

## Antonyms/ Synonyms

### Practice Exercise

**Direction (1 - 12):** In the following questions, a word is given in capital letters followed by four alternative words marked A-D. Select from alternatives the word which conveys the same meaning as the word given in capital letters.

1. **ALLEGIANCE**  
(a) Disaffection (b) Satisfactory  
(c) Loyalty (d) Enmity  
(e) None of these
2. **PROHIBIT**  
(a) Banish (b) Punish  
(c) Forbid (d) Exhibit  
(e) None of these
3. **AMICABLE**  
(a) Poisonous (b) Friendly  
(c) Impolite (d) Heartening  
(e) None of these
4. **CANDID**  
(a) sweet (b) Pleasing  
(c) Frank (d) Dishonest  
(e) None of these
5. **ABSTAIN**  
(a) Influence (b) Refrain  
(c) Retain (d) Retard  
(e) None of these
6. **PRUDENT**  
(a) Skilled (b) Experienced  
(c) Cautious (d) Criminal  
(e) None of these
7. **ABRIDGE**  
(a) Desire (b) Condense  
(c) Graceful (d) Disconnect  
(e) None of these
8. **TEMPERATE**  
(a) Cool (b) Moderate  
(c) Favourable (d) Dangerous  
(e) None of these
9. **TWAIN**  
(a) Discarded (b) Worthless  
(c) Couple (d) Strong  
(e) None of these

10. **SLANDER**  
(a) Circular (b) Spherical  
(c) Fragile (d) Damage  
(e) None of these
11. **UNDAUNTED**  
(a) Careless (b) Not discouraged  
(c) Worthless (d) Prudent  
(e) None of these
12. **TENACIOUS**  
(a) Firm (b) Poisonous  
(c) Uncomfortable (d) Piercing  
(e) None of these

**Direction (13 - 22):** In the following questions, a word is given in capital letters followed by four alternative words marked a-d. Select from alternatives the word which is opposite in meaning of the word given in capital letters.

13. **AMATEUR**  
(a) Arrogant (b) Humble  
(c) Lazy (d) Expert  
(e) None of these
14. **BIZARRE**  
(a) Costly (b) Attractive  
(c) Normal (d) Abnormal  
(e) None of these
15. **BIASED**  
(a) Impartial (b) Distasteful  
(c) Cured (d) Curved  
(e) None of these
16. **PUNGENT**  
(a) Clear (b) Turbid  
(c) Sharp (d) Harmless  
(e) None of these
17. **INCITE**  
(a) Exhort (b) Excite  
(c) Discourage (d) Encourage  
(e) None of these
18. **GIGANTIC**  
(a) Huge (b) Small  
(c) Dangerous (d) Fantastic  
(e) None of these

19. **INTRUDE**  
(a) To tear away (b) Keep away  
(c) Force (d) Compelled  
(e) None of these

20. **HOSTILE**  
(a) Friendly (b) Sudden  
(c) Costly (d) Unfair  
(e) None of these

21. **CLUMSY**  
(a) Mercy (b) Dull  
(c) Bright (d) Dextrous  
(e) None of these

22. **EXCULPATE**  
(a) Acquit (b) Absolve  
(c) Murder (d) Accuse  
(e) None of these

**Direction (22 - 20):** Select the correct meaning of the idioms/phrases underlined in the following sentences.

23. **In spite of all his brag he had to eat humble pie.**  
(a) To apologize humbly  
(b) To be astonish or amazed  
(c) To be very certain  
(d) To resolve a matter  
(e) None of these

24. **There's no love lost between them.**  
(a) To reveal a secret  
(b) To be ignorant  
(c) To be very careful  
(d) To be not on good terms  
(e) None of these

25. **The dog is as good as dead.**  
(a) To be very poor  
(b) Practically  
(c) To be very upset  
(d) To be in a bad situation  
(e) None of these

26. **At a party, he is always in high spirits.**  
(a) To work very hard  
(b) Cheerful  
(c) To talk a lot  
(d) Drunk  
(e) None of these

27. **He is a person after my own heart.**  
(a) Exactly to one's own liking  
(b) To make a suggestion  
(c) An emotional man

- (d) To pretend to be nice  
(e) None of these

28. **The popularity of the yesteryears' superstar is on the wane.**  
(a) At its peak (b) Growing more  
(c) At the lowest (d) Growing less  
(e) None of these

29. **I am sure he means business.**  
(a) Is inquisitive (b) Is a traders  
(c) To exercise a lot (d) Is earnest  
(e) None of these

30. **Her letter of protest was just a drop in the ocean.**  
(a) To do something very quickly  
(b) A very small proportion of the whole  
(c) Something very common  
(d) Something that is very easy to do  
(e) None of these

**Direction (31 - 40):** Identify the correct homonyms for the words given in capital letters.

31. **PEAL**  
(a) Peel (b) Pill  
(c) Piel (d) Both (a) and (c)  
(e) None of these

32. **READ**  
(a) Red (b) Rad  
(c) Raid (d) All of these  
(e) None of these

33. **VEIN**  
(a) Vian (b) Vain  
(c) Vaen (d) Both (a) and (b)  
(e) None of these

34. **HIM**  
(a) Hym (b) Hymn  
(c) Hymne (d) All of these  
(e) None of these

35. **HAIR**  
(a) Hare (b) Heir  
(c) Hier (d) Both (a) and (b)  
(e) None of these

36. **ARC**  
(a) Arch (b) Arche  
(c) Ark (d) Both (a) and (b)  
(e) None of these

- 37. LOAN**  
 (a) Lone (b) Lawn  
 (c) Lawen (d) All of these  
 (e) None of these
- 38. MUSCLE**  
 (a) Musel (b) Musil  
 (c) Mussel (d) Muesel  
 (e) None of these
- 39. SOOT**  
 (a) Suit (b) Suite  
 (c) Soote (d) Both (a) and (b)  
 (e) None of these
- 40. THRONE**  
 (a) Thorn (b) Thrown  
 (c) Threwn (d) Both (b) and (c)  
 (e) None of these

## Answer

<b>1. (C)</b>	<b>2. (C)</b>	<b>3. (B)</b>	<b>4. (C)</b>	<b>5. (B)</b>
<b>6. (C)</b>	<b>7. (B)</b>	<b>8. (B)</b>	<b>9. (C)</b>	<b>10. (D)</b>
<b>11. (B)</b>	<b>12. (A)</b>	<b>13. (D)</b>	<b>14. (C)</b>	<b>15. (A)</b>
<b>16. (D)</b>	<b>17. (C)</b>	<b>18. (B)</b>	<b>19. (B)</b>	<b>20. (A)</b>
<b>21. (D)</b>	<b>22. (D)</b>	<b>23. (A)</b>	<b>24. (D)</b>	<b>25. (B)</b>
<b>26. (B)</b>	<b>27. (A)</b>	<b>28. (D)</b>	<b>29. (D)</b>	<b>30. (B)</b>
<b>31. (A)</b>	<b>32. (A)</b>	<b>33. (B)</b>	<b>34. (B)</b>	<b>35. (D)</b>
<b>36. (C)</b>	<b>37. (A)</b>	<b>38. (C)</b>	<b>39. (A)</b>	<b>40. (B)</b>