Words in Context

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. In the sentence “The crowd turned hostile when the match was cancelled.”, the word “hostile” means:
   (a) unfriendly and ready to argue or fight
   (b) very weak
   (c) not strict in punishing or controlling
   (d) careful and sensible about the future

2. In the sentence “The advertisement tried to deceive buyers with false claims.”, the word “deceive” means:
   (a) to suffer something difficult patiently
   (b) to make someone believe something false
   (c) real; not fake
   (d) clear enough to see through

3. In the sentence “We should never ridicule someone for their accent.”, the word “ridicule” means:
   (a) treating everyone fairly and equally
   (b) to make fun of someone unkindly
   (c) not taking enough care
   (d) to end a law or system officially

4. In the sentence “Scientists predict a strong monsoon this year.”, the word “predict” means:
   (a) to end a law or system officially
   (b) to say what will happen in the future
   (c) real; not fake
   (d) clear enough to see through

5. In the sentence “Mumbai is hot and humid in June.”, the word “humid” means:
   (a) kind and wishing to do good for others
   (b) warm and wet in the air
   (c) a feeling of sympathy for those who suffer
   (d) careful not to spend more money than necessary

6. In the sentence “Being frugal, my grandmother never threw away good cloth.”, the word “frugal” means:
   (a) lower in quality or rank
   (b) clear enough to see through
   (c) careful not to spend more money than necessary
   (d) great energy and enthusiasm for something

7. In the sentence “Do not waste the meeting on trivial complaints.”, the word “trivial” means:
   (a) to say what will happen in the future
   (b) a feeling of sympathy for those who suffer
   (c) great energy and enthusiasm for something
   (d) of little importance

8. In the sentence “The nurse treated every patient with compassion.”, the word “compassion” means:
   (a) a feeling of sympathy for those who suffer
   (b) honest and direct, even when it is uncomfortable
   (c) very small in amount; not enough
   (d) kind and wishing to do good for others

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Complete the sentence with the right word (hostile / novice / fertile): The ____ plains of Punjab grow plenty of wheat.

10. Complete the sentence with the right word (vivid / vacant / trivial): There are two ____ seats in the last row.

11. Complete the sentence with the right word (vigilant / fertile / jubilant): The ____ fans danced in the streets after the win.

12. Complete the sentence with the right word (vigilant / candid / hasty): Passengers were told to stay ____ about unattended bags.

13. Complete the sentence with the right word (compassion / hostile / genuine): The jeweller confirmed that the pearl was ____.

14. Complete the sentence with the right word (perilous / novice / reluctant): The climb to the fort was ____ after the rain.

15. Write the meaning of each word in your own words: “mediocre”, “vivid”.

16. Write the meaning of each word in your own words: “abundant”, “conceal”.

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Fill in each blank with a word from the box. One word is not needed.
Box: abolish, benevolent, sincere, candid, meagre
(1) The ____ trust gave scholarships to poor students.
(2) The coach gave a ____ opinion of our poor fielding.
(3) The labourers survived on a ____ daily wage.
(4) The school decided to ____ homework on weekends.

18. Fill in each blank with a word from the box. One word is not needed.
Box: obstinate, tedious, endure, modest, novice
(1) The ____ champion thanked her coach first.
(2) Copying the same table ten times was ____.
(3) Soldiers at the border ____ bitter cold in winter.
(4) As a ____, he started with the easiest trek.

19. Write one sentence of your own for each word, showing what it means: “inferior”, “reluctant”.

20. Write one sentence of your own for each word, showing what it means: “immense”, “prudent”.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	(a) unfriendly and ready to argue or fight	—
2	(b) to make someone believe something false	—
3	(b) to make fun of someone unkindly	—
4	(b) to say what will happen in the future	—
5	(b) warm and wet in the air	—
6	(c) careful not to spend more money than necessary	—
7	(d) of little importance	—
8	(a) a feeling of sympathy for those who suffer	—
9	fertile	Fertile: able to produce many crops or plants.
10	vacant	Vacant: not filled or occupied.
11	jubilant	Jubilant: feeling great happiness because of success.
12	vigilant	Vigilant: watchful and alert to danger.
13	genuine	Genuine: real; not fake.
14	perilous	Perilous: full of danger.
15	mediocre: only of average quality; not very good; vivid: very bright, clear and full of detail	Any wording with the same meaning.
16	abundant: existing in large amounts; more than enough; conceal: to hide something carefully	Any wording with the same meaning.
17	(1) benevolent (2) candid (3) meagre (4) abolish; not needed: sincere	—
18	(1) modest (2) tedious (3) endure (4) novice; not needed: obstinate	—
19	Sample: The shop sold inferior goods at high prices. He was reluctant to leave his friends and move to a new city.	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.
20	Sample: The Himalayas are an immense range of mountains. It is prudent to save some money every month.	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.