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English Language - Antonyms

English

Q:1 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The majorities behind the government began to dwindle and agitation started to grow.

1. Confine
2. Expand
3. Counter
4. Callous

Q:2 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The result was celebrated by joyous festivities in all the East.

1. Decline
2. Merriment
3. Melancholic
4. Clamour

Q:3 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The house was quiet, the way he preferred it.

1. Tumult
2. Serene
3. Insane
4. Spoil

Q:4 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

His robust strength made him survive the disaster.

1. Joyous
2. Delicate
3. Demise
4. Retire

Q:5 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

I didn't know there was such a thing as a harmless snake.

1. Gloomy
2. Desolate
3. Alter
4. Baneful

Q:6 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

Local councillors have reacted with dismay and indignation.

1. Deviate
2. Descend
3. Exult
4. Retard

Q:7 Each question consists of an underlined word which is then followed by four options. Select the word which is nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

They have fragile bones, develop tooth decay more easily and deteriorate rapidly when ill.

1. Pillage
2. Uproar
3. Improve
4. Apathetic

Q:8 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

His object was to restore his dominions to the conditions preceding the French occupation.

1. Uproar
2. Liberate
3. Shatter
4. Lethargic



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Q:9 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

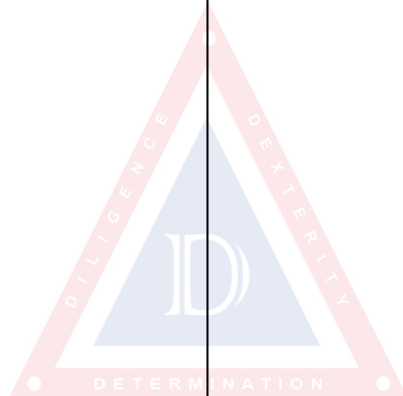
Poverty is not a sufficient cause for disgrace, but poverty without resolution to help oneself is a disgrace.

1. Tumult
2. Deficient
3. Putrefy
4. Combined

Q:10 Each question consists of an underlined word in the given sentence. Each sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

She needed to confess her sins and ask for forgiveness.

1. Deny
2. Joy
3. Cheer
4. Scarce



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Answer Key

1. (2)	2. (3)	3. (1)	4. (2)	5. (4)
6. (3)	7. (3)	8. (3)	9. (2)	10. (1)

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. Expand.**

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **DWINDLE** means 'to become smaller or weaker'.
- For example:- They dwindle in size; they do not, however, die.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- **Expand**- to become or to make something bigger.
- **Confine**- to keep a person or animal in a particular, usually small, place.
- **Counter**- a long, flat surface in a shop, bank, etc., where customers are served.
- **Callous**- not caring about the feelings or suffering of other people.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Melancholic.**

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **JOYOUS** means 'very happy or full of joy'.
- For example:- The result was celebrated by joyous festivities in all the East.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- **Melancholic**- feeling or expressing pensive sadness.
- **Decline**- to become weaker, smaller or less good.
- **Merriment**- laughter and enjoyment.
- **Clamour**- to demand something in a loud or angry way.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 1 i.e. Tumult.**

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **QUIET** means 'with very little or no noise'.
- For example:- He had been unusually quiet and solemn lately.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- **Tumult**- a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people.
- **Serene**- calm and peaceful.
- **Insane**- crazy or mentally ill.
- **Spoil**- to change something good into something bad, unpleasant, useless, etc.; to ruin something.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. Delicate.**

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- ROBUST means 'strong and healthy'.
- For example:- No handshake for Julie; she gave each of us a robust hug.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Delicate- easy to damage or break.
- Joyous- very happy or full of joy.
- Demise- the end or failure of something.
- Retire- to leave your job and stop working, usually because you have reached a certain age.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. Baneful.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- HARMLESS means 'not able or not likely to cause damage or injury; safe'.
- For example:- I didn't know there was such a thing as a harmless snake.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Baneful- harmful or destructive.
- Gloomy- dark in a way that makes you feel sad.
- Alter- to make something different in some way, but without changing it completely; to become different
- Desolate- (used about a place) empty in a way that seems very sad.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Exult.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- DISMAY means 'a strong feeling of disappointment and sadness'.
- For example:- Local councillors have reacted with dismay and indignation.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Exult- feel or show triumphant elation or jubilation.
- Deviate- to change or become different from what is normal or expected.
- Retard- to delay something or make its development or progress slower.
- Descend- to go down to a lower place; to go down something.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Improve.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- DETERIORATE means 'to become worse'.
- For example:- They have fragile bones, develop tooth decay more easily and deteriorate rapidly when ill.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Improve- to become or to make something better.

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- Pillage- to steal things from a place or people by using force and violence, especially during war.
- Uproar- a lot of noise, confusion, anger, etc.; an angry discussion about something.
- Apathetic- lacking interest or desire to act.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Shatter.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- RESTORE means 'to put somebody/something back into his/her/its former condition or position'.
- For example:- The government needs to restore confidence in the economy.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Shatter- (used about glass, etc.) to break or make something break into very small pieces
- Uproar- a lot of noise, confusion, anger, etc.; an angry discussion about something.
- Liberate- to allow somebody/something to be free.
- Lethargic- having little energy; feeling unwilling and unable to do anything.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. Deficient.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- SUFFICIENT means 'as much as is necessary; enough'.
- For example:- Poverty is not a sufficient cause of disgrace, but poverty without resolution to help oneself is a disgrace.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Deficient- not having enough of something.
- Tumult- a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people.
- Putrefy- (of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.
- Combined- done by a number of people joining together, resulting from the joining of two or more things.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 1 i.e. Deny.**

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- CONFESS means 'to admit that you have done something bad or wrong'.
- For example:- He confessed after being questioned for many hours.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

- Deny- to state that something is not true; to refuse to admit or accept something.
- Joy- a feeling of great happiness.
- Scarce- not existing in large quantities; hard to find.
- Cheer- to shout to show that you like something or to encourage somebody who is taking part in competition, sport, etc.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.