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 “im-” mean in “impolite”?
   (a) the state or relationship of **(b)** a person who
   (c) again **(d)** not

2. What does the prefix “mis-” mean in “misunderstand”?
   (a) in a way that is **(b)** again
   (c) the state or time of being **(d)** wrongly

3. What does the suffix “-ness” mean in “kindness”?
   (a) wrongly **(b)** can be
   (c) the state or quality of **(d)** not

4. What does the suffix “-able” mean in “washable”?
   (a) can be **(b)** without **(c)** full of **(d)** before

5. Which word has a suffix meaning “the state or relationship of”?
   (a) friendship **(b)** careful **(c)** farmer **(d)** preheat

6. Which word has a prefix meaning “again”?
   (a) preview **(b)** misspell **(c)** misunderstand **(d)** rebuild

7. Which word has a suffix meaning “the state or quality of”?
   (a) fearless **(b)** darkness **(c)** washable **(d)** teacher

8. Which word has a suffix meaning “full of”?
   (a) darkness **(b)** helpful **(c)** preview **(d)** kindness

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

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

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

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

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

13. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) pre- + view (b) im- + possible

14. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) quick + “-ly” (b) child + “-hood”

15. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) dis- + agree (b) re- + write

16. Join the parts to make a new word: (a) mis- + spell (b) dis- + honest

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

17. Make the OPPOSITE of each word by adding a prefix: “symmetrical”, “honest”, “agree”, “logical”.

18. Write the root word and the suffix of each: “helpful”, “farmer”, “quickly”, “kindness”. What does each suffix mean?

19. Write the prefix in each word and what it means: “rebuild”, “impossible”, “rewrite”, “misspell”.

20. Give the meaning of each and write one word that uses it: “-able”, “dis-”, “-ful”.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) not**	impolite = im- + polite
2	**(d) wrongly**	misunderstand = mis- + understand
3	**(c) the state or quality of**	kindness = kind + “-ness”
4	**(a) can be**	washable = wash + “-able”
5	**(a) friendship**	friendship = friend + “-ship”
6	**(d) rebuild**	rebuild = re- + build
7	**(b) darkness**	darkness = dark + “-ness”
8	**(b) helpful**	helpful = help + “-ful”
9	**homeless = home + “-less”; careful = care + “-ful”**	—
10	**fearless = fear + “-less”; preheat = pre- + heat**	—
11	**teacher = teach + “-er”; farmer = farm + “-er”**	—
12	**unhappy = un- + happy; unkind = un- + kind**	—
13	**(a) preview (b) impossible**	pre- means "before"; im- means "not".
14	**(a) quickly (b) childhood**	-ly means "in a way that is"; -hood means "the state or time of being".
15	**(a) disagree (b) rewrite**	dis- means "not"; re- means "again".
16	**(a) misspell (b) dishonest**	mis- means "wrongly"; dis- means "not".
17	**asymmetrical, dishonest, disagree, illogical**	Prefixes that mean "not": un-, im-, dis-, il-, ir-, in-, non-, a-
18	**helpful = help + “-ful” (full of); farmer = farm + “-er” (a person who); quickly = quick + “-ly” (in a way that is); kindness = kind + “-ness” (the state or quality of)**	—
19	**rebuild: re- (again); impossible: im- (not); rewrite: re- (again); misspell: mis- (wrongly)**	—
20	**-able: can be, e.g. washable; dis-: not, e.g. disagree; -ful: full of, e.g. helpful**	Any correct word using the prefix or suffix.