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# English Questions for CLAT Exam.

## CLAT English Quiz 33

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

### 1. Aphorism

- A. Short, wise saying      B. Piety      C. Heap      D. Calibration

### 2. Genial

- A. Over bearing      B. Blemished      C. Friendly      D. Hollow

### 3. Prevaricate

- A. Capitulate      B. Equivocate      C. Emulate      D. Corroborate

### 4. Enervate

- A. Enclose      B. Weaken      C. Liberate      D. Pledge

### 5. Redolent

- A. Placid      B. Bestial      C. Reminiscent      D. Hackneyed

### 6. Querulous

- A. Belligerent      B. Obstreperous      C. Nagging      D. Unclear

### 7. Fecund

- A. Enemy      B. Fertile      C. Poor      D. Fluent

### 8. Obsequious

- A. Opulent      B. Servile      C. Officious      D. Ostensible

### 9. Punctilious

- A. Belligerent      B. Formal      C. Punctual      D. Expensive

### 10. Stupor

- A. Enthusiasm      B. Idiot      C. Wise      D. Torpor

**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A	C	B	B	C	C	B	B	B	D

**Explanations:**

- 1.** We use the noun aphorism when we **have something compact and astute to say**, such as "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." An aphorism is a statement or saying that is both efficiently presented and either witty or wise.

Out of the given choices, 'short, wise saying' is synonymous to the word 'aphorism'.

Hence, **option A** is correct.

- 2.** If you're **friendly and outgoing**, you're genial. You can be a genial host or a genial guest.

Common synonyms to the word 'Genial' are affable, amiable, cordial and **friendly**.

Hence, **option C** is correct.

- 3.** **Prevaricate (Verb):** to make a statement one knows to be untrue.

**Ex.** During the hearings the witness was willing to prevaricate in order to protect his friend.

**Synonyms:** fabricate, fib, lie, **equivocate**, fudge, palter, etc.

**Antonyms:** assert, swear, testify, authenticate, confirm, substantiate, validate, verify, etc.

Clearly, among the choices given, the word 'Equivocate' is a synonym of the word 'Prevaricate'.

Hence, option B is correct answer.

- 4.** **Enervate (Verb):** make (someone) feel drained of energy or vitality.

**Ex.** The bullet wound did not enervate the suspect enough to slow him down during the chase.

**Synonyms:** exhaust, tire, fatigue, weary, wear out, devitalize, drain, sap, **weaken**, etc.

**Antonyms:** brace, energize, enliven, invigorate, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify, etc.

Clearly, among the choices given, the word 'Weaken' is a synonym of the word 'Enervate'.

Hence, option B is correct answer.

**5. Redolent (Adjective):** having a pleasant smell.

**Ex.** My grandmother's house always seemed to be redolent with the aroma of baking bread.

**Synonyms:** evocative, suggestive, **reminiscent**, remindful, etc.

**Antonyms:** fetid, foul, malodorous, noisome, putrid, rancid, rank, reeking, reeky, skunky, smelly, stenchful, stench, etc.

Clearly, among the choices given, the word 'Reminiscent' is a synonym of the word 'Redolent'.

Hence, option C is correct answer.

**6. Querulous:** complaining in a rather petulant or whining manner.

**Ex:** Our car trips were frequently spoiled by a couple of querulous passengers in the back.

**Synonyms:** crabby, cranky, grouchy, grumpy, fussy, **nagging**

**Antonyms:** forbearing, patient, stoic, tolerant, uncomplaining

Hence, option C is correct.

**7. Fecund** means producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; highly fertile.

**Ex:** The Franklin stove, bifocals, and the lightning rod are just a few of the inventions that we owe to the fecund creativity of Benjamin Franklin

**Synonyms:** **Fertile**, Fructuous, Fruitful, Lush, Productive, Prolific

**Antonyms:** Barren, Dead, Infertile, Sterile, Unfertile, Unfruitful, Unproductive

Hence, option B is correct.

**8.** An **obsequious** person is one who is obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

**Ex:** We were served by an obsequious waiter.

**Synonyms:** sycophantic, toadyish, fawning, bootlicking, **servile**

**Antonyms:** unservile, unsubmissive

Hence, option B is correct.

**9.** A **punctilious** person is marked by or concerned about precise accordance with the details of codes or conventions.

**Ex. :** All of them are old-money aristocrats with a punctilious sense of propriety.

**Synonyms:** correct, **formal**, ceremonious, decorous

**Antonyms:** improper, impolite, rude

Hence, option B is correct.

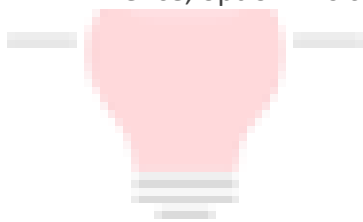
**10.** **Stupor** is a condition of greatly dulled or completely suspended sense or sensibility often resulting from stress or shock.

**Ex. :** Constance, who is schizophrenic, told the police that the pills left her in a *stupor*.

**Synonyms:** lassitude, **torpor**, lethargy, listlessness

**Antonyms:** eagerness, enthusiasm, spiritedness

Hence, option D is correct.



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