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English Vocabulary - Antonym

English

Q:1 In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with one word highlighted in bold. From the given options, identify the word which expresses the OPPOSITE meaning to the highlighted word.

When the **unscrupulous** insurance salesman sold me the policy, he did not tell me it would not be active for six months.

1. conscientious
2. treacherous
3. devious
4. sneaky
5. None of these

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

She's had a long time to think about what she wants to say, but it's still hard to articulate.

1. Hesitant
2. Eloquent
3. Fluent
4. Vocalise

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

The project, once conceived as a book, came with exigencies.

1. Requisite
2. Necessity
3. Helplessness
4. Noncritical

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

She would never know what scenes were driving this turmoil.

1. Commotion
2. Confusion
3. Peacefulness
4. Tumult

Q:5 The question consists of an underlined word in the

given sentence. The sentence is followed by four words. Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

A crime is a relatively rare and aberrant event in this town.

1. Anomalous
2. Normal
3. Abnormal
4. Deviating

Q:6 The 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.

Where did the butterflies hide from such a downpour?

1. Cloudbrust
2. Soaker
3. Torrent
4. Aridness

Q:7 The 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.

This may seem like a piffling side project to our team members.

1. Significant
2. Nonsense
3. Trivial
4. Mandatory

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

The sky was a pale grey, and smoke eddied all around them.

1. Twist
2. Outflow
3. Whirlpool
4. Vortex

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

To alleviate the discomfort I touch the back of my neck,



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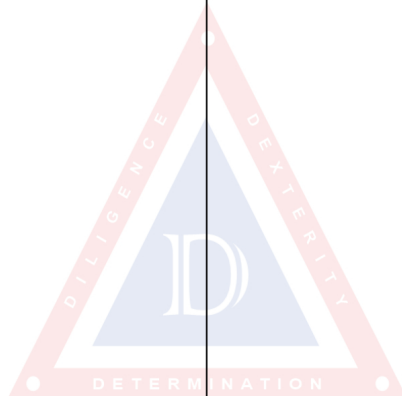
scratching at my hairline.

1. Ease
2. Falicitate
3. Soothe
4. Aggravate

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

The threat of a new, more destructive conflict weighed heavily on him.

1. Ruinous
2. Damaging
3. Constructive
4. Crushing



Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. conscientious.

The query is to find the word that expresses the OPPOSITE meaning of the highlighted word.

The meaning of the word **unscrupulous** is 'having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.'

'**conscientious**' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.'

Hence, **option 1** is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words:

treacherous: guilty of or involving betrayal or deception.

devious: showing a skillful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.

sneaky: furtive; cunning.

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

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Articulate** means 'having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently'.
- **For example:-** An **articulate** account of their experiences.

Antonym of Articulate is 'hesitant'.

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 4 i.e. Noncritical.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Exigency** means 'an urgent need or demand'.

- **For example:-** Women worked long hours when the **exigencies** of the family economy demanded it.

Antonym of Exigency is 'noncritical'.

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 3 i.e. Peacefulness.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Turmoil** refers to 'confusion, chaos, violent disturbance.
- **For example:-** The economy can be in **turmoil** – the markets behaving erratically, people losing their jobs, and no one understanding why.
- **Tumult** means a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people.

Antonym of Turmoil is 'Peacefulness'.

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 2 i.e. Normal.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Aberrant** means 'markedly different from an accepted norm; not normal'.
- **For example:-** This somewhat **aberrant** behaviour requires an explanation.

Antonym of Aberrant is 'normal'.

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 4 i.e. Thorough.

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

- **DOWNPOUR** means 'a heavy rain'.
- **For example:-** The **downpour** was so heavy that we were soaked by the time we got to the car.

Antonym of Downpour is '**aridness**' which means 'being without moisture; extremely dry'.

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 1** i.e. **Sense**.

- In the given question, we need to select the ANTONYM of the given word.
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Let's have a look at the meaning of the underlined word:-

- **PIFFLING** means 'small and of little importance'.
- **For example:-** Do not make **piffing** efforts.

Antonym of Piffing would be '**significant**' which means 'important to be worthy of attention'.

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 2** i.e. **Outflow**.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **EDDY** means 'a circular movement of water causing a small whirlpool; rotation'.
- **For example:-** The current was forming foam-lipped **eddies** along the bank.

Antonym of eddy is '**outflow**'.

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

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Aggravate**.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Alleviate** means 'to make (something, such as pain

or suffering) more bearable'.

- **For example:-** She couldn't prevent her pain, only **alleviate** it.

Antonym of alleviate is '**aggravate**' which means 'to make worse, more serious, or more severe : to intensify unpleasantly'.

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 3** i.e. **Constructive**.

- 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 underlined word:-

- **Destructive** means 'causing destruction or much damage'.
- **For example:-** A policy that is **destructive** to the economy.

Antonym of Destructive is '**constructive**'.

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