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CLAT English Quiz 21

Directions: In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

1. Fetter

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| A. Enrage | B. Weaken |
| C. Lighten | D. Emancipate |

2. Allusive

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| A. Attainable | B. Denotative |
| C. Ephemeral | D. Elusive |

3. Sanguine

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| A. Healthy | B. Dubious |
| C. Sincere | D. Subservient |



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4. Inculcate

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| A. Deprive | B. Inject |
| C. Exacerbate | D. Abdicare |

5. Salubrious

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| A. Healthy | B. Important |
| C. Deceiving | D. Noxious |

6. Obstinate

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| A. Ostentatious | B. Acquiescent |
| C. Trustworthy | D. Confused |

7. Prudent

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| A. Silly | B. Gigantic |
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C. Optimistic

D. Inexpedient

8. Jade

A. Defend

B. Fascinate

C. Harass

D. Mitigate

9. Conciliation

A. Provocation

B. Separation

C. Dispute

D. Propitiation

10. Coax

A. Active

B. Cajole

C. Rush

D. Dissuade



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. A fetter is a shackle or chain that is attached to someone's ankles. To fetter someone is to restrict their movement, either literally or metaphorically. You might feel fettered by your parents' rules, even without the chains.

Fetter (verb): To fetter is to confine or restrain with or as if with chains.

Ex: Plato argued that for most of us, our interpretations of reality are based on an equally **fettered** experience

Synonyms: enchain, enfetter, bind handcuff, manacle, pinion, shackle, trammel

Antonyms: unbind, unfetter, unshackle, emancipate, free, liberate

Hence, **option D** is correct.

2. **Allusive (adj):** using or containing suggestion rather than explicit mention.

Allusive means implying or indirectly suggesting something. If you broach the subject of your friend's strange hair cut in an *allusive* way, you hint around without ever directly referring to it. It's easy to confuse *allusive* with *elusive*, which is pronounced the same way but means "difficult to find or achieve."

Ex: Marias's novels are cerebral and **allusive**, long-winded in the best sense.

Synonyms: indirect, implied, inferred, connotative

Antonyms: direct, denotative

Hence, **option B** is correct.

3. **Sanguine (adj):** confidently optimistic and cheerful; having or showing a mind free from doubt.

If you're sanguine about a situation, that means you're optimistic that everything's going to work out fine.

Ex: I'm reasonably sanguine about the adoption of the latest proposal.

Synonyms: assured, clear, cocksure, confident, doubtless, implicit, positive, certain, sure

Antonyms: doubtful, **dubious**, uncertain, unsure, wavering

Hence option B is correct.

4. **Inculcate (verb):** instil (an idea, attitude, or habit) by persistent instruction

To inculcate is to teach through frequent instruction. If you repeatedly tell your brother how important it is to be responsible, then you're trying to inculcate in him a sense of responsibility.

Ex: I tried to inculcate in my pupils an attitude of enquiry

Synonyms: imbue, infuse, ingrain, instil, implant, fix, impress, imprint

Antonyms: **deprive**, divest, strip; clear, empty; eliminate, remove

Hence option A is correct.

5. **Salubrious (adj):** promoting health; healthful; favorable to health of mind or body

Salubrious is a fancy way to describe something that's good for you or is generally favorable to mind or body, but it need not be limited to describing healthy foods or liquids.

Ex: fresh air and exercise are always salubrious

Synonyms: good, healthy, medicinal, restorative, healthful, salutary, sanative, tonic, wholesome

Antonyms: insalubrious, **noxious**, unhealthy, unwholesome

Hence option D is correct.

6. **Obstinate:** sticking to an opinion, purpose, or course of action in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion

When someone is beyond stubborn, use the word obstinate instead: "You obstinate old mule! Get out of my way!"

Ex: the child was obstinate about wanting that specific toy, despite being offered several others.

Synonyms: adamant, headstrong, immovable, implacable, invincible, inflexible, stubborn, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unyielding

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, amenable, compliant, complying, flexible, pliable, pliant, relenting, yielding

Hence option B is correct.

7. **Prudent (adj):** suitable for bringing about a desired result under the circumstances

Describe an action as *prudent* if it is the wise thing to do under the existing circumstances. If you're getting in trouble, it is probably *prudent* to keep your mouth closed and just listen.

Ex: It wouldn't be prudent to ask for a raise while the company is having financial troubles.

Synonyms: advisable, desirable, judicious, politic, expedient, tactical, wise

Antonyms: impolitic, imprudent, inadvisable, **inexpedient**, injudicious, unwise

Hence option D is correct.

8. **Jade (verb):** to make weary and restless by being dull or monotonous.

If you've done something so much that it doesn't excite you anymore but just leaves you tired, consider yourself *jaded*. If someone says you look a little *jaded*, it just means that you look tired. Picturing a tired old horse may be a nice way to remember that *jaded* means dulled or tired from too much of something. The

word can also mean cynical because of bad experiences with something, like a jaded journalist who doesn't see the person behind the politician.

Ex: The more I see what happens when people don't plan for death, the more jaded I get.

Synonyms: bore, tire, weary

Antonyms: engage, engross, enthrall, **fascinate**, grip, interest, intrigue

Hence option B is correct.

9. **Conciliation** (noun): the act of placating and overcoming distrust and animosity

When you calm someone down, soothing their anger or distrust, that's conciliation. Conciliation is an important part of making peace between two warring countries.

Ex: He held his hands up in a gesture of conciliation

Synonyms: appeasement, pacification, peacemaking, placation, propitiation, mollification, reconciliation

Antonyms: **provocation**, goading, prodding, incitement, rousing, stirring, stimulation, prompting

Hence option A is correct.

10. **Coax** (verb): influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering

When you *coax* someone, you try to convince him gently, with pleasant words and maybe a little flattery. You'll have to be patient, as you can't rush someone you're trying to *coax*.

Ex: It was time to **coax** the woman into treatment.

Synonyms: blandish, blarney, cajole, palaver, soft-soap, sweet-talk, wheedle

Antonyms: discourage, **dissuade**, impose, accede, browbeat, nag, pester, coerce

Hence option D is correct.

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