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English Questions for CLAT Exam

CLAT English Quiz 23

Directions: In this question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence:

1. Beams that support the roof

- A. Portico
- B. Porch
- C. Rafter
- D. Facade

2. A funeral or burial rite

- A. Cremation
- B. Obsequy
- C. Ashes
- D. Cortege

3. A procession of vehicles or ships

- A. Navy
- B. Formation
- C. Cavalcade
- D. Mob

4. The occurrence of events that happen at the same time by accident but seem to have some connection

- A. Happenstance
- B. Sameness
- C. Chance
- D. Luck

5. Of noble birth

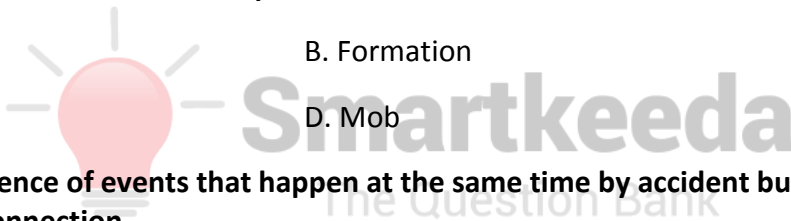
- A. Leader
- B. Prince
- C. Aristocratic
- D. Royal

6. A person recently married

- A. Paramour
- B. Neogamist
- C. Bachelor
- D. Widow

7. The science of sound

- A. Audiology
- B. Soundology
- C. Phonetics
- D. Phonics



8. To bring back into a new body or form

- A. Reincarnation
- B. Birth
- C. Salvation
- D. Transmigration

9. A harsh verbal reprimand

- A. Castigation
- B. Punishment
- C. Praise
- D. Procrastination

10. Having the characteristics or nature of both male and female

- A. Tomboy
- B. Heterosexual
- C. Homosexual
- D. Androgynous



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. Beams that support the roof are called **rafters**.

Sentence Usage: His voice got higher and slower, as if he expected it to be rising into the church **rafters**.

Hence, **option C** is correct.

2. Obsequy (plural obsequies) is a funeral rite or service.

Obsequies are funeral ceremonies or traditions. Examples of obsequies are prayers said at a Catholic funeral mass.

The word is used mainly in the plural – obsequies – which should not to be confused with obsequious which means excessively eager and attentive to please or to obey all instructions; fawning, subservient, servile.

Ex. Last week, obsequies for the deceased students were held at the cemetery.

Hence, **option B** is the right choice.

3. A cavalcade is a procession of people traveling on horseback. It is also used for processions involving vehicles, not just horses.

If you are traveling with a procession of people on horseback, you are part of a cavalcade.

The word cavalcade comes from the Latin word for horse, caballus. The word cavalry, which means soldiers on horseback, comes from the same Latin root. So strictly speaking, a cavalcade is group of people on horseback or in horse-drawn carriages, moving together in some kind of ceremony or parade. But cavalcades

can include vehicles or people walking, like the motorcycle cavalcades that sometimes accompany a funeral procession.

Hence, **option C** is the right choice.

4. A happenstance is a coincidental event. If you call your brother on the phone, that's intentional. If you bump into him in a restaurant, it's happenstance.

Happenstance is a combination of the words, happen and circumstance. Whereas circumstances are the conditions that surround an event, happenstance is the event itself. If you have no food at home so you go out to eat and sit next to a charming person who you end up marrying, your meeting was happenstance and your being hungry and having no food at home were the circumstances.

Ex: Five seasoned criminals meet in a police lineup — seemingly by happenstance — and decide to pull a job together.

Hence, **option 'A'** is the right choice.

5. Aristocratic is an adjective used for those belonging to or characteristic of the nobility or aristocracy.

The word aristocratic describes a person at the highest level of society — such as a prince or a duchess — or those people or things that are so distinguished that they seem to belong to that group.

Ex: Thus Diana Spencer, from a pre-eminent aristocratic family, was celebrated as the “first commoner” to marry an heir since 1659.

Hence, **option C** is the right choice.

6. A person recently married is called **Neogamist** or a newlywed.

Neo = new. Gamos = marriage.

Hence, **option B** is correct.

7. Phonics is the science of sound. It's also a way of teaching reading by focusing on how letters and groups of letters of the alphabet look and sound.

Phonics comes from the Greek word phone for "sound." Phone is a familiar word as the thing you talk to people on, but it also shows up in other sound-related words like phonology (the scientific study of sounds in languages) and phonograph (an old device for playing music).

Phonics is a way of teaching beginning readers to match letters and sounds. By associating letters with sounds, phonics helps people hear and say the words they're seeing on the page.

Hence, **option D** is the right choice.

8. Reincarnation is a second or new birth. It is also used for embodiment in a new form (especially the reappearance of a person in another form).

If you believe in reincarnation, you believe that after death a person's soul is reborn in another body. Certain religions hold this belief as a central tenet, including Hinduism and Buddhism.

The noun reincarnation comes from the Latin roots re, meaning again, and incarnare, meaning to make flesh. The word reincarnation does not have to be a literal rebirth. However, the term can be used to mean a more figurative reinvention or rebirth. Your dad may have spent twenty years of his life working as a stockbroker, but after he reinvented himself, you'd be proud of his reincarnation as a math teacher.

Hence, **option 'A'** is the right choice.

9. Castigation is verbal punishment. It is a severe scolding. If your coach yells at your team for sloppy play, her post-game speech might be called a castigation. A castigation is a harsh verbal reprimand. No one likes to be on the receiving end of castigation.

Hence, **option 'A'** is the right choice.

10. Androgynous is something having both male and female characteristics.

If you describe something as androgynous, you are saying that you can't classify it as strictly male or female. If you are looking for an androgynous name, for example, choose Pat.

Ex: It depicts an androgynous and youthful male face in profile, set beneath lush curls of hair cascading down to his shoulders.

Hence, **option D** is the right choice.



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