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## **English Questions for CLAT Exam**

### **CLAT English Quiz 15**

Direction: In this question, choose the word that best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it as your answer.

#### 1. Astute

A. Illustrative B. Shrewd

C. Skilful D. Informative

2. Babel

A. Din B. Pounce

C. Recoup D. Euphony

3. Milksop

A. Inactive B. Weakling

C. Intrepid D. Meek Smartkeeda

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4. Efficacy

A. Ineffectiveness B. Potency

C. Extremity D. Speciality

5. Concise

A. Aphoristic B. Lengthy

C. Prolix D. Cogent

6. Decrepitude

A. Dilapidation B. Strength

C. Demise D. Softness

7. Gauche

A. Naive B. Awkward

C. Guffaw D. Grandiloquent

### 8. Ignominious

A. Insatiable B. Glorious

C. Noble D. Mortifying

9. Flagrant

A. Covert B. Egregious

C. Unresponsive D. Aromatic

10. Adieu

A. Welfare B. Farewell

C. Present D. Appendix



#### **Correct Answers:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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#### **Explanations:**

**1. Astute (Adjective):** having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

**For example:** It is the story of an astute businessman that went on to make a lot of money with a simple idea.

**Synonyms: shrewd**, sharp, sharp-witted, razor-sharp, acute, quick, quick-witted, ingenious, clever, etc.

Antonyms: stupid.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

2. Babel (Noun): a confused noise made by a number of voices.

For example:

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- I. The babel of voices on the road.
- II. She hushed the babel of her thoughts and tried to sleep.

**Synonyms:** clamour, **din**, racket, confused noise, tumult, uproar, hubbub, etc.

Antonyms: silence

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

**3. Milksop (Noun):** a man or boy who is indecisive and lacks courage.

**For example:** You could have respect for a man who fought for you, but none for this milksop, who backed away.

**Synonyms:** namby-pamby, **coward**, weakling, Milquetoast

**Antonyms:** backboned, firm, hard, strong, tough, etc.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

**4. Efficacy:** The ability to produce a desired or intended result.

The degree to which a method or medicine brings about a specific result is its *efficacy*. YA scientist does research to determine the efficacy of a vaccine or medicine under development. If it is efficacious, it will cure or prevent a disease.

Ex: There is little information on the efficacy of this treatment.

Synonyms: edge, effectiveness, efficiency, potency

Antonyms: ineffectiveness, inefficiency

Hence, option B is correct.

**5. Concise**: giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.

If something is *concise*, it's short and gets right to the point. A *concise* edition of your diary might be 50 pages of the most important entries.

**Ex**: The book presents a concise account of the country's history.

**Synonyms**: brief, compact, curt, succinct, laconic, aphoristic

Antonyms: circuitous, circumlocutory, verbose, wordy, prolix

Hence, option A is correct.

**6. Decrepitude**: a state of deterioration due to old age or long use.

Many old buildings located in "ghost towns" in the Old West area of the United States are in a state of *decrepitude*. In other words, they are worn out and in disrepair.

**Ex:** Her cottonwood is old, its skin turned from the silvery white of youth to the dark gray of **decrepitude**.

Synonyms: dilapidation, age, decay, infirmity, weakness, disrepair, ruination

Antonyms: strength, fitness, soundness

Hence, option A is correct.

**7.** Gauche: lacking social polish; lacking social grace and assurance

Use the word *gauche* when you want to call something tacky, graceless, tactless, rude, boorish, or awkward and foolish.

**Ex:** His loud talking at the opera marked him as gauche and uncultured.

**Synonyms:** graceless, unpolished, inelegant, clumsy, **awkward**, ungraceful

**Antonyms:** assured, calm, graceful, suave, urbane

Hence, option B is correct.

8. **Ignominious**: deserving or causing public disgrace or shame.

> Losing a football game stinks, but losing a game where, at the end, you are lying face down in a puddle of mud and the fans are burning effigies of you in the streets? That is an ignominious defeat.

> Ex: It was an ignominious defeat for one of Formula One's most talented drivers, who is also a two-time winner at Monaco.

Synonyms: humiliating, undignified, embarrassing, mortifying, shameful, disgraceful, opprobrious

Antonyms: glad, unsympathetic

Hence, option D is correct. Smark keed a

9. Flagrant: conspicuously or obviously offensive.

Something *flagrant* is bad — so bad you can't ignore it.

Ex: In a flagrant violation of family ethics, someone had finished the ice-cream and left the empty container in the freezer.

Synonyms: blatant, glaring, obvious, overt, clear, unmistakable, egregious

**Antonyms**: covert, hidden

Hence, option B is correct.

10. Adieu is a French word meaning "goodbye" that is commonly used in English, especially in the phrase "I bid you adieu!" Adieu, thus, is a farewell remark.

Out of the given choices, the most suitable synonym to the word 'adieu' is 'farewell'.

Hence, **option B** is correct.



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