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English Questions for CLAT Exam

CLAT English Quiz 17

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

1. Welter

- A. Sustain B. Freeze C. Waiver D. Order

2. Sullen

- A. Dirty B. Cheerful C. Clean D. Risen

3. Prolific

- A. Fertile B. Barren C. Teeming D. Fecund

4. Distend

- A. Bloat B. Separate C. Confine D. Shrink

5. Maladroit

- A. Clumsy B. Sanguine C. Deft D. Unwelcome

6. Reprobate

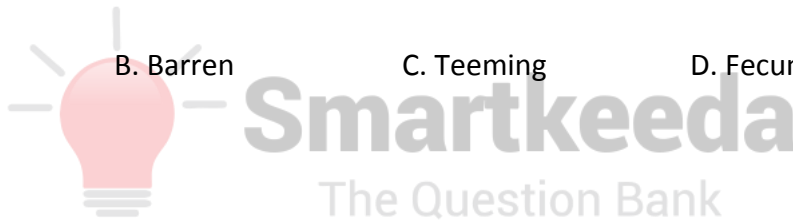
- A. Transferred B. Repeated C. Righteous D. Contagious

7. Morose

- A. Abundant B. Insufficient C. Cheery D. Pensive

8. Valiant

- A. Protest B. Sissy C. Sluggish D. Dauntless



9. Staunch

A. Fickle

B. Faithful

C. Obese

D. Obsessed

10. Lurid

A. Exciting

B. Subtle

C. Pedantic

D. Dreamy



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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	B	B	D	C	C	C	B	A	B

Explanations:

1. **Welter (Noun):** a large number of items in no order; a confused mass.

Ex. The company was facing huge losses as the whole system was in welter.

Synonyms: jumble, confusion, toss, etc.

Antonyms: order, peace, rest, etc.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.

2. **Sullen (Adjective) :** bad-tempered ; gloomy.

Ex. People did not care for him as he always remained sullen.

Synonyms: gloomy, glum, hostile, etc.

Antonyms: bright, cheerful, friendly, etc.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

3. **Prolific (Adjective):** producing offspring, young, fruit, etc., abundantly; highly fruitful.

Ex. The farmer's prolific land fetched him huge profits.

Synonyms: creative, rich, bountiful, etc.

Antonyms: unfruitful, barren, impotent, etc.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

4. **Distend (verb)** : cause to expand as it by internal pressure

A soda and pizza binge might make your stomach *distend*, meaning your stomach will swell as a result of pressure from the inside.

Ex: The enormous **distended** udders of dairy cattle are the result of a human interest in milk and cheese.

Synonyms: swell, bloat, bulge, expand, dilate, inflate, enlarge

Antonyms: shrink, contract

Option D is hence the correct answer.

5. **Maladroit (adj)** : inefficient or inept; showing or marked by a lack of skill and tact.

If you are clumsy, you are maladroit. But the word can mean all kinds of clumsy. Trip over your words? You are verbally maladroit. Stumble in social situations? You're socially maladroit. When someone is *adroit*, they are graceful and nimble; they show a lot of dexterity. *Maladroit* is the opposite of that. It means clumsy, but with a hint of overall incompetence.

Ex: It was politically **maladroit** to discuss the two issues in the same meeting.

Synonyms: inept, tactless, awkward, clumsy, bumbling, bungling, graceless

Antonyms: adroit, **deft**, dexterous, sure-handed

Hence, option C is correct.

6. **Reprobate (noun)**: A person having or showing lowered moral character or standards

There's no way around it, a *reprobate* is a bad egg. The black sheep of the family, missing a moral compass — a *reprobate's* been called everything from a deviant to an evildoer to a scoundrel.

Ex: A reprobate judge who could be bribed, and often with astonishing ease

Synonyms: debased, debauched, decadent, degenerate, degraded, demoralized, depraved, dissolute, libertine

Antonyms: ethical, honest, principled, moral, righteous, virtuous, pure, incorrupt

Hence, option C is correct.

7. **Morose (adj) :** having a sullen and gloomy disposition

A *morose* person is sullen, gloomy, sad, glum, and depressed — not a happy camper. When someone is morose, they seem to have a cloud of sadness hanging over them. This word is stronger than just *sad* — *morose* implies being extremely gloomy and depressed. We all can be morose at times, like after the death of a friend or family member. Whether you're morose due to an event or just because you're feeling blue, you should try skipping or whistling a little tune to perk things up.

Ex: The news became more **morose** as the night progressed.

Synonyms: bleak, cheerless, chill, comfortless, dark, darkening, depressing, desolate, dire, dreary

Antonyms: bright, cheerful, cheering, **cheery**, comforting, cordial, festive, friendly, gay

Hence, option C is correct.

8. **Valiant (Adjective):** possessing or showing courage or determination.

Common synonyms to the word '**Valiant**' are brave, fearless, courageous, valorous, heroic, stout-hearted, lionhearted, manly, manful, bold, daring, confident, spirited, stout, undaunted, and dauntless.

Ex. Ali was a valiant man, but had no great talent as a ruler.

Opposite to the word 'Valiant' are cowardly, irresolute and **sissy**.

Hence, option B is the right answer.

9. **Staunch (adj.) :** firm and dependable especially in loyalty.

As an adjective, *staunch* means firm. You might want to go to that concert Friday night, but your parents' staunch opposition prevents you.

Ex: He's a staunch believer in the democratic system.

Synonyms: constant, dedicated, devoted, devout, loyal faithful steadfast

Antonyms: disloyal, faithless, false, **fickle**, inconstant, treacherous, unfaithful

Hence, option A is correct.

- 10. Lurid (adj):** glaringly vivid and graphic; marked by sensationalism; causing horror or revulsion.

When people are lured into looking at something, they may be drawn to it because it's a shocking, graphic, or horrible scene, something lurid and very vivid that pulls them in. Your mother might complain that she hates lurid TV shows — ones that are overly sensationalized and meant to shock. Lurid is just a uniquely dark and gruesome word.

Ex: The tabloids gave all the lurid details of floating wreckage and dismembered bodies.

Synonyms: sensational, sensationalist, melodramatic, exaggerated, overdramatized, appalling, atrocious

Antonyms: restrained, discreet, subtle, muted

Hence, **option B** is correct.

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