

Antonym to a word is a word contrary to its meaning. In Aptitude tests, you will often come upon questions that require you to pick up the antonym of a given word. A given word is followed by four/five choices, one of which is its antonym. A good tactic for an Antonym question is to search the answer choices for synonyms, which typically feature among the choices. The instant dismissal of synonyms enables you to focus your attention on the balance choices, of which only one must now be the answer.

### Strategy For Antonyms

1. Think of a context in which you've heard the word before, you would possibly know the word already.
2. Look for its root, stem, prefix and suffix to decrypt the word.
3. Use the positive or negative connotation of the word to help you.
4. Eliminate as many choices as possible and make your best guess.

## Practice Exercise -1

**Directions for (Que 1-40):** Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it. Each of the bold-faced words given below is followed by five choices for the answer/Among these, choose the one that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the bold-faced word.

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| <p><b>1) Transitory</b><br/>           (1) temporary      (2) bearable<br/>           (3) permanent      (4) troublesome<br/>           (5) numerous</p> | <p><b>6) Abridge</b><br/>           (1) offset      (2) build<br/>           (3) condense      (4) discard<br/>           (5) expand</p>               |
| <p><b>2) Culpable</b><br/>           (1) responsible      (2) obedient<br/>           (3) innocent      (4) immoral<br/>           (5) anticipated</p>   | <p><b>7) Restive</b><br/>           (1) simple      (2) comfortable<br/>           (3) reticent      (4) hardy<br/>           (5) patient</p>          |
| <p><b>3) Dogmatic</b><br/>           (1) reasonable      (2) militant<br/>           (3) expectant      (4) rigorous<br/>           (5) restrained</p>   | <p><b>8) Voluble</b><br/>           (1) large      (2) fluent<br/>           (3) reticent      (4) complete<br/>           (5) vexing</p>              |
| <p><b>4) Intrinsic</b><br/>           (1) necessary      (2) basic<br/>           (3) extraneous      (4) magnificent<br/>           (5) furtive</p>     | <p><b>9) Lachrymose</b><br/>           (1) happy      (2) tearful<br/>           (3) laden      (4) brown<br/>           (5) latent</p>                |
| <p><b>5) Clandestine</b><br/>           (1) overt      (2) secret<br/>           (3) shadowy      (4) brilliant<br/>           (5) mellow</p>            | <p><b>10) Migratory</b><br/>           (1) moveable      (2) subversive<br/>           (3) subtle      (4) satisfied<br/>           (5) stationary</p> |

- 11) Orthodox**  
 (1) sound (2) plentiful  
 (3) usual (4) heretical  
 (5) reactionary
- 12) Prodigious**  
 (1) abundant (2) minute  
 (3) slow (4) deadly  
 (5) amateurish
- 13) Ingenuous**  
 (1) real (2) rustic  
 (3) everlasting (4) clever.  
 (5) flexible
- 14) Capricious**  
 (1) entertaining (2) steady  
 (3) erratic (4) splendid  
 (5) jovial
- 15) Obfuscate**  
 (1) aver (2) estrange  
 (3) clarify (4) confine  
 (5) assemble
- 16) Ephemeral**  
 (1) evergreen (2) biennial  
 (3) tactile (4) deciduous  
 (5) everlasting
- 17) Audacity**  
 (1) quivering (2) bravado  
 (3) conciseness (4) cowardice  
 (5) patricide
- 18) Irascible**  
 (1) cranky (2) bellicose  
 (3) pictorial (4) goodnatured  
 (5) picaresque
- 19) Flamboyant**  
 (1) female (2) apparitional  
 (3) plain (4) terse  
 (5) decorated
- 20) Punctual**  
 (1) Precise (2) Dilatory.  
 (3) rare (4) concise  
 (5) succinct
- 21) Subsequent**  
 (1) eventual (2) comparative  
 (3) prior (4) ancient  
 (5) irrelevant
- 22) Apropos**  
 (1) pertinent (2) contrite  
 (3) sensible (4) ancient  
 (5) irrelevant
- 23) Infringe**  
 (1) respect (2) perceive  
 (3) bestow (4) encircle  
 (5) violate
- 24) Succour**  
 (1) neglect (2) arrange  
 (3) administer (4) fragment  
 (5) help
- 25) Vivacious**  
 (1) surgical (2) lively  
 (3) inactive (4) girlish  
 (5) boyish
- 26) Abominate**  
 (1) attach (2) detach  
 (3) hate (4) love  
 (5) abhor
- 27) Synthetic**  
 (1) natural (2) cosmetic  
 (3) cotton (4) nylon  
 (5) viscous
- 28) Clandestine**  
 (1) dark (2) open  
 (3) swampy (4) benign  
 (5) secret
- 29) Discord**  
 (1) use (2) noise  
 (3) silence (4) scrap  
 (5) amity
- 30) Insipid**  
 (1) sweet (2) sour  
 (3) tasty (4) bitter  
 (5) silly
- 31) Husbandry**  
 (1) matrimonial (2) patricide  
 (3) munificence (4) frugality  
 (5) wife

**32) Gainsay**

- (1) lose money (2) applaud  
(3) affirm (4) audit  
(5) deny

**33) Ignominious**

- (1) scholarly (2) laudatory  
(3) erudite (4) incognito  
(5) disgraceful

**34) Corpulent**

- (1) emaciated (2) obese  
(3) cooperative (4) stubborn  
(5) municipal

**35) Baroque**

- (1) common (2) rococo  
(3) stupid (4) simple  
(5) boat like

**36) Earthy**

- (1) water (2) liquid  
(3) salty (4) refined  
(5) melodious

**37) Dearth**

- (1) birth (2) brightness  
(3) abundance (4) platitude  
(5) scantiness

**38) Zealot**

- (1) partisan (2) heretic  
(3) reverent (4) dictatorial  
(5) different person

**39) Ameliorate**

- (1) harden (2) aggravate  
(3) scrape (4) staple  
(5) improve

**40) Choleric**

- (1) red (2) severe  
(3) imitable (4) stem  
(5) serene

**Answer Key :****Practice Exercise 1**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	3	1	3	1	5	5	3	1	5	4	2	4	2
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