

Directions (1-15): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q1. DIGRESS

- (a) Deviate
- (b) Come back
- (c) Remove
- (d) Slow down

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Digress: to deviate or wander away from the main topic or purpose in speaking or writing.

Deviate: depart from usual or accepted standards.

Hence the correct synonym is Deviate.

Q2. CONTEND

- (a) Withstand
- (b) Surprise
- (c) Forget
- (d) Warn

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Contend: struggle to surmount (a difficulty).

Withstand: remain undamaged or unaffected by; resist.

Hence the correct synonym is Withstand.

Q3. SALUBRIOUS

- (a) Convenient
- (b) Warm
- (c) Healthy
- (d) Chilly

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Salubrious: favorable to or promoting health; healthful.

Hence the correct synonym is Healthy.

Q4. PREPOSTEROUS

- (a) Farcical
- (b) Outstanding
- (c) Accepted
- (d) Exuberant

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Preposterous: contrary to reason or common sense; utterly absurd or ridiculous.

Farcical: relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects.

Hence the correct synonym is Farcical.



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Q5. PERSUASIVE

- (a) Prolific
- (b) Introductory
- (c) Influential
- (d) Contriving

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Persuasive: being good at persuading or influencing someone to do or believe something through reasoning or the use of temptation. Thus, Influential is the correct synonym.

Q6. FURTIVELY

- (a) Curiously
- (b) Stealthily
- (c) Delicately
- (d) Haphazardly

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Furtively: in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.
Stealthily: in a cautious and surreptitious manner, so as not to be seen or heard.
Thus the correct synonym is Stealthily.

Q7. DAINY

- (a) Carefree
- (b) Fraud
- (c) Prosperous
- (d) Delicate

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Dainty: delicately small and pretty.
Hence the correct synonym is Stealthily.

Q8. INNOCUOUS

- (a) Abominable
- (b) Harmless
- (c) Harmful
- (d) Useful

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Innocuous: not harmful or injurious.
Hence the correct synonym is Harmless.

Q9. STASH

- (a) Dearth
- (b) Deficit
- (c) Lack
- (d) Cache

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Stash: store (something) safely in a hidden or secret place.
Cache: a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.
Hence the correct synonym is Cache.

Q10. INURED

- (a) Indifferent
- (b) Habituate
- (c) Sensitive
- (d) Accomplished

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Inure: accustom (someone) to something, especially something unpleasant.
Hence the correct synonym is Habituate.

Q11. CRASS

- (a) Dashing
- (b) Puzzling
- (c) Vacuous
- (d) Colorful

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Crass: showing no intelligence or sensitivity.
Vacuous: having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence; mindless.
Hence the correct synonym is Vacuous.

Q12. GAFFE

- (a) Virtue
- (b) Sweet
- (c) Advice
- (d) Blunder

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Gaffe: an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator.
Virtue: behavior showing high moral standards.
Blunder: a stupid or careless mistake.
Hence the correct synonym is Blunder.

Q13. TENET

- (a) Torsion
- (b) Dogma
- (c) Dry
- (d) Crisp

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tenet: a principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy.
Torsion: the action of twisting or the state of being twisted.
Dogma: a principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true.
Hence the correct synonym is Dogma.


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Q14. NEMESIS

- (a) Windfall
- (b) Benefit
- (c) Fervid
- (d) Adversary

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Nemesis: a long-standing rival; an inescapable agent.

Adversary: one's opponent in a contest, conflict or dispute.

Hence the correct synonym is Adversary.

Q15. SNEER

- (a) Spurn
- (b) Stiff
- (c) Laud
- (d) Topple

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Sneer: to smile or laugh with facial contortions that express scorn or contempt.

Spurn: Reject with disdain or contempt.

Hence the correct synonym is Spurn.

Directions (16-25): Each of the following sentences has a black space and four words are given below it. Select the word you consider most appropriate for the blank space.

Q16. Robbers often act in _____ with the police.

- (a) connection
- (b) co-ordination
- (c) conformity
- (d) collusion

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Collusion: the act of doing something secret or illegal with another person, company, etc. in order to deceive people.

Hence option D is the apt choice.

Q17. The latest _____ of how children are faring in schools in rural areas indicates there has been no dramatic improvement in learning outcomes.

- (a) notion
- (b) assessment
- (c) law
- (d) conjecture

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Notion: a conception of or belief about something.

Assessment: the process of considering all the information about a situation or a person and making a judgment.

Conjecture: an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information.

Hence option B is the apt choice.

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Q18. The _____ of the collegium system has once again been called into question.

- (a) credibility
- (b) mortality
- (c) empathy
- (d) mendacity

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Credibility: the quality of being trusted and believed in; reliability.

Mendacity: untruthfulness.

Hence option A is the apt choice.

Q19. The river overflowed its _____ and flooded the area.

- (a) limits
- (b) edge
- (c) bank
- (d) fronts

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bank: the land alongside or sloping down to a river or lake.

Hence option C is the apt choice.

Q20. The strike in the paper mill has resulted in the _____ loss.

- (a) comprehensive
- (b) colossal
- (c) commendable
- (d) outsize

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Colossal: (esp. of something bad) very great.

Hence option B is the apt choice.

Q21. The speaker pictured a _____ picture of hunger in parts of India.

- (a) chimerical
- (b) parsimonious
- (c) somnolent
- (d) poignant

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Poignant: evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.

Hence option D is the apt choice.

Q22. The deeper _____ is a profound disagreement among Americans on what their nation's very soul stands for.

- (a) anticipation
- (b) felicity
- (c) malaise
- (d) lutz

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Malaise: an uncomfortable feeling that something is wrong, especially with society, and that you cannot change the situation.

Hence option C is the apt choice.

Q23. As a rule, I tend to avoid _____ topics of conversation which might lead to arguments.

- (a) contentious
- (b) compliant
- (c) tractable
- (d) obliging

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Contentious: causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.

Hence option A is the apt choice.

Q24. There is a need for a coordinated approach to _____ southern Asia of malaria.

- (a) bear
- (b) rid
- (c) sow
- (d) hold

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rid: be freed or relieved of.

Hence option B is the apt choice.

Q25. The unruly behavior of the parliamentarians _____ the speaker.

- (a) incensed
- (b) estranged
- (c) mitigated
- (d) disparaged

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Incensed: very angry; enraged.

Estranged: (of a person) no longer close or affectionate to someone; alienated.

Disparaged: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Hence option A is the apt choice.


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