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English Language – Word Usage

English

Q:1 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) 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.

(A) There are a number of small lakes in the state, some of which are, apparently, merely reservoirs for the annual floods of the rainy **season**.

(i). The climate is hot, and the year is divided into a wet and dry **season**, extreme humidity being characteristic of the former.

(ii) You might **season** a chicken before roasting it in the oven. It will add more taste to your dish.

(iii) As every **season** seems best to us in its turn, so the coming in of spring is like the creation of Cosmos out of Chaos and the realization of the Golden Age.

1. Only ii
2. Only iii
3. Both i & ii
4. Both ii & iii

Q:2 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) 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.

(A). A stream of rain was splattering on the patio and then a **bolt** of lightning lit up the bedroom.

(i). A coarse screw-thread is formed in the upper part of the inner cup, and this screws onto the end of the iron **bolt** by which it is supported.

(ii). French doors should have a five-lever mortice deadlock and also extra **bolt** locks at the top and the bottom of the door.

(iii). For a minute there I thought you were going to **bolt** and run.

1. Only i
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both ii & iii

Q:3 A word has been given in the following question. In response to the highlighted word, sentences have been provided in the options below. Find the appropriate statement representing the given word.

Justify

1. A body of commission appointed to **justify** enquiry on a particular matter.
2. He will **justify** you to the Minister of War.
3. Suddenly all those annoying rules to **justify** has began to make sense.
4. She **justifies** a striking likeness to her mother.

Q:4 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) 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.

(A). Aarushi stepped into the clammy, wet world of fog and darkness, pausing to focus on the portal that would **lead** to her sister's house.

(i). The principle at work in this technology could **lead** to a cure for other autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis.

(ii). I hope that along the way you thought of a few I missed, a few trends or developments that **lead** toward peace.

(iii). All native carbonate of **lead** seems to be derived from what was originally galena, which is always present in it as an admixture.

1. Only ii
2. Only iii
3. Both i & iii
4. All i, ii & iii

Q:5 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) 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.

(A). The next **minute** there was a roar and a sharp

crash, and at her side, Dorothy saw the ground open in a wide crack and then come together again.

- (i). Joe could tell **minute** shades of difference in the size of the thread and made beautiful lace.  
 (ii). Cade answered the door and ushered his sister into the family room where Mary was doing some last-**minute** dusting.  
 (iii). The Secretary shall **minute** the proceedings of each meeting.

1. Only i
2. Both i & ii
3. Both i & iii
4. All i, ii & iii

Q:6 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) 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.

(A). Rusty hinges were still visible in the wood but no door barred the **entrance** nor could anything be seen beyond but utter blackness.

- (i). A disturbance at the **entrance** caught their attention and Carmen turned to see Alex striding purposefully across the floor toward them.  
 (ii). Heavy brush had totally obscured the **entrance** until someone had quite recently cut and pulled away the branches, exposing the opening.  
 (iii). Though it was an official trip and I had not got any chance to roam around but I was **entranced** by the city's beauty.

1. Only i
2. Both ii & iii
3. Both i & ii
4. Only iii

Q:7 Direction: In the following question, a word has been given and there are five ways in which the word has been used, in similar or different forms. You need to see which of the sentence(s) has/have correctly used the given word and mark your answers accordingly.

Levy

- A. Above high water; the streets are broad, well

paved and pleasantly shaded; and a broad levy overlooks the river.

- B. Whenever a river floods, it has a tendency to raise a levy beside its banks.  
 C. He recently took his bulldozer to the levy of river and now there is a creek between us.  
 D. If the government wishes to raise tax revenue in order to subsidize the poor, it should levy a tax on films.  
 E. I have never known her to be willing to levy a lesson when she felt that there was anything in it which she did not understand.

1. Only A
2. Only E
3. Only D
4. Only A and C

Q:8 Direction: In the following question, a word has been given and there are three ways in which the word has been used, in similar or different forms. You need to see which of the sentence(s) has/have correctly used the given word and mark your answers accordingly.

Tale

- A. Jim was trotting along the well-known road, shaking his ears and whisking his tale with a contented motion.  
 B. It is a tale of ambition and then of guilt.  
 C. Brutus whined and his tale lifted once in recognition of her voice.

1. Only A
2. Only C
3. Only B
4. Only A and B

Q:9 A word has been given in the following question. In response to the highlighted word, sentences have been provided in the options below. Find the appropriate statement representing the given word.

Inspire

1. His surprising performance **inspired** an outpouring of fan adoration that has been dubbed 'Linsanity.'  
 2. A formal grammar that is used to **inspire** another formal grammar.  
 3. A recursive rule has the potential to **inspire** an infinite output.



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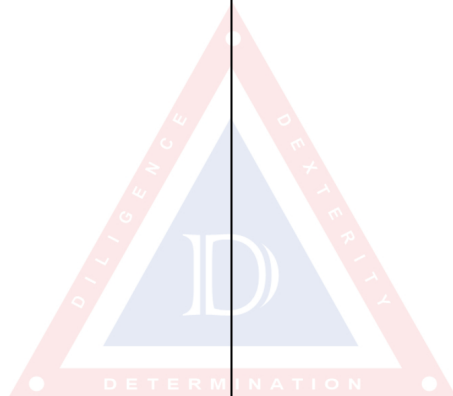
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4. And, of course, just as human beings are not all alike, stars in a cluster **inspire** variety.

Q:10 A word has been given in the following question. In response to the highlighted word, sentences have been provided in the options below. Find the appropriate statement representing the given word.

**Acquire**

1. A disease which is found in silkworms due to the **acquire** of parasites.
2. A diligent person can easily **acquire** knowledge about many things by himself and obtain the assistance of a teacher when one is needed.
3. A disorder that **acquire** the will.
4. Explain and **acquire** a new budget.





## Answer Key

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

## Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **option 1 i.e. only ii.**

The word 'Season' has two different meanings.

First, as a noun, it is used to refer to a period of the year with a particular climate/weather (spring, summer, fall, winter).

Second, as a verb, it means to apply spices or flavorings to food. These spices or flavorings are called seasonings.

Now, in the sentence (A) the word 'season' is used for the climate seasons i.e. 'rainy period of the year'. Moving towards the sentences (i) – "dry season" & (iii) – "spring season", it is used in the same manner with the same meaning. But, in the sentence (ii), the word 'season' is used as a verb and refers to adding spices or flavors to the chicken dish.

**Hence, in sentences (i) & (iii) the word 'season' is used in the same way it is used in the given sentence (A), but, in the sentence (ii) it is used in a different meaning.**

**Q:2** The correct answer is **option 5 i.e. all i, ii, & iii.**

The word 'Bolt' has three different meanings.

First, it is used to refer a bar that slides into a socket to fasten a door or window.

Second, The word 'bolt' is also used for a single ray of lightning (a lightning bolt).

And third, it is also meant to move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape.

In sentence A, the word 'bolt' is used for a single ray of lightning.

Moving towards (i) & (ii) the word 'bolt' is used to refer a bar that slides into a socket to fasten a door or window.

And in sentence (iii) it is used in the sense of 'move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape'.

**Therefore, all of the given sentences used the word 'bolt' in different meanings to sentence A.**

**Q:3** The correct answer is **option 5, i.e. British**

**writers and statesmen also used their criticism of Indian culture and society to justify British political and economic domination over India.**

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab.

The term 'Justify' means to show or prove to be right or reasonable.

Among the given statements, option 5 seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word. Hence, the correct answer will be option 5, i.e. British writers and statesmen also used their criticism of Indian culture and society to **justify** British political and economic domination over India.

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

The word 'lead' has two different meanings.

As a verb, it can be used to refer to guide someone or something.

Moreover, as a noun, the word 'lead' has a different meaning. 'Lead' is also a soft, heavy, ductile bluish-grey metal.

Now, in sentence A, 'lead' is used as a verb and guiding Aarushi to her sister's house. Sentence (i) & (ii) use the word in the same sense. In sentence (i) The principle at work in this technology could guide us to a cure for other autoimmune diseases and in sentence (ii) a few trends or developments that guide us toward peace. But in the sentence (iii) it is used as a noun and refers to the lead metal.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. Both i & iii.**

The word 'minute' can be used in different ways with different meanings. As a verb and noun, it can be used as a period of time. Also, it can be used to refer to a summarized record of the proceedings at a meeting. Moreover, as an adjective, the word 'minute' means extremely small.

In sentence A, the word 'minute' is used to refer to the time period. And in sentence (ii) 'minute' is used in the same way where it refers to the time period.

In sentence (i), 'minute' refers to extremely small, i.e. Joe is capable of telling the extremely small shades difference the size of the thread.

In sentence (iii), 'minute' refers to the summarized record of the proceedings at a meeting.



Thus, in sentences (i) & (iii) the word 'minute' is used in different meanings to sentence A.

**Q:6** The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. only iii.**

The word 'entrance' has multiple meanings:  
As a noun, an entrance is **a point of access and entry**. It could also be used to describe **a dramatic arrival, like a bride at her wedding**. However, as a verb, to entrance means **to bewitch and delight**.  
Now, here in sentence A, 'entrance' is used as a noun and refers to the entry point.  
Similarly, in sentences (i) & (ii), it refers to the point of entry. Moving ahead, the word 'entrance' in sentence (iii), used as a verb which is used to describe how the beauty of the city filled the author with wonder and delight.  
So, sentence (iii) gives a different meaning to the given sentence A. **Hence option D is the correct answer.**

**Q:7** The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Only D.**

The given word "**levy**" refers *'to a charge, such as a tax, fine, or other fee, that is imposed on something.'*

Among the given sentences, the word has been used appropriately only in the sentence "D".

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Only D.**

**Q:8** The correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Only B.**

The meaning of the word "**Tale**" is a *"fictitious or true narrative or story, especially one that is imaginatively recounted".*

Among the given sentences, the word has been used appropriately only in the sentence "B".

The remaining sentences are portraying the meaning of the word "**Tail**" which means "the hindmost part of an animal, especially when prolonged beyond the rest of the body, such as the flexible extension of the backbone in a vertebrate, the feathers at the hind end of a bird, or a terminal appendage in an insect".

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3 i.e. Only B.**

**Q:9** The correct answer is **option 1, i.e. His surprising performance inspired an outpouring of fan adoration that has been dubbed 'Linsanity.'**

The question is to find out the correct statement

representing the given vocab.

The term 'Inspire' means serve as the inciting cause of.

Among the given statements, option 1 seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word. Hence, the correct answer will be option 1, i.e. His surprising performance **inspired** an outpouring of fan adoration that has been dubbed 'Linsanity.'

**Q:10** The correct answer is **option 2, i.e. A diligent person can easily acquire knowledge about many things by himself and obtain the assistance of a teacher when one is needed.**

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab.

The word 'Acquire' means to win something through one's efforts.

Among the given statements, option 2 seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word. Hence, the correct answer will be option 2, i.e. 'A diligent person can easily **acquire** knowledge about many things by himself and obtain the assistance of a teacher when one is needed.'