

A good vocabulary is one of the best possessions one can have. There is a direct relationship between the size of your vocabulary and the amount of knowledge you hold, which probably is also the reason for its appearance on aptitude test of which Verbal Reasoning forms an integral part.

Matching words with synonyms/definitions

In synonym questions, a word is given followed by four/five words or phrases as answer choices. You are asked to match each word with its synonym/definition. Before going to the multiple-choice question let's take some simple exercises to warm up.

Practice Exercise -1

Directions for (Que. 1-20): Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it. Mark the synonym/definition of the words at the left column with their meanings given at the right column below.

1.	vulnerable	a	well advanced in an art or occupation
2.	exemplary	b	marked by shrewdness
3.	pious	c	express indirectly
4.	blatant	d	utter and total confusion
5.	rescind	e	open to view
6.	adroit	f	extreme poverty
7.	chaos	g	take away
8.	overt	h	a return of a portion of a payment
9.	penurv	i	given to jesting
10	deter	j	a false idea
11	anticipate	k	foresee
12	proficient	l	made up of distinct parts
13	instigate	m	desperately urgent
14	rebate	n	open to attack
15	Composite	o	prevent from acting
16	wrath	P	noisy in an offensive manner
17	dire	q	urge forward
18	jocular	r	showing reverence or devotion
19	fallacy	s	deserving imitation
20	imply	t	violent anger

Practice Exercise - 2

Directions for (Que. 1 -40): Read the information carefully and answer the question given below it.

Choose the word/ phrase that most nearly means the same as the question word (bold faced word).

(Mark the number with the answer choice corresponding to the best definition.)

Example: Sinister most nearly means :

- (1) serious (2) threatening (3) gloomy (4) sorrowful (5) difficult

Answer: (2)

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| 1) Garrulous
(1) dangerous
(3) talkative
(5) persistent | (2) angry
(4) loud | (1) opposed
(3) furious
(5) sorry | (2) foolish
(4) decisive |
| 2) Patent
(1) defective
(3) quiet
(5) obvious | (2) exact
(4) careful | 11) Hypothesis
(1) complexity
(3) felling
(5) indication | (2) theory
(4) fascination |
| 3) Impeccable
(1) flawless
(3) inconsiderate
(5) workable | (2) imperfect
(4) competent | 12) Garnish
(1) direct
(3) frequent
(5) complete | (2) cover
(4) embellish |
| 4) Fallacious
(1) incomplete
(3) deceptive
(5) aggravating | (2) faltering
(4) resolute | 13) Replica
(1) substitute
(3) remembrance
(5) strategy | (2) reproduction
(4) movement |
| 5) Nurture
(1) object
(3) foster
(5) fail | (2) confess
(4) separate | 14) Contrived
(1) controlled
(3) artificial
(5) copy | (2) destroyed
(4) rebuild |
| 6) Repugnant
(1) acceptable
(3) adequate
(5) repellent | (2) modern
(4) dreary | 15) Remunerate
(1) pay
(3) repair
(5) copy | (2) enumerate
(4) rebuild |
| 7) Tepid
(1) foreign
(3) moderately warm
(4) intensely interesting
(5) hopeless | (2) precise | 16) Germane
(1) fertile
(3) possible
(5) desirable | (2) pertinent
(4) sufficient |
| 8) Profane
(1) skillful
(3) competent
(5) pleasant | (2) irreverent
(4) profound | 17) Subterfuge
(1) deception
(3) scandal
(5) escape | (2) alliance
(4) plan |
| 9) Relinquish
(1) abandon
(3) control
(5) modify | (2) remain
(4) construct | 18) Dire
(1) enough
(3) formidable
(5) extreme | (2) pleasant
(4) significant |
| 10) Contrite | | 19) Diminutive
(1) positive | (2) helpful |

	(3) intelligent (5) direct	(4) small		(1) poor (3) dependent (5) composed	(2) indecent (4) unhappy
20) Arcane	(1) distant (3) conceited (5) comprehensive	(2) usual (4) mysterious	31) Altercation	(1) movement (3) beginning (5) reparation	(2) perfection (4) quarrel
21) Sanguine	(1) through (3) optimistic (5) bright	(2) special (4) particular	32) Proffer	(1) offer (3) return (5) spread	(2) exit (4) proceed
22) Precarious	(1) dangerous (3) preventable (5) satisfying	(2) stable (4) helpful	33) Transient	(1) perpetual (3) short-lived (5) automatic	(2) changeable (4) different
23) Intermittent	(1) frequent (3) unusual (5) periodic	(2) regular (4) creative	34) Incessant	(1) irritating (3) scarce (5) unceasing	(2) secret (4) doubtful
24) Appease	(1) create (3) calm (5) repeat	(2) decorate (4) distribute	35) Dogmatic	(1) animal-like (3) automatic (5) efficient	(2) dictatorial (4) religious
25) Maelstrom	(1) congregation (3) thunder (5) steadiness	(2) turmoil (4) miracle	36) Obtuse	(1) dull (3) fortunate (5) enthusiastic	(2) characteristic (4) trustworthy
26) Mercurial	(1) changeable (3) inquiring (5) daily	(2) balanced (4) new	37) Stoic	(1) experienced (3) average (5) effect	(2) excited (4) impassive
27) Dissipate	(1) disperse (3) happy (5) beautiful	(2) brusque (4) organized	38) Vivid	(1) muddled (3) graphic (5) intelligent	(2) comparative (4) ancient
28) Curt	(1) talented (3) happy (5) courteous	(2) brusque (4) organized	39) Voluble	(1) expectant (3) domestic (5) unstable	(2) glib (4) enlightened
29) Interdict	(1) please (3) remove (5) prohibit	(2) intertwine (4) frequent	40) Prosaic	(1) unimaginative (3) devoted (5) ineffective	(2) tragic (4) possible
30) Indigent					

Answer Key :

Practice Exercise – 1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
(n)	(s)	(r)	(e)	(g)	(b)	(d)	(p)	(f)	(o)	(k)	(a)	(q)	(h)
15	16	17	18	19	20								
(l)	(t)	(m)	(i)	(j)	(c)								

Practice Exercise- 2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	2	1	3	3	5	3	2	1	5	2	4	2	1
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	5	5	4	4	3	1	5	3	2	1	1	2
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40		
3	1	4	1	3	5	2	1	4	5	2	1		