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# VOCABULARY

(synonyms

&

Antonyms)

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**1. Anxious:** worried; very eager or concerned to do something

**Synonyms:** concerned, fearful, apprehensive, keen, desirous, impatient

**Antonyms:** carefree, unconcerned, patient

He is always anxious.

a) worried
b) Dispassionate → unemotional
c) Sluggish → lazy
d) Torpid → sluggish, lethargic, inactive, lazy

sluggard, lethargic

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**2. Ecstatic:** feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement.

Synonyms: joyous, happy, elated, blissful, jubilant

Antonyms: miserable, unhappy, sorrowful, sad, gloomy

**The poems of Kabir are ecstatic in nature.**

a)Efficacious — effectiveness, benefit, potential, virtue

b)eerie — strange, uncanny, weird, sinister, unnatural

c)rapturous — Happy

d)reverential — Sluggish, lethargic, inactive, lazy

**3. Seclusion:** the state of being private and away from other people.

Synonyms: isolation, solitude, retreat, privacy, withdrawal, loneliness

Antonyms: association, companionship, company, converse, fellowship, society.

**Ravi loves seclusion. Therefore, he lives in the mountains.**

(a) nature

(b) scripture — the sacred writings of a religion

(c) Seafaring — naval, sea, maritime, nautical

(d) solitariness

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**4. Despot:** a ruler or other person who holds absolute power, typically one who exercises it in a cruel way.

Synonyms: tyrant, oppressor, autocrat

Antonyms: democrat

Hitler was a **despot**.

a)Conservative — traditional, orthodox, stable, firm

b)Dictator — despot

c)Passionate — emotional, zealous, intense, ardent

d)Monstrous — horrible, disgusting, ugly, terrifying

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**5. Vivid:** producing powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind.

Synonyms: realistic, authentic, lucid, detailed, stimulating

Antonyms: vague, boring, unclear, hazy, cloudy

**The imagery used in the poem is vivid.**

a)Lively

b)Inert — immobile, still, motionless, unmoving, stationary

c)Ebullient — cheerful, energetic, joyous, jaunt, buoyant

d)Caustic — acid, harsh, corroding, corrosive

6. **Vulnerable:** easily attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

Synonyms: endangered, unsafe, exposed, pregnable, unshielded

Antonyms: strong, tough, resilient, fexible, irrepressible, hardy

**A human being is always vulnerable to other human beings.**

a) Resilient

b) Elastic

c) Defenceless

d) Crude

natural, raw, simple, basic, unrefined

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7. **Vitriolic:** filled with bitter criticism

Synonyms: bitter, caustic, spiteful, searing, savage

Antonyms: pleasant, kind, affable, amiable, delightful

His language is political and vitriolic.

a)Imaginative — creative, inspired, innovative

b)Sprightly — lively, active energetic, vivacious

c)Vivacious — sprightly

d)Abusive

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# 8. Broke:

Break - broke

Synonyms: insolvent, penniless, poor, poverty stricken

Antonyms: rich, affluent, opulent, prosperous, wealthy

The Managing Director of the company declared that he is broke and there is a need to seek support from the government.

a)Bankrupt

b)Rich

c)Making profit

d)Having liabilities

debt

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9. **Nasty:** very bad or unpleasant.

Synonyms: disgusting, awful, terrible, dreadful, abominable

Antonyms: delightful, lovely, pleasant, charming, nice

He loves doing **nasty** things.

A . nice.

B . fastidious.

C . foul.

D . finicky.

Perfectionist, dainty, precise, choosy, picky

fastidious

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**10. Muster:** assemble (troops), especially for inspection or in preparation for battle.

**Synonyms:** assemble, marshal, mobilize, gather, mass

**Antonyms:** disperse, scatter, spread, disseminate, diffuse

**He could not muster courage to speak the truth before his friend.**

**A . injure.**

**B . spoil.**

**C . Gather** ✓

**D. Maim**

**injure, wound, hurt**

# Practice questions based on pervious year paper (antonym)

1. **Absurd:** illogical, or inappropriate.

Synonyms: silly, foolish, laughable, stupid, idiotic, inane, preposterous, ridiculous, irrational, pointless, farcical

Antonyms: reasonable, sensible, logical, equitable, decent, judicious, credible, tenable, plausible, rational

**His conversations are always absurd.**

**(a) farcical**
**(b) foolish**
**(c) preposterous**
**(d) rational**

Syn

**2. Dissident:** a person who opposes official policy.

**Synonyms:** agitator, rebel, protestor, opposing, insurgent, revolutionary, recusant, nonconformist

**Antonyms:** conformist, puppet, formalist, crawler

**This politician was a dissident.**

a) agitator
b) rebel
c) conformist
d) revolutionary

3. **Incisive:** intelligent & clear thinking.

Synonyms: perceptive, insightful, keen, shrewd, clever, smart, analytical, astute, acute, quick, to the point

Antonyms: rambling, vague, illogical, hazy, blur, unclear

**He wrote an incisive article on corruption in politics.**

**(a) Vague**

**(b) Penetrating**

**(c) Trenchant**

**(d) Precise**

**Incisive**

4. **Prodigal:** spending money or using resources freely.

Synonyms: wasteful, spendthrift, imprudent, excessive, irresponsible, reckless, wanton, improvident

Antonyms: economical, parsimonious, inexpensive, efficient, prudent, sensible

**Rakesh is an eccentric prodigal.**

**(a) extravagant**

**(b) profligate**

**(c) wasteful**

**(d) thrifty**

Syn

Economical

5. **Reciprocal:** given, felt, or done in return.

Synonyms: returned, corresponding, mutual, shared, joint, correlative, exchanged, common

Antonyms: nonreciprocal, unanswered, direct

**Friendship is always reciprocal.**

**(a) mutual**

**(b) one-sided**

**(c) shared**

**(d) corresponding**

**6. Stimulating:** encouraging or arousing interest or enthusiasm.

**Synonyms:** prompt, trigger, inspire, provoke, encouraging, motivating, instigate, inspiring, fascinating, intriguing

**Antonyms:** discourage, uninspired, boring, demoralize

**The debate was highly stimulating.**

**(a) arousing**

**(b) invigorating**

**(c) boring**

**(d) stirring**

7. **Widespread:** found or distributed over a large area or number of people.

Synonyms: worldwide, global, universal, extensive, rampant, epidemic

Antonyms: limited, restricted, controlled, minimal, little

**Malaria is a widespread disease.**

**(a) endemic**

**(b) pervasive**

**(c) common**

**(d) rare** ✓

# 8. Vehement: showing strong feeling

Synonyms: passionate, intense, forceful, ardent, fervent, strong, powerful, fanatical, zealous

Antonyms: mild, gentle, moderate, minimal

**The bill received a vehement resistance from the opposition party in the Parliament.**

**(a) animated**

Lively, excited, energetic, active

**(b) apathetic**

**(c) fervent**

**(d) vigorous**

9. **Obstinate:** refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action

Obsolete - out dated

**Synonyms:** stubborn, inflexible, obdurate, intractable, tenacious, rigid, stiff, mulish, adamant, firm, stroppy

**Antonyms:** compliant, tractable, complaisant, flexible, adaptable, obedient, docile, dutiful, pliant, meek

**He has been <u>obstinate</u> since his childhood.**

**(a) stubborn**

**(b) dogged** stubborn | determined

**(c) amenable**

**(d) rigid**

# 10. Prominent:

Synonyms: important, famous, eminent, reputed, esteemed, renowned, illustrious, honoured, celebrated, prestigious, influential

Antonyms: obscure, unimportant, insignificant, trivial, worthless

**Mahatma Gandhi was one of the most prominent leaders of his times.**

**(a) renowned**

**(b) distinguishable**

**(c) eminent**

**(d) unknown**

recognizable

# PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the given word.

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# 1.Ostentation: showy display of wealth and luxury

**Synonyms**: pretentious, flamboyance, affectation, flaunting, swank, glitz, gaudiness, flashiness

**Antonyms**: modest, simplicity, delicacy, sobriety, severity, virtue, decency

1. Calmness — Still, tranquil, quiet, serene, peaceful
2. Equanimity — Calm
3. Deception — Betrayal, deceit, duplicity, fraud, trickery, untruth
4. Declaration — Announcement, proclamation, memorandum, bulletin
5. Pageantry — Display, glamour, show, glory, drama

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**2. Penitent**: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong

**Synonyms**: repentant, regretful, apologetic, rueful, ashamed, abject, contrite, sorry, conscience-stricken

**Antonyms**: impenitent, shameless, brazen, unabashed

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|---|---|
| 1. Eccentric | Uncommon, strange, queer, peculiar, unconventional |
| 2. Profound | Great, extreme, intense, fervent, extensive |
| 3. Remorseful | penitent |
| 4. Observant | Alert, watchful, focused, vigilant, heedful |
| 5. Blameless | Innocent, virtuous, exemplary, impeccable |

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# 3. Satiate : satisfied to the full

**Synonyms**: sate, slake, quench, gorge, overfill, overfeed

**Antonyms**: starve, deprive, dissatisfy,

1. Direct — Straight, unmediated, uninterrupted, head-on, personal
2. Gratify — Please, gladden, satisfy, delight, pacify
3. Manage — Control, lead, govern, rule, command
4. Defeat — Beat, rout, overpower, subdue, quash
5. Expose — Reveal, uncover, bare, display, exhibit

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# 4. Muse: be absorbed in thought.

**Synonyms**: contemplate, deliberate, evaluate, examine, study, review, think, cerebrate

**Antonyms**:miss, neglect, ignore, leave, pardon, excuse, forgive

1. Ponder — Muse
2. Infect — Taint, foul, dirty, contaminate, pollute, blight, vitiate
3. Appease — Pacify, satisfy
4. Taint — Dirty, infect
5. Hold — Clasp, clutch, grasp, grip, clench, detain, imprison

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# 5. Profane: treat (something sacred) with disrespect

**Synonyms: irreverent, impious, defile, debase, ungodly**

**Antonyms: religious, sacred, holy, devotional, spiritual**

1. Assert — Announce
2. Benefit — Interest, profit, gain, help, aid, welfare
3. Lengthen — Interest, profit, gain, help, aid, welfare
4. Desecrate
5. Advance — Promote, foster

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# 6. Officious: interfering

**Synonyms**: bossy, dictatorial, meddling, domineering, obtrusive, overbearing,

**Antonyms**: meek, gentle, peaceful, docile, humble, modest

1. Pushing
2. Modest
3. Stubborn
4. Mystic

Magical, enchanting, charming, astonishing, astounding

# 7. Veracity:

**Synonyms**: truth, accuracy, correctness, realism, authenticity, righteousness, exactness, precision, ethics, probity, decency

**Antonyms**: falsehood, untruth, fiction, deceit, dishonesty, mendacity

1. Mendacity
2. Truth
3. Imperfection — Defect, fault, deformity, flaw
4. Judgement — Perception, prudence, sagacity, awareness

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# 8. **Exiguous**: very small in size or amount.

**Synonyms**: meagre, inadequate, small, scant, paltry

**Antonyms**: ample, enough, adequate, abundant, plenty

1. Tall
2. Large
3. Wide
4. Scanty
5. Broad

# 9. Monticule: (N)

**Synonyms**: ---

**Antonyms**: ---

1. A small river
2. A small house
3. Lane
4. A small hill
5. A small plane

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**10. Sombre**: dark or dull in colour or tone ; having or conveying a feeling of deep seriousness and sadness.

**Synonyms**: **dingy, shady, solemn, serious, grave, sober, severe, stern, grim, depressed, restraint, austere, melancholy**

**Antonyms**: **bright, cheerful, pleasant, jolly, blazing, dazzling**

1. Causing sleep
2. Squalid — Dirty
3. Gloomy
4. Complacent — Satisfied, gratified, contented
5. Malicious — Spiteful, hostile, bitter, poisonous, nasty, unpleasant