

**Synonyms And Antonyms****LEVEL- I**

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-20):** Pick out the nearest correct meaning or synonym of the words given below:

1. ADVICE  
(a) Council (b) Counsel  
(c) Practice (d) Proposal
2. QUOTE  
(a) Sight (b) Sigh  
(c) Sue (d) Cite
3. WISE  
(a) Momentous (b) Pragmatic  
(c) Judicious (d) Delay
4. COURAGEOUS  
(a) Fickle (b) Insipid  
(c) Timorous (d) Fearless
5. WATCHFULNESS  
(a) Supervision (b) Custody  
(c) Superintendence (d) Vigil
6. UNLAWFUL  
(a) Elicit (b) Draw  
(c) Egitimate (d) Illicit
7. ATTACHMENT  
(a) Affinity (b) Influence  
(c) Causation (d) Appendage
8. WEARY  
(a) Energized (b) Fatigued  
(c) Sentimental (d) Emotional
9. BRAVERY  
(a) Onslaught (b) Arrogant  
(c) Fortitude (d) Nepotism
10. JEALOUS  
(a) Obvious (b) Atrocious  
(c) Envious (d) Ferocious
11. FOUND  
(a) See  
(b) Establish  
(c) Realize  
(d) Search

12. ALMS  
(a) Blessings (b) Charity  
(c) Prayers (d) Worship
13. DISCOMFIT  
(a) Litigate (b) Ease  
(c) Conflict (d) Frustrate
14. WRATH  
(a) Violence (b) Anger  
(c) Hatred (d) Displeasing
15. ABSTINENCE  
(a) Synchronic (b) Torrential  
(c) Restraint (d) Gluttony
16. FACULTY  
(a) Privilege (b) Desire  
(c) Branch (d) Ability
17. CHASTE  
(a) Filthy (b) Lewd  
(c) Immoral (d) Noble
18. INTELLECT  
(a) Rationality (b) Imbecility  
(c) Insanity (d) Reverie
19. OMEN  
(a) Augury (b) Superstition  
(c) Imagery (d) Imagination
20. ANIMATE  
(a) Kill (b) Dead  
(c) Energise (d) Calm

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-40):** Pick out the farthest meaning or antonym of the words given below.

21. INSULT  
(a) Humiliation (b) Credulity  
(c) Degradation (d) Honour
22. ORIGIN  
(a) Ointment (b) Detergent  
(c) Remnant (d) Comfort
23. PROVE  
(a) Vapid (b) Assume

- 24.** (c) Disincline  
INSTLY  
(a) Repeatedly  
(c) Gradually
- 25.** WORTHY  
(a) Unimportant  
(c) Undeserving
- 26.** DOMINATE  
(a) Defeat  
(c) Threaten
- 27.** INSPIRED  
(a) Discouraged  
(c) Negated
- 28.** PARTICIPATE  
(a) Precipitate  
(c) Disengage
- 29.** HOLLOW  
(a) Filled  
(c) Strong
- 30.** WILD  
(a) Arrogant  
(c) Tamed
- 31.** ENTANGLE  
(a) Untwist  
(c) Hook
- 32.** SQUEAK  
(a) Cheep  
(c) Silence
- 33.** MERCY  
(a) Affection  
(c) Malevolence
- 34.** DREADFUL  
(a) Pleasant  
(c) Awful
- 35.** ELATED  
(a) Upset  
(c) Snappy
- 36.** Serenity  
(a) Impure  
(b) Disturbance  
(c) Tranquility  
(d) Complicated

- (d) Atone  
(b) Lately  
(d) Awkwardly
- (b) Valuable  
(d) Ugly
- (b) Succumb  
(d) Sheepish
- (b) Extracted  
(d) Admired
- (b) Change  
(d) Boycott
- (b) Solid  
(d) Substantial
- (b) Humble  
(d) Rude
- (b) Twist  
(d) Impede
- (b) Creak  
(d) Cry
- (b) Amity  
(d) Lenity
- (b) Atrocious  
(d) Beastly
- (b) Peppy  
(d) Zestful

- 37.** Unruly  
(a) Unmanageable  
(b) Docile  
(c) Rowdy  
(d) Irrepressible

- 38.** Frequent  
(a) Few  
(b) Unusual  
(c) Rare  
(d) Extinct

- 39.** ptional  
(a) Voluntary  
(c) Primary
- (b) Compulsory  
(d) Basic

- 40.** Delicious  
(a) Nauseous  
(c) Scornful
- (b) Bitter  
(d) Irritating

## LEVEL- II

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41 - 60):** Choose the word which is nearly the same in meaning to the word in capital letters.

- 41.** HARMONY  
(a) Cemetery  
(c) Symmetry
- (b) Ceremony  
(d) Hierarchy
- 42.** AZURE  
(a) Blue  
(c) Brown
- (b) Green  
(d) Round and big
- 43.** TRIVIAL  
(a) Significant  
(c) Unimportant
- (b) Momentous  
(d) Critical
- 44.** RIVALRY  
(a) Competition  
(c) Compromise
- (b) Cooperation  
(d) Campaign
- 45.** COLLAPSE  
(a) Rise  
(c) Rebirth
- (b) Failure  
(d) Debt
- 46.** AMICABLE  
(a) Nebulous  
(c) Harmonious
- (b) Abominable  
(d) Delicate
- 47.** EMBELLISH  
(a) Emboss  
(c) Garnish
- (b) Design  
(d) Aristocratic

- 48.** OPPORTUNE  
(a) Expected (b) Convenient  
(c) Welcome (d) Chance
- 49.** INDELIBLE  
(a) Uneatable (b) Permanent  
(c) Delicate (d) Strong
- 50.** CHORE  
(a) Thief (b) Relief  
(c) Colour (d) Task
- 51.** COPIOUS  
(a) Vast (b) Identical  
(c) Merry (d) Plentiful
- 52.** CRAVEN  
(a) Greedy (b) Cowardly  
(c) Flattering (d) Restless
- 53.** TEPID  
(a) Irreversible (b) Causing fatigue  
(c) Fast moving (d) Lukewarm
- 54.** AUGURY  
(a) Dispute  
(b) Altar  
(c) Place of refuge  
(d) Omen
- 55.** ALLEVIATE  
(a) To release (b) To lessen  
(c) To deprive (d) To deceive
- 56.** HIATUS  
(a) Uphill task  
(b) Distant place  
(c) Fading memory  
(d) Gap
- 57.** HOSPITABLE  
(a) Convivial (b) Liberal  
(c) Congenital (d) Welcoming
- 58.** ABSURD  
(a) Senseless (b) Clean  
(c) Abrupt (d) Candid
- 59.** PHILANTHROPY  
(a) Generosity (b) Perversity  
(c) Perjury (d) Flaunting
- 60.** MUTUAL

- (a) Reciprocal (b) Agreed  
(c) Common (d) Conjugal

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-75):** Choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

- 61.** ELAN  
(a) Brashness  
(b) Dignity  
(c) Composure  
(d) Nervousness
- 62.** IRASCIBLE  
(a) Kind (b) Friendly  
(c) Roguish (d) Clever
- 63.** NEBULOUS  
(a) Concrete (b) Unkind  
(c) Undramatic (d) Uninteresting
- 64.** PENCHANT  
(a) Disinclination (b) Lone  
(c) Directness (d) Lack of skill
- 65.** PERFUNCTORY  
(a) Quick (b) Slow  
(c) Careful (d) Loud
- 66.** TRANSIENT  
(a) Urgent (b) Youthful  
(c) Original (d) Eternal
- 67.** SUBLIME  
(a) Base (b) Concise  
(c) Partial (d) Insist
- 68.** MANSION  
(a) Castle (b) Hovel  
(c) House (d) Hotel
- 69.** PARTITION  
(a) Maintain (b) Enjoin  
(c) Unify (d) Break
- 70.** PRIMITIVE  
(a) Polite (b) Naive  
(c) Weak (d) Sophisticated
- 71.** SEDENTARY  
(a) Vivid (b) Afraid  
(c) Indolent (d) Active
- 72.** SCRIMP  
(a) Lavish (b) Parsimonious  
(c) Meticulous (d) Polite

- 73.** DELECTABLE  
 (a) Agonising (b) Appetising  
 (c) Distasteful (d) Laborious
- 74.** GRAVE  
 (a) Noble (b) Inconsequential  
 (c) Solemn (d) Senile
- 75.** CONFIDANT  
 (a) Turncoat (b) Arrogant  
 (c) Confederate (d) Firm

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 76-80):** Choose the word which is OPPOSITE in meaning to each of the underlined word:

- 76.** His description of the event was rather Pejorative.  
 (a) Laudatory (b) Derogatory  
 (c) Predictive (d) Adusive

- 77.** Observing his agitation, we tried to Propitiate the speaker.  
 (a) Provoke (b) Placate  
 (c) Prohibit (d) Facilitate
- 78.** Muskan's ubiquitous smile helped to cheer us up in times of misery.  
 (a) Small (b) Rare  
 (c) Common (d) Frequent
- 79.** Evidence of his moral turpitude influenced the committee's decision about his promotion.  
 (a) Courage (b) Baseness  
 (c) Timidity (d) Honourableness
- 80.** Efforts at managing differences have, till date, been more episodic than otherwise.  
 (a) Intermittent (b) Eventful  
 (c) Continuous (d) Half-hearted

## HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

### LEVEL – I

1. (b) Counsel also means 'legal adviser'.
2. (d) Quote means repeat something spoken, written by another. These, cite is synonym of quote.
3. (c) Judicious means having good sense, momentous means most important, pragmatic means practical, treating in a sensible and realistic way.
4. (d) Courageous means brave and bold. Thus, fearless is the synonym of courageous
5. (d) Watchfulness means vigilant or alert.
6. (d) Illicit means not sanctioned by law. Elicit means to draw a response with difficulty, legitimate means legal/lawful.
7. (a) Not available
8. (b) Not available
9. (c) 'Onslaught means' attack'; arrogant means 'full of pride'
10. (c) Obvious means 'clear', 'atrocious means 'cruel', ferocious means full of anger.
11. (b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy was the founder of Brahmo Samaj. In other words, he established it.
12. (b) When a cyclone affects an area, the people are deprived of their belongings. You then give them money, clothes, food etc. Such gifts to the poor and needy are called alms. Since they are given out of charity (kindness and tolerance), these gifts are also known as charity.
13. (d) If you are discomfited by something, it causes you to feel slightly embarrassed or confused. In other words, it, frustrates you.
14. (b) Wrath is extreme anger.
15. (c) If you abstain from something, you deliberately do not do it. Abstinence, however, is a particular kind of abstaining—that from alcoholic drink, sex etc, often for health or religious reasons. If you abstain from drinking, you do not get drunk. Abstinence does not refer to "drink" only,
16. (d) Your faculties are your physical and mental abilities. We have all been endowed with the faculty of imagination. Most of us, however, kill it through an exercise of constant neglect.
17. (d) Filth means dirt, Lewd means characterless. A chaste person does not have sex with anyone or has it only with his or her spouse.
18. (a) Imbecility means mental weakness, Insanity means madness. Reverie means day-dreaming.
19. (a) Augury is an omen, token, or indication.
20. (c) As an adjective, animate simply means "having life". For example: Plants and animals are animate objects. (5) is thus rejected because boisterous means "lively, cheerful". Now, as a verb: If you animate something, you make it lively or more cheerful. Thus you put energy into it. In other words, you enliven it. Note: Boisterous is a synonym of the adjective animated.
21. (d) Not available
22. (c) Origin means the starting point and remnant is what is left after finishing or distribution.
23. (b) Prove means to state that a statement or theory is correct after giving valid and logical reasons while assumption is something which is believed without any proofs or evidence.
24. (c) Instantly means something that happens in an instant or very quickly, gradually means to happen step by step.
25. (c) Biased teachers are not worthy of respect. Teachers are expected to be impartial. If not so, they do not deserve respect. In other words, they are undeserving of respect.

- 26.** (b) Having piled a huge total, the Sri Lankan cricket team was in a dominating position. That is, the Sri Lankans were in control of the match (the Independence Cup final). The Pakistani succumbed to the pressure. That is, they were affected by the Sri Lankan domination.
- 27.** (a) My success is due to my elder brother, who has inspired me at every point. That is, he encouraged me to go ahead with my work. The opposite of encouraged is discouraged.
- 28.** (d) Only 76 countries participated in the meet. The rest boycotted it. That is, they refused to participate (take part) in it because they disapproved of it.
- 29.** (b) Option (a) is rejected because filled is the antonym of empty. Hollow should not be confused with empty. That which is hollow has a space inside it, as opposed to being solid all the way through. If you fill a hollow cylinder with gas, it still remains hollow, though not empty. If it ceases to be hollow only when you convert all the space inside into solid.
- 30.** (c) That which is wild lacks discipline and control. When it is brought under control, it becomes tamed.
- 31.** (a) Entangle means to cause to become twisted together with or caught in. Untwist is the correct antonym.
- 32.** (c) Squeak means to make a high-pitched sound or cry so the correct antonym is silence.
- 33.** (c) Mercy means compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. Malevolence is the correct antonym because it means the state or condition of being malevolent; hostility.
- 34.** (a) Dreadful is a personal feeling of unwell or troubled so pleasant is the correct antonym.
- 35.** (a) Elated means thrilled, exhilarated, happy, and delighted, overjoyed, joyous, gleeful, excited, animated, and jubilant, beside oneself with happiness therefore upset is the correct antonym.
- 36.** (b) Serenity is calm, peaceful. Opposite is (b) disturbance.
- 37.** (b) Unruly is rowdy, indiscipline opposite is: (b) docile.
- 38.** (c) Frequent means occurring or done many times at short intervals, rare is the correct opposite.
- 39.** (b) Optional means available to be chosen but not obligatory, Compulsory is the correct opposite.
- 40.** (a) Delicious means having a very pleasant taste or smell on the other hand nauseous means disgusting which is the correct opposite.

## LEVEL - II

- 41.** (c) Cemetery means graveyards, hierarchy means a system of society in which people are graded into different classes according to certain norms, and harmony is when many things work together in the same mode.
- 42.** (a) Azure means blue.
- 43.** (c) Trivial means insignificant or unimportant, momentous means for/of the moment, critical is someone who looks for faults.
- 44.** (a) Rivalry means competition, campaign is an organized course of action.
- 45.** (b) Collapse means to fall down or lose strength, of the given options the nearest to its meaning is failure.
- 46.** (c) Amicable means friendly and harmonious means an agreement and working together with perfect cooperation, friendliness is always harmonious, nebulous means not in a definite shape, abominable is hateful, and delicate is soft.
- 47.** (b) EMBELLISH means, to make something more beautiful by adding decorations to it.
- 48.** (b) OPPORTUNE means, suitable for doing a particular thing, so that it is likely to be successful.
- 49.** (b) INDELIBLE means, impossible to forget or remove.

50. (d) CHORE means, a task that you do regularly.

51. (d) COPIOUS means, in large amounts.

52. (b) The word 'craven' means 'cowardly', contemptibly timid pusillanimous which is nearest in meaning to 'cowardly' which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer.

53. (d) The word 'Tepid' means moderately warm; Lukewarm which is nearest in meaning to 'Lukewarm' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Irreversible - incapable of being changed; Causing fatigue - something that leads to mental exertion; Fast moving - speedy.

54. (d) The word 'Angury' means 'an Omen taken or indication' which is nearest in meaning to 'Omen' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer. The other 3 answer choices have following meanings:

Dispute - to engage in argument; Altar - a platform, at which religious rites are performed; Place of refuge - a place of shelter.

55. (b) The word 'Alleviate' means to diminish or lessen which is nearest in meaning to 'lessen' which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer. The other three words have following meanings: To release - to free from confinement; To deprive - to remove from the possession; To deceive - delude, to be unfaithful to.

56. (d) Hiatus means 'pause or interruption, any gap or lacuna.' So 'Gap' would be the right synonym. Other synonyms: aperture, chasm, interim, rift, discontinuity.

57. (d) The word 'hospitable' means genial, welcoming, congenial, friendly, convivial, but welcoming is the most suitable word.

58. (a) The word 'absurd' means stupid not logical and sensible which is nearest in meaning to senseless.

59. (a) The word 'philanthropy' means the practice of helping the poor and those in need especially by giving money. Hence generosity (willing to give

somebody money, gifts etc) is nearest in meaning to it.

60. (a) The word 'mutual' is used to describe feelings that two or more people have for each other equally. Hence, reciprocal is similar word in meaning to it.

61. (d) Elan means vigour or energy and enthusiasm, opposite of enthusiasm would be nervousness, composure means calmness, and dignity is calm and serious manner while brashness is opposite to composure.

62. (c) Irascible is hot tempered, or someone who easily gets angry, roguish is playful, it is more clearly an antonym to hot tempered than friendly or even kind. Both words Irascible and roguish concern the temperament of a person, while others are about his nature.

63. (a) Nebulous is indistinct something that does not have a clear outline, Concrete is solid and of definite shape.

64. (a) Penchant is a natural inclination towards something, lone means only, alone, single.

65. (c) Perfunctory is a task performed only for the sake of it, done carelessly without much attention.

66. (d) Transient is something that is momentous or not fixed, which passes away with time, eternal is what lasts forever.

67. (a) Sublime is magnificent and great, base is anything low, ordinary, concise means short or compact, partial is not complete, and Insist is to make a request.

68. (b) Mansion is a very big house, while hovel is a small, dingy house, castle is a large fortified residence.

69. (c) Partition is to divide, unify is to bring together, enjoin means command or an order.

70. (d) Primitive means of the very old time, and thus not very developed or refined, sophisticated is well-refined and well-mannered. Naive means inexperienced.

- 71.** (d) Sedentary means something inactive or sleeping. Indolent means rude.
- 72.** (a) Scrimp means to live on very little money and Lavish is to live extravagantly, i.e., spending a lot of money, parsimonious are means for making money.
- 73.** (c) Delectable is delightful or pleasant, distasteful is something unpleasant, agonizing is something that gives pain and anxiety, appetising means to rouse or increase appetite, laborious means something that needs or shows much effort.
- 74.** (b) Grave means seriously important, and inconsequential is something of no importance at all, solemn means serious and calm and can be synonymously used with Grave, senile is to grow old and weaker.
- 75.** (a) Confidant is the person you tell your secrets and who keeps that secret, turncoat is a person who changes allegiance from one to another and does not remain loyal, arrogant means rude, firm means strict and strong, confederate means joined by a treaty or agreement.
- 76.** (a) Pejorative means derogatory or having negative tones.
- 77.** (a) Propitiate means to calm down.
- 78.** (b) Ubiquitous means omnipresent.
- 79.** (d) Turpitude means wickedness.
- 80.** (c) Episodic things come at frequent or infrequent intervals.