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Word Usage Quiz 9

Directions : In each of the following questions a sentence is given with a word given in BOLD. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

1. The nun was wrapped tightly in a white **mantle** that cloaked her from the cold winter breeze.

I. After your father's demise, you have to assume his **mantle** of carrying forward the sacred tradition.

II. The hawk was feeding on its prey while **mantling** over it with its wide wings.

III. The geologists inspected the **mantle** of the Earth in the polar region and made a new discovery that changed our perception of earth's construction completely.

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III E. All I, II and III

2. The brave woman used her presence of mind and **foiled** the armed robbery.

I. Your tin **foil** hat won't save you if the government really wants to spy on you.

II. The treacherous plan of the brainwashed pilot was **foiled** when an anonymous person alerted the police about his intentions.

III. Many a time, aluminum **foil** is used as covering for many sweetmeats, and the customers should be aware not to eat it by mistake.

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and II E. Only I and III

3. The despotic king had to finally relinquish his right to the throne when his **subjects** came to the streets and denied to accept him as their king.

I. The professor gave a lecture on the **subject** for about an hour, but none of his students seemed to have understood an iota of what he spoke.

II. Your final joining in our organization is **subject** to your successful medical test and police verification.

III. The young recruit was **subjected** to rigorous training of about eight hours daily for about three months straight.

A. Only I B. Only II and III C. Only III and I D. All I, II and III E. Only III

4. You can't make a silk purse out of a **sow's** ear.

I. My uncle told me to **sow** the seeds in a single row as it would be easier to handles the plants later.

II. My nephew was amazed to see the plump **sow** in the pig farm; he had never seen one before.

III. The tailor had **sewn** the shirt deftly and it bore the mark of a true artiste.

A. Only I and III B. Only II C. Only I and II D. Only II and III E. All I, II and III

5. The **wound** sustained by the soldier can cause serious problems and he needs to see a doctor immediately.

I. The athlete gets **wound** up before every match.

II. A lot of blood has been lost due to the deep **wound**; the patient needs immediate blood transfusion.

III. The hooligan finally **wound** up in a maximum security prison when his lawyer could not argue his case properly.

A. Only I and II B. Only II and III C. Only I and III D. All I, II and III E. Only II

6. This diamond was mined from a **quarry** in the desert about two kilometres from here.

I. Using video cameras can be tricky for researchers trying to blend in with their **quarry**.

II. Do you know that a **quarry** is being dug up by the Ministry of Mines in the middle of the forest?

III. A rat is a easy **quarry** for an eagle.

A. Only I and II B. Only II and III C. Only III D. Only I and III E. All I, II and III

7. The cat was seen chewing on a **stalk** of grass.

I. The ruffian used to **stalk** the girl when she went out alone at night.

II. The farmed is trying to create a bonsai by manipulating the **stalk** of the young banyan tree.

III. The **stalk** of the tree was stiff and straight and it did not sway even in the strong wind.

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III E. All I, II and III



8. Analysing many mental patients and artists the doctor came to the conclusion that insanity and creativity can **spring** from the same source.

I. It has become difficult to word properly in such a cold weather, but it's also true that **spring** is not far behind.

II. The **spring** of the machine has become less and less effective with the passage of time.

III. When we went to Bakreshwar last winter, we bathed in a hot **spring**.

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and III E. All I, II and III

9. The timid young man asked the waitress out on a **date** last Friday.

I. If you like him, you can ask him out on a **date**.

II. The child told me that they had a **date** tree in their garden.

III. You should never forget the **date** of your marriage.

A. Only I and II B. Only II and III C. Only III D. Only I and III E. All I, II and III

10. The facial **expression** of the learned sage glimmered with the light of wisdom; it was beyond the comprehension of the common folk.

I. The students are directed to frame a sentence using the idiomatic **expression** given below.

II. Oil is extracted from the seed of this wild plant through the process of distillation or **expression**.

III. The sad **expression** on her face revealed that something was amiss.

A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and II E. All I, II and III

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. “Mantle” in the given sentence means ‘a loose sleeveless cloak or shawl, worn especially by women’.

‘Mantle’ in sentence I means ‘responsibility / onus’.

‘Mantle’ in sentence II means ‘(of a bird of prey on the ground or on a perch) spread the wings and tail so as to cover captured prey’.

‘Mantle’ in sentence III means ‘the region of the earth's interior between the crust and the core, believed to consist of hot, dense silicate rocks’.

Obviously, all the sentences give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

2. “Foil” in the given sentence means ‘prevent (something considered wrong or undesirable) from succeeding’.

‘Foil’ in sentence I means ‘metal hammered or rolled into a thin flexible sheet, used chiefly for covering or wrapping food’.

‘Foil’ in sentence II means prevent (something considered wrong or undesirable) from succeeding’.

‘Foil’ in sentence III means ‘metal hammered or rolled into a thin flexible sheet, used chiefly for covering or wrapping food’.

Obviously, sentence I and sentence III give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

3. “Subject” in the given sentence means ‘citizen’.

‘Subject’ in sentence I means ‘a branch of knowledge studied or taught in a school, college, or university’.

‘Subject’ in sentence II means ‘dependent or conditional upon.’

‘Subject’ in sentence III means ‘cause or force someone or something to undergo (a particular experience or form of treatment, typically an unwelcome or unpleasant one)’.

Obviously, all the sentences give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4. “Sow” in the given sentence means ‘an adult female pig, especially one which has farrowed’.

'Sow' in sentence I means 'plant (seed) by scattering it on or in the earth'.

'Sow' in sentence II means an adult female pig, especially one which has farrowed'.

'Sewn' in sentence III is the past participle form of 'sew' which means 'to stitch'

Obviously, sentence I and sentence III give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5. "Wound" in the given sentence means 'injury'.

'Wound up' in sentence I means 'worried / nervous'.

'Wound' in sentence II means 'injury'.

'Wound up', in sentence III, is the past form of 'wind up' which means 'arrive or end up in a specified state, situation, or place'.

Obviously, sentence I and sentence III give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

6. "Quarry" in the given sentence means "a place, typically a large, deep pit, from which stone or other materials are or have been extracted".

"Quarry" in sentence I means "a thing or person that is chased or sought".

"Quarry" in sentence II means "a place, typically a large, deep pit, from which stone or other materials are or have been extracted".

"Quarry" in sentence III means "an animal pursued by a hunter, hound, predatory mammal, or bird of prey".

Obviously, sentence I and sentence III give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

7. "Stalk" in the given sentence means "the main stem of a herbaceous plant".

“Stalk” in sentence I means “harass or persecute (someone) with unwanted and obsessive attention”.

“Stalk in sentence II means “the main stem of a herbaceous plant”.

“Stalk” in sentence III means “the main stem of a herbaceous plant”.

Obviously, sentence I gives a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

8. “Spring” in the given sentence means “originate or arise from”.

“Spring” in sentence I means “name of a season”.

“Spring” in sentence II means “an elastic device, typically a helical metal coil”.

“Spring” in sentence III means “a place where water or oil wells up from an underground source, or the basin or flow formed in such a way”.

Obviously, all the sentences give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

9. “Date” in the given sentence means “a social or romantic appointment or engagement”.

“Date”, in sentence I, means “a social or romantic appointment or engagement”.

“Date” in sentence II means “a kind of tree”.

“Date” in sentence III means “the day of the month or year as specified by a number”.

Obviously, sentence II and sentence III give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

10. “Expression” in the given sentence means “a look on someone's face that conveys a particular emotion”.

“Expression” in sentence I means “a word or phrase, especially an idiomatic one, used to convey an idea”.

“Expression in sentence II means “the production of something by pressing it out”.

“Expression” in sentence III means “a look on someone's face that conveys a particular emotion”.

Obviously, sentence I and sentence II give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.



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