Synonyms and Antonyms

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 38 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. Choose the word closest in meaning to “accept”.
(a) receive **(b)** ancient **(c)** comply **(d)** reject

2. Choose the word closest in meaning to “purchase”.
(a) acquire **(b)** sell **(c)** permit **(d)** fatigued

3. Choose the word closest in meaning to “trivial”.
(a) climb **(b)** acquire **(c)** important **(d)** petty

4. Choose the word closest in meaning to “vivid”.
(a) clear **(b)** hasty **(c)** dull **(d)** tranquil

5. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to “sincere”.
(a) genuine **(b)** antagonistic **(c)** insincere **(d)** empty

6. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to “wealthy”.
(a) prosperous **(b)** overjoyed **(c)** perilous **(d)** poor

7. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to “permit”.
(a) forbid **(b)** allow **(c)** honest **(d)** eliminate

8. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to “lenient”.
(a) mild **(b)** strict **(c)** mount **(d)** see-through

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

9. Write one synonym (a word with the same meaning) for each: “optimistic”, “feeble”.

10. Write one synonym (a word with the same meaning) for each: “candid”, “hasty”.

11. Write one synonym (a word with the same meaning) for each: “endure”, “reluctant”.

12. Write one antonym (a word with the opposite meaning) for each: “jubilant”, “frugal”.

13. Write one antonym (a word with the opposite meaning) for each: “repair”, “brave”.

14. Write one antonym (a word with the opposite meaning) for each: “difficult”, “narrow”.

15. Rewrite each sentence, replacing the word in capitals with a word of OPPOSITE meaning: (a) The WEARY farmers rested under a tree at noon. (b) Please do not SHOUT in the library.

16. Rewrite each sentence, replacing the word in capitals with a word of OPPOSITE meaning: (a) The crowd turned HOSTILE when the match was cancelled. (b) We visited an ANCIENT fort built on a hill.

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

17. For the word “inferior”: (a) write what it means, (b) give one synonym and one antonym, (c) use it in a sentence of your own.

18. For the word “transparent”: (a) write what it means, (b) give one synonym and one antonym, (c) use it in a sentence of your own.

19. Sort these six words into three pairs of OPPOSITES: “welcoming”, “soothe”, “turbulent”, “annoy”, “serene”, “hostile”.

20. Sort these six words into three pairs of words with the SAME meaning: “clear”, “vivid”, “wary”, “cautious”, “liberal”, “generous”.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) receive**	Accept: to take or agree to something offered. Synonyms: receive, take, welcome.
2	**(a) acquire**	Purchase: to buy something. Synonyms: buy, acquire.
3	**(d) petty**	Trivial: of little importance. Synonyms: minor, petty, insignificant.
4	**(a) clear**	Vivid: very bright, clear and full of detail. Synonyms: bright, clear, striking.
5	**(c) insincere**	Sincere: truly meaning what you say or feel. Opposites: insincere, false.
6	**(d) poor**	Wealthy: having a lot of money or property. Opposites: poor, needy.
7	**(a) forbid**	Permit: to allow someone to do something. Opposites: forbid, ban.
8	**(b) strict**	Lenient: not strict in punishing or controlling. Opposites: strict, harsh.
9	**optimistic: hopeful (or positive, confident); feeble: weak (or frail, faint)**	Any one listed synonym, or another word with the same meaning.
10	**candid: frank (or open, outspoken); hasty: rash (or hurried, impulsive)**	Any one listed synonym, or another word with the same meaning.
11	**endure: bear (or tolerate, withstand); reluctant: unwilling (or hesitant, averse)**	Any one listed synonym, or another word with the same meaning.
12	**jubilant: dejected (or despondent); frugal: wasteful (or extravagant)**	Any one listed antonym, or another word with the opposite meaning.
13	**repair: break (or damage); brave: cowardly (or timid)**	Any one listed antonym, or another word with the opposite meaning.
14	**difficult: easy (or simple); narrow: wide (or broad)**	Any one listed antonym, or another word with the opposite meaning.
15	**(a) fresh (or energetic) (b) whisper (or murmur)**	The sentence may need a small change to read well with the new word.
16	**(a) friendly (or welcoming) (b) modern (or new)**	The sentence may need a small change to read well with the new word.
17	**(a) Lower in quality or rank. (b) Synonym: lesser (or poorer, second-rate); antonym: superior (or better). (c) Sample: The shop sold inferior goods at high prices.**	Any sentence that uses the word correctly.
18	**(a) Clear enough to see through. (b) Synonym: clear (or see-through, lucid); antonym: opaque (or cloudy). (c) Sample: Glass is a transparent material.**	Any sentence that uses the word correctly.

Q	Answer	Working
19	**hostile – welcoming; annoy – soothe; serene – turbulent**	—
20	**vivid – clear; generous – liberal; wary – cautious**	—