

Antonyms and Synonyms**Practice Exercise**

Direction (1 - 10): In each of the following questions. Choose one alternative which is opposite in meaning to the word given in capital letters.

- 1. RETAIN**
(a) Reject (b) Grasp
(c) Absorb (d) Clutch
(e) None of these
- 2. TERRIBLE**
(a) Horrible (b) Poor
(c) Delightful (d) Hideous
(e) None of these
- 3. ADDITION**
(a) Multiplication (b) Subtraction
(c) Enumeration (d) Division
(e) None of these
- 4. LOYAL**
(a) Rebellious (b) Courageous
(c) Faithful (d) Friendly
(e) None of these
- 5. BRIDGE**
(a) Divide (b) Bind
(c) Release (d) Open
(e) None of these
- 6. ATTRACT**
(a) Entice (b) Intrigue
(c) Repel (d) Score
(e) None of these
- 7. ECLIPSE**
(a) Shine (b) Enlarge
(c) Goggle (d) Gleam
(e) None of these
- 8. KNOWLEDGE**
(a) Ignorance (b) Abundance
(c) Pleasure (d) Kind
(e) None of these
- 9. FOREIGNER**
(a) Honest (b) Stranger
(c) Native (d) Alien
(e) None of these

- 10. NOTICE**
(a) Neglect (b) Defeat
(c) Attend (d) Demand
(e) None of these

Direction (11 - 20): In each of the following questions, out of the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in capital letters.

- 11. SLAVE**
(a) Servant (b) Angry
(c) Master (d) Simpleton
(e) None of these
- 12. APPLAUD**
(a) Defeat (b) Pray
(c) Praise (d) Request
(e) None of these
- 13. IDENTIFY**
(a) Mistake (b) Envision
(c) Demand (d) Recognise
(e) None of these
- 14. RECOLLECT**
(a) Calm (b) Angry
(c) Dream (d) Revive
(e) None of these
- 15. THRIFT**
(a) Wickedness (b) Miserliness
(c) Moderate (d) Extravagance
(e) None of these
- 16. PREVENT**
(a) Hinder (b) Depression
(c) Despair (d) Causing to shrink
(e) None of these
- 17. APPRAISAL**
(a) Estimation (b) Praise
(c) Neglect (d) Investigation
(e) None of these
- 18. EXOTIC**
(a) Beautiful (b) Colourful
(c) Excellent (d) Alien
(e) None of these

19. **VIE**
(a) Contend (b) Lowest
(c) Minimal (d) Meagre
(e) None of these

20. **TEDIOUS**
(a) Tiresome (b) Painful
(c) Troublesome (d) Lengthy
(e) None of these

Direction (21 - 30): Select the correct meaning of the idioms/phrases underlined in the following sentences.

21. **I was all ears when my grandfather was telling me the story.**
(a) To be unaware (b) To be ignorant
(c) To be attentive (d) To be tireless
(e) None of these

22. **Cycling to school kills two birds with one stone.**
(a) To achieve physical fitness
(b) To achieve two things on the same day
(c) To be punctual
(d) To achieve two things with one action
(e) None of these

23. **His brother always spins a yarn about his childhood.**
(a) To work very hard (b) To tell fanciful tales
(c) To talk a lot (d) To be very polite
(e) None of these

24. **She is always building castles in air but does nothing in reality.**
(a) To be very polite and serious
(b) To be troublesome
(c) To exercise a lot
(d) To hope for impossible things
(e) None of these

25. **I am keeping my fingers crossed that the weather stays nice.**
(a) To hope that something will happen the way you want

- (b) To be in trouble
(c) To be unsure
(d) To change your mind
(e) None of these

26. **He is always complaining that he doesn't have enough money, but we are all in the same boat.**
(a) To be very poor
(b) To be in the same situation
(c) To be very upset
(d) To make a suggestion
(e) None of these

27. **My mother and I see eye to eye on most things.**
(a) To be doubtful
(b) To disagree with each other
(c) To be very careful
(d) To agree with each other
(e) None of these

28. **What is the matter? Has the cat got your tongue?**
(a) To be unusually quiet
(b) To make a suggestion
(c) To be very upset
(d) To pretend to be nice
(e) None of these

29. **He is not afraid to speak his mind, even if it upsets people.**
(a) To pretend to be nice
(b) To say what you really feel
(c) To reveal a secret
(d) To behave properly
(e) None of these

30. **Don't believe everything you read literally. You should learn to read between the lines.**
(a) To reveal a secret
(b) To be ignorant
(c) To be very careful
(d) To find the hidden meaning
(e) None of these

Answer

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| 1. (A) | 2. (C) | 3. (B) | 4. (A) | 5. (A) |
| 6. (C) | 7. (A) | 8. (A) | 9. (C) | 10. (A) |
| 11. (A) | 12. (C) | 13. (D) | 14. (D) | 15. (B) |
| 16. (A) | 17. (A) | 18. (D) | 19. (A) | 20. (A) |
| 21. (C) | 22. (D) | 23. (B) | 24. (D) | 25. (A) |
| 26. (B) | 27. (D) | 28. (A) | 29. (B) | 30. (D) |