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 “Water becomes scarce in the village during May.”, the word “scarce” means:
   (a) hard to find because there is very little
   (b) telling the truth and not cheating
   (c) to take or agree to something offered
   (d) ready to face danger or pain without fear

2. In the sentence “The team celebrated its victory in the final match.”, the word “victory” means:
   (a) slightly wet
   (b) very large in size or amount
   (c) success in a game, contest or battle
   (d) the chance of being hurt or harmed

3. In the sentence “Despite winning the prize, Dev stayed humble.”, the word “humble” means:
   (a) to allow someone to do something
   (b) neat and well arranged
   (c) hard to find because there is very little
   (d) not proud; not thinking you are better than others

4. In the sentence “Hang the damp towel in the sun to dry.”, the word “damp” means:
   (a) slightly wet
   (b) to finish something fully
   (c) happening very quickly
   (d) normal and not special

5. In the sentence “Complete your homework before you go out to play.”, the word “complete” means:
   (a) to make someone a little angry
   (b) causing great surprise or wonder
   (c) to finish something fully
   (d) making no sound at all

6. In the sentence “Rohan was honest and returned the extra change to the shopkeeper.”, the word “honest” means:
   (a) telling the truth and not cheating
   (b) causing great surprise or wonder
   (c) happening very quickly
   (d) to bring or come together in one place

7. In the sentence “The narrow lane was too small for a car.”, the word “narrow” means:
   (a) shy and easily frightened
   (b) able to be seen
   (c) small from one side to the other
   (d) to buy something

8. In the sentence “Drivers must obey the traffic signals.”, the word “obey” means:
   (a) small from one side to the other
   (b) neat and well arranged
   (c) to do what you are told to do
   (d) to allow someone to do something

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

9. Complete the sentence with the right word (annoy / visible / fierce): A ____ storm uprooted trees along the coast.

10. Complete the sentence with the right word (expand / cheerful / timid): Metals ____ a little when they are heated.

11. Complete the sentence with the right word (wicked / hurry / amazing): The view from the hilltop was ____.

12. Complete the sentence with the right word (laugh / foolish / weary): The ____ farmers rested under a tree at noon.

13. Complete the sentence with the right word (purchase / begin / weary): Father will ____ a new cycle for my birthday.

14. Complete the sentence with the right word (ascend / ancestor / brave): My ____ planted this mango tree a hundred years ago.

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

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

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: polite, loyal, foolish, fragile, timid
(1) The ____ kitten hid under the bed when guests came.
(2) It is ____ to say thank you when someone helps you.
(3) The ____ dog waited at the gate every evening.
(4) Pack the glass bowl carefully because it is ____.

18. Fill in each blank with a word from the box. One word is not needed.
Box: difficult, sharp, shallow, empty, ill
(1) Use the ____ knife carefully when cutting vegetables.
(2) By evening the fruit basket was ____.
(3) The children waded across the ____ stream.
(4) Meera stayed home because she was ____ with fever.

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

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

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) hard to find because there is very little**	—
2	**(c) success in a game, contest or battle**	—
3	**(d) not proud; not thinking you are better than others**	—
4	**(a) slightly wet**	—
5	**(c) to finish something fully**	—
6	**(a) telling the truth and not cheating**	—
7	**(c) small from one side to the other**	—
8	**(c) to do what you are told to do**	—
9	**fierce**	Fierce: violent and frightening.
10	**expand**	Expand: to become or make bigger.
11	**amazing**	Amazing: causing great surprise or wonder.
12	**weary**	Weary: very tired, especially after effort.
13	**purchase**	Purchase: to buy something.
14	**ancestor**	Ancestor: a person in your family who lived long ago.
15	**permit: to allow someone to do something; accept: to take or agree to something offered**	Any wording with the same meaning.
16	**brave: ready to face danger or pain without fear; rapid: happening very quickly**	Any wording with the same meaning.
17	**(1) timid (2) polite (3) loyal (4) fragile; not needed: foolish**	—
18	**(1) sharp (2) empty (3) shallow (4) ill; not needed: difficult**	—
19	**Sample: The climbers began to ascend the steep slope at dawn. Please do not shout in the library.**	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.
20	**Sample: Asha greeted everyone with a cheerful smile. Let us begin the lesson with a short story.**	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.

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