerely, lugubriously

ANTONYMS

Easy: casually, lightly, laughingly, playfully, jokingly, amusingly
Medium: comically, merrily, jocularly, jestingly, humorously, cheerfully, chirpily, superficially, indifferently
Difficult: jauntily, giddily, farcically, gleefully, frivolously, flippantly, hilariously

EXAMPLES

I treated it all as a joke, but he solemnly assured me that he meant it.
Hundreds of uniformed children solemnly undertook a pledge to contribute to cleanliness in their habitat.
Tonight we solemnly decree the sublimest sacrifice ever made by a nation for the salvation of humanity.

178. SUCCULENT

Adjective:
(of food) tender, juicy, and tasty

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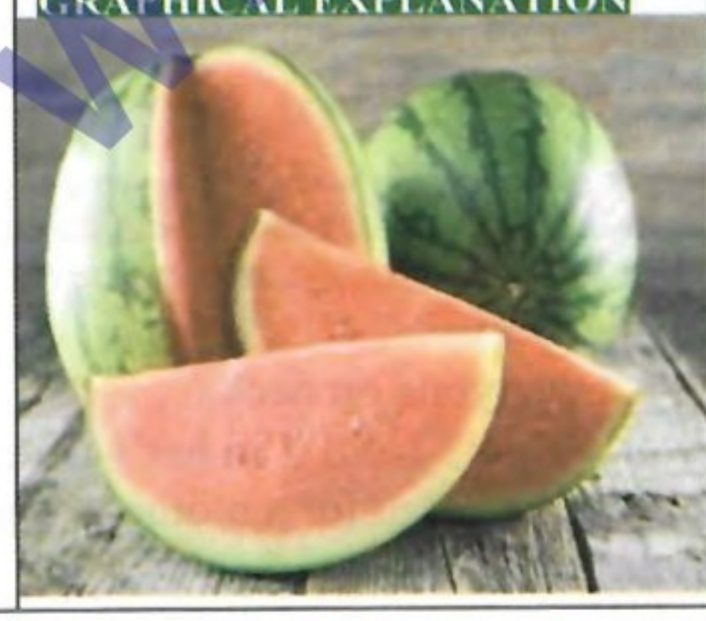

SYNONYMS

Easy: juicy, tasty, delicious, soft
Medium: ripe, fleshy, mouthwatering, appetizing, tender, moist, pulpy
Difficult: mellow, savory, lush, luscious, scrumptious, delectable, palatable, yummy

ANTONYMS

Easy: dry, waterless, unpleasant
Medium: dehydrated, distasteful, flavorless, smelly, foul, unappetizing, stale
Difficult: parched, rotten, rank, fetid, reeking, desiccated, arid, shriveled, withered, sapless, rancid, stinky, putrid, insipid

EXAMPLES

The vines weighed down with plump, succulent grapes.
During the monsoon season, they get much of their water from ripe and succulent fruit.
The beef, although dried, was remarkably succulent, seasoned with lime juice, garlic and green chilies.

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179. SHUFFLED

Verb:

1. move paper or things into different positions
2. walk unsteadily, dragging your feet

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: mix up, combine, confuse, disturb, disorder, knot, disarrange, disorganize, dislocate, confuse
Medium: mingle, merge, blend, mesh, mass, jumble, mess up, fuse
Difficult: dishevel, tangle, wade, wallow, scramble, scuffle, muddle, disarray, disrupt, ruffle, amalgamate
2. stagger, limp, stumble, hobble, shamble, waver, fidget, sway, drag, draw, rub, scratch, falter, lumber, scuffle, tow, lug, haul, drudge, trudge, wobble

ANTONYMS

Easy: arrange, order, list, organize, classify, systemize, adjust, assemble, fix, sort, smooth, position, order, file
Medium: tidy, display, grade, exhibit, spread out, lay out, categorize
Difficult: catalogue, line up, straighten, codify formulate, tabulate, orchestrate, index, compile, bracket, align, array,
2. run, race, dash, rush, stride, tread, wander, stroll, drift, roam, amble, jaunt, career, promenade, float, flow, glide, slide, skate, drift, poise, steady, sail, traverse, hop, jog, sprint, gallop, strut, loiter

EXAMPLES

She stood there, shuffling her feet, waiting for the bus to arrive.
He shuffled the cards and dealt five to each player.
I love shuffling through the fallen leaves.
He shuffled into the kitchen, leaning on his walking stick.
He began shuffling through his desk in search of the documents.
The driver of the packed bus shuffled the passengers around so that everyone could fit on a seat.

180. SAILED

Verb:

travel in a ship or boat using sails or an engine power

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: travel, journey, tour, boat, ship, flow, slip, float
Medium: drift, glide, slide, skate, voyage
navigate, brows, leave port, leave harbor
Difficult: breeze, coast, steer, row, ferry, soar, surf, skim, yacht, cruise

ANTONYMS

Easy: stay, stop, land, rest, settle, dive, sink, drown
Medium: suspend, hang, hover, disembark, alight, anchor, dock, go ashore
Difficult: plunge, immerse, submerge, halt, sojourn
2. limp, stagger, stumble, shamble, hobble, wallow, shuffle, falter, toil

EXAMPLES

Grayson's father had sailed on the Titanic, and no news had yet come through, as to his fate.
As the battleship sailed by, everyone on deck waved.
She sailed around the world single-handed in her yacht.
The ball sailed into the air, suspended for a moment, and then dropped on the pitch.

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181. STUNT

Verb:
to prevent from growing or developing properly

Noun
a dangerous and difficult action that somebody does to entertain people

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: stop, block, slow, check, limit, halt, prevent, confine, hinder, terminate
Medium: restrict, obstruct, suppress, stifle, choke, cease, cripple, restrain, constrain, impair
Difficult: inhibit, smother, impede, hamper, retard, handicap, undermine, curb, curtail, intercept, dwarf, deter, enervate
Noun: trick, art, craft, imposture, knack, performance, act, deed, show, skill, expertise, dodge, tactic, exploit, acrobatic, feat, maneuver, contrivance

ANTONYMS

Easy: encourage, promote, support, develop, improve, care for, look after
Medium: forward, advance, further, cultivate, sustain, bring up
Difficult: boost, foster, enrich, nurture, rear, consolidate, fortify, reinforce, enhance, nourish, endorse, augment, sponsor, supplement, bolster
Noun: parody, mockery, caricature, mimicry, lampoon, irony, burlesque, satire, ridicule, inability, disability, incapacity, impotence, ineffectiveness

EXAMPLES

General Powers says to Kreton that it is a publicity stunt.
Malnutrition affects a child's physical and mental growth.
Tom Cruise has performed his own stunts for Mission Impossible 2, defying warnings from professionals.
Liza is a frail girl born with a heart defect which stunted her growth and left her in poor health.
Many a child in Pakistan has stunted growth.

182. SAUNTERED

Verb:
to walk in a slow, relaxed way

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: walk leisurely, pace, hike, wander, drift
Medium: stroll, amble, idle, jaunt, roam, glide, slide, stray
Difficult: promenade, rove, ramble, mosey, loiter, meander, dawdle, dally, gambol, frisk, frolic

ANTONYMS

Easy: walk briskly, run, race, speed, hurry, rush, dash,
Medium: quicken, hasten, stride, hurry, flash, accelerate
Difficult: career, jog, dart, scurry, scuttle, scamper, scoot, flurry, bustle, gallop, bolt, sprint

EXAMPLES

He lazily saunters about the French countryside, mostly photographing birds and flowers.
We spent our holidays sauntering down sunny beaches, eating romantic candlelit lunches, and singing songs.

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183. SPLENDOR

Noun:
grand and impressive beauty

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: brilliance, wonder, luxury, excellence, majesty, grace, dignity, finery, stylishness
Medium: glory, grandeur, magnificence, impressiveness, marvelousness, elegance, pomp, superbness, awesomeness, gorgeousness
Difficult: sumptuousness, stateliness, sublimeness, illustriousness, augustness

ANTONYMS

Easy: dullness, simplicity, ordinariness, averageness, poorness, commonplaceness
Medium: plainness, insignificance
Difficult: mediocrity, drabness, dreariness, bleakness, obscurity, dowdiness, dinginess, grubbiness, murkiness, sloppiness

EXAMPLES

Mehrun had been married with such splendor.
The splendor of the ancient monument awed us into silence.
They bought a decaying 16th-century manor house and restored it to its original splendor.
Their adventurous and inquisitive nature explains their fascination with the ancient beauty and splendor of Egypt.

184. SAGGED OFF

Verb:
1. to stay away from school or work when you should be there
a) to back off from an opponent
b) to bend, fall, or hang downwards

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: absent oneself, run away, skip, drop, miss, leave, disappear, wander about
Medium: hang about, flee, depart, escape, stray away, quit
Difficult: bunk off, skive, play truant, loaf around, play hooky (a.b.) bow, quail, withdraw, sink, crouch, drop, slump, stoop, droop, flop, dangle, shirk, evade, shun, eschew, abscond, forego, boycott, make off

ANTONYMS

Easy: present, appear, report, join, attend, visit, stay
Medium: participate, observe, register, enroll, remain, follow, fulfil, enlist, submit, abide
Difficult: exist, subsist (a.b.), face, encounter, tackle, challenge, resist, oppose, persist, undergo, pursue, adhere, stick, cling, uphold, confront, endure, withstand, stand one's ground

EXAMPLES

Her mother admonished her because she had sagged off from school.
I was so restless and bored at work that I decided to just sag off after lunch without telling anyone.
Fiza sagged off school and then had rows with her parents.
His trousers were sagging off his legs.
Then the skin of the back sagged off his body and hung down in ribbons.
When the demon became heavy with the age, his head sagged off like a ripe fig.

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185. SPECKLED WITH

Adjective:
coved with small marks or spots

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: marked, dotted, spotted
Medium: stained, pointed, patched, stripped
Difficult: sprinkled, flaked, streaked, flecked, mottled, dappled, brindled, specked, freckled, splotched, sprayed, spattered, blotched, checkered

ANTONYMS

Easy: plain, clear, clean, commonplace
Medium: unspotted, bare, neat and tidy, undistinguished
Difficult: nondescript, stainless, unsoiled, unblemished, unsullied, untarnished, immaculate, spick-and-span

EXAMPLES

Her apron was speckled with oil.
Some crystals grow to a much bigger size giving granite a speckled appearance.
Each building was speckled primarily with lights of yellow, and a few reds and greens scattered about as well.

186. STABLE

Adjective:
1. firmly fixed; not likely to move
2. (of a patient/'s condition) healthy, sane or sensible

Noun:
a building where racehorses are kept and trained:
shed, barn, byer,

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: fixed, settled, even, immovable, safe, constant, secure, reliable, strong, solid, tough, steady, dependable
Medium: firm, fast, steadfast, lasting, established, durable, uniform
Difficult: still, stationary, inert, static, stagnant
2. normal, standard, sound, balanced, hale, stout, sturdy, stalwart, reasonable, sensible, sane, rational

ANTONYMS

Easy: changeable, flexible, wavering, variable, adjustable, shaky, trembling, weak, breakable, infirm, insecure, uncertain, indefinite, dangerous, risky
Medium: rocky, alterable, adaptable
Difficult: rickety, wobbly, mutable, transient
2. disabled, unwell, unhealthy, unfit, ailing, impaired, mad, wild, disordered, crazy, mental, eccentric, lunatic, neurotic,

EXAMPLES

The observation tower is stable enough to withstand the strongest winds without collapsing.
Ours is a troubled nation, badly in need of a stable government.
If the foundations of the house aren't stable, collapse is possible.
House prices have been reasonably stable these past few years.
She made some strange decisions when she wasn't mentally stable.
The horse was led from its stable.

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187. TENTATIVELY

Adverb

not definite or certain, or in a way that lacks confidence

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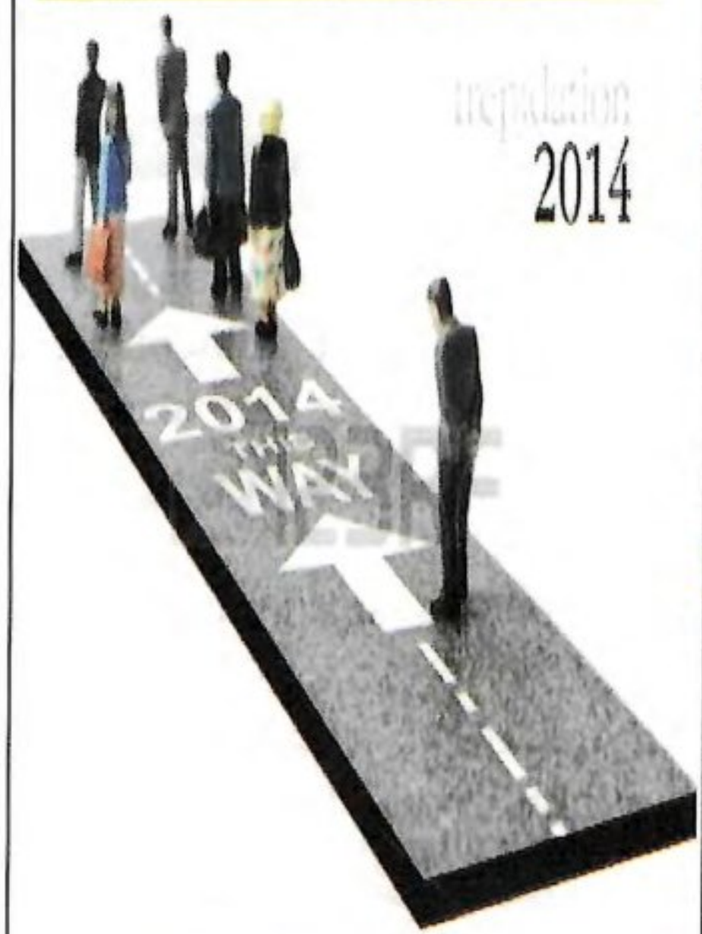


SYNONYMS

Easy: uncertainly, undecidedly, roughly, generally

Medium: reluctantly, hesitantly, leisurely, conditionally, arguably, waveringly, pendulously

Difficult: vaguely, cautiously, gingerly, irresolutely, timidly, shyly, temporarily, probationary, provisionally, falteringly, sheepishly, diffidently

ANTONYMS

Easy: surely, certainly, confidently, positively, definitely, unquestionably, doubtlessly

Medium: firmly, absolutely, undeniably, indeed, of course, hastily, hurriedly

Difficult: rashly, cursorily, indisputably, recklessly, impulsively, indubitably, categorically, conclusively, incontrovertibly, incontestably irrefutably, precipitately, impetuously

EXAMPLES

Sessions are tentatively scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

He tentatively agreed to the deal.

"I suppose it's no use asking you where you are going," said Della, tentatively.

The dates of 30 and 31 May 2021 have been tentatively reserved.

It could be tentatively concluded that the effects of high prices have not had too big an impact on high-income earners.

188. TACKLE

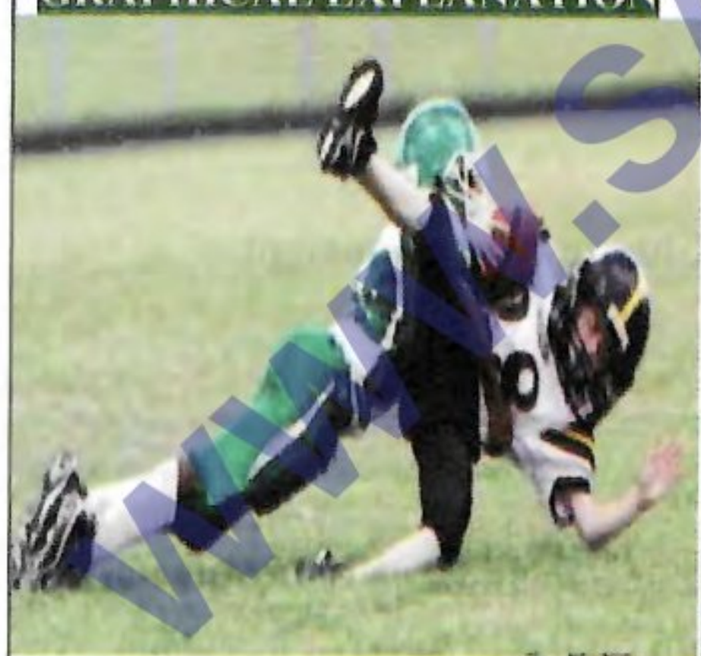
Verb:

make determined efforts to deal with a problem

Noun:

the equipment required for a task or sport

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: deal with, handle, solve, address, face, focus on, concentrate on

Medium: approach, undertake, resolve, cope with, sort out, settle down, attend to

Difficult: confront, combat, pursue, grapple

Noun: tools, kit, harness instruments, machinery, attachments, fittings, apparatus, equipment, paraphernalia, device, gear, implement, pulley, crane, accessories, appliances

ANTONYMS

Easy: avoid, miss, omit, bypass, dodge, forget, neglect, ignore, stay away

Medium: overlook, give up, surrender, abandon, pass, over, slack, disregard, escape, decline, withdraw, abstain, refrain

Difficult: flee, yield, desist, give way, give in, eschew, shun, shirk evade, elude, submit, succumb

Noun: lack, want, shortage, scarcity, disability, helplessness, insufficiency, inadequacy, incapacity, deficiency, rarity, scantiness, dearth, paucity, handicap

EXAMPLES

Your fishing tackle's in the closet safe and sound.

Police have launched an initiative to tackle rising crime.

Once I clean the kitchen, I think I'll tackle the bathroom.

The manifesto includes tough measures to tackle both road congestion and environmental pollution.

Also carried were a small tent plus some fishing tackle, and a bottle of chemicals to ward off mosquitoes.

They used ropes and tackle to pull pieces of the aircraft apart to conduct a search.

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189. TUMULTUOUS

Adjective:
very loud, confused, or disorderly

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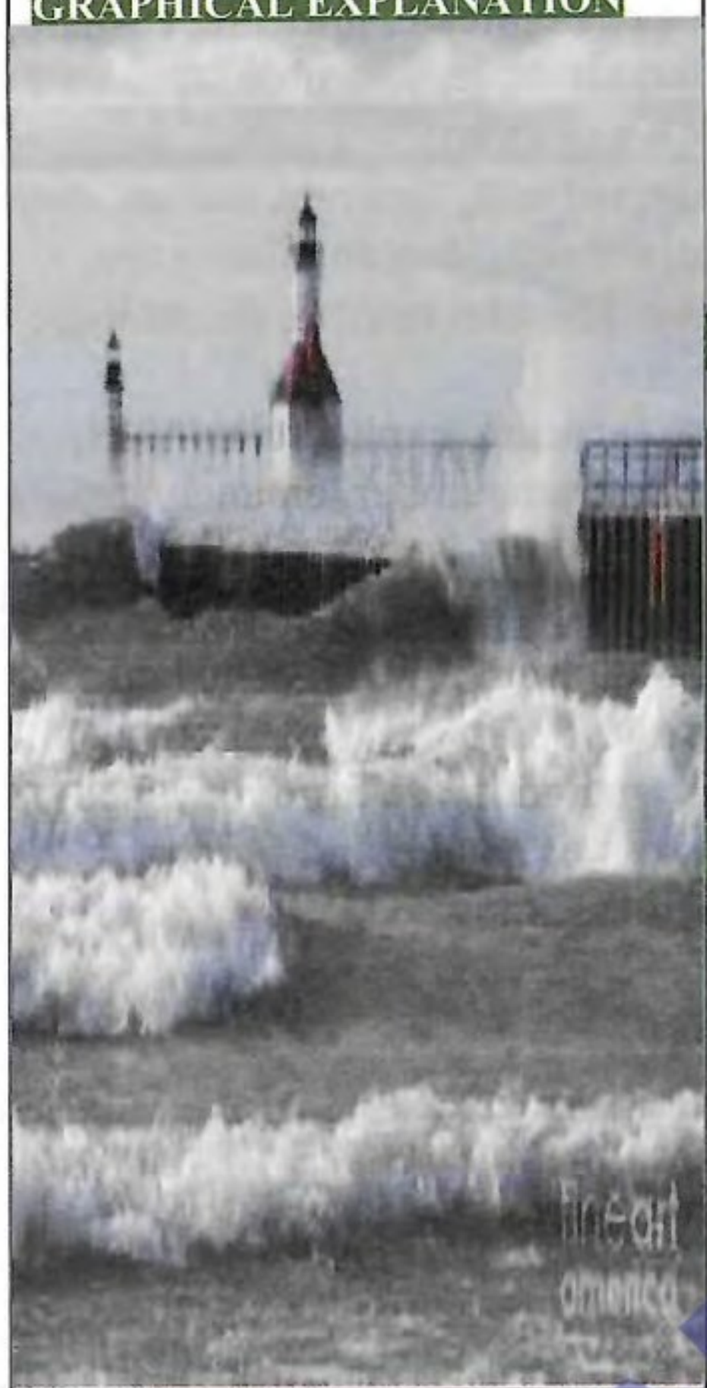

SYNONYMS

Easy: loud, noisy, roaring, wild, intense, harsh, severe, fitful, violent, stormy, confused, disorderly, excited, restless
Medium: explosive, thunderous, agitated, unruly, brutal, fierce, furious, disruptive, unrestrained, deafening, earsplitting/piercing/shattering
Difficult: riotous, chaotic, hysterical, raging, convulsive, frenzied, frantic, ferocious, uproarious, clamorous, turbulent, calamitous, tempestuous, boisterous, volatile, rowdy, disruptive, in turmoil

ANTONYMS

Easy: calm, peaceful, cool, gentle, tender, mild, restful, slight, orderly, quiet, soft
Medium: lenient, restrained, bridled, moderate, gracious, meek, submissive, tame, temperate, docile
Difficult: placid, serene, pacific, tranquil, benign, benevolent, placable, obliging, compliant, subservient, unperturbed, still, balmy, clement, phlegmatic, apathetic, stoical, taciturn, stolid, stoic, imperturbable, nonchalant

EXAMPLES

There were roars of laughter and tumultuous cheers in the party.
He tore his hair, and beat his breast, with tumultuous agony.
Never was such a scene of riotous noise and tumultuous mirth.
The victorious team on arrival in Karachi was greeted with tumultuous applause on their brilliant game.
Intensely narcissistic people often live tumultuous lives, as few people can tolerate them for long.
I do recall that last Christmas was colder and far less settled than this year, a more tumultuous season of ups and downs.

190. TOMFOOLERY

Noun
wildly foolish or silly behavior

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: foolishness, stupidity, playfulness, nonsense, mischief, tricks
Medium: silliness, jesting, absurdity, merrymaking, monkeying, clowning, immaturity
Difficult: gaiety, idiocy, giddiness, ridiculousness, ludicrousness, pranks, horseplay, buffoonery, trifling, revelry, boisterousness

ANTONYMS

Easy: seriousness, dignity, majesty
Medium: grandeur, nobility
Difficult: solemnity, sternness, severity, gravity, sobriety, earnestness, grimness, asceticism, sublimity, stateliness, loftiness, demureness, devoutness, sedateness, austerity, decorum, courtliness

EXAMPLES

There was a lot of tomfoolery in the class when the teacher stepped out.
He could spot hypocrisy, pomposity, smugness, snobbery, tomfoolery and turpitude from miles away.
In a fit of tomfoolery, she dressed up in a guest's expensive clothing and fooled everybody.

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191. TANGLE

Verb/Noun:
twist together into a confused mass,
or make (something) complicated

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: twist, catch up, mix-up, confuse, knot, net, coil
Medium: mat, interweave, interlock, intermingle, interlace, engage, entail, involve, complicate, jumble, muddle
Difficult: enmesh, perplex, implicate, intricate, ensnare, entrap, intertwine, welter, scrabble, scramble

ANTONYMS

Easy: free, release, undo, untwist, separate, loosen, detach
Medium: untie, unknot, unhook, disjoin, disengage, unwind, unfasten, relieve, liberate, resolve, disentangle, unbind, sort out, figure out
Difficult: sever, extract, extricate, explicate, unravel, decipher, decode, redeem, disencumber, emancipate, unclasp, unleash

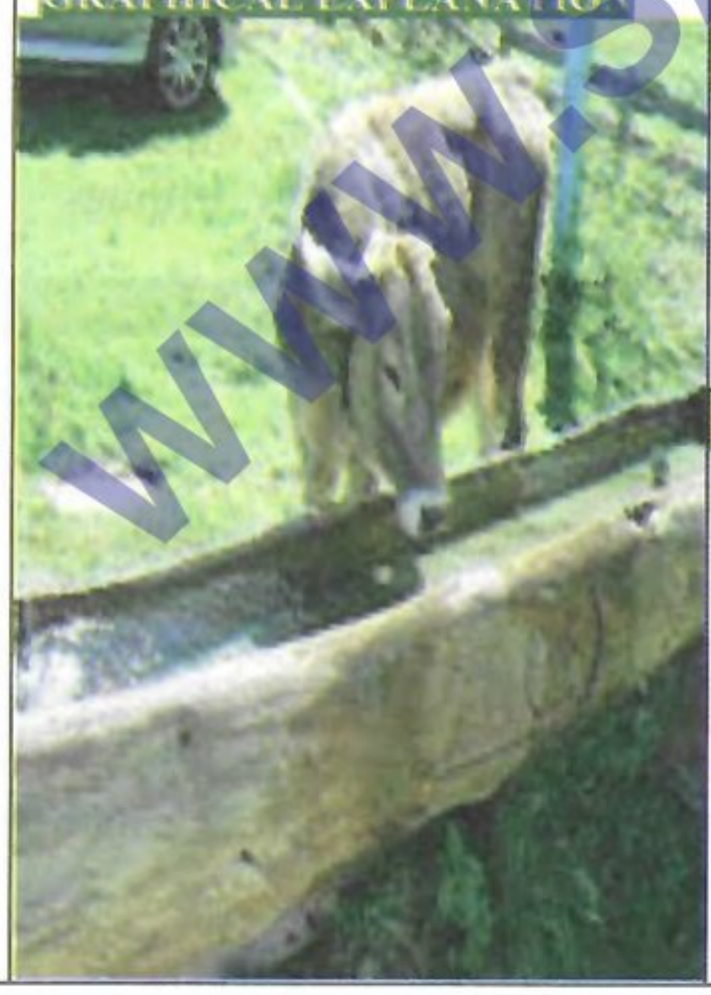
EXAMPLES

He was at last tangled in the web of lies that he had told to everyone.
The nets the poor girl is tangled in are firmly meshed themselves in a whole mess of bushes and timber.
I tangled the cables and don't know which is which.
My hair tangles easily.
Her hair was in a tangle.

192. TROUGH

Noun:
a container for animals to eat or drink from, or a hollow in the earth's surface;
Figurative:
a point of low activity or achievement

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: feeder, feed box, container, tank, bin, box, cut, hole, pipe, tube, cylinder, drain, gutter, hole, pool
Medium: stall, pit, depth, base, sink, basin, furrow, channel, hollow, cavity, bottom, bowl, tub, foundation, well, depression, canal, fodder, rack, hose
Difficult: drill, spout, niche, groove, cistern, excavation, duct, conduit, culvert, trench, ditch, dent, crater, crib, penstock, manger, nadir, abyss, recess

ANTONYMS

Easy: top, peak, hill, rock, mount, height, crown, climax
Medium: pile, heap, stack, prime, zenith, bluff, summit, boom, mound
Difficult: bulge, boulder, culmination, ridge, crest, apex, vertex, pinnacle, crescendo, meridian, paramount, heyday

EXAMPLES

All farmers in the area are asked to check drinking troughs for leakages as many householders in the scheme have little or no water.
He gathered the reins and led the animal to the water trough.
I slid and fell into the trough by the side of the road, scraping my leg.
The troughs on the roof of the house were clogged with leaves.
The trough has been filled with hay, so the horses can walk up and eat whenever they want.

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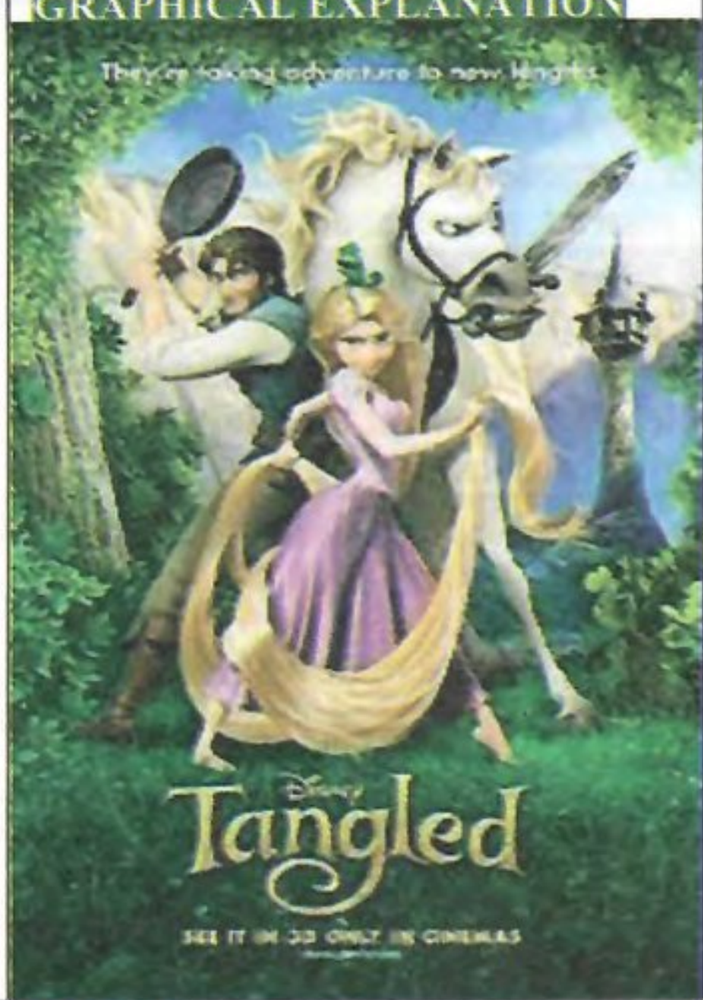
193. TANGLED

Adjective:
twisted together; having many aspects;
complicated; not easy to understand

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: complex, twisted, complicated, mixed-up, confused, challenging, difficult, tough
Medium: coiled, matted, demanding, taxing, arduous, jumbled, messy, muddled, ambiguous
Difficult: disheveled, enmeshed, knotty, involved, elaborate, chaotic, labyrinthine, multifaceted, multifarious, varied, exacting, intricate, devious, maze-like, scrambled, entwined, snarled, heterogeneous, impenetrable, incomprehensible, inexplicable, unfathomable, unintelligible

ANTONYMS

Easy: simple, easy, clear, plain, orderly, straightforward, effortless, manageable, child's play, understandable
Medium: obvious, shallow, one-dimensional, skin-deep, relieved, liberated, superficial
Difficult: resolved, severed, comprehensible, sorted out, figured out, accessible, intelligible, lucid, coherent, vivid, facile, extracted, extricated, explicated, unraveled, deciphered, decoded, redeemed, disencumbered, emancipated, unclasped, unleashed

EXAMPLES

It helps to have a lawyer to sort out the tangled contracts that home buyers typically have to contend with.
The world seems knitting itself in a tangled thread of the words of war.
The range of characters results in a number of subplots that interweave to create a tangled story.
To me, the result seems clear, even though the facts are complicated and the legal history is tangled.
The last I saw of the trenches was the tangled line of furrows.
Your bedclothes are all tangled up.

194. URGE

Noun/Verb:
Verb:
advise or try to persuade somebody to do something, or recommend something strongly
Noun:
a strong desire or impulse

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: advise, encourage, stimulate, suggest, persuade, compel
Medium: recommend, advocate, press, provoke, stir, admonish, instigate, incite, counsel
Difficult: drive, exhort, propel, coax, impel, prompt, nudge, egg on, spur, coerce, enjoin, adjure
Noun: desire, wish, need, will, hunger, appetite, thirst, passion, aspiration, eagerness, ambition, fascination, impulse, longing, craving, fancy, yearning, lust, hankering, craze, obsession

ANTONYMS

Easy: discourage, stop, brake, check, oppose, disapprove, hold back, turn aside
Medium: divert, frustrate, prevent, dissuade, disincline, daunt, dishearten, dispirit, demoralize, put off
Difficult: forbid, confine, restrict, constrict, inhibit, restrain, hinder, hamper, impede, encumber, obstruct, paralyze, constrain, curb, deter, retard
Noun: disliking, distaste, hatred, allergy, indifference, unconcern, disgust, loathing, nausea, abhorrence, disinclination, repulsion, revulsion, aversion, apathy, repugnance

EXAMPLES

The public service announcement urges pet owners to sterilize or neuter their pets.
I wasn't convinced, and something kept urging me towards a small box that was on top of a pile of boxes against the wall.
My horoscope urges caution when making large purchases, which is timely, as I'll be ordering a laptop this weekend.
If I visit shops or vendors that do not offer fixed prices, I always feel a strong urge to bargain.
The more disturbing the situation, the stronger the urge to take refuge in familiar procedures.

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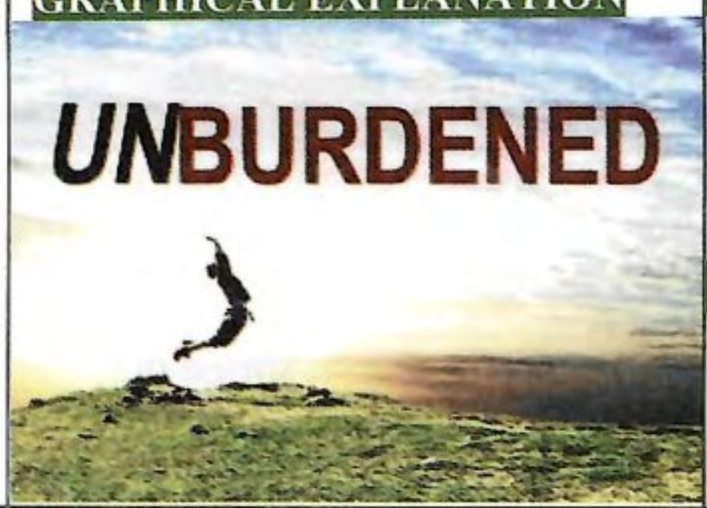
195. UNBURDENED

Adjective:
to tell someone your problems, secrets, etc.;
relieve of load or burden

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: unloaded, ease, discharge, free, release, disclose, reveal, lighten, relieve, confess, open one's heart, unbosom
Medium: rid, disentangle
Difficult: alleviate, redeem, liberate, divulge, confide, divest, ameliorate, purge, vent, emancipate

ANTONYMS

Easy: charge, cram, fill, heap, jam, stuff, load, pack, hide, conceal, tie, chain
Medium: hinder, hamper, bind, yoke, tax
Difficult: laden, encumber, impede, obstruct, paralyze, fetter, shackle, handicap, retard, restrict, restrain, constrain

EXAMPLES

The crew frantically unburdened the ship in an attempt to save it.
He'll unburden himself to anyone who'll listen to him.
She persuaded him to unburden himself of the guilt which afflicted him by handing over his wealth to her.

196. UNPROVOKED

Adjective:
happening without any justification; unjust or unfair

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: unfair, unjust, unjustified, foul, wrong, undue needless, senseless, baseless, groundless, unnecessary, without reason
Medium: biased, malicious, prejudiced, below the belt
Difficult: deliberate, uncalled for, wanton, discriminatory unwarranted, inequitable, gratuitous

ANTONYMS

Easy: motivated, just, fair, blameless
Medium: provoked, annoyed, irritated, justifiable, law-abiding, sensible, admirable, appreciable, praiseworthy, ethical, creditable, laudable, evenhanded, meritorious
Difficult: faultless, flawless, irreproachable, irreprehensible, unimpeachable, inculpable, commendable, aggravated

EXAMPLES

Witnesses said the attack was unprovoked on the innocent victims.
Once again we have seen a totally unprovoked and malicious attack carried out on impulse.
We insist that those responsible for conspiring to wage unprovoked wars and carry out illegal coups be tried for war crimes.

197. VENTURE

Verb/Noun:
to risk going somewhere or doing something that might be dangerous

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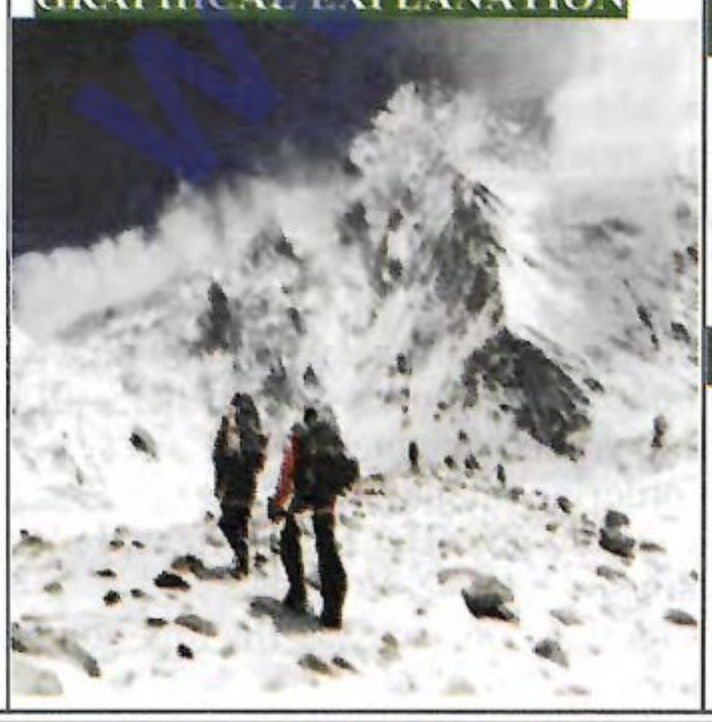

SYNONYMS

Easy: travel, journey, proceed, advance, adventure, dare, challenge, risk, endanger, set out, set off
Medium: dare, undertake, confront
Difficult: hazard, embark upon, endeavor, enterprise, rove, gamble, imperil, jeopardize

ANTONYMS

Easy: idle, rest, chill, relax, hesitate, fear, withdraw, take it easy
Medium: laze, stagnate, shrink, dread, stagger, stumble, waver, retreat, flee
Difficult: slack, quail, demur, apprehend, lounge, vegetate, loaf, languish, recline, slug, repose, recoil, falter, panic, abscond

EXAMPLES

I ventured out to the grocery store at midnight when it was nearly deserted.
The investor puts his money into a venture that is likely to triple his investment.
Don't venture more money than you can afford to lose.
In this region women seldom venture out of purdah.

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198. VULNERABLE

Adjective:
open to attack or damage; weak, unsafe

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: unsafe, helpless, unprotected, at risk, weak, endangered, at the mercy of
Medium: undefended, unguarded, disarmed, threatened, exposed to, sensitive to
Difficult: frail, feeble, fragile, precarious, liable to, subject to, prone to, prey to, susceptible, in peril, in jeopardy

ANTONYMS

Easy: protected, safeguarded, secured, unbeatable, sheltered, covered
Medium: shielded, resistant, indestructible, unconquerable, immune, stout, sturdy, stalwart, screened
Difficult: fortified, armored, reinforced, warded, conserved, impregnable, indomitable, insurmountable, unassailable, invincible, impervious

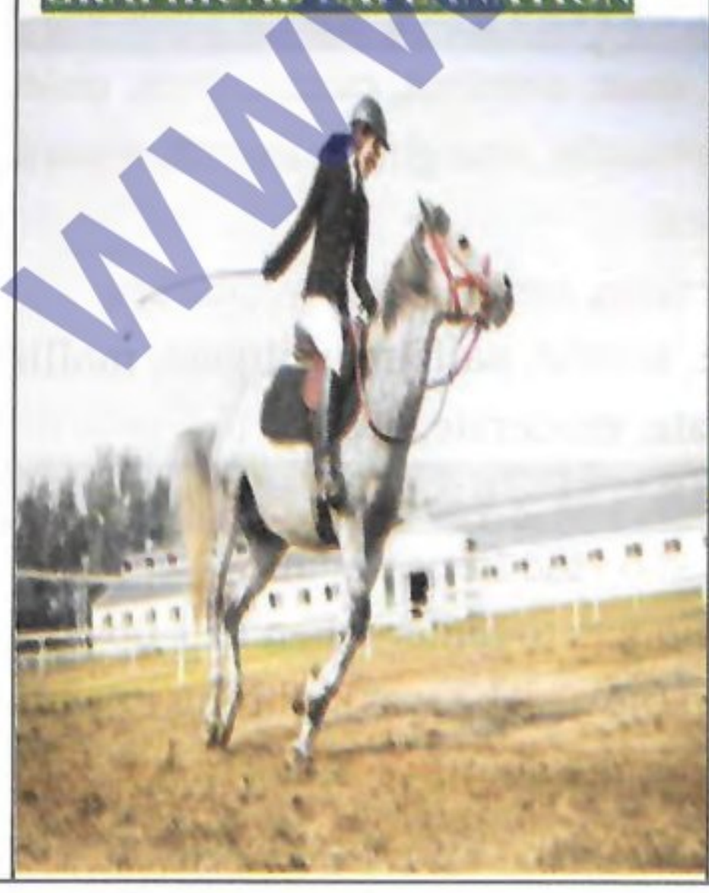
EXAMPLES

Small fish are vulnerable to predators.
Young children are particularly vulnerable to the health impact of passive smoking.
The price is also vulnerable to any deterioration in the security situation in the Middle East.
I'm vulnerable to sunburn whenever I go out in the sun.

199. WHIPPED

Verb:
1. beat with a whip or similar instrument
2. take out something or move suddenly;
pull, snatch, pluck,

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: beat, hit, strap, belt, leather, slap, strike, punish
Medium: cane, thrash, punch, crack
Difficult: scourge, lash, flog, spank, birch, club, whisk cudgel, flagellate, take to task
2. run, race, fly, speed, rush, shoot, dive, plunge, dash, career, sprint, dart, gallop

ANTONYMS

Easy: praise, admire, worship, appreciate, pay tribute to
Medium: applaud, flatter, approve of, cheer
Difficult: hail, compliment, esteem, glorify, idolize, commend, laud, adore, lionize, pamper, pay homage
2. stop, hold, bridle, check, restrain, inhibit, hamper, hinder, impede, halt, rein in

EXAMPLES

He looked such a dandy that tonga-wallas whipped up their horses and raced towards him.
As we came around a curve, a speedboat came whipping around the corner, soaking us to the bone.
She whipped a handkerchief out of her pocket and wiped his face.

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200. WEIGHING UP

Phrasal verb:

make judgment; form an opinion; assess the weight or importance

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: judge, measure, analyze, survey, test, calculate, evaluate, examine

Medium: ponder, probe, consider, appreciate, contemplate, deliberate, determine, estimate, assess, figure out, gauge, scrutinize

Difficult: reckon, appraise, audit, determine, ascertain, assay, pore over

ANTONYMS

Easy: ignore, skip, forget, misjudge, bypass, undervalue, miss, underrate, neglect

Medium: overlook, dismiss, disregard, omit

Difficult: exaggerate, abandon, underestimate, pass over, forego, brush aside, shrug off, waive, obviate, connive at, misconstrue, pay no heed, put aside

EXAMPLES

For businessmen, the question is all about weighing up the benefits before entering into new deals.

Before buying weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of each type of these gadgets.

There are pros and cons that need to be reckoned, so I'd need a day or two to weigh them up and make a decision.

201. WRITHING

Verb:

to twist (the body or a bodily part) in pain

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: twist, toss, roll, bend, jerk, shake, tremble, curve

Medium: jolt, weave, coil, wind, wrench, agitate, shiver, shudder, thrash, crumple, crouch

Difficult: convulse, twirl, fidget, agonize, quake, quiver, warp, wallow, distort, contort, twine, wriggle, squirm, twitch, wreathe, fret

ANTONYMS

Easy: relax, rest, calm, ease, comfort, cure, lessen, quieten

Medium: relieve, disentangle, straighten, uncurl, uncoil, facilitate, chill, treat, heal

Difficult: remedy, alleviate, respite, pacify, placate, attenuate, repose, abate, soothe, palliate, mitigate, mollify, assuage, allay, ameliorate, moderate, rectify

EXAMPLES

She was writhing around on the floor in pain.

He tends to writhe his fingers together when he's upset.

The pain was so unbearable that he was writhing in agony.

The old city, viewed from the air, looks like a series of writhing, intertwined snakes.

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202. WAFT

Verb

to move or cause to move gently through the air

Noun:

a slight or gentle movement of air

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: float, flow, blow, move, swim, bear, carry
Medium: glide, slide, drift, convey, hang, hover, poise, transport, transmit, soar
Difficult: sail, whirl, whiff, flutter
Noun: air, blow, wind, breath, breeze, current, rush, puff, gust, gale, draught

ANTONYMS

Easy: settle, stay, sink, remain, stick, lie, linger, abide, dwell, fall, drop, slip
Medium: stagger, stumble, hobble, limp, drag, trip, tumble, wade, collapse, crumple,
Difficult: shamble, sway, trudge, wobble,
Noun: suffocation, choking, smothering, strangling, stifling, throttling

EXAMPLES

Delicious smells wafted up from the kitchen.
The scent of the flowers was wafted along by the breeze.
Some of our strongest memories are triggered by the sudden waft of a particular scent.
Caroline caught the heady waft of the other woman's perfume.
As I concentrate harder, a waft of wind ruffles my hair and I sense divine inspiration.

203. YEARNING

Noun:

a strong and emotional desire

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: desire, wish, dream, need, hunger, thirst, greed, passion
Medium: eagerness, ache, ambition, craze, keenness, fancy, fascination
Difficult: craving, urge, longing, quest, aspiration, wistfulness, hankering, yen, hankering, lust, obsession, drive, impulsion, nostalgia

ANTONYMS

Easy: disliking, distaste, hatred, disfavor, unconcern, allergy
Medium: disgust, disinterest, disinclination, indifference, disregard, loathing
Difficult: abhorrence, loathing, nausea, inertia, apathy, aversion, torpor, nonchalance,
abomination, repugnance, ennui, repulsion, revulsion disillusionment, listlessness

EXAMPLES

The feminine side in all of us sometimes represents fulfillment of spiritual yearnings.
The country is yearning for clean and honest leadership.
He glanced across the river as though he were yearning to accept the invitation.
She had no one to turn to; the pain of her yearning and the misery of her shame were choking her.

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204. YELP

Verb:
give a sudden short cry of pain
Noun:
a sudden short cry of pain

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: cry, shout, bark
Medium: scream, roar, thunder, howl
Difficult: wail, snarl, shriek, yell, holler, shrill, whine, moan, groan, yap, squeal, squeak, screech, groan, grunt

ANTONYMS

Easy: laugh, smile, enjoy
Medium: whisper, sigh, hush, quiet, relish, delight
Difficult: celebrate, luxuriate, savor, giggle, chuckle, murmur, mutter, rejoice, chirp, cackle, grin, revel, titter, twitter, tweet

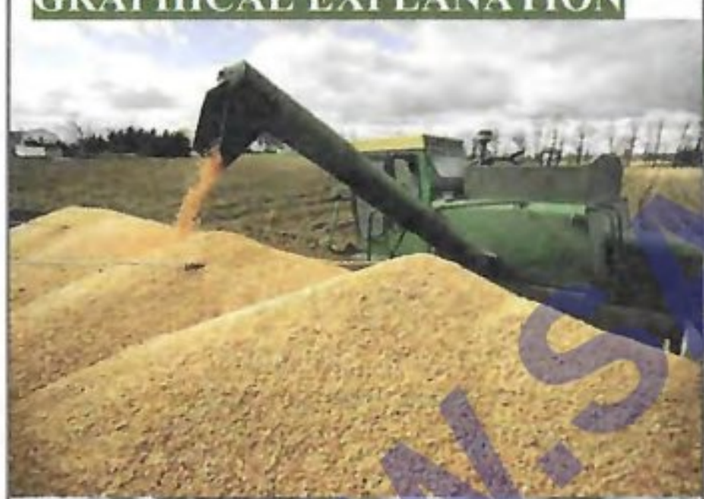
EXAMPLES

I accidentally stepped on the dog's foot and it yelped.
She uttered a yelp as she bumped into a table.
He yelped with surprise when everything fell off the closet shelf and onto his head.

205. YIELD

Verb:
1. give up resisting; surrender
2. produce a natural, agricultural, or industrial product
2. **Noun:**
crop, harvest, income, output, profit, return, revenue, turnout, vintage

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION



SYNONYMS

Easy: surrender, withdraw, compromise
Medium: quit, bow down, consent to, agree to
Difficult: submit, abandon, give in, give up, accede to, relinquish, succumb, comply with, conform to, buckle under
2. produce, earn, generate, supply, provide, return, contribute, pay, bear, fetch, bestow, confer, bring in, gather in,

ANTONYMS

Easy: resist, fight, battle, attack, face, object, oppose, protest
Medium: battle, contend, counter, confront, endure
Difficult: withstand, obstruct, challenge, combat, assail, assault, breast, beard, thwart, dissent, defy
2. keep, preserve, hinder, impede, obstruct, inhibit, retain, detain, curb, withhold, curtail, conserve, hold back, keep back

EXAMPLES

Cordova yielded in magnificence only to Baghdad and Constantinople
Allah Almighty wishes us to yield ourselves fully to Him in heart and life.
Since that land is not totally barren or completely sterile, it will yield some product.
There are more direct and quicker methods that yield similar results.
Scientists warn that such changes could affect agricultural yields, and water resource productivity.

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206. ZEALOUS

Adjective:
showing great energy and enthusiasm

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: enthusiastic, charged, spirited, dedicated
Medium: passionate, ambitious, committed, determined, keen, eager
Difficult: devout, fervent, resolute, earnest, obsessed, frenzied, fiery, animated, avid, vehement, fervid, fanatical, ardent, vibrant, dynamic, vivacious, exuberant, effervescent

ANTONYMS

Easy: dispirited, disheartened, uninterested, unconcerned, halfhearted, lazy
Medium: indifferent, impassive, listless, chill, lethargic, deflated, demoralized
Difficult: disconsolate, dismayed, dejected, despaired, stolid, bland, irresolute, indolent, slack, apathetic, stoic, phlegmatic, slothful, sluggish, nonchalant, languid

EXAMPLES

The detective was zealous in her pursuit of the kidnappers.
The council was extremely zealous in the application of the regulations.
The schoolboys who wandered in to play cricket were chased away by a zealous guard who confiscated their ball.
He prayed for us to be zealous in prayer and devout in faith.
In order to draw attention to littering in the park, the zealous activist chained himself to a large trashcan for a week.

207. ZENITH

Noun:
the time when something is most powerful or successful; the highest point

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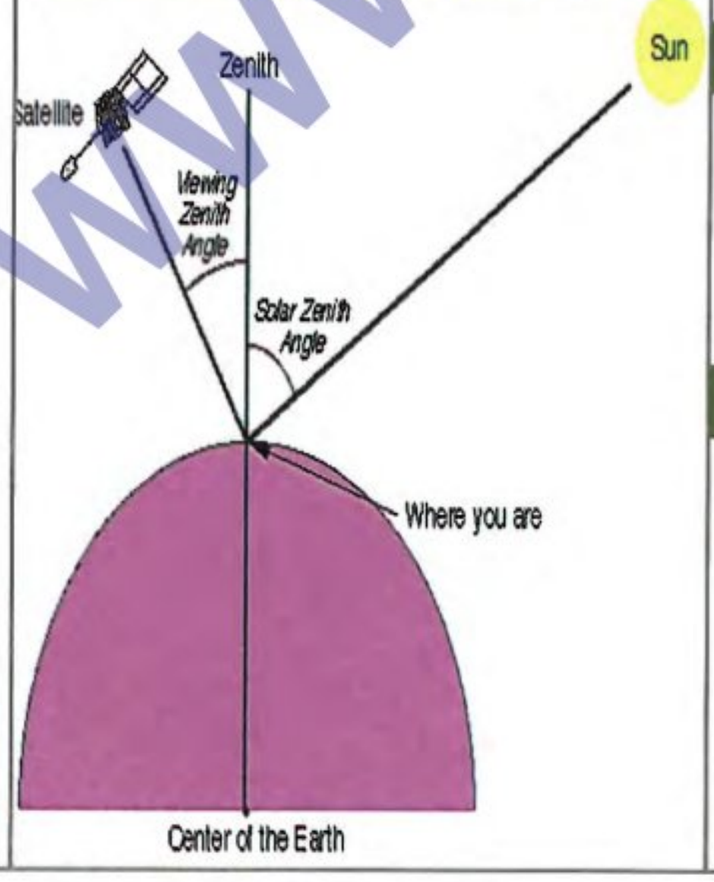

SYNONYMS

Easy: highest point, top, peak, crown
Medium: climax, capstone, culmination, summit
Difficult: pinnacle, finale, acme, apex, crescendo, crest, vertex, meridian
Figurative: prime, bloom, blossom, supreme, paramount, heyday

ANTONYMS

Easy: lowest point, bottom, foot, depth
Medium: dugout, groove, depression, furrow, base, pit, gulf
Difficult: trough, trench, abyss, nadir, ditch, chasm

EXAMPLES

She was at the zenith of her career as a dancer when she quit the showbiz world.
Is showbiz's obsession with youth the only reason why getting old frightens her, especially when one is at one's zenith?'
Once the sun reached its zenith, it was too hot to even move, let alone travel.

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208. ZEST

Noun:

great enthusiasm, energy, or excitement

GRAPHICAL EXPLANATION

SYNONYMS

Easy: passion, energy, enthusiasm, spirit, liveliness, excitement

Medium: get-up-and-go, eagerness, keenness, devotion, dedication

Difficult: vigor, stimulation, thrill, fervor, zeal, animation, exuberance, gusto, avidity, vivacity, ardor, verve

ANTONYMS

Easy: dullness, laziness, idleness, flatness, lifelessness, boredom

Medium: indolence, passivity, indifference, listlessness, weariness

Difficult: blandness, stolidity, sluggishness, tedium, lethargy, disillusionment, sloth, inertness, torpor, apathy, languor, dreariness, phlegm, ennui

EXAMPLES

He approached every task with a boundless zest.

She's over 80, but she still has an amazing zest for life.

We neither believe in the exploitation of humanity nor in the suppression of the natural aspirations which color and give zest to life.

I shall grow old but never lose life's zest.

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8 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.1

Direction: In each of the following questions, four alternative meanings of a word are given. You have to select the NEAREST CORRECT MEANING of the given word and fill the appropriate circle in the MCQ Response sheet.

Q.1 STERNLY
A) Forbearingly
B) Ascetically
C) Urbanely
D) Clemently

Q.2 SOLEMNLY
A) Gravely
B) Farcically
C) Hilariously
D) Hysterically

Q.3 SUCCULENT
A) Stinky
B) Palatable
C) Licentious
D) Lustful

Q.4 SHUFFLED
A) Roamed
B) Loitered
C) Strolled
D) Hobbled

Q.5 SAILED
A) Plopped
B) Plunged
C) Anchored
D) Glided

Q.6 STUNT
A) Incapacity
B) Supplement
C) Feat
D) Buttress

Q.7 SAUNTERED
A) Moseyed
B) Galloped
C) Careered
D) Sprinted

Q.8 SPLENDOR
A) Majesty
B) Dinginess
C) Obscurity
D) Dowdiness

Q.9 SAGGED OFF
A) Attended
B) Adhered
C) Bunked
D) Persisted

Q.10 SPECKLED WITH
A) Commonplace
B) Spick-and-Span
C) Immaculate
D) Dappled

Q.11 STABLE
A) Mutable
B) Firm
C) Rocky
D) Transient

Q.12 TENTATIVELY
A) Wantonly
B) Sheepishly
C) Categorically
D) Intrepidly

Q.13 TACKLE
A) Handicap
B) Dearth
C) Paraphernalia
D) Scantiness

Q.14 TUMULTUOUS
A) Docile
B) Temperate
C) Tame
D) Unbridled

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Q.15 TOMFOOLERY
A) Horseplay
B) Earnestness
C) Child's play
D) Sublimity

Q.16 TANGLE
A) Mesh
B) Decipher
C) Severance
D) Redeem

Q.17 TROUGH
A) Stack
B) Manger
C) Bulge
D) Boulder

Q.18 TANGLED
A) Extricated
B) Resolved
C) Scrambled
D) Severed

Q.19 URGE
A) Repugnance
B) Aversion
C) Impulse
D) Apathy

Q.20 UNBURDENED
A) Divested
B) Bound
C) Fettered
D) Yoked

Q.21 UNPROVOKED
A) Malicious
B) Irreprehensible
C) Irreproachable
D) Aggravated

Q.22 VENTURE
A) Endeavor
B) Panic
C) Falter
D) Abscond

Q.23 VULNERABLE
A) Reinforced
B) Susceptible
C) Armored
D) Warded

Q.24 WHIPPED
A) Halted
B) Flogged
C) Hailed
D) Complimented

Q.25 WEIGHING UP
A) Brushing aside
B) Shrugging off
C) Foregoing
D) Appraising

Q.26 WRITHING
A) Wriggling
B) Mollifying
C) Assuaging
D) Allaying

Q.27 WAFT
A) Strangling
B) Gust
C) Stifling
D) Drought

Q.28 YEARNING
A) Disillusionment
B) Longing
C) Distraction
D) Sedation

Q.29 YELP
A) Squeal
B) Grin
C) Titter
D) Revel

Q.30 YIELD
A) Revenue
B) Forfeiture
C) Bereavement
D) Intrepidity

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8 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.2

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Q.1 Despite being over eighty, my grandmother has a great _____for life that allows her to live like a carefree teenager.

A) regret
B) qualm
C) zest
D) prerogative

Q.2 At the_____, the two planets will fully align because of the strong magnetic pull between them.

A) quirk
B) refuge
C) zenith
D) zest

Q.3 The _____volunteers did not leave the park until every one of the homeless people had been fed.

A) zealous
B) casual
C) occasional
D) curious

Q.4 Since I do not know a great deal about the subject, I will _____this question to my well-informed colleague.

A) yield
B) urge
C) venture
D) appraise

Q.5 Zara uttered a _____as she bumped her elbow against the side of the desk.

A) havoc
B) query
C) waft
D) Yelp

Q.6 With a _____look on his face, the homeless man begged those passing by for change or food

A) writhing
B) hideous
C) tomfoolery
D) yearning

Q.7 We evacuated our home when the fumes from the forest fire started to _____into our neighborhood.

A) waft
B) swathe
C) saunter
D) beckon

Q.8 Its nerve centers were destroyed, and he flicked the _____insect into the path of the spider.

A) unburdened
B) writhing
C) yearning
D) zealous

Q.9 For businessmen, the question is all about _____the benefits before entering into new deals.

A) weighing up
B) swarming up
C) sagging off
D) speckling with

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Q.10 She _____a handkerchief out of her pocket and wiped his face.

A) whipped
B) tackled
C) ragged
D) tangled

Q.11 The raccoon did not stay in the open for long because it knew it was _____to an owl attack.

A) reluctant
B) vulnerable
C) tentative
D) prerogative

Q.12 The investor would not put his money into any _____that would not triple his investment.

A) urge
B) shuffle
C) venture
D) yield

Q.13 Those who wage _____wars and carry out illegal coups be tried for war crimes.

A) Unprovoked
B) prompt
C) reproachful
D) coveted

Q.14 Since Ellen constantly _____her friends to join her soccer team, her pleadings grew irritating to them.

A) urged
B) swathed
C) sauntered
D) reinforced

Q.15 Those who fled at once, _____by possessions, had a chance of survival.

A) unprovoked
B) mustered
C) unburdened
D) negated

Q.16 The jeweler tried to untwist the _____necklaces, but couldn't figure out how to get them unraveled.

A) tangled
B) speckled
C) sauntered
D) sagged

Q.17 Their wages are subject to seasonal peaks and _____in the demand for goods and services.

A) yields
B) troughs
C) tangles
D) stunts

Q.18 The more I strive to unravel the issues, the more they _____.

A) venture
B) unprovoked
C) tangle
D) unburden

Q.19 My mother frowns on all types of_____, from the making of funny faces to the calling of silly names

A) yearning
B) splendor
C) tomfoolery
D) solemnity

Q.20 Although the famous actor hoped to make his to his plane unnoticed, he was met by fans at the airport entrance.

A) tumultuous
B) unprovoked
C) sauntered
D) pensive

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Q.21 Because of the heavy _____and the skill of the boatmen we got most of our baits back undamaged.

A) waft
B) stunt
C) tackle
D) tangle

Q.22 As I was worried the pool might be too cold, I _____stuck my foot in the water.

A) Tentatively
B) reproachfully
C) occasionally
D) promptly

Q.23 Carbon, for example, has a _____nucleus when its 6 protons are joined by 6 neutrons.

A) vulnerable
B) Stable
C) tentative
D) potential

Q.24 The velvety green lawn was _____windblown petals of every hue.

A) speckled with
B) opted for
C) attached to
D) sagged off

Q.25 Scores of school children _____despite warnings from head teachers that they would face suspension.

A) prone to
B) struck up
C) swarmed up
D) sagged off

Q.26 It will take a lot of work to restore the old car to the _____of its original condition.

A) refuge
B) minimum
C) zest
D) Splendor

Q.27 Although the singer _____on stage two hours late, he did not apologize to his audience.

A) shuffled
B) Sauntered
C) fluttered
D) flicked

Q.28 Evel Knievel performed a _____where he rode his motorcycle through a flaming circle before landing past ten cars.

A) Stunt
B) jeopardy
C) limp
D) knickknack

Q.29 Since the only way to get to the island was by boat, the travelers _____there in a small vessel.

A) sauntered
B) fluttered
C) shuffled
D) sailed

Q.30 In an attempt to choose the winner fairly, we _____the names in a bowl.

A) mumbled
B) peered
C) shuffled
D) ventured

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8 UNIT VOCABULARY

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.3

Directions: **In each of the following questions, four alternative sentences are given. Choose the CORRECT one and fill the Circle corresponding to that letter in the MCQ Response Form.**

Q.1

A) The tuna was succulent and fresh and the garnishes were cut after I'd ordered it.
B) The tuna was succulent and fresh and the garnishes were cut after I'd ordered.
C) The tuna was succulent and fresh and the garnishes were cut after I'd ordered them.
D) The tuna was succulent and fresh and the garnishes were cut after I'd order them.

Q.2

A) He solemnly vowed to avenge as usual by writing a song about the incident.
B) He solemnly vowed to avenge himself as usual by writing a song about the incident.
C) He solemnly vowed to avenge him as usual by writing a song about the incident.
D) He solemnly vowed and avenged him as usual by writing a song about the incident.

Q.3

A) It was them who dealt sternly with the problem instead of continuing to bear the pain.
B) It were them who dealt sternly with the problem instead of continuing to bear the pain.
C) It was they who dealt sternly with the problem instead of continuing to bear the pain.
D) It were they who dealt sternly with the problem instead of continuing to bear the pain.

Q.4

A) Between you and me, the string of pearls she wore was not hers.
B) Between you and I, the string of pearls she wore was not hers.
C) Between you and I, the string of pearls she wore was not her.
D) Between you and me, the string of pearls she wore was not her.

Q.5

A) Although I was much older than her, I struck up an instant rapport with her.
B) Although I was very older than her, I struck up an instant rapport with her.
C) Although I was quite older than she, I struck up an instant rapport with her.
D) Although I was much older than she, I struck up an instant rapport with her.

Q.6

A) Having a great zest for art, she has devoted to enjoying every beauty of life.
B) Having a great zest for art, she has devoted herself to enjoying every beauty of life.
C) Having a great zest for art, she has devoted her to enjoying every beauty of life.
D) Having a great zest for art, she has devoted herself to enjoy every beauty of life.

Q.7

A) It's a great tragedy to lose life, especially when one is at one's zenith.
B) It's a great tragedy to lose life, especially when one is at his zenith.
C) Its a great tragedy to lose life, especially when one is at one's zenith.
D) It's a great tragedy to lose life, especially when one is at ones zenith.

Q.8

A) Allah Almighty wishes us to yield fully to Him in heart and life.
B) Allah Almighty wishes us to yield us fully to Him in heart and life.
C) Allah Almighty wishes us to yield ourself fully to Him in heart and life.
D) Allah Almighty wishes us to yield ourselves fully to Him in heart and life.

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Q.9

A) He let out a yelp of pain and tried to release from the clutches of the beast.
B) He lets out a yelp of pain and tried to release him from the clutches of the beast.
C) He let out a yelp of pain and tried to release oneself from the clutches of the beast.
D) He let out a yelp of pain and tried to release himself from the clutches of the beast.

Q.10

A) Is there no unhappy David to who I can sing the yearning psalms of love?
B) Is there no unhappy David to whom I can sing the yearning psalms of love?
C) Is there no unhappy David to which I can sing the yearning psalms of love?
D) Is there no unhappy David to that I can sing the yearning psalms of love?

Q.11

A) Let's enjoy in the garden fragrant with the waft of roses.
B) Let's enjoy us in the garden fragrant with the waft of roses.
C) Let's enjoy ourselves in the garden fragrant with the waft of roses.
D) Let's enjoy ourself in the garden fragrant with the waft of roses.

Q.12

A) As the tragic scene ensued, I found me weeping and then writhing with discomfort.
B) As the tragic scene ensued, I found weeping and then writhing with discomfort.
C) As the tragic scene ensued, I found myself weeping and then writhing with discomfort.
D) As the tragic scene had ensued, I found myself weeping and then writhing with discomfort.

Q.13

A) Not everyone is capable of weighing up the repercussions of their actions.
B) Not everyone is capable of weighing up the repercussions of one's actions.
C) Not everyone is capable of weighing up the repercussions of your actions.
D) Not everyone is capable of weighing up the repercussions of his actions.

Q.14

A) The story was incredible, and she had to whip her to believe in it when he swore to God.
B) The story was incredulous, and she had to whip herself to believe it when he swore to God.
C) The story was incredible, and she had to whip her to believe it when he swore of God.
D) The story was incredible, and she had to whip herself to believe it when he swore to God.

Q.15

A) Since this land of your is not completely sterile, it will yield some product.
B) Since this land of yours is not completely sterile, it will yield some product.
C) Since this land of your's is not completely sterile, it will yield some product.
D) Since this land of yours is not complete sterile, it will yield some products.

SPOT THE ERROR:

In the first type of sentences, some segments of each sentence are underlined. Your task is to identify that underlined segment of the sentence, which contains the mistake that needs to be corrected.

Q.16 In order to draw attention <u>to littering</u> in the park, the zealous activist <u>chained</u> <u>to</u> a large trashcan <u>for a week</u>.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Q.17 Police <u>are</u> responsible to take care of the <u>weaks,</u> <u>who</u> <u>are</u> more vulnerable to danger.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

Q.18 The investor is inclined <u>towards</u> <u>putting</u> his money <u>into</u> all those ventures <u>which</u> are likely to triple his investment.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

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Q.19 We insist that those responsible for conspiring to wage unprovoked wars and carry out
A) B)
illegal coups they be tried for war crimes.
C) D)

Q.20 She persuaded him to unburden of the guilt that afflicted him by marrying a relative of
A) B) C) D)
hers.

Q.21 I don't merely content with the efforts I make; I always feel a strong urge to pray for
A) B) C) D)
the reward.

Q.22 We should hire the services of a lawyer to sort out only the tangled contracts which we
A) B) C)
typically have to contend with.
D)

Q.23 In a fit of tomfoolery, she disguised as a bride and fooled everybody.
A) B) C) D)

Q.24 When the party became too tumultuous, the police were called, which dispersed the
A) B) C)
crowd and took a few hooligans with them.
D)

Q.25 You know it better than me that a network of experts has already been set up across the
A) B) C)
country to tackle bullying in schools.
D)

Q.26 It has been tentatively decided that each of the candidates have to present the
A) B) C)
credentials at the time of the interview.

Q.27 Her all decisions speak volumes that she is under great stress and not mentally stable.
A) B) C) D)

Q.28 Whoever did a stunt that brought shocked gasps from the audience he was selected for
A) B) C) D)
the final contest.

Q.29 "Don't you think that the work has been done haphazardly?" the boss said sternly to
A) B)
his employee. "Yes, I think," said the latter regretfully.
C) D)

Q.30 We solemnly promise to avoid all those sinister activities which may lead to our downfall.
A) B) C) D)

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9 UNIT SENTENCE COMPLETION

INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC

Keeping in view the sentence completion questions, we may say that the purpose of sentence completion questions is to build up vocabulary and logical reasoning.

ANATOMY OF QUESTION

Directions: A sentence is left blank from one place or two places followed by four options. Choose the option that best completes the sentence.

Model Example:

In contrast to the previous night's noise, this was very _____ night.

A) fervent
B) gloomy
C) happy
D) calm

KINDS OF QUESTIONS

There are three kinds of sentence completion:

1. **Sentence completion logic based.**
2. **Sentence completion vocabulary based.**
3. **Sentence completion grammar based.**

Now, we shall discuss all the three types of sentence completion questions with the tips and techniques.

SIGNAL WORDS

English signal words are not only connect ideas, but also introduce a certain shift, contrast or op`position, emphasis or agreement, purpose, result or conclusion, etc. in the line of argument.

TECHNIQUES

1.	**Contrast signal words**
2.	**Synonym signal words**
3.	**Cause and effect**
4.	**Defining characteristics (definition)**
5.	**Key words**
6.	**Think of a the word that makes a common sense**
7.	**Clues with reference to the context**
8.	**Placing and replacing**
9.	**Excluding the options**
10.	**Beware of eye catchers**
11.	**Beware of negative words and negative prefixes**

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1. CONTRAST SIGNAL WORDS

Try to find words and phrases that show contrast between them. It is very easy to complete the contrast signal sentences in which two words have been omitted. This is because in each option there will be two words and students are advised to choose two such words as are opposite to each other.

Following is the list of contrast signals:

although,	despite,	in spite of,
but, however,	even though,	on the contrary,
in contrast to,	nevertheless,	nonetheless,
on the other hand,	rather than,	still,
yet.		

Example:

In contrast to the previous night's noise, this was very _____ night.

A) fervent C) happy

B) gloomy D) calm

More examples:

1. **Although gregarious by nature, Lisa became quiet and _____ after she was unexpectedly laid off from work.**

   A) Autonomous C) Assertive

   B) Susceptible D) Withdrawn

2. **Despite the _____ of the material with which he worked, many of Tiffany's glass masterpiece have survived for more than seventy years.**

   A) Beauty C) Abundance

   B) Translucence D) Fragility

3. **Much of the clown's success may be attributed to the contrast between the _____ manner he adopts and the general _____ which characterize the circus.**

   A) Giddy … sobriety C) Gaudy … clamor

   B) Lugubrious … hilarity D) Joyful … hysteria

4. **Although over the years _____ resource had been devoted to alleviating the problem, a satisfactory solution remained _____.**

   A) Natural; costly C) Substantial ; elusive

   B) Adequate; probable D) Capital ; decisive

5. **Normally an individual thunderstorm lasts about 45 min, but under certain Conditions the storm may _____, becoming evermore severe, for as long as four hours.**

   A) Wane C) Persist

   B) Moderate D) Vacillate

6. **Despite the unfavorable attention brought on by the media, the press had a _____ effect on the campaign.**

   A. positive B. negative

   C. inert D. amplified

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7. **Chaotic in conception but not in ___, Kelly's canvases are as neat as the proverbial pin.**
A) Conceit
B) Theory
C) Execution
D) Origin

8. **Despite his remarkably _____ range of interests, the idea of becoming a bottle cap manufacturer seemed rather_____ to him.**
A. diverse ... odd
B. narrow ... exotic
C. strange ... typical
D. regular ... unusual

9. **Bob could have _____ in the examination in spite of his efforts, had the examination been more difficult.**
A) Managed.
B) Failed
C) Competed
D) Passed

10. **Despite heavy fall in the market, the traders are _____ about the loss they may incur.**
A. complacent
B. disturbed
C. worried
D. irate

1.	D	2.	D	3.	B	4.	C	5.	C
6.	A	7.	C	8.	A	9.	B	10.	A

2. SYNONYM SIGNALS WORDS

Synonyms signals words support or further explain what has already been said. These words often introduce synonyms for words elsewhere in the sentence.
Following are some common supporting words:

and	similarly
in addition to	additionally
for example	for instance
that is	like wise
same as	like

Examples:

During the Battle of Trafalgar, Admiral Nelson remained _____ and in full command of the situation in spite of the hysteria and panic all around him.
A) Disturbed
B) Perturbed
C) Undisturbed
D) Romantic

More examples:

1. **In giving a speech, the speaker's goal is to communicate ideas clearly and _____ so, that the audience will be in no _____ about the meaning of the speech.**
A) Effectively … haste
B) Indirectly …distress
C) Vigorously … discomfort
D) Tactfully … suspense

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2. As news of his indictment spread through the town, the citizens began to _____ him and to avoid meeting him

A) ostracize
B) congratulate
C) desecrate
D) minimize

3. My job interview went well and the employer _____ me

A) refused
B) rejected
C) hired
D) fired

4. The new boots are lighter and _____, and therefore more comfortable to wear.

A) hard
B) tough
C) heavier
D) softer

5. High inflation usually leads to high interest rates. Similarly, interest rates decline when inflation is _____.

A) high
B) increasing
C) low
D) continuing

6. The furious hurricane winds tore down houses and _____trees.

A) furious
B) rooted
C) unaffected
D) uprooted

7. During the Middle Ages, plague and other _____ decimated the populations of entire towns.

A) pestilences
B) proclivities
C) immunizations
D) demises

8. Unlike the misleading television documentary, the biography written about Audrey Hepburn was _____.

A) interesting
B) accurate
C) real
D) false

9. My coworker is known for being a sycophant, as he always brownnoses and _____the decisions of our boss in an attempt to gain his favor.

A) Lauds
B) denys
C) contradicts
D) rejects

10. Actors in melodramas often emphasized tense moments by being _____, for example, raising their voices and pretending to swoon.

A) imperious
B) convivial
C) inscrutable
D) histrionic

1.	D	2.	A	3.	C	4.	D	5.	C
6.	D	7.	A	8.	B	9.	A	10.	D

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3. CAUSE AND EFFECT

In this kind of sentence completion questions sometimes cause is mentioned but its effect is omitted and the students are required to draw the logical effect of previously mentioned action.

Because	For this reason
Therefore	Consequently
Hence forth	For
Thus	Since
As a result	If …… then

Example:

His story was so heartrending that we all started _____

A) laughing C) mocking

B) weeping D) avoiding

More Examples:

1. **Because the House has the votes to override the presidential veto, the president has no choice but to _____.**

   A. object B. abject

   C. abdicate D. compromise

2. **Despite his effort to combat his fear of heights, the alarming speed at which the roller coaster dipped and turned _____ John.**

   A. excited B. frightened

   C. angered D. pleased

3. **My doctor said that I need more exercise, so I _____ the time I spend _____.**

   A. increased … running B. continued … eating

   C. passed … sleeping D. decreased … jogging

4. **Keisha _____ the salesman's offer because the price was _____.**

   A. accepted … high B. rejected … unfair

   C. took … expensive D. considered … terrible

5. **Doctors also found signs of hypoxic damage to nerve cells due to_____ of oxygen before death.**

   A. excess B. mixing

   C. diluting D. lack

6. **Because this suit was on sale, I got it for a _____ price.**

   A. higher B. similar

   C. lower D. worse

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7. **I no longer have the support of the committee. I have therefore decided to _____.**
A. determine B. sustain
C. resign D. continue

8. **They've increased the number of staff and consequently the service is _____.**
A. better B. unchanged
C. worse D. bad

9. **Someone had removed all the evidence. Thus, it was now _____ for the police to continue their investigation.**
A. better B. impossible
C. easy D. convenient

10. **Although Kate's report on her scientific findings was lengthy, the presentation she held was rather _____.**
A. brief B. neutral
C. mundane D. straightforward

1.	C	2.	B	3.	A	4.	B	5.	D
6.	C	7.	C	8.	A	9.	B	10.	A

4. DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS (DEFINITION)

Sometimes the definition of some word is written and the students are asked to find the word whose definition has been given.

Example:

The chemist tried to produce _____ that could cure all the diseases.
A) symptom C) medicine
B) injection D) panacea

More Examples:

1. **John was a _____, who does not believe that any truth is absolute.**
A) Orthodox C) Heterodox
B) Conformist D) Nihilist

2. **Health insurance is important because it prevents routine medical visits from becoming too _____ for the average citizen.**
A) cheap C) easy
B) costly D) heavy

3. **Mel's favorite thing about the holidays is the ___ cuisine; a joyous occasion calls for great food.**
A) standard C) festive
B) bland D) tasteless

4. **The late author J. D. Salinger was known for being _____, as he was unseen by the public for decades at a time.**
A) adversarial C) gregarious
B) reclusive D) sociable

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5. **Known for his _____, John is always willing to lend a kind and understanding ear whenever someone has a problem.**
A) indifference
B) cruelty
C) spontaneity
D) compassion

6. **There is no doubt that Larry is a genuine -------: he excels at telling stories that fascinate his listeners.**
A) braggart
B) pilferer
C) connoisseur
D) raconteur

7. **Some students are __ and want to take only the courses for which they see immediate value.**
A) theoretical
B) impartial
C) pragmatic
D) idealistic

8. **The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will____.**
A) blink
B) dilate
C) stare
D) contract

9. **I have no _____ motive in offering this advice; I seek no personal advantage or honor.**
A) nominal
B) altruistic
C) ulterior
D) disinterested

10. **Your _____ remarks spoil the effect of your speech; try not stray from your subject.**
A) innocuous
B) digressive
C) derogatory
D) persistent

1.	C	2.	B	3.	C	4.	B	5.	D
6.	D	7.	C	8.	D	9.	C	10.	B

5. KEY WORDS

Try to find out the key words or phrases that clearly indicate the option that best complete the sentence.

Example:

Because his time was limited, Weng decided to read the _____ novel War and Peace in _____ edition.
A) word … an unedited
B) famous … a modern
C) lengthy … an abridged
D) romantic … an autographed

More Examples:

1. **The new building was expansive; its _____ foundation allowed for wider hallways than the previous building.**
A) shallow
D) broad
C) small
D) fancy

2. **Breaking with established artistic traditions, Dali' was a genius whose ____ works infuriated the traditionalists of his day.**
A) Heterodox
B) Insignificant
C) Magnanimous
D) Uncontroversial

3. **The addition of descriptive details to the basic information serves to ------- the book by producing a fuller account.**
A) Invalidate
B) incite
C) objectify
D) enrich

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4. **After years of diverging from each other, Sadie and Patrick finally found their lives running along a _____ course.**
A) different
B) parallel
C) pleasant
D) singular

5. **The increasingly popular leader of America's second largest tribe. Cherokee Chief Wilma Man killer has _____ the myth that only males could be leader in American Indian** government.
A) Shattered
B) Perpetuated
C) Exaggerated
D) Confirmed

6. **The commission of inquiry censured the senator for his _____ expenditure of public funds, which they found to be _____.**
A) Flagrant … .cursory
B) Improper … vindicated
C) Lavish … unjustifiable
D) Judicious …blameworthy

7. **The selection committee for the exhibit was amazed to see such fine work done by a mere**
A) Connoisseur
B) Artist
C) Amateur
D) Entrepreneur

8. **The teacher suspected cheating when he noticed the pupil's _____ glances at his classmate's paper.**
A) Futile
B) Sporadic
C) Furtive
D) Cold

9. **Lacking the time to examine the treatise in its entirety, the editors asked the author to provide them with _____ instead.**
A) A compendium
B) A dissertation
C) An elaboration
D) A facsimile

10. **Since the propensity to migrate has persisted in every epoch, its explanation requires a theory to _____ any particular period of time.**
A) Tailored
B) Unconscious of
C) Independent of
D) Anomalous in

1.	D	2.	A	3.	D	4.	B	5.	A
6.	C	7.	C	8.	C	9.	A	10.	C

6. THINK OF A THE WORD THAT MAKES A COMMON SENSE

Before you look at the given choices, think of some words that make a sense. Then look at the given choices. If the word you thought is same or similar to any of the choice given, select it as your answer

Example:

They tried to test the rat's___; to see how the rat adjusted to the changing conditions.
A) reflection
B) stamina
C) adaptablility
D) ociablity

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More Examples:

1. **In a revolutionary development in technology, several manufacturers now make biodegradable forms of plastic; some plastic rings, for example gradually _____ when exposed to sunlight.**
   A) Harden
   B) Stagnate
   C) Inflate
   D) Decompose
2. **The young man was quickly promoted when his employers saw how _____ he was.**
   A) Indigent
   B) Indifferent
   C) Assiduous
   D) Lethargic
3. **Because it arrives so early in the season before many other birds the robin has been called the _____ of spring.**
   A) Hostage
   B) Autocrat
   C) Compass
   D) Harbinger
4. **Your _____ tactics may compel me to cancel the contract, as the job must be finished on time.**
   A) Dilatory
   B) Offensive
   C) Repugnant
   D) Infamous
5. **Her true feelings _____ themselves in her sarcastic asides: only then was her _____ revealed.**
   A) Concealed … sweetness
   B) Manifested … bitterness
   C) Hid … sarcasm
   D) Developed … anxiety
6. **They fired upon the enemy from behind trees, walls and any other _____ point they could find.**
   A) Conspicuous
   B) Definitive
   C) Vantage
   D) Exposed
7. **More than one friendly whale has nudged a boat with such _____ that passengers have been knocked overboard.**
   A) Enthusiasm
   B) Lethargy
   B) Hostility
   D) Serenity
8. **I was so bored with the verbose and redundant style of Victorian that I welcome the change to the _____ style of Hemigway.**
   A) Wordy
   B) Consistent
   C) Terse
   D) Logistical
9. **Experts fail to understand the _____ behind the decision to move coal by road when there is enough rails capacity in this sector.**
   A) Judgment
   B) Politics
   C) Logistics
   D) Rationale
10. **A solution may not yet be in sight, but the important thing was to get a _____.**
   A) Discussion
   B) Dialogue
   B) Conversation
   D) Debate

1.	D	2.	C	3.	D	4.	A	5.	B
6.	C	7.	A	8.	C	9.	D	10.	A

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7. CLUES WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONTEXT

If a word left in the sentence is unfamiliar, or if an answer choice is unknown to you, look at its context in the sentence. Often, it so happens that the author uses an unfamiliar word and then immediately defines it within the same sentence.

Example:

The _____ of Queen impressed the leaders o have the ability to read their thought.

A) symbiosis
B) punctiliousness
C) malevolence
D) consternation

More Examples:

1. **You sit here while I _____ something to eat**
   A) Manage
   B) Set
   C) Arrange
   D) cook
2. **When such_____ remarks are circulated, we can only blame and despise those who produce them**
   A) Adulatory
   B) Chance
   C) Rhetorical
   D) Reprehensible
3. **We need more men and women of culture and enlightenment in our society; we have too many _____ among us.**
   A) Pedants
   B) Philistines
   C) Ascetics
   D) Paragons
4. **Perhaps because he feels _____ by an excess of parental restrictions and rules at adolescence, the repressed child may break out dramatically.**
   A) Nurtured
   B) Appeased
   C) Confined
   D) Fascinated
5. **In the view of the existing circumstances and the defendant's youth, the judge recommended_____.**
   A) Conviction
   B) A defense
   C) A mistrial
   D) Leniency
6. **People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be _____; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of _____.**
   A) Depraved …hesitation
   B) Cruel ……effortlessness
   C) Wicked … indolence
   D) Unjust … ….boredom
7. **Man is a _____ animal, and much more so in his mind than in his body; he may like to go alone for a walk, but he hates to stand alone in his_____.**
   A) Gregarious …opinions
   B) Conceited … vanity
   C) Singular … uniqueness
   D) Solitary ……. thoughts
8. **We lost confidence in him because he never _____ the grandiose promises he had made**
   A) Forgot about
   B) Reneged on
   C) Tired of
   D) Delivered on
9. **Sugar dissolved in water _____; finally all that remained was an almost _____ residue on the bottom of the glass.**
   A) Quickly …lumpy
   B) Immediately … fragrant
   C) Gradually imperceptible
   D) Subsequently … glassy
10. **After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Japanese Americans were _____of being spies for Japan, although there was no _____ to back up this accusation.**
    A) Acquitted … buttress
    B) Tired ...witness
    C) Reminded … reason
    D) Suspected … evidence

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1.	D	2.	D	3.	B	4.	C	5.	D
6.	B	7.	A	8.	D	9.	C	10.	A

8. PLACING AND REPLACING

If you can't understand which option best completes the sentence, go on using the given options one by one and use the option that best makes the sense.

Example:

Because he saw no ___ to the task assigned him, he worked at it in a very ___ way.

A) system … function
B) point … careless
C) method … dutiful
D) purpose … diligent

9. EXCLUDING THE OPTIONS

Go on excluding the options that make no sense hence you get the most appropriate option.

Example:

The _____ room had not been used over many years.

A) wide
B) decorated
C) empty
D) attached

10. BEWARE OF EYE CATCHERS

Be suspicious of the answer choice that comes too easily. This type of choice leads you toward guessing the wrong choice. This type of choice is called eye catcher and generally choice (A) is the eye catcher. But, it does not mean that choice (A) can never be your answer. Eye-catcher are the words that somehow come to mind immediately after reading the sentence.

Example:

Physical laws do not force bodies to act in a specific way, but merely _____ how they do behave.

A) determine
B) commence
C) describe
D) demand

More Examples:

Having published more than three hundred books in less than fifty years, science fiction writer Isaac Asimoy may well be the most _____ author of our day.

A) Fastidious
B) Insecure
C) Outmoded
D) Prolific

11. BEWARE OF NEGATIVE WORDS AND NEGATIVE PREFIXES

Following are some negative

i) The damage to the car was insignificant (Don't worry about It. It is not a matter of worry)

ii) The damage to the car was not insignificant. (Yes, Now, This is matter of concern)

Example:

He was _____ person because he did not make many public addresses. But those he made were memorable.

A) a reticent
B) an elegant
C) an inspiring
D) an arrogant

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TOOL FOR GUESSING THE UNFAMILIAR WORDS

Answering sentence completion question also needs the meanings of difficult words. This can be helped through different vocabulary development methods. The following is the description of some of the.

1. COMMAS, HYPHEN, BRACKET

In a definition, the author restates a word to clarify its meanings. The part of sentence separated by **commas, hyphens** and **brackets** are used to explain the difficult words written before them.

(i) The **rebec**, an instrument played with a bow, has only there strings.
(ii) **Paleontologist,** students of remains, explore the earth's history.
(iii) Most mammals are **quadrupeds** (four – footed animals)

2. THE VERB 'TO BE' AS AN EXPLANATORY EXPRESSION

(i) A **Stoic is** a person who is indifferent to pain or pleasure.
(ii) A three-pronged spear is called a **trident.**

Note:

Often an unfamiliar word in word part of a sentence will be defined in the other part of the sentence.

(i) This is a **lethal** weapon; your friend nearly killed me with it.
(ii) The early morning water had frozen and every thing was covered with a thin coat of **rime.**

3. CONTRAST SIGNAL WORDS

(i) **Although** America's total Vietnamese population is **minuscule**, the number of students attending universities is surprising by **high**.
(ii) Marriage has many pains but celibacy has no pleasure. I place of complacency, I gave you unrest.

4. SEMICOLONS

Semicolon is used to join two or more ideas (parts) in a sentence, those ideas are then given equal position or rank.

Example:

Some people write with a word processor; others write with a pen or pencil

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9 UNIT SENTENCE COMPLETION

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. **The _____man paid for my ticket.**
   A) Simple C) Kind
   B) Angry D) Funny
2. **After John washed his car, it looked very _____.**
   A) Dirty C) Old
   B) Sweet D) Clean
3. **I am _____ because I did well on my math test.**
   A) Upset C) Happy
   B) Rough D) Sad
4. **The _____ shirt is too _____.**
   A) Big … crazy C) Heavy … small
   B) Large … big D) Wet … rainy
5. **The library is a good place to _____ because it is very _____.**
   A) Study … quiet C) Learn … intelligent
   B) Eat … hungry D) Read … open
6. **I cannot sleep because my neighborhood is very _____.**
   A) Happy C) Fun
   B) Average D) Noisy
7. **I always arrive to class twenty minutes _____ so that I have time to prepare.**
   A) Late C) Young
   B) Early D) Old
8. **The air is very _____, and there is _____ ice on the road.**
   A) Warm … a large amount of C) Cold … a lot of
   B) Cool … many D) Hot … much
9. **Turtles and snails do not move quickly. They are both _____animals.**
   A) Quick C) Dangerous
   B) Slow D) Strange
10. **Paul and Marcus are _____. They have the same mother.**
    A) Women C) students
    B) Friends D) brothers
11. **After she completed the hard exercise class, Angie felt _____.**
    A) Strange C) Tired
    B) Angry D) Old

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12. Elephants are _____. Ants are_____.

A) Big … large
B) Small … big
C) Tiny … small
D) Huge … tiny

13. The rope is hard to cut because it is so _____.

A) New
B) Weak
C) Sad
D) Thick

14. This food tastes _____. It was prepared by _____ chef.

A) Great … an excellent
B) Delicious … an angry
C) Terrible … a good
D) Boring … an interesting

15. The letter A is the _____ letter of the English alphabet.

A) Last
B) First
C) Second
D) Third

16. Although Mary tries to be on time for her class, she still arrives _____.

A) Late
B) Great
C) Silly
D) Noisy

17. John got very _____ because Marcy broke his toy.

A) Hungry
B) Upset
C) Sleepy
D) Slow

18. When I said the correct answer, the teacher told me that I was _____.

A) Right
B) Wrong
C) Bad
D) Close

19. After working on it for days, Xavier finally finished the _____ puzzle. It was hard.

A) Easy
B) Difficult
C) Dangerous
D) Wise

20. The _____ recipe has _____ ingredients.

A) Simple … a lot
B) Difficult … few
C) Complicated … many
D) Sweet … bitter

21. Estelle wants to buy a new car, so she is _____ her money.

A) Spending
B) Saving
C) Losing
D) Stealing

22. Nelson is a _____. He is mean to people and makes them feel _____.

A) Chef … hungry
B) Clown … happy
C) Doctor … good
D) Bully … bad

23. Mr. Morrissey is the _____ of a company. He tells all of the other workers what to do.

A) Student
B) Passenger
C) Banker
D) Boss

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24. Although Gail _____ in California, she now lives in Texas.

A) Was born
B) Died
C) Is working
D) Travels

25. Tabitha asked for _____ ketchup for her French fries. She really likes ketchup.

A) No
B) Less
C) Extra
D) Red

26. Last Tuesday, Wesley brought delicious _____ to school. He shared them with everyone.

A) Puppies
B) Pencils
C) Cookies
D) Ideas

27. I put the cake on the _____ shelf so that the children cannot reach it.

A) Lowest
B) Middle
C) Highest
D) Smallest

28. Because Ben _____ a rule today, he was punished.

A) Broke
B) Made
C) Invented
D) Learned

29. Gloria does not know how to _____ her shoes yet, but she is _____.

A) Wear … barefoot
B) Buy … trying
C) Tie … learning
D) Find … hiding

30. After Ronda _____ the dish, she promised to buy me a new one.

A) Washed
B) Ate
C) Broke
D) Purchased

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9 UNIT SENTENCE COMPLETION

PRACTICE EXERCISE-1

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. **The audience at the performance was _____. Dancers were repeatedly _____.**
   A) Gracious ... criticized
   B) Disrespectful ... praised
   C) Happy ... ignored
   D) Supportive ... applauded
   E) Helpful ... ostracized
2. **Although Mika's softball team occasionally played teams from other regions, most of their games were played against _____ teams.**
   A) Poor
   B) Exceptional
   C) Excellent
   D) Weak
   E) local
3. **The new restaurant gets _____ reviews, so we have _____ eating there.**
   A) Mediocre ... recommended
   B) Enthusiastic ... disliked
   C) Pleasant ... evaded
   D) Terrible ... visited
   E) Dreadful ... avoided
4. **Sarah hardly noticed whenever someone made a negative comment about her. Her sister, however, was more _____.**
   A) Sensitive
   B) Sociable
   C) Disinterested
   D) Frivolous
   E) grateful
5. **Though we may not always agree with the politicians in power, living in a democracy is a _____. People in many parts of the world don't enjoy similar _____.**
   A) Burden ... expectations
   B) Right ... oppression
   C) Privilege ... liberties
   D) Advantage ... dangers
   E) Benefit ... injustice
6. **Salvador's cat loves his family. He seems to always be finding cute ways to show them his _____.**
   A) Interest
   B) Affection
   C) Courage
   D) Boredom
   E) hunger
7. **At first they were _____ to part ways, but they were glad they did so in the end**
   A) Ready
   B) Reluctant
   C) Thrilled
   D) Excited
   E) eager
8. **Sandra was made to do so many tiresome chores for her family. It was quite a _____.**
   A) Disaster
   B) Release
   C) Bore
   D) Anger
   E) prize
9. **The veterinarian told us that the kitten's original owners were _____ and did not give her adequate food, water, or shelter.**
   A) Scurrilous
   B) Remiss
   C) Prudent
   D) Sheer
   E) doting
10. **One of the most important steps of the recipe is to _____ out impurities from the soup; failure to _____ the broth for pieces of fat and burnt bits will make for a bitter soup.**
   A) Winnow ... skim
   B) Withstand ... resist
   C) Sieve ... peruse
   D) Scuttle ... obliterate
   E) Separate ... nettle

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11. Late in his life, Elvis Presley's appetite was so _____ that he could not be _____: he would eat constantly but could not feel full.

A) Voracious ... satiated
B) Active ... pleased
C) Surmountable ... gratified
D) Rapacious ... hungry
E) Replete ... surfeited

12. Among history's greatest _____ is Albert Abrams, a quack doctor who invented machines he claimed could cure any ailment, even though the machines usually didn't do anything at all.

A) Charlatans
B) Stereotypes
C) Artisans
D) Hecklers
E) Suffragists

13. Getting a newborn baby to fall asleep has long been a great challenge for new parents, but the device given has not been _____ by technological innovations; even to this day, many childrearing experts espouse the use of traditional lullabies for their _____ qualities.

A) Altered
B) Soporific
C) Modified
D) Invigorating

14. The young critic was so _____ the new novel that she _____ it at length in her column.

A) Adoring of ... criticized
B) Apathetic toward ... raved about
C) Exuberant about ... savaged
D) Enthusiastic about ... rhapsodized about
E) Bored by ... lauded

15. In order to create his creature, Dr. Frankenstein _____ several corpses, and once they were dug up, he harvested their body parts to build his own creation.

A) Disclaimed
B) Disbursed
C) Disenfranchised
D) Disinterred
E) Disparaged

16. Film noir movies capture the _____ side of American life and showcase the sordid desires Americans keep repressed.

A) Winsome
B) Sententious
C) Eventful
D) Wholesome
E) Seamy

17. The overly _____ title character was the embodiment of _____: he was so greedy that he literally sold his daughter to the highest bidder.

A) Conventional ... orthodoxy
B) Covetous ... avarice
C) Mellifluous ... evil
D) Gregarious ... rapacity
E) Penurious ... philanthropy

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18. After wandering the desert for nearly three days without sight of water, the commander was overwhelmed with joy to _____ an oasis in the distance.

A) Desiccate
B) Despoil
C) Devise
D) Descry
E) Deviate

19. The couple was upset by the construction of the new skyscraper across the street, as the building would _____ their once scenic view.

A) Ameliorate
B) Occlude
C) Obviate
D) Disencumber
E) Plagiarize

20. Many cult leaders will go to great lengths to impress others: for example, Jim Jones, one of history's most infamous religious _____, staged miracles to convince his retinue to continue following him.

A) Raconteurs
B) Epicures
C) Pundits
D) Polyglots
E) Hucksters

21. Beethoven was a musical _____, playing his first professional concert at only seven years old)

A) hag
B) phenomenon
C) spectacle
D) Talent

22. Fiaz's parents encourage him to pursue a _____ career in medicine or law; they want to see him become rich and successful.

A) lucrative
B) worthwhile
C) rewarding
D) stressful

23. With the current wave of crime, travelers on Lahore route are_____ to make sure their wallet is secure.

A) banned
B) irreverent
C) illiterate
D) urged

24. Working _____under time pressure, Aqeel didn't notice her_____ mistake.

A) continually - simple
B) meticulously – stupid
C) hastily – careless
D) continuously - abnormal

25. The cheerful, lively sound of folk music almost_____ everyone.

A) consoled
B) accustomed
C) expired
D) revived

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26. The _____ manner in which the candidate addressed the board of selection committee was a basic reason for his rejection.

A) imaginative B) superior C) careless D) suspicious

27. As_____ of the Sindh supreme selection board, Allah Bachayo had free_____ to all government rest houses throughout the country.

A) a scholar - admission B) a member - entrance

C) an organizer – submission D) an institution - advice

28. The green supernova is still_____ cosmetologists, as it has never been seen clearly, making it impossible to study its nature.

A) admiring for B) enigmatic to

C) dangerous to D) exploited by

29. Producers of Punjabi films have long decried the _____ of the Lahore movie critics, whose reviews can determine the fate of a film in a month.

A) fallacy B) poverty C) power D) cruelty

30. Masooma forced herself to eat every piece on her plate, although she found the food practically_____.

A) delicious B) spicy C) inedible D) nourishing

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9 UNIT SENTENCE COMPLETION

PRACTICE EXERCISE-2

Directions: **Each sentence below has one or two blanks. Below the sentence are four words or set of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

1. **Until its defeat by Ireland, Pakistani team won most of its test matches by innings and had achieved an_____ series of wins.**
   A) defeated B) difficult C) unbroken D) aggressive
2. **The whale shark is found in equatorial deep waters around the world; it is_____ encountered by divers.**
   A) rarely B) successfully C) anxiously D) constantly
3. **Some of the sculptures formerly_____ the Hindu artist are now thought to have been created by one of his Muslim students.**
   A) denied by B) attributed to C) adapted from D) submitted to
4. **Because its chief accountant altered figures and completely fabricated others, the company's financial records were entirely_____.**
   A) hidden B) spurious C) transparent D taxable
5. **As _____as he is original, Ali Azmat has created songs for theaters, classical concerts, and Pakistani movies.**
   A) versatile B) old fashioned C) sophisticated D) solo
6. **The benefits of the cooperative program are _____, with both companies acquiring new production techniques.**
   A) challenging B) exclusive C) normal D) mutual
7. **The author monotonously numerates the _____points of scientific development, while omitting the details that might_____ the reader's interest.**
   A) week ... sell to B) trivial ... boost C) stylistic ... irritate D) essential ... limit
8. **The final edition of the Love and Cheating consists of six volumes; however, only a small____ of its full volume has ever been published)**
   A) edition B) volume C) fraction D) chapter
9. **Muslim alchemists tried to attain wealth by____ copper and other base metals into gold)**
   A) placing B) melting C) coining D) transforming
10. **An editorial praised the generosity of an anonymous ____, who had donated several priceless books to the college.**
    A) hoarder B) benefactor C) promoter D) rich
11. **Although officials claimed that its hull* was _____, the Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.**
    A) iron made B) impenetrable C) prominent D) oval

    **** Hull…… the main, bottom part of a ship, that goes in the water:***

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12. Misrepresentative graphs and drawings_____ the real data and encourage readers to accept arguments.

A) obscure...legitimate
B) distort...spurious
C) illustrate...controversial
D) complement...unresolved

13. Those who represent the account as _____ because of its age, may be guilty of taking on trust what they should have _____ in a conscientious fashion.

A) ancient...established,
B) false...reiterated
C) mythical...fabricated
D) accurate...examined

14. There is no substance in the allegation that unlawful access of phone lines is_____.

A) parlous
B) phlegmatic
C) platonic
D) perspicacious

15. Rizwan always wins the debate competition because he works_____ to prepare the topic)

A) lazily
B) hard
C) continually
D) spontaneously

16. Zahid looks a noble person, but he always becomes_____ any good deed)

A) a supporter of
B) an obstacle for
C) swift to do
D) a promoter for

17. He said that he was willing, not only to discuss his proposal, but also to ____it.

A) change
B) vanish
C) accept
D) disapprove

18. Conservative people make efforts in vain _____ the penetration of foreign culture in their social norms.

A) to absorb
B) to accept
C) to normalize
D) to stop

19. Farah presents herself as a bold journalist by asking people in politics the kinds of_____ questions that other reporters do not ask.

A) controversial
B) circumnutating
C) abnormal
D) irrelevant

20. Ozone in the Earth's atmosphere _____ living organisms from damaging ultraviolet radiation.

A) protects
B) warms
C) reflects
D) absorbs

21. So_____ was the sales person's tone about the qualities of the new computer system that Najam nearly missed the _____ in its calculations in his budget.

A) persuasive ... flaw
B) adopted .. accuracy
C) harsh .. amount
D) irritating .. greatness

22. Despite his illness, Inzamam was_____ in his team's victory.

A) disappointing
B) useless
C) vigorous
D) instrumental

23. The _____ is still the basic unit of social organization in some countries.

A) modern family
B) complex family
C) nuclear family
D) extended family

24. The applicant answered tough questions with_____ candor, winning over many interviewers who had previously supported his rival.

A) planned
B) impatient
C) unintentional
D) disarming

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25. It was difficult to imagine Noor, _____ woman, as a psychiatrist; listening while others talked was not her style.

A) a talkative B) a cheering C) a smiling D) a aggressive

26. A rumor that the corporation was close to the_____ caused panic among its creditors and stockholders.

A) new venture B) brink of bankruptcy

C) dividend declaration D) annual BOD meeting

27. Sajid appears to behave_____, actively helping class fellows to have their home assignment done.

A) aggressively B) cooperatively C) rudely D) suspiciously

28. Both____ and _____, Mazhar is seldom calm and never spends money.

A) defensive ... stingy B) quarrel some ... miserly

C) smart ... attractive D) cool... generous

29. Although Nawaz is ___ about the governor's reelection campaign, Shahbaz regards it with ____.

A) passionate … indifference B) reckless … callousness

C) upset … carelessness D) effervescent … enthusiasm

30. Students who are interested in foreign languages are encouraged to _____ their studies by adding courses in linguistics to their schedules.

A) accelerate B) condense C) supplement D) prolong

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ANSWER KEY

UNIT-1

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.1

1	B	6	A	11	C	16	A	21	C	26	B
2	C	7	C	12	A	17	A	22	D	27	A
3	D	8	A	13	C	18	D	23	C	28	D
4	A	9	D	14	A	19	B	24	D	29	B
5	B	10	B	15	B	20	C	25	C	30	D

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.2

1	D	6	D	11	B	16	A	21	A	26	D
2	C	7	B	12	B	17	D	22	D	27	D
3	C	8	B	13	A	18	A	23	C	28	A
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	C	24	D	29	A
5	A	10	A	15	C	20	B	25	A	30	B

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1.3

1	C	6	B	11	C	16	B	21	C	26	C
2	D	7	A	12	D	17	C	22	A	27	D
3	D	8	C	13	B	18	D	23	D	28	B
4	A	9	B	14	C	19	B	24	B	29	C
5	D	10	A	15	D	20	B	25	A	30	B

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UNIT-2

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.1

1	D	6	A	11	A	16	C	21	D	26	B
2	B	7	D	12	D	17	B	22	A	27	A
3	A	8	C	13	C	18	B	23	B	28	B
4	C	9	C	14	D	19	C	24	B	29	C
5	B	10	B	15	A	20	D	25	C	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.2

1	C	6	A	11	A	16	B	21	A	26	A
2	B	7	C	12	C	17	C	22	C	27	B
3	A	8	B	13	B	18	A	23	A	28	C
4	D	9	C	14	A	19	D	24	D	29	D
5	D	10	D	15	C	20	B	25	D	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2.3

1	B	6	A	11	D	16	C	21	A	26	B
2	A	7	D	12	A	17	C	22	B	27	B
3	C	8	C	13	D	18	B	23	C	28	A
4	D	9	C	14	C	19	D	24	B	29	A
5	B	10	A	15	D	20	A	25	B	30	C

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UNIT-3

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 3.1

1	A	6	A	11	A	16	B	21	D	26	C
2	B	7	D	12	C	17	D	22	C	27	A
3	C	8	B	13	B	18	B	23	A	28	C
4	D	9	B	14	D	19	C	24	D	29	D
5	B	10	D	15	A	20	A	25	B	30	B

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 3.2

1	A	6	D	11	A	16	A	21	B	26	A
2	B	7	B	12	A	17	D	22	A	27	D
3	A	8	C	13	D	18	B	23	C	28	B
4	B	9	D	14	D	19	A	24	C	29	C
5	A	10	B	15	B	20	B	25	A	30	C

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 3.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	B	21	C	26	A
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	C	22	B	27	C
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	A	23	D	28	B
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	D	24	D	29	D
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	B	25	C	30	C

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UNIT-4

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.1

1	A	6	C	11	B	16	D	21	B	26	C
2	B	7	B	12	D	17	B	22	C	27	D
3	D	8	A	13	A	18	D	23	A	28	A
4	C	9	D	14	B	19	A	24	D	29	A
5	A	10	A	15	C	20	B	25	A	30	B

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.2

1	A	6	B	11	A	16	A	21	D	26	B
2	D	7	D	12	B	17	C	22	C	27	C
3	B	8	A	13	D	18	C	23	A	28	A
4	C	9	C	14	C	19	C	24	A	29	B
5	A	10	D	15	A	20	A	25	D	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 4.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	D	21	C	26	C
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	B	22	D	27	D
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	A	23	A	28	A
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	A	24	B	29	A
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	A	25	B	30	B

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UNIT-5

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.1

1	B	6	D	11	D	16	D	21	C	26	D
2	A	7	A	12	A	17	B	22	A	27	B
3	B	8	C	13	B	18	A	23	C	28	A
4	C	9	A	14	A	19	C	24	B	29	B
5	A	10	B	15	C	20	A	25	A	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.2

1	C	6	D	11	A	16	B	21	C	26	B
2	B	7	D	12	D	17	B	22	D	27	A
3	A	8	C	13	C	18	A	23	A	28	B
4	A	9	B	14	C	19	D	24	A	29	C
5	A	10	A	15	A	20	A	25	B	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 5.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	D	21	D	26	C
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	D	22	D	27	C
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	D	23	C	28	C
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	B	24	C	29	C
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	A	25	D	30	D

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UNIT-6

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.1

1	A	6	D	11	A	16	C	21	A	26	A
2	B	7	B	12	D	17	A	22	C	27	D
3	B	8	C	13	C	18	D	23	A	28	B
4	A	9	A	14	A	19	D	24	C	29	A
5	D	10	D	15	A	20	B	25	A	30	D

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.2

1	D	6	B	11	A	16	A	21	B	26	A
2	B	7	B	12	C	17	D	22	A	27	C
3	A	8	A	13	D	18	B	23	A	28	C
4	C	9	A	14	C	19	C	24	C	29	A
5	A	10	B	15	A	20	B	25	B	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 6.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	C	21	C	26	A
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	A	22	A	27	D
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	A	23	B	28	C
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	A	24	B	29	C
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	B	25	D	30	A

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UNIT-7

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.1

1	B	6	A	11	B	16	B	21	C	26	C
2	A	7	A	12	A	17	A	22	A	27	C
3	B	8	D	13	C	18	D	23	D	28	A
4	D	9	C	14	C	19	B	24	A	29	B
5	D	10	C	15	A	20	B	25	D	30	B

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.2

1	A	6	A	11	B	16	A	21	A	26	A
2	C	7	D	12	B	17	D	22	B	27	A
3	C	8	D	13	A	18	C	23	D	28	A
4	A	9	A	14	A	19	A	24	A	29	C
5	A	10	C	15	C	20	A	25	A	30	D

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 7.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	A	21	C	26	B
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	B	22	A	27	A
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	D	23	B	28	D
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	A	24	C	29	A
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	D	25	D	30	A

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UNIT-8

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.1

1	B	6	C	11	B	16	A	21	A	26	A
2	A	7	A	12	B	17	B	22	A	27	B
3	B	8	A	13	C	18	C	23	B	28	B
4	D	9	C	14	D	19	C	24	B	29	A
5	D	10	D	15	A	20	A	25	D	30	A

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.2

1	C	6	D	11	B	16	A	21	C	26	D
2	C	7	A	12	C	17	B	22	A	27	B
3	A	8	B	13	A	18	C	23	B	28	A
4	A	9	A	14	A	19	C	24	A	29	D
5	D	10	A	15	C	20	A	25	D	30	C

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 8.3

1	A	6	B	11	C	16	B	21	B	26	C
2	B	7	A	12	C	17	B	22	C	27	A
3	C	8	D	13	D	18	D	23	B	28	D
4	A	9	D	14	D	19	C	24	C	29	C
5	D	10	B	15	B	20	A	25	A	30	C

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UNIT-9

PRACTICE TEST

1	C	6	D	11	C	16	A	21	B	26	C
2	D	7	B	12	D	17	B	22	D	27	C
3	C	8	C	13	D	18	A	23	D	28	A
4	B	9	B	14	A	19	B	24	A	29	C
5	A	10	D	15	B	20	C	25	C	30	C

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 1

1	D	6	B	11	A	16	E	21	D	26	C
2	E	7	B	12	A	17	B	22	A	27	B
3	E	8	C	13	A	18	D	23	D	28	B
4	A	9	B	14	D	19	B	24	C	29	C
5	C	10	A	15	D	20	E	25	D	30	C

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST 2

1	C	6	D	11	B	16	B	21	A	26	B
2	A	7	B	12	B	17	A	22	D	27	B
3	B	8	C	13	D	18	D	23	D	28	B
4	B	9	D	14	B	19	A	24	D	29	A
5	A	10	B	15	B	20	A	25	A	30	C

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