

SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS/HOMONYMS & HOMOPHONES

LEVEL - I

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1 - 15): Pick out the nearest correct meaning or synonym of the words given below:

1. GERMINATE
(a) Decay (b) Breed
(c) Produce (d) Sprout
2. MAGNATE
(a) Tycoon (b) Senior executive
(c) Non-magnetic (d) Symbolic\
3. FACET
(a) Sweet (b) Tap
(c) Deceit (d) Aspect
4. PERSUADE
(a) Assure (b) Opinionated
(c) Convince (d) Cheat
5. EXEMPT
(a) Duty (b) Provide
(c) Relieve (d) Forgive
6. FEMINITY
(a) Cowardice (b) Manly
(c) Angelic (d) Inhabitant
7. CORDON
(a) Pile of logs
(b) Jeavy cloak
(c) Line of people placed as guard
(d) None of these
8. RECTIFY
(a) To command (b) To correct
(c) To destroy (d) To build
9. REVOKE
(a) Repudiate (b) Repeal
(c) Impute (d) Force
10. REDEEM
(a) Extend (b) Fulfil
(c) Reconsider (d) Recover
11. ADULT
(a) Infant (b) Juvenile
(c) Mature (d) Undeveloped

12. DILIGENT
(a) Fool (b) Unhappy
(c) Hardworking (d) Disappointed
13. FRAGILE
(a) Valid (b) Strong
(c) Delicate (d) Frank
14. GOODS
(a) Quality (b) Transport
(c) Material (d) Upright
15. SYNOPSIS
(a) Index (b) Mixture
(c) Puzzle (d) Summary

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16 - 30): Pick out the farthest correct meaning or Antonym of the "words given below:

16. ANCESTOR
(a) Descendant (b) Forefather
(c) Precursor (d) Grandparent
17. AUTHENTIC
(a) Factual, (b) Trustworthy
(c) Original (d) Unreal
18. FURIOUS
(a) Calm (b) Crazy
(c) Angry (d) Violent
19. GENUINE
(a) Literal (b) Exact
(c) Faithful (d) Fake
20. RIGID
(a) Merciless (b) Generous
(c) Lenient (d) Tolerant
21. ABANDON
(a) Roost (b) Forfeit
(c) Quit (d) Forsake
22. HINDER
(a) Expidite (b) Protect
(c) Devote (d) Create
23. TRAIT
(a) Symbol (b) Uncharacteristic
(c) Habit (d) Identity
24. ORIGIN
(a) Ointment (b) Detergent
(c) Remnant (d) Comfort
25. PROVE
(a) Vapid (b) Assume

- (c) Disincline (d) Atone
- 26.** FRAIL
(a) Worried (b) Strong
(c) Nervous (d) Wily
- 27.** PROCLAIM
(a) Denounce (b) Pretend
(c) Attend (d) Distend
- 28.** RADICAL
(a) Superficial (b) Slow
(c) Narrow (d) Simple
- 29.** HOLISTIC
(a) Negative (b) Piecemeal
(c) Impure (d) Inadequate
- 30.** DOMINATE
(a) Defeat (b) Succumb
(c) Threaten (d) Sheepish

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31 - 40): Choose the right word from the options given below.

- 31.** Can I go ____ the party?
(a) to (b) too
(c) two (d) tuu
- 32.** This is my favourite ____ of jeans.
(a) pare (b) pair
(c) pear (d) pyre
- 33.** I ____ a letter to my aunt in Vietnam.
(a) sent (b) scent
(c) sceent (d) cent
- 34.** The children got ____ during the lecture.
(a) bored (b) board
(b) board (d) bodor
- 35.** The merchant wants to ____ as many TVs as possible.
(a) sell (b) cell
(c) sale (d) shell
- 36.** I don't want to talk about the ____ anymore.
(a) passed (b) past
(c) pasto (d) paste
- 37.** Nobody ____ what you are thinking.
(a) knows (b) nose
(c) knose (d) nows

- 38.** I have ____ rupees in my pocket.
(a) for (b) four
(c) fore (d) fur
- 39.** I need to take a ____ from this exercise!
(a) break (b) brake
(c) broak (d) brek
- 40.** Humans have hands. Dogs have
(a) paws (b) pause
(c) puse (d) pawse

LEVEL - II

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1 - 20): Choose the correct word that best completes each sentence.

- 41.** The plaster cast will help ____ the broken bone.
(a) heal (b) heel
(c) hale (d) hele
- 42.** The ____ is the specialised part of a plant that contains reproductive organs.
(a) cede (b) seed
(c) seed (d) sead
- 43.** Dr. Venketesh built his castle on a dreary deserted ____ located far away from the mainland.
(a) aisle (b) I'll
(c) isla (d) isle
- 44.** Dasha's piano ____ is at 3:30 every week.
(a) lessen (b) lesson
(c) liaison (d) lesion
- 45.** Would you ____ the cheese for the pizza?
(a) grate (b) great
(c) gratee (d) great
- 46.** After Ravi's surgery, she looked ____ and tired for several weeks.
(a) pail (b) pale
(c) piel (d) peel
- 47.** Mrs. Sharma's voice was ____ by the time she finished reading all the test items.
(a) hoarse (b) horse
(c) hours (d) hour
- 48.** If there is a monopoly, there is only one ____ for the commodity.
(a) cellar (b) seller
(c) sailor (d) sailer

49. ___ desk has been moved to the corner of the room.
(a) You're (b) Your
(c) your (d) none
50. I ___ away many pleasant hours in the Museum of Natural History.
(a) idle (b) idol
(c) ideal (d) None
51. You ___ to have said it long ago.
(a) ought (b) aught
(c) oat (d) None
52. ___ float on the sea to warn ships of danger.
(a) Buoys (b) Boys
(c) bouse (d) bounce
53. We must try our best to ___ away all prejudices.
(a) caste (b) cast
(c) cast (d) cost
54. The travellers had a terrible journey through the ___ road.
(a) torturous (b) tortuous
(c) tortious (d) tortous
55. We ___ the orange with a knife.
(a) peel (b) peal
(c) pill (d) none
56. ___ is used to row the boat.
(a) Ore (b) Oar
(c) Or (d) None
57. Every airport has a _____.
(a) hanger (b) hangar
(c) hunger (d) hungar
58. If you want to reach God you have to worldly pleasures.
(a) forgo (b) forego
(c) forge (d) none
59. ___ bird does not fly in the air.
(a) Fowl (b) Foul
(c) Fail (d) Foal
60. She narrated the series of ___ events.
(a) discrete (b) descreet
(c) discrit (d) descrit

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21 - 30): Choose the correct synonym of the words given below.

61. ALIEN

- (a) Proper (b) Stranger
(c) Different (d) Freak

62. BITTERNESS
(a) Mildness (b) Kindness
(c) Acrimony (d) Sweetness

63. FRIGHT
(a) Calmness (b) Disappoint
(c) Scare (d) Thrill

64. GRAPHIC
(a) Obscure (b) Implicit
(c) Visual (d) Vague

65. INITIATIVE
(a) Apathy (b) Inventiveness
(c) Confidence (d) Desire

66. LIBERAL
(a) Miserly (b) Generous
(c) Visionary (d) Imaginative

67. PROHIBIT
(a) Prescribe (b) Allow
(c) Forbid (d) Provide

68. RESCUE
(a) Peril (b) Danger
(c) Pitfall (d) Save

69. SWIFT
(a) Move (b) Speedy
(c) Leisurely (d) Sluggish

70. VALOUR
(a) Cowardice (b) Wise
(c) Courage (d) Beautiful

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31 - 40): Choose the correct antonym of the -words given below.

71. AFFIRM
(a) Accept (b) Deny
(c) Allow (d) Welcome

72. BOLD
(a) Brave (b) Timid
(c) Incredible (d) Courageous

73. CONFIDENT
(a) Diffident (b) Wise
(c) Intelligent (d) Invincible

- 74.** EFFECTIVE
(a) Affective (b) Impressive
(c) Suitable (d) Incapable
- 75.** GALLANT
(a) Fun (b) Bold
(c) Coward (d) Frolic
- 76.** KNOWLEDGE
(a) Awareness (b) Ignorance
(c) Wisdom (d) Learning
- 37.** MOISTURE
(a) Wetness (b) Dryness
(c) Dampness (d) Roughness
- 38.** QUIT
(a) Remain (b) Depart
(c) Leave (d) Abandon
- 39.** SHARP
(a) Fast (b) Quick
(c) Fine (d) Blunt
- 40.** WORRIED
(a) Untroubled (b) Upset
(c) Afraid (d) Anxious

HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

LEVEL – I

1. (d) When a seed germinates, it puts forth shoots. In other words, it sprouts.
2. (a) John D Rockefeller was an oil magnate. Onassis was a shipping tycoon. Both Rockefeller and Onassis were big businessmen, their spheres being oil (petroleum) and shipping respectively. Both magnate and tycoon refer to businessmen who have made it big, their success making them rich and powerful.
3. (d) A facet of something is a single part or aspect of it.
4. (c) If you persuade me to do something, you try to convince me that it should be done.
5. (c) Certain categories of companies have been exempted from paying tax. That is, they do not have to shoulder the burden of tax- paying. In other words, their burden has been relieved.
6. (c) Not available
7. (c) Cordon means a line of people, policemen or soldiers which guards or prevents people entering or leaving an area.
8. (b) Rectify is to correct.
9. (b) When a law is revoked, it stands cancelled. We can also say that the law has been repealed.
10. (d) I have lost my reputation and nothing can redeem it. That is, much though I may try, no good action on my part can bring my lost reputation back. In other words, I cannot recover my reputation.
11. (c) Adult means a person who is fully grown or developed that is mature.
12. (c) Diligent as an adjective means having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties. So the word 'Hardworking' is the correct synonym.
13. (c) Fragile is the object which is easily broken or damaged and therefore, delicate is the correct option.
14. (c) Goods is inherently useful and relatively scarce tangible item; article, commodity, material, merchandise, supply, produced from ↔ agricultural ↔ construction, manufacturing, or mining activities. Material is the right option.
15. (d) Synopsis means brief summary or general survey of something. So summary is the right option.
16. (a) Ancestor refers to a person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended. Descendant means the opposite that is a person, plant, or animal that is descended from a particular ancestor.
17. (d) Authentic means something of undisputed origin and not a copy or genuine. The word unreal is the correct antonym as it means something imaginary or illusory.
18. (a) Furious means extremely angry therefore calm is the right antonym.
19. (d) Genuine means something authentic and fake means not genuine; imitation or counterfeit.
20. (d) Rigid means unable to bend or be forced out of shape; not flexible. Tolerant broadly means showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behaviour that one does not necessarily agree with.
21. (a) Roost
22. (a) Hinder means to prevent the growth or progress of something while expedite is to make fast the process or facilitate. Vindicate means to justify.
23. (b) Trait means characteristic.
24. (c) Origin means the starting point and remnant is what is left after finishing or distribution.
25. (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.
26. (b) Frail means something or someone very weak, usually due to illness.

- 27.** (a) Proclaim is to announce usually in favour of, denounce means to speak against.
- 28.** (a) Radical comes from Latin radix (= root). If you make a radical change in something, the change goes to its very roots, thus affecting the entire thing. On the other hand, there are changes which do not disturb the entire thing; the changes take place only on the surface. In other words, they are superficial changes.
- 29.** (b) Holistic medicine treats the whole person, not just the diseased part. That which is holistic is based on the principles of holism. Holism is the belief that everything in nature is connected in some way. A piecemeal approach, on the other hand, deals with only one part at a time.
- 30.** (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.
- 31.** (a) The preposition to expressing motion in the direction of a particular location.
- 32.** (b) Pair here means a set of two things used together or regarded as a unit.
- 33.** (a) Sent in past participle form means go or be taken to a particular destination
- 34.** (a) The adjective here means feeling weary and impatient because one is unoccupied or lacks interest in one's current activity.
- 35.** (a) In the verb form sell means to give or hand over something in exchange for money.
- 36.** (b) Here the sense means of a specified period of time occurring before and leading up to the time of speaking or writing.
- 37.** (a) Here knows means to have knowledge or information concerning somebody or something.
- 38.** (b) Four rupees expresses the amount of money.
- 39.** (a) The phrase take a break here means to have a short rest period in one's work.
- 40.** (a) Paws means animal's foot having claws and pads.

LEVEL – II

- 41.** (a) Hear heal means to become sound or healthy again.
- 42.** (b) Here seed in the context means a mature plant ovule containing an embryo.
- 43.** (d) In the context of the sentence, Isle means an island or peninsula, especially a small one
- 44.** (b) Lesson means a task as signed for learning or teaching
- 45.** (a) Reduce (food) to small shreds by rubbing it on a greater.
- 46.** (b) Pale here means having less colour than usual, typically as a result of shock, fear or ill health.
- 47.** (a) Hoarse means of a person's voice sounding rough and harsh, typically as the result of a sore throat or of shouting
- 48.** (b) In the context of the sentence it means an economic situation in which goods or shares are scarce and sellers can keep prices high.
- 49.** (b) Belonging to or associated with the person or people that the speaker is addressing.
- 50.** (a) To pass time doing nothing often followed by away
- 51.** (a) Here the modal ought is expressing logical expectation
- 52.** (a) A distinctively shaped and marked float, sometimes carrying a signal or signals, anchored to mark a channel, anchorage, navigational hazard, etc., or to provide a mooring place away from the shore.
- 53.** (b) Here the word cast means to throw off or away
- 54.** (b) Tortuous is the right option because it means full of twists, turns, or bends twisting, winding or crooked.
- 55.** (a) To strip something of its skin, rind, bark, etc.
- 56.** (b) This means a long shaft with a broad blade at one end, used as a lever for rowing or otherwise propelling or steering a boat.

- 57.** (b) A shoulder shaped frame with a hook at the top, usually of wire, wood or plastic, for draping and hanging a garment when not in use.
- 58.** (a) Forgo means to give up, renounce, or resign.
- 59.** (a) The domestic or barnyard hen or rooster; chicken.
- 60.** (a) Apart or detached from others; separate; distinct
- 61.** (b) Belonging to a foreign country
- 62.** (c) Bitterness means sharpness of taste; lack of sweetness therefore acrimony is the correct synonym.
- 63.** (c) Fright means a sudden intense feeling of fear
- 64.** (c) Relating to visual art, especially involving drawing, engraving, or lettering
- 65.** (b) Initiative means the ability to assess and initiate things independently
- 66.** (b) Here liberal means of a person giving generously
- 67.** (c) Prohibit means forbid something by law, rule, or other authority
- 68.** (d) Rescue means save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation
- 69.** (b) Swift means moving or capable of moving at high speed.
- 70.** (c) Valour means great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle
- 71.** (b) To express agreement with or commitment to; uphold; support.
- 72.** (b) Timid means showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened.
- 73.** (a) Diffident means modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence.
- 74.** (d) Effective means successful in producing a desired or intended result.
- 75.** (c) Gallant in the case of a person refers to or the behaviour that is brave or heroic. So coward is the correct antonym.
- 76.** (b) Knowledge refers to awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation. So ignorance is the correct antonym.
- 77.** (b) Moisture means water or other liquid diffused in a small quantity as vapour, within a solid, or condensed on a surface, so dryness is the correct antonym.
- 78.** (a) Quit means leave (a place), usually permanently, so remain is the correct antonym
- 79.** (d) Blunt means not having a sharp edge or point therefore it is the right antonym of sharpness
- 80.** (a) Worried means anxious or troubled about actual or potential problems. Untroubled is the right option.