Prefixes and Suffixes

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. What does the prefix “super-” mean in “superhuman”?
   (a) above; beyond **(b)** far
   (c) after **(d)** a person who receives

2. What does the prefix “co-” mean in “coexist”?
   (a) together **(b)** the state or realm of
   (c) across **(d)** before

3. What does the suffix “-ism” mean in “realism”?
   (a) a belief or practice of **(b)** before
   (c) self **(d)** together

4. What does the suffix “-dom” mean in “kingdom”?
   (a) above; beyond **(b)** the state or realm of
   (c) together **(d)** before

5. Which word has a suffix meaning “a person who receives”?
   (a) employee **(b)** prefix **(c)** freedom **(d)** autobiography

6. Which word has a prefix meaning “after”?
   (a) employee **(b)** solidify **(c)** autobiography **(d)** postgraduate

7. Which word has a suffix meaning “a belief or practice of”?
   (a) simplify **(b)** capitalism **(c)** television **(d)** superhuman

8. Which word has a prefix meaning “half”?
   (a) semicircle **(b)** supernatural **(c)** television **(d)** realism

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

9. Split each word into its root word and its prefix or suffix: “autobiography”, “ultramarine”.

10. Split each word into its root word and its prefix or suffix: “television”, “cooperate”.

11. Split each word into its root word and its prefix or suffix: “simplify”, “solidify”.

12. Split each word into its root word and its prefix or suffix: “amoral”, “asymmetrical”.

13. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) pre- + fix (b) super- + natural

14. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) brother + “-hood” (b) free + “-dom”

15. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) trans- + port (b) post- + war

16. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) hyper- + active (b) trans- + national

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

17. Make the OPPOSITE of each word by adding a prefix: “kind”, “polite”, “fiction”, “legal”.

18. Write the root word and the suffix of each: “simplify”, “solidify”, “realism”, “kingdom”. What does each suffix mean?

19. Write the prefix in each word and what it means: “amoral”, “postgraduate”, “cooperate”, “prefix”.

20. Give the meaning of each and write one word that uses it: “ultra-”, “-ism”, “semi-”.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) above; beyond**	superhuman = super- + human
2	**(a) together**	coexist = co- + exist
3	**(a) a belief or practice of**	realism = real + “-ism”
4	**(b) the state or realm of**	kingdom = king + “-dom”
5	**(a) employee**	employee = employ + “-ee”
6	**(d) postgraduate**	postgraduate = post- + graduate
7	**(b) capitalism**	capitalism = capital + “-ism”
8	**(a) semicircle**	semicircle = semi- + circle
9	**autobiography = auto- + biography; ultramarine = ultra- + marine**	—
10	**television = tele- + vision; cooperate = co- + operate**	—
11	**simplify = simple + “-ify”; solidify = solid + “-ify”**	The spelling of the root can change a little when a suffix is added.
12	**amoral = a- + moral; asymmetrical = a- + symmetrical**	—
13	**(a) prefix (b) supernatural**	pre- means "before"; super- means "above; beyond".
14	**(a) brotherhood (b) freedom**	-hood means "the state or group of"; -dom means "the state of".
15	**(a) transport (b) postwar**	trans- means "across"; post- means "after".
16	**(a) hyperactive (b) transnational**	hyper- means "over; too much"; trans- means "across".
17	**unkind, impolite, nonfiction, illegal**	Prefixes that mean "not": un-, im-, dis-, il-, ir-, in-, non-, a-
18	**simplify = simple + “-ify” (to make); solidify = solid + “-ify” (to make); realism = real + “-ism” (a belief or practice of); kingdom = king + “-dom” (the state or realm of)**	—
19	**amoral: a- (without); postgraduate: post- (after); cooperate: co- (together); prefix: pre- (before)**	—
20	**ultra-: beyond, e.g. ultramarine; -ism: a belief or practice of, e.g. capitalism; semi-: half, e.g. semicircle**	Any correct word using the prefix or suffix.

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