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Word Usage Questions for SBI Clerk Mains, IBPS Clerk Mains, SBI PO Pre and IBPS PO Pre Exams.

Word Usage Quiz 8

Direction: In each of the questions below, there is a word given in bold which is followed by five options. In each of the options, a pair of words is given which is either the pair of synonyms or antonyms or synonym & antonym of the word given in bold. Choose that pair as your answer.

1. Boisterous

- A. Rowdy: adversity
E. None of the above
- B. Calumny: Aspersion
- C. Captivating: Desist
- D. Clamorous: Placid

2. Contrary

- A. Earthly: Fleshly
E. None of the above
- B. Blunt: Evasive
- C. Dissimilar: Conflicting
- D. Generic: Liberal

3. Decipher

- A. Introvert: Intentional
E. None of the above
- B. Interpret: Distort
- C. Mocking: Taunting
- D. Rash: Sudden

4. Efface

- A. Destroy: Obliterate
E. Construct: Demur
- B. Undertake: Aspire
- C. Conspire: Utilize
- D. Secure: Plant

5. Forsake

- A. Desert: Renounce
E. None of the above
- B. Converge: Huddle
- C. Hatred: Grudge
- D. Retard: Prevent

6. Acumen

- A. Abrogate: Annual
E. None of the above
- B. Moderate: Aggravate
- C. Awareness: Brilliance
- D. Vain: Productive

7. Audacity

- A. Boldness: Cowardice
E. None of the above
- B. Determination: Yield
- C. Crisp: Brittle
- D. Astound: Faze

8. Baroque



A. Desolate: Sterile
E. None of the above

B. Florid: Gilt

C. Insane: Batty

D. Erotic: Coarse

9. Chastise

A. Permit: agree
E. None of the above

B. Affect: yield

C. Punish: admonish

D. Prominent: conspicuous

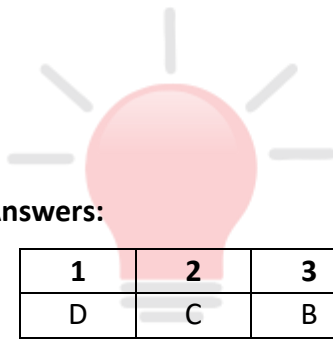
10. Deceit

A. Contamination: Ratification
E. None of the above

B. Intention: Utility

C. Deception: Artifice

D. Naïve: Progress



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Correct Answers:

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

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Explanations:

1. Boisterous (Adj.): *Noisy and mischievous*

Synonyms: Clamorous, rowdy, raucous, rambunctious

Antonyms: Calm, placid, moderate, quiet, solemn

Hence we can see that clamorous and placid will give us the pair that provides us the combination of the synonym and the antonym of the given word. *Adversity* means *some problem* whereas *aspersion* refers to *verbal exhibition of bad temper*, *captivating* implies *enthraling or entertaining*. *Desist* means *refrain from doing something*.

This makes Option D the correct choice among the given options.

2. Contrary (Adj.): *Antagonistic or opposite*

Synonyms: Adverse, antithetical, conflicting, dissimilar

Antonyms: Similar, consistent, agreeable, friendly

Therefore we can see that *dissimilar* and *conflicting* both are similar in meaning to the word given in bold and that is why the pair with these two words will be our pick. Coming to the other given words, *blunt* means *dull or insensitive* whereas *evasive* implies *deceitful or tricky*. *Earthly and fleshly* both are similar in meaning and that mean *carnal*. *Generic* and *liberal* both mean *catholic*.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

3. Decipher (Verb): *Figure out or understand something*

Synonyms: Interpret, decode, deduce, solve, translate

Antonyms: Misinterpret, distort, confuse, conceal

Therefore we can see that both *interpret* and *distort* are related to the word given in bold since the first one is similar in meaning whereas the second one is the opposite in meaning. Therefore we get our required pair of words with the synonym and the antonym. *Introvert* means *reserved* whereas *intentional* implies *deliberate* and *mocking and taunting* are synonyms to each other implying *deriding or making fun of somebody or something*. *Rash and sudden* can also be used as antonyms of the word *deliberate*.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

4. Efface (Verb): *Erase something or make one insignificant or inconspicuous*

Synonyms: Destroy, obliterate, eliminate, exterminate, terminate

Antonyms: Retain, maintain, build, construct, produce, create

We can see that the pair of words that will come in handy in this case will be *destroy* and *obliterate* as both these words are similar in meaning to the given word in bold. *Undertake* and *aspire* both imply *endeavour to do something* whereas *demur* means *disagree or hesitate*.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

5. Forsake (Verb): *abandon or leave something or somebody*

Synonyms: Desert, abandon, leave, renounce

Antonyms: Hold, maintain, Keep

Therefore both *desert* and *renounce* can be used as the synonyms of the given word and this is our required pair here. Coming to the other words, *converge* and *huddle* both imply *gather around something*. *Hatred* and *grudge* both are similar in meaning since they both imply *aversion against something or somebody*. *Retard* implies *delay or hold back something* and *prevent* also implies *to stop something*.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

6. Acumen (Noun): The ability to make good judgments and take quick decisions

Synonyms: Awareness, Shrewdness, acuity, sharpness

Antonyms: Stupidity, ignorance

Among the other words, *abrogate* refers to *abolish something* whereas *aggravate* means to *increase something especially some pain*. *Vain* refers to *being unproductive*.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

7. Audacity (Noun): A willingness to take bold risks / being disrespectful or rude to others

Synonyms: Boldness, daring, bravery, presumption, insolence

Antonyms: Cowardice, mildness, submissiveness,

Among the other words, *brittle* means *easily breakable* whereas *astound* means *baffled* whereas the word *faze* is also similar in meaning.

This makes Option A the correct choice among the given options.

8. Baroque (Adj.): Highly ornate and extravagant in style

Synonyms: Florid, gilt, ostentatious, fancy

Antonyms: Unadorned, simple, plain

Among the other given words, *desolate* means *barren or sterile* whereas *batty* means *insane*. *Erotic* and *coarse* are similar in meaning implying *immoral in nature*.

This makes Option B the correct choice among the given options.

9. Chastise (Verb): *Rebuke or reprimand severely*

Synonyms: Punish, admonish, berate, scold, chide, reprove

Antonyms: Appreciate, praise, approve

Among the other words, *conspicuous* and *prominent* are similar in meaning.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.

10. Deceit (Noun): *The action or practice of deceiving someone by concealing or misrepresenting the truth*

Synonyms: Deception, artifice, duplicity, fraud

Antonyms: Veracity, sincerity, genuineness

Among the other given options, *naïve* means *showing lack of experience or judgment*. *Contamination* refers to *polluting something* whereas *ratification* refers to *conforming something officially*.

This makes Option C the correct choice among the given options.



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