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 “She was happy to accept the invitation to the wedding.”, the word “accept” means:
   (a) not showing good sense
   (b) to allow someone to do something
   (c) violent and frightening
   (d) to take or agree to something offered

2. In the sentence “Father will purchase a new cycle for my birthday.”, the word “purchase” means:
   (a) to make sounds that show you find something funny
   (b) to buy something
   (c) to become or make bigger
   (d) full of danger

3. In the sentence “Do not waste the meeting on trivial complaints.”, the word “trivial” means:
   (a) happening very quickly
   (b) very small in amount; not enough
   (c) to take or agree to something offered
   (d) of little importance

4. In the sentence “She gave a vivid description of the festival in Kolkata.”, the word “vivid” means:
   (a) to bring or come together in one place
   (b) containing nothing
   (c) to make someone a little angry
   (d) very bright, clear and full of detail

5. In the sentence “We should never ridicule someone for their accent.”, the word “ridicule” means:
   (a) to make fun of someone unkindly
   (b) to become or make bigger
   (c) careful not to spend more money than necessary
   (d) to do what you are told to do

6. In the sentence “The wealthy merchant built a school for the town.”, the word “wealthy” means:
   (a) watchful and alert to danger
   (b) to do what you are told to do
   (c) not willing to do something
   (d) having a lot of money or property

7. In the sentence “The school does not permit mobile phones in class.”, the word “permit” means:
   (a) to allow someone to do something
   (b) not deep
   (c) existing in large amounts; more than enough
   (d) real; not fake

8. In the sentence “The jubilant fans danced in the streets after the win.”, the word “jubilant” means:
   (a) unfriendly and ready to argue or fight
   (b) normal and not special
   (c) truly meaning what you say or feel
   (d) feeling great happiness because of success

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

9. Complete the sentence with the right word (frugal / negligent / amazing): The ____ driver did not check his mirrors.

10. Complete the sentence with the right word (modest / endure / benevolent): Soldiers at the border ____ bitter cold in winter.

11. Complete the sentence with the right word (sharp / cheerful / candid): The coach gave a ____ opinion of our poor fielding.

12. Complete the sentence with the right word (obey / gloomy / lenient): It was a ____ day with grey clouds and drizzle.

13. Complete the sentence with the right word (sharp / deceive / trivial): The advertisement tried to ____ buyers with false claims.

14. Complete the sentence with the right word (generous / transparent / reluctant): He was ____ to leave his friends and move to a new city.

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

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

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: difficult, narrow, mediocre, weary, shout
(1) The film had a ____ story but a great song.
(2) The last question in the test was ____.
(3) The ____ lane was too small for a car.
(4) The ____ farmers rested under a tree at noon.

18. Fill in each blank with a word from the box. One word is not needed.
Box: humble, abundant, hostile, ancient, tedious
(1) The crowd turned ____ when the match was cancelled.
(2) We visited an ____ fort built on a hill.
(3) Copying the same table ten times was ____.
(4) Kerala has ____ rainfall during the monsoon.

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

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

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) to take or agree to something offered**	—
2	**(b) to buy something**	—
3	**(d) of little importance**	—
4	**(d) very bright, clear and full of detail**	—
5	**(a) to make fun of someone unkindly**	—
6	**(d) having a lot of money or property**	—
7	**(a) to allow someone to do something**	—
8	**(d) feeling great happiness because of success**	—
9	**negligent**	Negligent: not taking enough care.
10	**endure**	Endure: to suffer something difficult patiently.
11	**candid**	Candid: honest and direct, even when it is uncomfortable.
12	**gloomy**	Gloomy: dark and making you feel sad.
13	**deceive**	Deceive: to make someone believe something false.
14	**reluctant**	Reluctant: not willing to do something.
15	**impartial: treating everyone fairly and equally; frugal: careful not to spend more money than necessary**	Any wording with the same meaning.
16	**repair: to fix something that is broken; brave: ready to face danger or pain without fear**	Any wording with the same meaning.
17	**(1) mediocre (2) difficult (3) narrow (4) weary; not needed: shout**	—
18	**(1) hostile (2) ancient (3) tedious (4) abundant; not needed: humble**	—
19	**Sample: The climbers began to ascend the steep slope at dawn. The loyal dog waited at the gate every evening.**	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.
20	**Sample: We had to hurry to catch the last bus. It is polite to say thank you when someone helps you.**	Any sentence that uses each word correctly and makes its meaning clear.

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