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WORD USAGE QUIZ 5

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence has been broken into four parts with one word highlighted in bold in each fragment. From the given options, identify the word which expresses a meaning opposite to the given sentence, with the highlighted word replaced by a word of the opposite meaning.

1. The **dearth** of water (A)/ has **resulted** into (B)/ **mediocre** production in (C)/ **some** regions of Rajasthan. (D)

- A. A - abundance B. B - developed C. C - average
D. D - a few E. All of the above

2. The government **revealed** that (A)/ it had **initiated** a move (B)/ to **amend** the (C)/ RTI Act two years **ago**. (D)

- A. A - disclosed B. B - consummated C. C - modify
D. D – before E. All of the above

3. The RBI will do **everything** (A)/ to **ensure** that (B)/ rupee does not **depreciate** (C)/ to the **unreasonable** levels. (D)

- A. A - nothing B. B - gainsay C. C - leap
D. D – legitimate E. All of the above

4. Shah **lambasted** Congress (A)/ **stating** that Congress is (B)/ **resisting** the move to (C)/ **safeguard** its vote - bank. (D)

- A. A - condemned B. B - uttering C. C - heeding
D. D – secure E. All of the above

5. The upper castes' **protest** (A)/ over the **recent** amendment (B)/ in SC/ST Act has **drawn** (C)/ lines of **worry** on BJP's forehead. (D)

- A. A - acquiesce B. B - latest C. C - exerted
D. D – anxiety E. All of the above

6. **Militants** on Friday morning (A)/ **abducted** three policemen (B)/ from their homes and **later** (C)/ **shot** them dead. (D)

- A. A – Conformists B. B – kidnapped C. C - then
D. D – hit E. None of the above

7. The **rising** inflation has (A)/ **affected** the people (B)/ belonging to the **unprivileged** (C)/ and **weaker** sections.(D)

- A. A – increasing B. B – benefitted C. C - unfavoured
D. D – sick E. None of the above

8. The sudden **change** in (A)/ weather **resulted** into (B)/ increasing **instances** of (C)/ non - communicable **diseases** among the children. (D)

- A. A – switch B. B – Caused C. C - cases
D. D – Ailments E. None of the above

9. This **work** of charity (A)/ has given me so much of **pleasure** (B)/ and made me **fabled** (C)/ **around** the world.(D)

- A. A – act B. B – content C. C - obscure
D. D – contest E. None of the above

10. My heart **filled** with (A)/ **anger** on hearing that (B)/ girls have no **right** (C)/ to **fight** for their rights. (D)

- A. A – charged B. B – serene C. C - prerogative

D. D – contest

E. None of the above



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Correct answers:

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

Explanations:

1. In all other options except option A, the word given in the options are synonyms of those bold ones, only '*abundance*' which means 'a very large quantity of something' is the one that is opposite of '*dearth*', which means 'scarcity of something'.

New Sentence - The **abundance** of water has **resulted** into **mediocre** production in **some** regions of Rajasthan.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

2. In all other options except option B, the word given in the options are synonyms of those bold ones, only '*consummated*' (to complete something) is the one that is opposite of '*initiated*', which means "to start something".

New Sentence - The government **revealed** that it had **consummated** a move to **amend** the RTI Act two years **ago**.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

3. All the given options represent the antonyms of those bold ones

Option A:

Everything - All the things.

Nothing- Not a single thing.

Option B:

Ensure - to confirm

Gainsay - To deny

Option C:

Depreciate - reduce

Leap - to rise or jump

Option D:

Unreasonable -Beyond acceptable limits.

Legitimate - Justifiable.

New Sentence - The RBI will do **nothing** to **gainsay** that the rupee does not **leap** to the **legitimate** levels.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

4. All the given options except option C represents the synonyms of those bold ones. Only 'heeding'(to pay attention towards something or confirm) is the opposite of "resisting" which means to oppose something.

New Sentence - Shah **lamabasted** Congress **stating** that Congress is **heeding** the move to **safeguard** its vote-bank.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

5. All the given options except option A represents the synonyms of those bold ones. Only 'acquiesce'(in favour or support of something) is the opposite of "protest" which means to oppose something.

New Sentence - The upper castes' **acquiesce** over the **recent** amendment in SC/ST Act has **drawn** lines of **worry** on BJP's forehead.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

6. All the options except option A denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Conformists (of same thought process) is the opposite of "militants" which means extremists or people of different thought process.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

7. All the options except option B denote the synonyms or similar words of the bold ones.

For Option B, *affected* means that the people from the unprivileged section of the society is suffering due to the rising inflation and therefore, the opposite meaning would be that the rising inflation is actually benefitting such people.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

8. All the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

9. Only option C 'obscure' (not known) is opposite of fabled (famous).

Thus changes the meaning of the sentence.

Rest of the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones except Option D which is not a relevant word to the corresponding word in bold.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

10. Only option B 'serene' (calm) is opposite of anger (agitation).

But anger is used as noun in the sentence, whereas serene is an adjective, the correct noun would be "serenity". Thus this would not change the meaning in correct sense.

Rest of the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Hence option E is the correct answer.



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