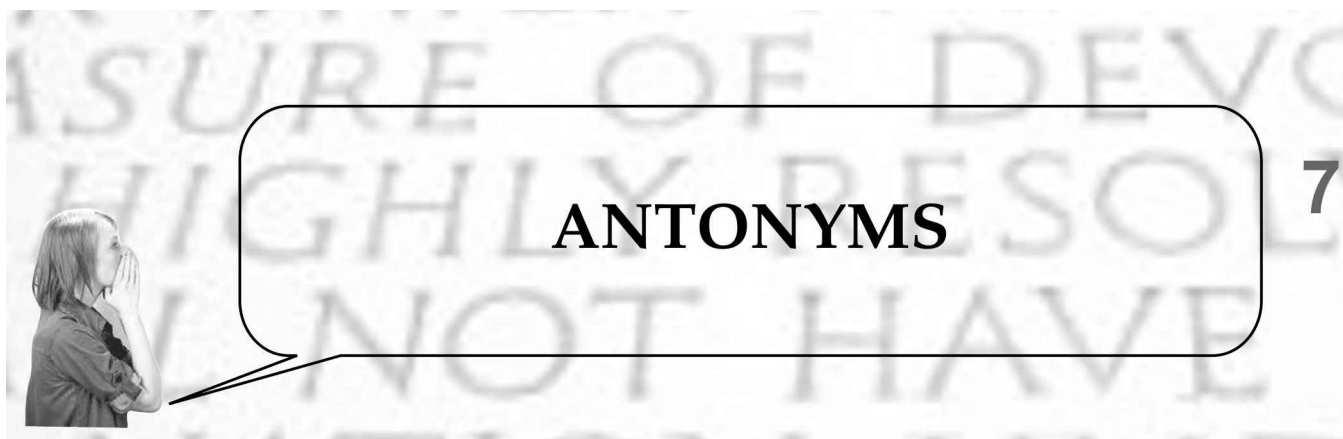




Directions for Exercise 1: Choose the option which is the antonym of the word mentioned.

Exercise 1

1. **Amusing**
 - (a) silent
 - (b) later
 - (c) boring
 - (d) nice
2. **Egoism**
 - (a) familial
 - (b) altruism
 - (c) fabianism
 - (d) Marxism
3. **Separate**
 - (a) amalgamate
 - (b) lonely
 - (c) operate
 - (d) none of these
4. **Professional**
 - (a) conservative
 - (b) liberal
 - (c) amateur
 - (d) legal
5. **Ambiguity**
 - (a) lucidity
 - (b) basal
 - (c) lovable
 - (d) necessity
6. **Ancestor**
 - (a) peer
 - (b) seer
 - (c) descendant
 - (d) genetic
7. **Omega**
 - (a) beta
 - (b) gamma
 - (c) delta
 - (d) alpha
8. **Amass**
 - (a) demote
 - (b) remote
 - (c) scatter
 - (d) better
9. **Amplification**
 - (a) abbreviation
 - (b) operation
 - (c) observation
 - (d) application
10. **Hurry**
 - (a) worry
 - (b) amble
 - (c) sorry
 - (d) enable
11. **Hostile**
 - (a) alluvial
 - (b) able
 - (c) amicable
 - (d) alterable
12. **Ameliorate**
 - (a) mar
 - (b) west
 - (c) stuff
 - (d) fade
13. **Amnesty**
 - (a) loyalty
 - (b) punishment
 - (c) depth
 - (d) dearth
14. **Scanty**
 - (a) ample
 - (b) sample
 - (c) adore
 - (d) afore
15. **Anabolism**
 - (a) metabolism
 - (b) catabolism
 - (c) quantity
 - (d) autism
16. **Order**
 - (a) anarchy
 - (b) endarch
 - (c) mesarch
 - (d) none of these
17. **Angelical**
 - (a) magnanimous
 - (b) diabolical
 - (c) benevolent
 - (d) critical
18. **Ecstasy**
 - (a) anguish
 - (b) appeal
 - (c) amenable
 - (d) lucidity
19. **Antidote**
 - (a) medicine
 - (b) poison
 - (c) anodyne
 - (d) amity
20. **Apex**
 - (a) base
 - (b) zenith
 - (c) meridian
 - (d) median
21. **Haughtiness**
 - (a) unskilled
 - (b) affability
 - (c) adduce
 - (d) abject

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22. **Ally**
(a) aide (b) opponent (c) asthenia (d) straight
(c) amor (d) rely
23. **Alcoholic**
(a) drunk (b) addict
(c) teetotaler (d) venom
24. **Apocryphal**
(a) apocalypse (b) authentic
(c) amusing (d) disgusting
25. **Hidden**
(a) appealing (b) apparent
(c) apparel (d) none of these
26. **Appeasable**
(a) antecedent (b) incident
(c) unrelenting (d) unloved
27. **Applaud**
(a) placate (b) denounce
(c) order (d) conserve
28. **Stinking**
(a) smelly (b) apathy
(c) aromatic (d) acrobatic
29. **Mislead**
(a) alter (b) separate
(c) malady (d) apprise
30. **Aristocrat**
(a) plutarchy (b) commoner
(c) royalty (d) none of these
31. **Coloured**
(a) troubled (b) anfractuous
(c) ashen (d) complexion
32. **Disarray**
(a) disorder (b) order
(c) bore (d) store
33. **Assumption**
(a) aspersion (b) aspiration
(c) proof (d) prediction
34. **Denial**
(a) disturb (b) avowal
(c) astern (d) atonement
35. **Democrat**
(a) royalty (b) anarchy
(c) autocrat (d) plutocrat
36. **Awry**
(a) austere (b) offend
37. **Silence**
(a) attune (b) babble
(c) achromatic (d) aurora
38. **Badger**
(a) bad (b) sober
(c) pacify (d) assure
39. **Bane**
(a) ban (b) band
(c) boon (d) bloom
40. **Civilised**
(a) palpable (b) civic
(c) incongruent (d) barbarian
41. **Audacious**
(a) silent (b) polite
(c) astute (d) avarice
42. **Barefaced**
(a) babel (b) baffle
(c) concealed (d) chaste
43. **Befoul**
(a) flounder (b) cleanse
(c) buoyant (d) flambé
44. **Unsuitable**
(a) sudorific (b) soporific
(c) befitting (d) bawdy
45. **Benign**
(a) benevolent (b) malevolent
(c) blessing (d) curse
46. **Peaceful**
(a) beatific (b) belligerent
(c) belie (d) belle
47. **Bellow**
(a) whisper (b) tout
(c) stupor (d) above
48. **Usual**
(a) bigotry (b) bizarre
(c) bewail
(d) biased
49. **Blasphemous**
(a) irreligious (b) inferior
(c) reverent (d) blarney
50. **Darken**
(a) rejoice (b) bleach
(c) inculcate (d) corolla

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| 51. Lengthen | (a) elongate | (b) evacuate | |
| | (c) abbreviate | (d) encompass | |
| 52. Abhorrent | (a) obnoxious | (b) attractive | |
| | (c) abeyance | (d) ablution | |
| 53. Abrupt | (a) brusque | (b) precipitous | |
| | (c) terse | (d) gradual | |
| 54. Abstruse | (a) esoteric | (b) obvious | |
| | (c) complex | (d) enigmatic | |
| 55. Paradoxical | (a) rational | (b) crazy | |
| | (c) daft | (d) zany | |
| 56. Accepted | (a) indisputable | (b) controversial | |
| | (c) accede | (d) axiomatic | |
| 57. Proletariat | (a) rationalist | (b) evangelist | |
| | (c) bourgeoisie | (d) Marxist | |
| 58. Boundless | (a) further | (b) astute | |
| | (c) abutting | (d) finite | |
| 59. Braggart | (a) modest | (b) harangue | |
| | (c) adept | (d) competent | |
| 60. Brevity | (a) prolixity | (b) niggardly | |
| | (c) reconciliation | (d) smoldering | |
| 61. Bury | (a) bristle | (b) exhume | |
| | (c) consume | (d) bombast | |
| 62. Callow | (a) mature | (b) oppose | |
| | (c) bustle | (d) burly | |
| 63. Euphony | (a) concord | (b) symphony | |
| | (c) cacophony | (d) sync | |
| 64. Fortune | (a) blessing | (b) calamity | |
| | (c) cabal | (d) blasphemy | |
| 65. Calumniate | (a) eulogise | (b) callous | |
| | (c) enervate | (d) temperate | |
| 66. Truth | (a) carnage | (b) canaille | |
| | (c) canard | (d) candid | |
| 67. Candour | (a) frankness | (b) cunning | |
| | (c) ingenuous | (d) sincere | |
| 68. Capricious | (a) lozenge | (b) acquiesce | |
| | (c) erratic | (d) steady | |
| 69. Disgust | (a) duress | (b) captivate | |
| | (c) repel | (d) rebel | |
| 70. Anxious | (a) crafty | (b) métier | |
| | (c) carefree | (d) slapdash | |
| 71. Manikin | (a) dwarf | (b) giant | |
| | (c) figure | (d) statue | |
| 72. Retreat | (a) haven | (b) shelter | |
| | (c) advance | (d) egress | |
| 73. Affluence | (a) poverty | (b) influence | |
| | (c) affinity | (d) prosperity | |
| 74. Diffidence | (a) ascent | (b) confidence | |
| | (c) penchant | (d) prescription | |
| 75. Detraction | (a) contraction | (b) flattery | |
| | (c) cannery | (d) deacon | |
| 76. Inequity | (a) law | (b) illegal | |
| | (c) slander | (d) libel | |
| 77. Hope | (a) beatitude | (b) platitude | |
| | (c) despair | (d) deign | |
| 78. Oblivion | (a) memory | (b) comely | |
| | (c) comfrey | (d) bijou | |
| 79. Plaintiff | (a) bigot | (b) defendant | |
| | (c) decoy | (d) frond | |
| 80. Folly | (a) wisdom | (b) antidote | |
| | (c) humility | (d) blame | |

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| 81. Affirmative | (a) positive | (b) negative | 96. Augment | (a) increase | (b) argument |
| | (c) derogatory | (d) affiliate | | (c) diminish | (d) delay |
| 82. Carnal | (a) infernal | (b) internal | 97. Censure | (a) appreciate | (b) reprimand |
| | (c) spiritual | (d) egoist | | (c) apprehend | (d) comprehend |
| 83. Diffuse | (a) concise | (b) incise | 98. Impertinent | (a) blunder | (b) excuse |
| | (c) temporal | (d) opulent | | (c) polite | (d) insolent |
| 84. Flaccid | (a) exotic | (b) turgid | 99. Commend | (a) criticize | (b) comment |
| | (c) insipid | (d) fresco | | (c) forsake | (d) dexterity |
| 85. Industrious | (a) idle | (b) compatible | 100. Obligatory | (a) derogatory | (b) optional |
| | (c) buoyant | (d) adversity | | (c) compulsion | (d) repulsion |
| 86. Immanent | (a) impatient | (b) amiable | 101. Ignore | (a) adjudicate | (b) infallible |
| | (c) transcendent | (d) diffident | | (c) anarchy | (d) infidel |
| 87. Profane | (a) sacred | (b) denounce | 102. Agnostic | (a) euphoric | (b) putrid |
| | (c) announce | (d) penance | | (c) evangelical | (d) abhor |
| 88. Figurative | (a) literal | (b) liberal | 103. Blessing | (a) malediction | (b) catholic |
| | (c) perennial | (d) annual | | (c) engaging | (d) incredible |
| 89. Sprightly | (a) bright | (b) effulgent | 104. Cleave | (a) disjunction | (b) separate |
| | (c) indulgent | (d) dull | | (c) adjunct | (d) revoke |
| 90. Vigorous | (a) feeble | (b) regal | 105. Loose | (a) lax | (b) vitiate |
| | (c) frugal | (d) immortal | | (c) astringent | (d) frigid |
| 91. Condemn | (a) convict | (b) acquit | 106. Erase | (a) arcane | (b) inscribe |
| | (c) accuse | (d) enervate | | (c) infallible | (d) invalidate |
| 92. Repudiate | (a) discharge | (b) disagree | 107. Customary | (a) aberrant | (b) harsh |
| | (c) admit | (d) reject | | (c) common | (d) ratify |
| 93. Expedite | (a) extract | (b) distract | 108. Gratuitous | (a) unwarranted | (b) restrained |
| | (c) delay | (d) defend | | (c) anomalous | (d) viable |
| 94. Lament | (a) languish | (b) anguish | 109. Tremulous | (a) fearful | (b) intrepid |
| | (c) rejoice | (d) languor | | (c) supplant | (d) whimsical |
| 95. Absurd | (a) funny | (b) expedient | 110. Feeble | (a) omniscient | (b) omnipotent |
| | (c) sensible | (d) gallant | | (c) heathen | (d) corporate |

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| 111. Prevaricate | (a) truth | (b) abate | |
| | (c) restrained | (d) tactful | |
| 112. Multifarious | (a) nonentity | (b) singular | |
| | (c) gallant | (d) invidious | |
| 113. Circuitous | (a) roundabout | (b) manifold | |
| | (c) rectilinear | (d) mechanical | |
| 114. Overrule | (a) ratify | (b) countermand | |
| | (c) sedge | (d) anomalies | |
| 115. Humane | (a) charitable | (b) philanthropic | |
| | (c) perturb | (d) callous | |
| 116. Consanguinity | (a) affinity | (b) corpulent | |
| | (c) estrangement | (d) anarchy | |
| 117. Volatile | (a) explosive | (b) immutable | |
| | (c) sedulous | (d) secretive | |
| 118. Naive | (a) sanctimonious | (b) ingenuous | |
| | (c) artless | (d) affable | |
| 119. Impenetrable | (a) translucent | (b) sinister | |
| | (c) queasy | (d) impede | |
| 120. Glorification | (a) exaltation | (b) aspersion | |
| | (c) vitreous | (d) sententious | |
| 121. Dishearten | (a) construe | (b) solace | |
| | (c) absolve | (d) attribute | |
| 122. Unquestionable | (a) veritable | (b) spurious | |
| | (c) temporal | (d) penultimate | |
| 123. Revitalize | (a) debilitate | (b) animate | |
| | (c) quicken | (d) feign | |
| 124. Vapid | (a) insipid | (b) prosaic | |
| | (c) pithy | (d) relieve | |
| 125. Ally | (a) epitome | (b) cleanse | |
| | (c) split | (d) comely | |
| 126. Foster | (a) interrogate | (b) satiate | |
| | (c) travesty | (d) impede | |
| 127. Persevere | (a) tenacity | (b) capitulate | |
| | (c) tawdry | (d) ululate | |
| 128. Cosmopolitan | (a) worldly | (b) sophisticated | |
| | (c) insular | (d) chic | |
| 129. Master | (a) tyrant | (b) tyro | |
| | (c) rodeo | (d) toreador | |
| 130. Antagonistic | (a) congenial | (b) neophyte | |
| | (c) vex | (d) menacing | |
| 131. Preclude | (a) obviate | (b) prevent | |
| | (c) augment | (d) segment | |
| 132. Contemptible | (a) venerable | (b) barbarous | |
| | (c) jocose | (d) sickening | |
| 133. Inclination | (a) propensity | (b) aversion | |
| | (c) liking | (d) attenuated | |
| 134. Uninspired | (a) pedestrian | (b) common | |
| | (c) stellar | (d) approbation | |
| 135. Atrocious | (a) grievous | (b) serious | |
| | (c) trivial | (d) tirade | |
| 136. Garrulous | (a) loquacious | (b) talkative | |
| | (c) quiet | (d) weary | |
| 137. Kindly | (a) comely | (b) homely | |
| | (c) sparse | (d) harsh | |
| 138. Vital | (a) inanimate | (b) alive | |
| | (c) strength | (d) excite | |
| 139. Gluttonous | (a) estrange | (b) abstemious | |
| | (c) sanctimonious | (d) contingency | |
| 140. Impetuous | (a) rash | (b) harsh | |
| | (c) cautious | (d) flighty | |

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| 141. Anathema | (a) contravene | (b) blessing | 156. Perfunctory | (a) careless | (b) thorough |
| | (c) masquerade | (d) identify | | (c) bold | (d) lazy |
| 142. Admonish | (a) censure | (b) censor | 157. Tranquillise | (a) anesthetic | (b) energise |
| | (c) approve | (d) prudent | | (c) atoll | (d) guzzle |
| 143. Diligent | (a) indolent | (b) assiduous | 158. Inveigh | (a) insinuate | (b) embezzle |
| | (c) assimilate | (d) apprehend | | (c) retreat | (d) mitigate |
| 144. Indigent | (a) opulent | (b) poor | 159. Necessary | (a) exacerbate | (b) burgeon |
| | (c) indomitable | (d) abatement | | (c) raconteur | (d) superfluous |
| 145. Lampoon | (a) mock | (b) satirize | 160. Guileless | (a) hermit | (b) deceitful |
| | (c) exalt | (d) energize | | (c) nebulous | (d) amorphous |
| 146. Ennoble | (a) eulogize | (b) dishonor | 161. Tarnish | (a) inchoate | (b) squander |
| | (c) salutary | (d) morbid | | (c) deride | (d) polish |
| 147. Impromptu | (a) intuitive | (b) deliberate | 162. Subordination | (a) stipulation | (b) cimmerian |
| | (c) portent | (d) bucolic | | (c) autonomy | (d) desalinize |
| 148. Ephemeral | (a) eternal | (b) internal | 163. Contumacious | (a) willful | (b) pliable |
| | (c) inanimate | (d) sedate | | (c) mercurial | (d) temperamental |
| 149. Familiar | (a) nostalgic | (b) noxious | 164. Pernicious | (a) drone | (b) travesty |
| | (c) foreign | (d) native | | (c) benign | (d) false |
| 150. Sullen | (a) cynical | (b) blissful | 165. Rampant | (a) raging | (b) wanton |
| | (c) hopeless | (d) genuine | | (c) quiescent | (d) apocryphal |
| 151. Delay | (a) curb | (b) advancement | 166. Bellicose | (a) militant | (b) demagogue |
| | (c) waylay | (d) warren | | (c) champion | (d) congenial |
| 152. Deride | (a) scoff | (b) sedate | 167. Cantankerous | (a) belligerent | (b) thimble |
| | (c) laud | (d) deluge | | (c) gregarious | (d) cathartic |
| 153. Sanguine | (a) pessimistic | (b) mitigate | 168. Quixotic | (a) exotic | (b) ruse |
| | (c) exhibitionist | (d) modest | | (c) pragmatic | (d) romantic |
| 154. Servile | (a) accommodating | (b) indomitable | 169. Jingoistic | (a) satisfied | (b) contemplative |
| | (c) demoralized | (d) hail | | (c) noncommittal | (d) zealous |
| 155. Reticent | (a) brazen | (b) reserved | 170. Strutting | (a) cowering | (b) smocking |
| | (c) apathetic | (d) dull | | (c) confident | (d) dissipating |

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| 171. Histrionic | (a) dramatic | (b) sincere | |
| | (c) hermetic | (d) optic | |
| 172. Deference | (a) sequester | (b) deadpan | |
| | (c) sauciness | (d) entreaty | |
| 173. Sardonic | (a) cheeky | (b) pleasing | |
| | (c) impetuous | (d) ironic | |
| 174. Pandemonium | (a) confusion | (b) uproar | |
| | (c) laxity | (d) equanimity | |
| 175. Hermetic | (a) opulent | (b) airy | |
| | (c) confined | (d) refined | |
| 176. Evanescent | (a) convoluted | (b) fleeting | |
| | (c) enigma | (d) perpetual | |
| 177. Blithe | (a) puzzling | (b) uniform | |
| | (c) disconsolate | (d) vivacious | |
| 178. Comity | (a) argot | (b) dialect | |
| | (c) gracious | (d) curt | |
| 179. Commend | (a) please | (b) chastise | |
| | (c) discern | (d) famish | |
| 180. Jaded | (a) excited | (b) deployed | |
| | (c) employed | (d) exploit | |
| 181. Repine | (a) master | (b) delight | |
| | (c) innocent | (d) simplify | |
| 182. Quell | (a) subdue | (b) allay | |
| | (c) inflame | (d) deflate | |
| 183. Enshroud | (a) apprise | (b) incense | |
| | (c) wallow | (d) camp | |
| 184. Odium | (a) abhorrence | (b) approbation | |
| | (c) induce | (d) assimilate | |
| 185. Dispassionate | (a) essence | (b) innocent | |
| | (c) encoded | (d) torrid | |
| 186. Fearless | (a) intrepid | (b) craven | |
| | (c) vacillate | (d) oscillate | |
| 187. Refractory | (a) obstinate | (b) averse | |
| | (c) assess | (d) impressionable | |
| 188. Listless | (a) phlegmatic | (b) discredit | |
| | (c) spirited | (d) inanimate | |
| 189. Garrote | (a) strangle | (b) emancipate | |
| | (c) industrious | (d) impudent | |
| 190. Minatory | (a) inspiring | (b) menacing | |
| | (c) infuriated | (d) opaque | |
| 191. Creative | (a) seminal | (b) far-reaching | |
| | (c) stifling | (d) flinging | |
| 192. Desiccated | (a) flaccid | (b) sodden | |
| | (c) arid | (d) crushed | |
| 193. Facile | (a) burdensome | (b) effortless | |
| | (c) worthless | (d) opulent | |
| 194. Nullify | (a) void | (b) legitimize | |
| | (c) repose | (d) indomitable | |
| 195. Fierce | (a) pitiless | (b) generous | |
| | (c) augment | (d) cleanse | |
| 196. Indenture | (a) manumit | (b) enslave | |
| | (c) affix | (d) pungent | |
| 197. Pursue | (a) foster | (b) eschew | |
| | (c) judgmental | (d) debate | |
| 198. Dark | (a) vitreous | (b) obscure | |
| | (c) scarce | (d) devout | |
| 199. Conclusive | (a) definitive | (b) wanting | |
| | (c) singular | (d) distinguished | |
| 200. Defamation | (a) apotheosis | (b) obloquy | |
| | (c) limpid | (d) parochial | |

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ANSWER KEY

Exercise 1

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| 1. (c) | 2. (b) | 3. (a) | 4. (c) | 5. (a) | 96. (c) | 97. (a) | 98. (c) | 99. (a) | 100. (b) |
| 6. (c) | 7. (d) | 8. (c) | 9. (a) | 10. (b) | 101. (a) | 102. (c) | 103. (a) | 104. (c) | 105. (c) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (a) | 13. (b) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 106. (b) | 107. (a) | 108. (b) | 109. (b) | 110. (b) |
| 16. (a) | 17. (b) | 18. (a) | 19. (b) | 20. (a) | 111. (a) | 112. (b) | 113. (c) | 114. (a) | 115. (d) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (b) | 23. (c) | 24. (b) | 25. (b) | 116. (c) | 117. (b) | 118. (a) | 119. (a) | 120. (b) |
| 26. (c) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (d) | 30. (b) | 121. (b) | 122. (b) | 123. (a) | 124. (c) | 125. (c) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (b) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (c) | 126. (d) | 127. (b) | 128. (c) | 129. (b) | 130. (a) |
| 36. (d) | 37. (b) | 38. (c) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) | 131. (c) | 132. (a) | 133. (b) | 134. (c) | 135. (c) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (c) | 43. (b) | 44. (c) | 45. (b) | 136. (c) | 137. (d) | 138. (a) | 139. (b) | 140. (c) |
| 46. (b) | 47. (a) | 48. (b) | 49. (c) | 50. (b) | 141. (b) | 142. (c) | 143. (a) | 144. (a) | 145. (c) |
| 51. (c) | 52. (b) | 53. (d) | 54. (b) | 55. (a) | 146. (b) | 147. (b) | 148. (a) | 149. (c) | 150. (b) |
| 56. (b) | 57. (c) | 58. (d) | 59. (a) | 60. (a) | 151. (b) | 152. (c) | 153. (a) | 154. (b) | 155. (a) |
| 61. (b) | 62. (a) | 63. (c) | 64. (b) | 65. (a) | 156. (b) | 157. (b) | 158. (c) | 159. (d) | 160. (b) |
| 66. (c) | 67. (b) | 68. (d) | 69. (b) | 70. (c) | 161. (d) | 162. (c) | 163. (b) | 164. (c) | 165. (c) |
| 71. (b) | 72. (c) | 73. (a) | 74. (b) | 75. (b) | 166. (d) | 167. (c) | 168. (c) | 169. (c) | 170. (a) |
| 76. (a) | 77. (c) | 78. (a) | 79. (b) | 80. (a) | 171. (b) | 172. (c) | 173. (b) | 174. (d) | 175. (b) |
| 81. (b) | 82. (c) | 83. (a) | 84. (b) | 85. (a) | 176. (d) | 177. (c) | 178. (d) | 179. (b) | 180. (a) |
| 86. (c) | 87. (a) | 88. (a) | 89. (d) | 90. (a) | 181. (b) | 182. (c) | 183. (a) | 184. (b) | 185. (d) |
| 91. (b) | 92. (c) | 93. (c) | 94. (c) | 95. (c) | 186. (b) | 187. (d) | 188. (c) | 189. (b) | 190. (a) |
| | | | | | 191. (c) | 192. (b) | 193. (a) | 194. (b) | 195. (b) |
| | | | | | 196. (a) | 197. (b) | 198. (a) | 199. (b) | 200. (a) |