

# 60 TOEFL Vocabulary Tests

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Q1 **v. delineate**

- (a) to ruin; to decay; to destroy
- (b) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (c) to purify of offensive material; to censor
- (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw

Q2 **n. fiasco**

- (a) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (b) party slogan
- (c) ludicrous and complete failure; disaster
- (d) faithfulness; loyalty

Q3 **v. paraphrase**

- (a) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge
- (b) to delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time; to avoid an answer
- (c) to banish; to exile; to withdraw from one's country; to expel
- (d) to restate the meaning of a passage in other words

Q4 **v. exploit**

- (a) to deprive or leave desolate by loss; to suffer loss
- (b) to laugh at; to utter with scorn; to jeer; to taunt mock
- (c) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (d) to use for one's selfish purpose

Q5 **adj. sanctimonious**

- (a) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; ignoble; contempt; base; mean
- (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (c) pretending to be religious; self-righteous
- (d) inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon; naive; gullible; deceivable

Q6 **adj. amiable**

- (a) friendly; genial; pleasant
- (b) pertaining or relating to a church
- (c) unconquerable; unbeatable; invulnerable; indisputable
- (d) understood but not plainly stated; without doubt; indirectly suggested; implied; unconditional; contained within

Q7 **n. craven**

- (a) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (b) mass departure; emigration
- (c) esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation
- (d) coward; abject person

Q8 **adj. captious**

- (a) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (b) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (c) equivalent to; equal to
- (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

Q9 **n. misnomer**

- (a) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (b) name or term that describes wrongly
- (c) regret for wrongdoing; remorse; uneasiness of conscience
- (d) principle accepted as authoritative; belief

Q10 **n. myriad**

- (a) party slogan
- (b) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (c) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive; multiple
- (d) offender; person who is guilty of an offense

**Q1 adj. diverting**

- (a) getting to the heart of things; to the point
- (b) entertaining; distracting; deflecting; amusing
- (c) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (d) free from local prejudices; worldly

**Q2 adj. corpulent**

- (a) with abusive condemnation; with harsh denunciation
- (b) of various colors; of mixed ingredients; of great variety
- (c) fat; obese; fleshy
- (d) sorrowful; mournful; painful

**Q3 adj. antithetical**

- (a) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural
- (b) opposed; contrary
- (c) full of enthusiasm or eagerness; passionate; excited
- (d) hot and moist; sensuous; stifling

**Q4 adj. anonymous**

- (a) nameless; unidentified
- (b) reverent; sincere; pious; earnest; religious
- (c) attacking; offensive; hostile; forceful; bold
- (d) despotic; dictatorial

**Q5 adj. condign**

- (a) pleasure-loving; hedonistic
- (b) understood but not plainly stated; without doubt; indirectly suggested; implied; unconditional; contained within
- (c) well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment); proper; fitting
- (d) worldly; as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only

**Q6 adj. commodious**

- (a) frightened; quivering
- (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (c) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable
- (d) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease

**Q7 adj. protuberant**

- (a) omnipresent; present everywhere
- (b) sick; having a sickly yellow coloring
- (c) developed or matured earlier than usual
- (d) bulging; swelling out; jutting out

**Q8 adj. obdurate**

- (a) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (b) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (c) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; ignoble; contempt; base; mean
- (d) pertaining to a tailor or clothes

**Q9 adj. extinct**

- (a) often of mistakes; extremely and noticeably bad; flagrant; rude
- (b) living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals; depraved; licentious; corrupt
- (c) dead; vanished; gone
- (d) traveling about; wandering

**Q10 adj. obsolete**

- (a) spontaneous; impromptu; improvised
- (b) pertaining to or occurring in the night
- (c) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated
- (d) unmoved or indifferent; composed; casual; indifferent

Q1 **n. pedant**

- (a) person who denies that God exists
- (b) stick; staff; wand
- (c) meticulous person; fastidious person; strict person; fussy person
- (d) increase; profit; growth; addition

Q2 **n. countenance**

- (a) garland of flowers or leaves hung between two points
- (b) face; appearance; features; encouragement; support
- (c) speech by one person
- (d) conversation which is amusing and not serious; tease; joke

Q3 **n. predilection**

- (a) thoughtlessness; state of complete forgetfulness
- (b) favorable opinion arrived at beforehand; affinity; liking; fondness
- (c) trickery; deception; scheming
- (d) very thin gauzelike fabric or structure; cobweb

Q4 **n. pseudonym**

- (a) act of erecting (a building); meaning
- (b) fictitious name; pen name
- (c) harsh rebuke; abusive condemnation; denunciation
- (d) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields

Q5 **n. sagacity**

- (a) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (b) shrewdness; cleverness; wisdom
- (c) historical records; archives; chronicles
- (d) flattering speech or act; persuasion

Q6 **n. hoax**

- (a) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (b) affected or silly smile; smirk
- (c) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches
- (d) trick or deception; a practical joke

Q7 **n. anachronism**

- (a) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (b) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (c) injury inflicted in turn for one received; retaliation; revenge
- (d) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date

Q8 **n. demeanor**

- (a) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (b) hardship; suffering; misfortune; crisis
- (c) body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body; generally a planet
- (d) behavior; bearing; conduct; appearance

Q9 **n. jargon**

- (a) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (b) compulsive thought; fixation; excessive preoccupation
- (c) person who lives in a foreign country
- (d) regret for wrongdoing; remorse; uneasiness of conscience

Q10 **n. prelude**

- (a) place offering shelter and retreat; refuge
- (b) disorderly quarrel; tumult; riot; skirmish
- (c) introduction; forerunner
- (d) conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises; speculation

**Q1 v. hoax**

- (a) to dupe; to play a trick on; to deceive
- (b) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (c) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (d) to avoid; to outwit; to get around

**Q2 v. extirpate**

- (a) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (b) to draw out; to extract from
- (c) to refer indirectly to something; to hint
- (d) to root out; to destroy totally; to eradicate

**Q3 v. flaunt**

- (a) to smile in a silly or affected way; to smirk
- (b) to foil; to thwart; to disappoint; to defeat; to baffle
- (c) to display or wave boastfully
- (d) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite

**Q4 v. ensue**

- (a) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (b) to follow; to result
- (c) to speak angrily or bitterly; to protest forcefully; to rant
- (d) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish

**Q5 v. concede**

- (a) to guess; to speculate; to surmise; to hypothesize; to infer
- (b) to postpone; to put off to another time; to delay; to hold back
- (c) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (d) to accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; to slander

**Q6 adj. sleazy**

- (a) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working
- (b) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (c) flimsy and cheap; shabby; cheap
- (d) separate; individual

**Q7 v. fathom**

- (a) to give up; to put off until later
- (b) to approve; to support; to tolerate; to permit
- (c) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (d) to imprison; to detain; to jail

**Q8 v. abandon**

- (a) to use for one's selfish purpose
- (b) to leave behind; to give something up
- (c) to exercise self control; to keep from; to refrain from
- (d) to calm; to lessen in severity; to mollify; to relieve

**Q9 v. consecrate**

- (a) to dupe; to play a trick on; to deceive
- (b) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products
- (c) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (d) to restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up; conclude; to summarize

**Q10 v. deprecate**

- (a) to speak or write at great length; to describe in full
- (b) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle
- (c) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (d) to forecast; to foretell; to diagnose



Q1 **adj. boorish**

- (a) unrefined in speech or manners; loutish; ill-bred; uncivilized; coarse
- (b) sly; crafty; skillful; clever; shrewd
- (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (d) pure; perfect; faultless

Q2 **adj. arid**

- (a) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative
- (b) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral
- (c) likely; inclined or disposed; fit; suitable; skillful
- (d) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated

Q3 **adj. ponderous**

- (a) of or having to do with citizens or the state; polite; courteous
- (b) omnipresent; present everywhere
- (c) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (d) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward

Q4 **n. blandishment**

- (a) conflict; disagreement; disparity
- (b) offender; person who is guilty of an offense
- (c) flattering speech or act; persuasion
- (d) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax

Q5 **n. antithesis**

- (a) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (b) difference in form, character or degree; inequality
- (c) contrast; direct opposite
- (d) trick or deception; a practical joke

Q6 **adj. adverse**

- (a) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (b) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (c) pertaining to the sky; heavenly
- (d) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical

Q7 **adj. sanguine**

- (a) shortened; summarized
- (b) full of enthusiasm or eagerness; passionate; excited
- (c) real; actual; substantial
- (d) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

Q8 **v. promulgate**

- (a) to publish; to spread abroad; to declare; to advertise widely
- (b) to subdue; to conquer; to defeat; to win
- (c) to inform; to brief; to notify
- (d) to speak angrily or bitterly; to protest forcefully; to rant

Q9 **adj. fictitious**

- (a) native to a region; innate; originating from a place
- (b) unreal; made-up; false
- (c) swollen; inflated; using big or high-sounding words
- (d) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable

Q10 **adj. meander**

- (a) suited; pleasant; agreeable; affable
- (b) amazing by virtue of its immense size, force or any quality in exceptional degree
- (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (d) winding; wandering aimlessly

- Q1 adj. cumbrous**  
(a) burdensome and clumsy; bulky; unwieldy  
(b) lying flat on the back; inert; inactive; averse to taking action; indifferent; passive  
(c) opposed; contrary  
(d) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- Q2 adj. pedantic**  
(a) burdensome and clumsy; bulky; unwieldy  
(b) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous  
(c) equivalent to; equal to  
(d) gentle; polite; agreeable; pleasant; kind; boring; apathetic
- Q3 adj. dolorous**  
(a) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative  
(b) sarcastic; doubting the sincerity of others; pessimistic  
(c) sorrowful; mournful; painful  
(d) separate; individual
- Q4 adj. disconsolate**  
(a) without hope; sad; dejected; depressed  
(b) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled  
(c) understood but not plainly stated; without doubt; indirectly suggested; implied; unconditional; contained within  
(d) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased
- Q5 adj. mottled**  
(a) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere  
(b) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown  
(c) spotted or streaked with varied colors  
(d) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- Q6 n. jeopardy**  
(a) person who advocates extreme basic changes  
(b) person skilled at telling stories  
(c) sending off; shipment; message; communication; promptness  
(d) danger; peril; hazard
- Q7 adj. vicarious**  
(a) taking the place of another; felt, received or done in place of another; indirect  
(b) suited; pleasant; agreeable; affable  
(c) mentally distressed; distracted; crazed; bewildered; hysterical  
(d) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- Q8 adj. exotic**  
(a) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary  
(b) changeable; fickle  
(c) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable  
(d) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- Q9 adj. flagrant**  
(a) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative  
(b) constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes  
(c) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive  
(d) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- Q10 adj. sallow**  
(a) ill-natured; quarrelsome; contentious; irritable  
(b) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting  
(c) sick; having a sickly yellow coloring  
(d) sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty

**Q1 n. dissension**

- (a) conflict; disagreement; disparity  
(b) hired soldier; greedy person  
(c) poise; composure; dignity; aplomb  
(d) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium

**Q2 n. archetype**

- (a) original pattern or model  
(b) opinion contrary to popular belief  
(c) scarcity; shortage; lack  
(d) sudden notion or passing fancy; caprice; impulse

**Q3 n. erratum**

- (a) ability to be separated or divided  
(b) swamp; marshland; wet spongy ground  
(c) misprint; typo; printing error  
(d) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit

**Q4 n. proletariat**

- (a) incorrectness; unsuitableness  
(b) working class; social class comprised of manual laborers  
(c) disorderly quarrel; tumult; riot; skirmish  
(d) behavior; bearing; conduct; appearance

**Q5 n. denunciation**

- (a) denouncement; condemnation  
(b) homesickness; sentimentality  
(c) disguise; group of people in disguise or fancy costumes  
(d) distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling; anger; disapproval

**Q6 v. obviate**

- (a) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance  
(b) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle  
(c) to crush; to render void; to quell; to suppress; annul  
(d) to drive away; to scatter; to lessen

**Q7 n. avarice**

- (a) reproof; warning; reproval  
(b) thoughtlessness; state of complete forgetfulness  
(c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed  
(d) destruction; poison; misfortune

**Q8 n. deluge**

- (a) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase  
(b) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date  
(c) person who denies that God exists  
(d) great flood; downpour; inundation; drenching rain

**Q9 n. peccadillo**

- (a) one who manipulates public emotions to gain power or popularity  
(b) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm  
(c) copy; model; pattern; sample  
(d) slight fault or offense; minor sin

**Q10 n. panacea**

- (a) destruction; poison; misfortune  
(b) burden; duty; obligation; responsibility  
(c) remedy for all ills  
(d) agreement; harmony; settlement

Q1 **v. blight**

- (a) to complete; to bring to perfection; to fulfill; to perfect
- (b) to confuse; to embarrass; to fluster; to worry
- (c) to erase; to cancel; to take out; to remove totally
- (d) to ruin; to decay; to destroy

Q2 **v. harangue**

- (a) to echo; to resonate; to resound
- (b) to waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly; to vacillate
- (c) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (d) to banish; to exile; to withdraw from one's country; to expel

Q3 **v. obtrude**

- (a) to crush; to render void; to quell; to suppress; annul
- (b) to beg earnestly; to implore; to plead
- (c) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (d) to approve; to support; to tolerate; to permit

Q4 **v. besmirch**

- (a) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (b) to trim; to decorate; to embellish; to adorn
- (c) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (d) to speak or write at great length; to describe in full

Q5 **v. immunize**

- (a) to calm; to lessen in severity; to mollify; to relieve
- (b) to grow together; to merge; to unite
- (c) to make unsusceptible to a disease
- (d) to display or wave boastfully

Q6 **v. low**

- (a) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (b) to moo; to utter the sound made by cattle
- (c) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (d) to accuse of wrongdoing; to cast discredit upon; to remove from office

Q7 **v. waive**

- (a) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (b) to restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up; conclude; to summarize
- (c) to boast; to brag
- (d) to give up; to put off until later

Q8 **v. recapitulate**

- (a) to banish; to exile; to withdraw from one's country; to expel
- (b) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way; wander
- (c) to scold or blame loudly; to find fault with in abusive language; to condemn
- (d) to restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up; conclude; to summarize

Q9 **v. consummate**

- (a) to twist about (usually with pain)
- (b) to draw out; to extract from
- (c) to complete; to bring to perfection; to fulfill; to perfect
- (d) to estrange; to isolate; to requisition; to confiscate

Q10 **v. temporize**

- (a) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen
- (b) to catch; to anticipate; to arrest; to understand; to conceive
- (c) to delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time; to avoid an answer
- (d) to warn; to find fault; to reprove; to scold

Q1 **adj. turgid**

- (a) swollen; inflated; using big or high-sounding words
- (b) juicy; delectable; luscious
- (c) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (d) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

Q2 **n. proximity**

- (a) decree; command; order
- (b) consolation; commiseration
- (c) person who advocates extreme basic changes
- (d) nearness; vicinity; adjacency; closeness

Q3 **n. aristocracy**

- (a) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (b) government by the best people; privileged class
- (c) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive; multiple
- (d) two words having the same sound but different meanings

Q4 **adj. crass**

- (a) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (b) very pleasing; adorable; delightful; delicious
- (c) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual
- (d) different; varied

Q5 **v. calumniate**

- (a) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (b) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle
- (c) to display or wave boastfully
- (d) to accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; to slander

Q6 **n. misanthrope**

- (a) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (b) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (c) distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling; anger; disapproval
- (d) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy

Q7 **n. dilettante**

- (a) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (b) front or face, especially of a building; illusion; deceptive appearance
- (c) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (d) homesickness; sentimentality

Q8 **n. exodus**

- (a) behavior; bearing; conduct; appearance
- (b) keenness of mind; insight; astuteness; shrewdness
- (c) inherent quality; characteristic
- (d) mass departure; emigration

Q9 **adj. devious**

- (a) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand
- (b) deceptive; crooked; twisting; circuitous; indirect
- (c) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (d) threatening or showing evil; dishonest; malicious

Q10 **n. harangue**

- (a) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (b) use of force; compulsion; pressure
- (c) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (d) interval; break; period of rest; separation; interruption; opening

Q1 **adj. clandestine**

- (a) nameless; unidentified (b) developed or matured earlier than usual  
(c) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand (d) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse

Q2 **adj. whimsical**

- (a) fanciful; amusing; capricious  
(b) thorough; extreme  
(c) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand  
(d) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated

Q3 **adj. effete**

- (a) ridiculous; producing laughter; absurd  
(b) failing to fulfill an obligation; guilty of an offense  
(c) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded  
(d) no longer productive; worn out; degenerate; exhausted

Q4 **n. compendium**

- (a) inherent quality; characteristic  
(b) approval; praise; sanction; assent; consent  
(c) harsh rebuke; abusive condemnation; denunciation  
(d) brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work; list of contents; inventory

Q5 **adj. civil**

- (a) taking little care; oblivious; rash; unmindful  
(b) of or having to do with citizens or the state; polite; courteous  
(c) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace  
(d) conceited; selfish; self-centered

Q6 **adj. lavish**

- (a) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected  
(b) very holy; inviolable  
(c) profuse or generous; given to extravagance; wasteful; generous  
(d) likely; inclined or disposed; fit; suitable; skillful

Q7 **adj. motley**

- (a) often of mistakes; extremely and noticeably bad; flagrant; rude  
(b) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty  
(c) of various colors; of mixed ingredients; of great variety  
(d) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate

Q8 **adj. tenuous**

- (a) unmoved or indifferent; composed; casual; indifferent  
(b) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical  
(c) similar; parallel; comparable  
(d) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse

Q9 **adj. ignominious**

- (a) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate  
(b) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded  
(c) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; ignoble; contempt; base; mean  
(d) equivalent to; equal to

Q10 **adj. machiavellian**

- (a) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory  
(b) sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty  
(c) very holy; inviolable  
(d) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way

Q1 **n. impostor**

- (a) affected or silly smile; smirk
- (b) meaning; significance; bringing in of goods from another country
- (c) person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others; pretender; impersonator
- (d) historical records; archives; chronicles

Q2 **n. respite**

- (a) contrast; direct opposite
- (b) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (c) nearness; vicinity; adjacency; closeness
- (d) rest period; temporary delay

Q3 **n. reprisal**

- (a) extreme patriot; person who is excessively devoted
- (b) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration
- (c) injury inflicted in turn for one received; retaliation; revenge
- (d) offensive and hostile attitude; attack; forceful behavior

Q4 **n. hovel**

- (a) collection of choice literary works; compilation
- (b) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (c) dirty or wretched dwelling; hut; shack
- (d) regret for wrongdoing; remorse; uneasiness of conscience

Q5 **n. scintilla**

- (a) harsh rebuke; abusive condemnation; denunciation
- (b) fictitious name; pen name
- (c) trace; particle; spark; iota
- (d) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially

Q6 **n. buffoon**

- (a) conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises; speculation
- (b) clown; joker; fool; ludicrous figure
- (c) payment for services; repayment
- (d) name or term that describes wrongly

Q7 **n. aptitude**

- (a) alliance; merging of various units into one unit; union
- (b) skill; talent; ability
- (c) opinion contrary to popular belief
- (d) body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body; generally a planet

Q8 **n. coalition**

- (a) government by the best people; privileged class
- (b) alliance; merging of various units into one unit; union
- (c) god; divine or supreme being
- (d) something taken for granted; going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness; arrogance

Q9 **n. impropriety**

- (a) incorrectness; unsuitableness
- (b) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (c) thoughtlessness; state of complete forgetfulness
- (d) anger; rage; fury

Q10 **n. candor**

- (a) scarcity; shortage; lack
- (b) sincerity; honesty; openness
- (c) exaggeration; overstatement
- (d) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee

**Q1 v. reverberate**

- (a) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (b) to restate the meaning of a passage in other words
- (c) to echo; to resonate; to resound
- (d) to leave behind; to give something up

**Q2 v. err**

- (a) to moo; to utter the sound made by cattle
- (b) to restate the meaning of a passage in other words
- (c) to assign; to credit with; to ascribe to
- (d) to make a mistake; to do something wrong; to misjudge

**Q3 v. ejaculate**

- (a) to make fun of or copy by imitating; to ape
- (b) to exclaim or utter suddenly; to blurt out
- (c) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw

**Q4 v. accelerate**

- (a) to quicken; to speed up; to cause to move faster
- (b) to forecast; to foretell; to diagnose
- (c) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products
- (d) to calm; to lessen in severity; to mollify; to relieve

**Q5 v. apprise**

- (a) to imprison; to detain; to jail
- (b) to declare positively; to confirm; to affirm
- (c) to inform; to brief; to notify
- (d) to banish; to exclude

**Q6 v. petrify**

- (a) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate
- (b) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (c) to paralyze with horror, fear or surprise
- (d) to scold or blame loudly; to find fault with in abusive language; to condemn

**Q7 v. entreat**

- (a) to shorten; to limit; to condense
- (b) to follow; to result
- (c) to smile in a silly or affected way; to smirk
- (d) to beg earnestly; to implore; to plead

**Q8 v. retrieve**

- (a) to paralyze with horror, fear or surprise
- (b) to make good; to recover; to restore; to fetch; to bring back; to regain
- (c) to assume a deceptive appearance or character; to impersonate
- (d) to be sorry for; to feel remorse; to regret

**Q9 v. taunt**

- (a) to reproach with contempt; to provoke; to sneer
- (b) to make clear; to explain; to clarify
- (c) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (d) to refer indirectly to something; to hint

**Q10 v. depreciate**

- (a) to mock; to gibe; to scorn; to jeer
- (b) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (c) to belittle; to speak slightingly of; to reduce the value or cost; to disparage
- (d) to make a mistake; to do something wrong; to misjudge



Q1 **n. aptness**

- (a) abundance; full amount; excessive supply
- (b) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (c) suitability; ability
- (d) keenness of mind; insight; astuteness; shrewdness

Q2 **n. caricature**

- (a) insult; curse; affront; offense
- (b) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (c) drawing that exaggerates certain physical characteristics
- (d) burden; duty; obligation; responsibility

Q3 **v. procrastinate**

- (a) to belittle; to speak slightly of; to reduce the value or cost; to disparage
- (b) to declare positively; to confirm; to affirm
- (c) to postpone; to put off to another time; to delay; to hold back
- (d) to refer indirectly to something; to hint

Q4 **adj. venerable**

- (a) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (b) deserving respect or reverence because of age; worthy of honor and esteem
- (c) unreal; made-up; false
- (d) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open

Q5 **adj. forensic**

- (a) dead; vanished; gone
- (b) corpse-like; hence; haggard; pale; ghastly
- (c) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (d) severe; demanding; strict; binding; constraining

Q6 **adj. plebeian**

- (a) quarrelsome; warlike
- (b) incapable of being defended or held; uninhabitable
- (c) perfect or highly accomplished; excellent; skilled; complete
- (d) pertaining to the common people, hence common or vulgar; rude

Q7 **adj. gossamer**

- (a) thin and light
- (b) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (c) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs
- (d) well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment); proper; fitting

Q8 **n. cabal**

- (a) working class; social class comprised of manual laborers
- (b) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (c) little world or universe in miniature
- (d) abundance; full amount; excessive supply

Q9 **v. abet**

- (a) to guess; to speculate; to surmise; to hypothesize; to infer
- (b) to echo; to resonate; to resound
- (c) to publish; to spread abroad; to declare; to advertise widely
- (d) to encourage; to support

Q10 **n. adversary**

- (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (b) front or face, especially of a building; illusion; deceptive appearance
- (c) origin; beginning; creation
- (d) faithfulness; loyalty

**Q1 adj. provisional**

- (a) pertaining to the common people, hence common or vulgar; rude
- (b) temporary; for the time being; contingent; interim
- (c) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (d) working secretly or slyly; cunning; crafty; deceitful

**Q2 adj. judicious**

- (a) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs
- (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (c) bulging; swelling out; jutting out
- (d) working or done for payment only; hired for service

**Q3 adj. apathetic**

- (a) indifferent; lethargic
- (b) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (c) complicated; confusing; maze-like
- (d) unable to be satisfied; extremely greedy

**Q4 adj. fatuous**

- (a) swollen; inflated; using big or high-sounding words
- (b) incapable of being defended or held; uninhabitable
- (c) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane
- (d) sounding jarring; discordant

**Q5 v. masquerade**

- (a) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (b) to delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time; to avoid an answer
- (c) to foil; to thwart; to disappoint; to defeat; to baffle
- (d) to assume a deceptive appearance or character; to impersonate

**Q6 adj. sacrosanct**

- (a) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (b) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated
- (c) very holy; inviolable
- (d) merciful; gentle; lenient; tender; mild

**Q7 adj. disparate**

- (a) temporary; for the time being; contingent; interim
- (b) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (c) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (d) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent

**Q8 adj. ascetic**

- (a) shortened; summarized
- (b) superior; independent; self-governing
- (c) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate
- (d) prosperous; flourishing; copious; rich; abundant; wealthy

**Q9 adj. rudimentary**

- (a) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual
- (b) unreal; made-up; false
- (c) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (d) unmoved or indifferent; composed; casual; indifferent

**Q10 adj. extraneous**

- (a) juicy; delectable; luscious
- (b) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (c) festive; gay; friendly; sociable; merry
- (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

**Q1 n. inference**

- (a) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (b) temporary suspension of hostilities; truce; cease fire
- (c) stick; staff; wand
- (d) conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises; speculation

**Q2 n. analogy**

- (a) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (b) dirty or wretched dwelling; hut; shack
- (c) disguise; group of people in disguise or fancy costumes
- (d) person who currently holds an office or position

**Q3 n. innuendo**

- (a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (b) little world or universe in miniature
- (c) agreement; harmony; settlement
- (d) destruction; poison; misfortune

**Q4 n. exposition**

- (a) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (b) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (c) hostility; malevolence
- (d) adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment; the writings or ideas of another

**Q5 n. panegyric**

- (a) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (b) high praise; commendation
- (c) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (d) rest period; temporary delay

**Q6 n. incumbent**

- (a) brilliant deed; heroic act; feat
- (b) attempt to persuade someone to do something
- (c) person who currently holds an office or position
- (d) suitability; ability

**Q7 adj. glib**

- (a) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (b) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (c) objectionable; may be protested
- (d) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way

**Q8 n. exemplar**

- (a) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk
- (b) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (c) record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives
- (d) copy; model; pattern; sample

**Q9 n. onus**

- (a) trust; belief; confidence; faith
- (b) burden; duty; obligation; responsibility
- (c) disguise; group of people in disguise or fancy costumes
- (d) profitable and easy job

**Q10 n. grimace**

- (a) misprint; typo; printing error
- (b) speech by one person
- (c) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (d) distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling; anger; disapproval

Q1 **v. castigate**

- (a) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (b) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (d) to twist about (usually with pain)

Q2 **v. impugn**

- (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (b) to inform; to brief; to notify
- (c) to give up; to put off until later
- (d) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge

Q3 **v. impeach**

- (a) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (b) to waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly; to vacillate
- (c) to accuse of wrongdoing; to cast discredit upon; to remove from office
- (d) to inform; to brief; to notify

Q4 **v. gesticulate**

- (a) to make insusceptible to a disease
- (b) to indicate feelings by motions; move the hands in an animated manner
- (c) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way; wander
- (d) to publish; to spread abroad; to declare; to advertise widely

Q5 **v. belie**

- (a) to give a false idea of; to camouflage; to hide
- (b) to laugh at; to utter with scorn; to jeer; to taunt mock
- (c) to moo; to utter the sound made by cattle
- (d) to indicate feelings by motions; move the hands in an animated manner

Q6 **v. instigate**

- (a) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (b) to scar; to spoil; to stain; to flaw; to impair; to deface
- (c) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (d) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up

Q7 **v. ingratiate**

- (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (b) to boast; to brag
- (c) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (d) to confuse; to embarrass; to fluster; to worry

Q8 **v. denounce**

- (a) to break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit
- (b) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (c) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

Q9 **v. blemish**

- (a) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance
- (b) to twist about (usually with pain)
- (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (d) to scar; to spoil; to stain; to flaw; to impair; to deface

Q10 **v. abrogate**

- (a) to speak or write at great length; to describe in full
- (b) to mock; to gibe; to scorn; to jeer
- (c) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish
- (d) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab

Q1 **v. elucidate**

- (a) to make clear; to explain; to clarify
- (b) to exclaim or utter suddenly; to blurt out
- (c) to quicken; to speed up; to cause to move faster
- (d) to drive away; to scatter; to lessen

Q2 **adj. dogmatic**

- (a) having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness; stylish; merry
- (b) unquestionable; impossible to debate
- (c) very important; decisive; essential; difficult; essential
- (d) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant

Q3 **v. deplete**

- (a) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (b) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge
- (c) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up
- (d) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner

Q4 **n. obsession**

- (a) fraud; deception; deceit; forgery
- (b) compulsive thought; fixation; excessive preoccupation
- (c) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (d) flattering speech or act; persuasion

Q5 **adj. inordinate**

- (a) describing school and university activities; educated; scholastic
- (b) flimsy and cheap; shabby; cheap
- (c) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (d) excessive; immoderate

Q6 **adj. diverse**

- (a) different; varied
- (b) complicated; confusing; maze-like
- (c) pertaining to spring
- (d) spiteful; vindictive

Q7 **adj. misanthropic**

- (a) hating or distrusting mankind; cynical
- (b) sorrowful; mournful; painful
- (c) real; actual; substantial
- (d) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent

Q8 **n. epicurean**

- (a) person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure
- (b) behavior; bearing; conduct; appearance
- (c) use of force; compulsion; pressure
- (d) assessment; evaluation of prospects

Q9 **adj. temporal**

- (a) regretful; mournful; pitiable
- (b) worldly; as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only
- (c) attacking; offensive; hostile; forceful; bold
- (d) temporary; for the time being; contingent; interim

Q10 **v. writhe**

- (a) to approve; to support; to tolerate; to permit
- (b) to twist about (usually with pain)
- (c) to decorate with chains of flowers or leaves, etc.
- (d) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products

Q1 **adj. contemptuous**

- (a) real; actual; substantial
- (b) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (c) disdainful; scornful
- (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

Q2 **adj. authentic**

- (a) serving as a penalty; penalizing
- (b) forgetful; absent-minded; ignoring
- (c) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable
- (d) obligatory; compulsory; presently holding an office or position

Q3 **adj. credible**

- (a) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (b) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (c) worthy of belief; trustworthy; reliable; dependable
- (d) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted

Q4 **adj. gluttonous**

- (a) unquestionable; impossible to debate
- (b) inclined to eat and drink excessively; greedy; voracious
- (c) unconquerable; unbeatable; invulnerable; indisputable
- (d) of or having to do with citizens or the state; polite; courteous

Q5 **adj. maudlin**

- (a) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (b) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (c) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive
- (d) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional

Q6 **n. edict**

- (a) slight fault or offense; minor sin
- (b) reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness or other action; requital; revenge; vengeance
- (c) anger; rage; fury
- (d) decree; command; order

Q7 **adj. ingenious**

- (a) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (b) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (c) clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose; stubborn
- (d) pleasure-loving; hedonistic

Q8 **adj. dynamic**

- (a) forceful; vigorous; energetic
- (b) superior; independent; self-governing
- (c) hot and moist; sensuous; stifling
- (d) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable

Q9 **adj. fallacious**

- (a) superior; independent; self-governing
- (b) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false
- (c) pertaining to the sky; heavenly
- (d) pertaining to the theater; designed for show; dramatic

Q10 **adj. candid**

- (a) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- (b) no longer productive; worn out; degenerate; exhausted
- (c) gripping and moving the feelings powerfully; piercing; biting
- (d) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable

Q1 **n. tenet**

- (a) illusion; misconception; untruth; falsehood
- (b) introduction; forerunner
- (c) name; nickname; title; designation
- (d) principle accepted as authoritative; belief

Q2 **n. devastation**

- (a) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (b) widespread ruin; destruction
- (c) increase; profit; growth; addition
- (d) expression of a people's will or wishes through a direct ballot of all voters

Q3 **n. forbearance**

- (a) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- (b) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (c) garland of flowers or leaves hung between two points
- (d) general agreement; majority

Q4 **n. fealty**

- (a) person who currently holds an office or position
- (b) faithfulness; loyalty
- (c) to interpret; to explain the sense of; to analyze; to understand
- (d) feeling of hatred; resentment; animosity; hostility

Q5 **n. prestige**

- (a) name or term that describes wrongly
- (b) esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation
- (c) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough
- (d) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields

Q6 **adj. impervious**

- (a) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence
- (b) pertaining or relating to a church
- (c) moving from topic to topic; rambling
- (d) omnipresent; present everywhere

Q7 **n. prognosis**

- (a) inexperienced person; beginner
- (b) embankment used as a fortification; an idea; object serving as a protection
- (c) assumption made for the sake of argument; supposition
- (d) assessment; evaluation of prospects

Q8 **n. consensus**

- (a) person who is at home in all countries; citizen of the world
- (b) misprint; typo; printing error
- (c) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially
- (d) general agreement; majority

Q9 **n. plagiarism**

- (a) front or face, especially of a building; illusion; deceptive appearance
- (b) inexperienced person; beginner
- (c) payment for services; repayment
- (d) adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment; the writings or ideas of another

Q10 **n. longevity**

- (a) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (b) insult; curse; affront; offense
- (c) god; divine or supreme being
- (d) prolonged duration of life

Q1 **v. reiterate**

- (a) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon
- (b) to say again
- (c) to postpone; to put off to another time; to delay; to hold back
- (d) to beg earnestly; to implore; to plead

Q2 **v. sally**

- (a) to make public; to reveal; to tell; to disclose
- (b) to rush forth suddenly; to burst forth
- (c) to boast; to brag
- (d) to break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit

Q3 **v. frustrate**

- (a) to follow; to result
- (b) to foil; to thwart; to disappoint; to defeat; to baffle
- (c) to reproach with contempt; to provoke; to sneer
- (d) to scold or blame loudly; to find fault with in abusive language; to condemn

Q4 **v. peruse**

- (a) to make insusceptible to a disease
- (b) to read carefully; to study
- (c) to moo; to utter the sound made by cattle
- (d) to give a false idea of; to camouflage; to hide

Q5 **v. admonish**

- (a) to scar; to spoil; to stain; to flaw; to impair; to deface
- (b) to warn; to find fault; to reprove; to scold
- (c) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (d) to encourage; to support

Q6 **v. apprehend**

- (a) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (b) to catch; to anticipate; to arrest; to understand; to conceive
- (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (d) to say again

Q7 **v. dispatch**

- (a) to give a false idea of; to camouflage; to hide
- (b) to make a mistake; to do something wrong; to misjudge
- (c) to reproach with contempt; to provoke; to sneer
- (d) to do speedily; to send off; to eliminate; to dismiss

Q8 **v. circumvent**

- (a) to beg earnestly; to implore; to plead
- (b) to set forth in detail; to explain; to comment; to describe in detail
- (c) to avoid; to outwit; to get around
- (d) to push away; to repel; to reject

Q9 **v. augment**

- (a) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (b) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (c) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen
- (d) to decorate with chains of flowers or leaves, etc.

Q10 **v. condole**

- (a) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (b) to dupe; to play a trick on; to deceive
- (c) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up
- (d) to express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain or misfortune



Q1 **n. increment**

- (a) approval; praise; sanction; assent; consent
- (b) increase; profit; growth; addition
- (c) trust; belief; confidence; faith
- (d) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic

Q2 **v. disconcert**

- (a) to be sorry for; to feel remorse; to regret
- (b) to mock; to gibe; to scorn; to jeer
- (c) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen
- (d) to confuse; to embarrass; to fluster; to worry

Q3 **adj. blithe**

- (a) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (b) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (c) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable
- (d) loud and noisy; demanding

Q4 **v. ostracize**

- (a) to deprive or leave desolate by loss; to suffer loss
- (b) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (c) to banish; to exclude
- (d) to call from a distance; to greet; to welcome

Q5 **adj. biased**

- (a) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy
- (b) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (c) obedient; willing to submit; accountable; agreeable; responsible
- (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

Q6 **v. prevaricate**

- (a) to leave behind; to give something up
- (b) to ruin; to decay; to destroy
- (c) to encourage; to support
- (d) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish

Q7 **adj. querulous**

- (a) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory
- (b) given to fault-finding and complaining; discontented
- (c) irrelevant; not related; not essential
- (d) bloody; murderous

Q8 **v. expatriate**

- (a) to banish; to exile; to withdraw from one's country; to expel
- (b) to make a mistake; to do something wrong; to misjudge
- (c) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (d) to give a false idea of; to camouflage; to hide

Q9 **v. nettle**

- (a) to annoy; to irritate
- (b) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (c) to make public; to reveal; to tell; to disclose
- (d) to laugh at; to utter with scorn; to jeer; to taunt mock

Q10 **n. promontory**

- (a) brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work; list of contents; inventory
- (b) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff
- (c) person skilled at telling stories
- (d) denouncement; condemnation

Q1 **adj. amenable**

- (a) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working
- (b) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable
- (c) sick; having a sickly yellow coloring
- (d) obedient; willing to submit; accountable; agreeable; responsible

Q2 **adj. redolent**

- (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (b) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (c) rudely abrupt; blunt; brief; gruff
- (d) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane

Q3 **adj. creditable**

- (a) wise; clever; shrewd
- (b) deserving or reflecting credit or honor; praiseworthy; believable
- (c) changeable; fickle
- (d) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise

Q4 **adj. sanguinary**

- (a) bloody; murderous
- (b) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd
- (c) unfeeling; insensitive; hard
- (d) obligatory; compulsory; presently holding an office or position

Q5 **adj. nautical**

- (a) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (b) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (c) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (d) severe; demanding; strict; binding; constraining

Q6 **adj. benevolent**

- (a) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate
- (b) kind; generous
- (c) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false
- (d) pertaining to money; financial

Q7 **adj. mutable**

- (a) brief; passing swiftly; temporary; transient
- (b) average in quality; poor; ordinary; regular
- (c) given to frequent change in nature, mood or form; unstable; changeable
- (d) getting to the heart of things; to the point

Q8 **adj. cryptic**

- (a) containing hidden meaning; obscure; secret; concealing
- (b) prosperous; flourishing; copious; rich; abundant; wealthy
- (c) flimsy and cheap; shabby; cheap
- (d) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false

Q9 **adj. incognito**

- (a) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (c) of various colors; of mixed ingredients; of great variety
- (d) resting; reclining

Q10 **adj. imminent**

- (a) shiny; clear minded
- (b) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (c) serving as a penalty; penalizing
- (d) incapable of interpretation or understanding; impenetrable; mysterious

**Q1 n. satellite**  
(a) nearness; vicinity; adjacency; closeness  
(b) person skilled at telling stories  
(c) body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body; generally a planet  
(d) fraud; deception; deceit; forgery

**Q2 n. ignominy**  
(a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint  
(b) disgrace; humiliation; dishonor  
(c) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk  
(d) person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure

**Q3 n. ire**  
(a) eager readiness; speed  
(b) anger; rage; fury  
(c) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence  
(d) theft; stealing; robbery

**Q4 n. aggression**  
(a) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation  
(b) high praise; commendation  
(c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium  
(d) offensive and hostile attitude; attack; forceful behavior

**Q5 n. atheist**  
(a) trace; particle; spark; iota  
(b) person who denies that God exists  
(c) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object  
(d) provocation; insulting, jeering or bitter remark; mockery

**Q6 n. coterie**  
(a) state of confusion or lawlessness  
(b) danger; peril; hazard  
(c) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially  
(d) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation

**Q7 n. ramification**  
(a) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough  
(b) eager readiness; speed  
(c) place offering shelter and retreat; refuge  
(d) brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work; list of contents; inventory

**Q8 n. paradox**  
(a) prolonged duration of life  
(b) feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse  
(c) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true  
(d) injury inflicted in turn for one received; retaliation; revenge

**Q9 n. felicity**  
(a) cruelty; ferocity; harshness  
(b) state of happiness; high ability; talent; joy  
(c) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches  
(d) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet

**Q10 n. raconteur**  
(a) person skilled at telling stories  
(b) garland of flowers or leaves hung between two points  
(c) slight fault or offense; minor sin  
(d) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness

Q1 **v. incarcerate**

- (a) to make good; to recover; to restore; to fetch; to bring back; to regain
- (b) to imprison; to detain; to jail
- (c) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (d) to accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; to slander

Q2 **v. abridge**

- (a) to do speedily; to send off; to eliminate; to dismiss
- (b) to assume a deceptive appearance or character; to impersonate
- (c) to shorten; to limit; to condense
- (d) to rush forth suddenly; to burst forth

Q3 **v. hail**

- (a) to crush; to render void; to quell; to suppress; annul
- (b) to do speedily; to send off; to eliminate; to dismiss
- (c) to catch; to anticipate; to arrest; to understand; to conceive
- (d) to call from a distance; to greet; to welcome

Q4 **v. garnish**

- (a) to drive away; to scatter; to lessen
- (b) to deprive or leave desolate by loss; to suffer loss
- (c) to trim; to decorate; to embellish; to adorn
- (d) to encourage; to support

Q5 **v. asseverate**

- (a) to declare positively; to confirm; to affirm
- (b) to subdue; to conquer; to defeat; to win
- (c) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (d) to shorten; to limit; to condense

Q6 **v. vituperate**

- (a) to call from a distance; to greet; to welcome
- (b) to scold or blame loudly; to find fault with in abusive language; to condemn
- (c) to say again
- (d) to purify of offensive material; to censor

Q7 **v. edify**

- (a) to express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain or misfortune
- (b) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (d) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen

Q8 **v. feign**

- (a) to indicate feelings by motions; move the hands in an animated manner
- (b) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (c) to purify of offensive material; to censor
- (d) to call from a distance; to greet; to welcome

Q9 **v. articulate**

- (a) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (b) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (c) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw

Q10 **v. conjecture**

- (a) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way; wander
- (b) to guess; to speculate; to surmise; to hypothesize; to infer
- (c) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (d) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of

**Q1 n. nostalgia**

- (a) state of happiness; high ability; talent; joy
- (b) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical
- (c) homesickness; sentimentality
- (d) enemy; foe; opponent; rival

**Q2 n. epitaph**

- (a) spirit; courage; ardor
- (b) god; divine or supreme being
- (c) witty remark; assault; journey
- (d) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration

**Q3 v. condone**

- (a) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (b) to exclaim or utter suddenly; to blurt out
- (c) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon
- (d) to banish; to exclude

**Q4 adj. heinous**

- (a) inclined to eat and drink excessively; greedy; voracious
- (b) villainous; wicked; hateful
- (c) different; varied
- (d) resting; reclining

**Q5 v. diversify**

- (a) to accuse of wrongdoing; to cast discredit upon; to remove from office
- (b) to draw out; to extract from
- (c) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (d) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products

**Q6 n. construction**

- (a) conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises; speculation
- (b) act of erecting (a building); meaning
- (c) alliance; merging of various units into one unit; union
- (d) meticulous person; fastidious person; strict person; fussy person

**Q7 n. retribution**

- (a) reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness or other action; requital; revenge; vengeance
- (b) poise; composure; dignity; aplomb
- (c) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (d) eager readiness; speed

**Q8 adj. erudite**

- (a) threatening or showing evil; dishonest; malicious
- (b) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated
- (c) untiring; persistent; industrious; inexhaustible
- (d) moving from topic to topic; rambling

**Q9 v. allure**

- (a) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (b) to estrange; to isolate; to requisition; to confiscate
- (c) to catch; to anticipate; to arrest; to understand; to conceive
- (d) to make clear; to explain; to clarify

**Q10 n. arbiter**

- (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide
- (b) lover of books; book collector
- (c) two words having the same sound but different meanings
- (d) spirit; courage; ardor

Q1 **adj. consummate**

- (a) villainous; wicked; hateful
- (b) perfect or highly accomplished; excellent; skilled; complete
- (c) continuing a long time; habitual; lingering; constant; lasting
- (d) horrible; deathlike; shocking; frightening

Q2 **adj. remunerative**

- (a) happening accidentally; by chance
- (b) unrefined in speech or manners; loutish; ill-bred; uncivilized; coarse
- (c) gripping and moving the feelings powerfully; piercing; biting
- (d) profitable; lucrative

Q3 **adj. ghastly**

- (a) sly; crafty; skillful; clever; shrewd
- (b) horrible; deathlike; shocking; frightening
- (c) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (d) deadly; fatal

Q4 **adj. jaunty**

- (a) pretending to be religious; self-righteous
- (b) having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness; stylish; merry
- (c) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate
- (d) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane

Q5 **adj. equable**

- (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive
- (b) regular; uniform; even
- (c) sorrowful; mournful; painful
- (d) merciful; gentle; lenient; tender; mild

Q6 **adj. implacable**

- (a) cowardly; fearful
- (b) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable
- (c) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (d) worthy of belief; trustworthy; reliable; dependable

Q7 **adj. innocuous**

- (a) taking little care; oblivious; rash; unmindful
- (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (d) native to a region; innate; originating from a place

Q8 **adj. tremulous**

- (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (b) frightened; quivering
- (c) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased
- (d) incapable of being defended or held; uninhabitable

Q9 **adj. inscrutable**

- (a) spotted or streaked with varied colors
- (b) incapable of interpretation or understanding; impenetrable; mysterious
- (c) calm; peaceful; quiet
- (d) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty

Q10 **adj. distraught**

- (a) gentle; polite; agreeable; pleasant; kind; boring; apathetic
- (b) deserving respect or reverence because of age; worthy of honor and esteem
- (c) average in quality; poor; ordinary; regular
- (d) mentally distressed; distracted; crazed; bewildered; hysterical

**Q1 n. bane**

- (a) flattering speech or act; persuasion
- (b) destruction; poison; misfortune
- (c) historical records; archives; chronicles
- (d) trick or deception; a practical joke

**Q2 n. bombast**

- (a) trick or deception; a practical joke
- (b) eminent person; celestial body; light source
- (c) shrewdness; cleverness; wisdom
- (d) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches

**Q3 n. divisibility**

- (a) ability to be separated or divided
- (b) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (c) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (d) change from one condition to another, often unexpected

**Q4 n. chauvinist**

- (a) extreme patriot; person who is excessively devoted
- (b) provocation; insulting, jeering or bitter remark; mockery
- (c) copy; model; pattern; sample
- (d) fictitious name; pen name

**Q5 adj. cantankerous**

- (a) ill-natured; quarrelsome; contentious; irritable
- (b) appropriate; fitting
- (c) festive; gay; friendly; sociable; merry
- (d) given to fault-finding and complaining; discontented

**Q6 n. dictum**

- (a) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (b) shrewdness; cleverness; wisdom
- (c) danger; peril; hazard
- (d) favorable opinion arrived at beforehand; affinity; liking; fondness

**Q7 n. heresy**

- (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (b) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially
- (c) opinion contrary to popular belief
- (d) to interpret; to explain the sense of; to analyze; to understand

**Q8 n. temerity**

- (a) privilege or power attaching to a position; right
- (b) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (c) brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work; list of contents; inventory
- (d) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff

**Q9 n. fathom**

- (a) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (b) contrast; direct opposite
- (c) remedy for all ills
- (d) misprint; typo; printing error

**Q10 n. facade**

- (a) assessment; evaluation of prospects
- (b) front or face, especially of a building; illusion; deceptive appearance
- (c) hostility; malevolence
- (d) working class; social class comprised of manual laborers

Q1 **v. raze**

- (a) to grow together; to merge; to unite
- (b) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon
- (c) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (d) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance

Q2 **v. vaunt**

- (a) to banish; to exclude
- (b) to boast; to brag
- (c) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (d) to annoy; to irritate

Q3 **v. forbear**

- (a) to use for one's selfish purpose
- (b) to exercise self control; to keep from; to refrain from
- (c) to warn; to find fault; to reprove; to scold
- (d) to free from guilt; to declare innocent

Q4 **v. attribute**

- (a) to assign; to credit with; to ascribe to
- (b) to complete; to bring to perfection; to fulfill; to perfect
- (c) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (d) to use for one's selfish purpose

Q5 **n. renegade**

- (a) curse
- (b) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (c) shrewdness; cleverness; wisdom
- (d) attempt to persuade someone to do something

Q6 **v. impale**

- (a) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (b) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (c) to foil; to thwart; to disappoint; to defeat; to baffle
- (d) to read carefully; to study

Q7 **v. dissent**

- (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (b) to paralyze with horror, fear or surprise
- (c) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (d) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon

Q8 **v. meander**

- (a) to make public; to reveal; to tell; to disclose
- (b) to root out; to destroy totally; to eradicate
- (c) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way; wander
- (d) to belittle; to speak slightly of; to reduce the value or cost; to disparage

Q9 **v. elicit**

- (a) to leave behind; to give something up
- (b) to exclaim or utter suddenly; to blurt out
- (c) to draw out; to extract from
- (d) to assume a deceptive appearance or character; to impersonate

Q10 **v. abdicate**

- (a) to express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain or misfortune
- (b) to avoid; to outwit; to get around
- (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw



Q1 **n. abandon**

- (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (b) attempt to persuade someone to do something
- (c) affected or silly smile; smirk
- (d) feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse

Q2 **n. blemish**

- (a) witty remark; assault; journey
- (b) collection of choice literary works; compilation
- (c) disfigurement; defect; flaw; fault
- (d) assumption made for the sake of argument; supposition

Q3 **adj. precocious**

- (a) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile
- (b) reverent; sincere; pious; earnest; religious
- (c) developed or matured earlier than usual
- (d) no longer productive; worn out; degenerate; exhausted

Q4 **adj. malicious**

- (a) unfeeling; insensitive; hard
- (b) spiteful; vindictive
- (c) fat; obese; fleshy
- (d) brief; passing swiftly; temporary; transient

Q5 **adj. oblivious**

- (a) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (b) thin and light
- (c) forgetful; absent-minded; ignoring
- (d) loud and noisy; demanding

Q6 **adj. histrionic**

- (a) corrupt; degenerate; debauched
- (b) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (c) pertaining to the theater; designed for show; dramatic
- (d) thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence; invasive

Q7 **adj. extemporaneous**

- (a) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (b) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd
- (c) spontaneous; impromptu; improvised
- (d) thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence; invasive

Q8 **n. fetish**

- (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (b) scarcity; shortage; lack
- (c) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object
- (d) hostility; malevolence

Q9 **v. divulge**

- (a) to make public; to reveal; to tell; to disclose
- (b) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (c) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (d) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise

Q10 **adj. abstemious**

- (a) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (b) with abusive condemnation; with harsh denunciation
- (c) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate
- (d) queer; unusual in appearance; strange; outlandish

- Q1 **adj. notorious**  
(a) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace  
(b) wise; clever; shrewd  
(c) corrupt; degenerate; debauched  
(d) commanding fear or respect; horrible; dreadful; formidable
- Q2 **adj. chronic**  
(a) continuing a long time; habitual; lingering; constant; lasting  
(b) of or having to do with citizens or the state; polite; courteous  
(c) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous  
(d) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- Q3 **adj. punitive**  
(a) happy; cheery; merry; carefree  
(b) serving as a penalty; penalizing  
(c) ridiculous; producing laughter; absurd  
(d) affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious; calm; shy
- Q4 **adj. incisive**  
(a) no longer productive; worn out; degenerate; exhausted  
(b) in abundance; fertile; highly productive  
(c) getting to the heart of things; to the point  
(d) festive; gay; friendly; sociable; merry
- Q5 **adj. autocratic**  
(a) despotic; dictatorial  
(b) working or done for payment only; hired for service  
(c) untiring; persistent; industrious; inexhaustible  
(d) courageous; brave; fearless
- Q6 **adj. perverse**  
(a) nameless; unidentified  
(b) villainous; wicked; hateful  
(c) willfully bent on doing the wrong thing; distorted; deviant  
(d) brief; passing swiftly; temporary; transient
- Q7 **adj. immaculate**  
(a) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant  
(b) perfectly clean; correct; pure  
(c) able to do many things skillfully  
(d) amazing by virtue of its immense size, force or any quality in exceptional degree
- Q8 **adj. articulate**  
(a) unconquerable; unbeatable; invulnerable; indisputable  
(b) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words  
(c) objectionable; may be protested  
(d) fond of the company of others; sociable
- Q9 **adj. gregarious**  
(a) indifferent; lethargic  
(b) fond of the company of others; sociable  
(c) threatening or showing evil; dishonest; malicious  
(d) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- Q10 **adj. ambiguous**  
(a) inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon; naive; gullible; deceivable  
(b) not clear; uncertain; vague  
(c) affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious; calm; shy  
(d) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural

Q1 **n. apathy**

- (a) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (b) payment for services; repayment
- (c) agreement; harmony; settlement
- (d) extreme patriot; person who is excessively devoted

Q2 **n. parody**

- (a) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (b) opinion contrary to popular belief
- (c) trickery; deception; scheming
- (d) dirty or wretched dwelling; hut; shack

Q3 **n. expatriate**

- (a) something taken for granted; going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness; arrogance
- (b) exaggeration; overstatement
- (c) person who lives in a foreign country
- (d) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive; multiple

Q4 **n. labyrinth**

- (a) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (b) partner; ally; colleague
- (c) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (d) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed

Q5 **n. cosmopolitan**

- (a) person who currently holds an office or position
- (b) person who is at home in all countries; citizen of the world
- (c) widespread ruin; destruction
- (d) contrast; direct opposite

Q6 **n. genesis**

- (a) origin; beginning; creation
- (b) partner; ally; colleague
- (c) state of happiness; high ability; talent; joy
- (d) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

Q7 **n. dilemma**

- (a) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (b) difficult situation; difficult decision
- (c) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase
- (d) state of happiness; high ability; talent; joy

Q8 **n. compunction**

- (a) insult; curse; affront; offense
- (b) person sent on an errand or mission; envoy; representative; messenger; delegate
- (c) coward; abject person
- (d) regret for wrongdoing; remorse; uneasiness of conscience

Q9 **n. ken**

- (a) face; appearance; features; encouragement; support
- (b) dull and commonplace remark; banality; superficiality; commonplace
- (c) conversation which is amusing and not serious; tease; joke
- (d) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness

Q10 **n. idiosyncrasy**

- (a) mass departure; emigration
- (b) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches
- (c) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- (d) one who manipulates public emotions to gain power or popularity

Q1 **v. expound**

- (a) to express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain or misfortune
- (b) to dupe; to play a trick on; to deceive
- (c) to avoid; to outwit; to get around
- (d) to set forth in detail; to explain; to comment; to describe in detail

Q2 **v. alienate**

- (a) to read carefully; to study
- (b) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (c) to assign; to credit with; to ascribe to
- (d) to estrange; to isolate; to requisition; to confiscate

Q3 **v. mimic**

- (a) to scar; to spoil; to stain; to flaw; to impair; to deface
- (b) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (c) to shrink in fear; to flinch; to grovel; to recoil
- (d) to make fun of or copy by imitating; to ape

Q4 **v. scrutinize**

- (a) to follow; to result
- (b) to restate the meaning of a passage in other words
- (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (d) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect

Q5 **v. expurgate**

- (a) to quicken; to speed up; to cause to move faster
- (b) to purify of offensive material; to censor
- (c) to set forth in detail; to explain; to comment; to describe in detail
- (d) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield

Q6 **v. countenance**

- (a) to echo; to resonate; to resound
- (b) to guess; to speculate; to surmise; to hypothesize; to infer
- (c) to approve; to support; to tolerate; to permit
- (d) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate

Q7 **v. quash**

- (a) to crush; to render void; to quell; to suppress; annul
- (b) to erase; to cancel; to take out; to remove totally
- (c) to confuse; to embarrass; to fluster; to worry
- (d) to break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit

Q8 **v. inhibit**

- (a) to decorate with chains of flowers or leaves, etc.
- (b) to check; to hinder; to hold back; to prevent
- (c) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise
- (d) to shrink in fear; to flinch; to grovel; to recoil

Q9 **v. jettison**

- (a) to set forth in detail; to explain; to comment; to describe in detail
- (b) to lose self-confidence; to confuse; to put to shame; to disconcert; to embarrass
- (c) to postpone; to put off to another time; to delay; to hold back
- (d) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of

Q10 **v. discourse**

- (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (b) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish
- (c) to speak angrily or bitterly; to protest forcefully; to rant
- (d) to check; to hinder; to hold back; to prevent

**Q1 n. shibboleth**

- (a) party slogan
- (b) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (c) government by the best people; privileged class
- (d) expression of a people's will or wishes through a direct ballot of all voters

**Q2 n. entreat**

- (a) ludicrous and complete failure; disaster
- (b) attempt to persuade someone to do something
- (c) hired soldier; greedy person
- (d) widespread ruin; destruction

**Q3 n. whim**

- (a) rest period; temporary delay
- (b) cruelty; ferocity; harshness
- (c) sudden notion or passing fancy; caprice; impulse
- (d) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm

**Q4 adj. crucial**

- (a) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous
- (b) ill-natured; quarrelsome; contentious; irritable
- (c) very important; decisive; essential; difficult; essential
- (d) continuing a long time; habitual; lingering; constant; lasting

**Q5 n. armistice**

- (a) person sent on an errand or mission; envoy; representative; messenger; delegate
- (b) temporary suspension of hostilities; truce; cease fire
- (c) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater
- (d) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators

**Q6 adj. vituperative**

- (a) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (b) with abusive condemnation; with harsh denunciation
- (c) free from local prejudices; worldly
- (d) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday

**Q7 n. sally**

- (a) witty remark; assault; journey
- (b) denouncement; condemnation
- (c) distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling; anger; disapproval
- (d) reproof; warning; reproof

**Q8 adj. predatory**

- (a) hidden; present but not fully developed; concealed; dormant
- (b) inclined to plunder or rob; preying on others; pillaging
- (c) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (d) engaged in war; hostile; aggressive

**Q9 n. collusion**

- (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (b) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (c) difference in form, character or degree; inequality
- (d) feeling of hatred; resentment; animosity; hostility

**Q10 adj. egregious**

- (a) living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals; depraved; licentious; corrupt
- (b) developed or matured earlier than usual
- (c) regular; uniform; even
- (d) often of mistakes; extremely and noticeably bad; flagrant; rude

**Q1 adj. cosmopolitan**

- (a) free from local prejudices; worldly
- (b) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain
- (c) hot and moist; sensuous; stifling
- (d) failing to fulfill an obligation; guilty of an offense

**Q2 adj. acrimonious**

- (a) without hope; sad; dejected; depressed
- (b) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative
- (c) unrefined in speech or manners; loutish; ill-bred; uncivilized; coarse
- (d) sharp or harsh in language or temper; rancorous; bitter; caustic

**Q3 adj. versatile**

- (a) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual
- (b) without hope; sad; dejected; depressed
- (c) given to fault-finding and complaining; discontented
- (d) able to do many things skillfully

**Q4 adj. bumptious**

- (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive
- (b) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible
- (c) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (d) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively

**Q5 adj. zealous**

- (a) entertaining; distracting; deflecting; amusing
- (b) sick; having a sickly yellow coloring
- (c) willfully bent on doing the wrong thing; distorted; deviant
- (d) full of enthusiasm or eagerness; passionate; excited

**Q6 adj. artful**

- (a) sly; crafty; skillful; clever; shrewd
- (b) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful
- (c) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable
- (d) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

**Q7 adj. academic**

- (a) engaged in war; hostile; aggressive
- (b) unimportant; small; worthless; minor
- (c) describing school and university activities; educated; scholastic
- (d) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible

**Q8 adj. bland**

- (a) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (b) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (c) lacking; empty
- (d) gentle; polite; agreeable; pleasant; kind; boring; apathetic

**Q9 adj. fortuitous**

- (a) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (b) suited; pleasant; agreeable; affable
- (c) happening accidentally; by chance
- (d) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere

**Q10 adj. credulous**

- (a) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (b) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (c) traveling about; wandering
- (d) inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon; naive; gullible; deceivable

Q1 **n. luminary**

- (a) offensive and hostile attitude; attack; forceful behavior
- (b) eminent person; celestial body; light source
- (c) sending off; shipment; message; communication; promptness
- (d) dull and commonplace remark; banality; superficiality; commonplace

Q2 **n. spurn**

- (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide
- (b) act of erecting (a building); meaning
- (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (d) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true

Q3 **n. vicissitude**

- (a) little world or universe in miniature
- (b) clown; joker; fool; ludicrous figure
- (c) government by the best people; privileged class
- (d) change from one condition to another, often unexpected

Q4 **n. gossamer**

- (a) person who lives in a foreign country
- (b) very thin gauzelike fabric or structure; cobweb
- (c) prolonged duration of life
- (d) speech by one person

Q5 **n. bibliophile**

- (a) disfigurement; defect; flaw; fault
- (b) lover of books; book collector
- (c) ability to be separated or divided
- (d) trickery; deception; scheming

Q6 **n. deference**

- (a) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (b) slight fault or offense; minor sin
- (c) use of force; compulsion; pressure
- (d) person who is authorized to judge or decide

Q7 **n. zenith**

- (a) faithfulness; loyalty
- (b) alliance; merging of various units into one unit; union
- (c) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (d) omen; signal

Q8 **n. anarchy**

- (a) state of confusion or lawlessness
- (b) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date
- (c) denouncement; condemnation
- (d) trace; particle; spark; iota

Q9 **n. allure**

- (a) disgrace; humiliation; dishonor
- (b) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical
- (c) difficult situation; difficult decision
- (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

Q10 **n. bulwark**

- (a) burden; duty; obligation; responsibility
- (b) original pattern or model
- (c) reproof; warning; reproof
- (d) embankment used as a fortification; an idea; object serving as a protection

Q1 **v. jibe**

- (a) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate
- (b) to mock; to gibe; to scorn; to jeer
- (c) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (d) to make unsusceptible to a disease

Q2 **n. novice**

- (a) person who advocates extreme basic changes
- (b) inexperienced person; beginner
- (c) skill; talent; ability
- (d) origin; beginning; creation

Q3 **n. curb**

- (a) honesty; moral soundness; uprightness
- (b) trace; particle; spark; iota
- (c) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk
- (d) skill; talent; ability

Q4 **adj. egotistic**

- (a) sharp or harsh in language or temper; rancorous; bitter; caustic
- (b) pertaining to spring
- (c) pure; perfect; faultless
- (d) conceited; selfish; self-centered

Q5 **n. mettle**

- (a) compulsive thought; fixation; excessive preoccupation
- (b) person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others; pretender; impersonator
- (c) high praise; commendation
- (d) spirit; courage; ardor

Q6 **n. exploit**

- (a) brilliant deed; heroic act; feat
- (b) favorable opinion arrived at beforehand; affinity; liking; fondness
- (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (d) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

Q7 **n. annals**

- (a) difficult situation; difficult decision
- (b) provocation; insulting, jeering or bitter remark; mockery
- (c) copy; model; pattern; sample
- (d) historical records; archives; chronicles

Q8 **adj. ostensible**

- (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (b) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (c) profuse or generous; given to extravagance; wasteful; generous
- (d) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way

Q9 **adj. precarious**

- (a) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (c) worldly; as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only
- (d) kind; generous

Q10 **n. credence**

- (a) incorrectness; unsuitableness
- (b) trust; belief; confidence; faith
- (c) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration
- (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor



**Q1 adj. delinquent**

- (a) inclined to eat and drink excessively; greedy; voracious
- (b) pertaining to the sky; heavenly
- (c) well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment); proper; fitting
- (d) failing to fulfill an obligation; guilty of an offense

**Q2 adj. apt**

- (a) worthy of belief; trustworthy; reliable; dependable
- (b) pertaining to a tailor or clothes
- (c) getting to the heart of things; to the point
- (d) likely; inclined or disposed; fit; suitable; skillful

**Q3 adj. reciprocal**

- (a) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand
- (b) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively
- (c) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (d) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased

**Q4 adj. supine**

- (a) lying flat on the back; inert; inactive; averse to taking action; indifferent; passive
- (b) fat; obese; fleshy
- (c) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled
- (d) excessive; immoderate

**Q5 adj. clamorous**

- (a) spontaneous; impromptu; improvised
- (b) loud and noisy; demanding
- (c) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (d) conceited; selfish; self-centered

**Q6 adj. circumspect**

- (a) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (c) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (d) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential

**Q7 adj. pecuniary**

- (a) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (b) pertaining to money; financial
- (c) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (d) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model

**Q8 adj. vernal**

- (a) engaged in war; hostile; aggressive
- (b) horrible; deathlike; shocking; frightening
- (c) pertaining to spring
- (d) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate

**Q9 adj. exemplary**

- (a) pertaining to the common people, hence common or vulgar; rude
- (b) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (c) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic
- (d) forceful; vigorous; energetic

**Q10 adj. poignant**

- (a) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (b) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false
- (c) hating or distrusting mankind; cynical
- (d) gripping and moving the feelings powerfully; piercing; biting

Q1 **n. alacrity**

- (a) remedy for all ills
- (b) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (c) eager readiness; speed
- (d) offender; person who is guilty of an offense

Q2 **n. equanimity**

- (a) privilege or power attaching to a position; right
- (b) fictitious name; pen name
- (c) abundance; full amount; excessive supply
- (d) poise; composure; dignity; aplomb

Q3 **n. chicanery**

- (a) hardship; suffering; misfortune; crisis
- (b) anger; rage; fury
- (c) trickery; deception; scheming
- (d) two words having the same sound but different meanings

Q4 **n. accolade**

- (a) one who manipulates public emotions to gain power or popularity
- (b) witty remark; assault; journey
- (c) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (d) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk

Q5 **n. condolence**

- (a) person sent on an errand or mission; envoy; representative; messenger; delegate
- (b) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (c) homesickness; sentimentality
- (d) consolation; commiseration

Q6 **n. veneer**

- (a) person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure
- (b) temporary suspension of hostilities; truce; cease fire
- (c) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive; multiple
- (d) superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority

Q7 **n. hiatus**

- (a) interval; break; period of rest; separation; interruption; opening
- (b) general agreement; majority
- (c) dull and commonplace remark; banality; superficiality; commonplace
- (d) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object

Q8 **n. consternation**

- (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (b) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed
- (d) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

Q9 **n. platitude**

- (a) dull and commonplace remark; banality; superficiality; commonplace
- (b) spirit; courage; ardor
- (c) curse
- (d) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture

Q10 **n. masquerade**

- (a) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (b) disguise; group of people in disguise or fancy costumes
- (c) dirty or wretched dwelling; hut; shack
- (d) person who lives in a foreign country

Q1 **v. simper**

- (a) to declare positively; to confirm; to affirm
- (b) to estrange; to isolate; to requisition; to confiscate
- (c) to smile in a silly or affected way; to smirk
- (d) to indicate feelings by motions; move the hands in an animated manner

Q2 **n. coercion**

- (a) difficult situation; difficult decision
- (b) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object
- (c) use of force; compulsion; pressure
- (d) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity

Q3 **v. allude**

- (a) to refer indirectly to something; to hint
- (b) to publish; to spread abroad; to declare; to advertise widely
- (c) to rush forth suddenly; to burst forth
- (d) to exercise self control; to keep from; to refrain from

Q4 **n. plebiscite**

- (a) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (b) expression of a people's will or wishes through a direct ballot of all voters
- (c) original pattern or model
- (d) record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives

Q5 **adj. dispassionate**

- (a) thin and light
- (b) well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment); proper; fitting
- (c) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident
- (d) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased

Q6 **adj. convivial**

- (a) forgetful; absent-minded; ignoring
- (b) perfect or highly accomplished; excellent; skilled; complete
- (c) festive; gay; friendly; sociable; merry
- (d) describing school and university activities; educated; scholastic

Q7 **v. exculpate**

- (a) to paralyze with horror, fear or surprise
- (b) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (c) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (d) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish

Q8 **adj. tantamount**

- (a) equivalent to; equal to
- (b) describing school and university activities; educated; scholastic
- (c) disdainful; scornful
- (d) taking little care; oblivious; rash; unmindful

Q9 **adj. resilient**

- (a) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (b) inclined to plunder or rob; preying on others; pillaging
- (c) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic
- (d) very steep; descending rapidly; vertical; sheer

Q10 **v. scourge**

- (a) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (b) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise
- (c) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (d) to ruin; to decay; to destroy

Q1 **adj. felicitous**

- (a) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (b) frightened; quivering
- (c) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- (d) appropriate; fitting

Q2 **adj. morose**

- (a) irrelevant; not related; not essential
- (b) very steep; descending rapidly; vertical; sheer
- (c) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable
- (d) swollen; inflated; using big or high-sounding words

Q3 **adj. stringent**

- (a) given to fault-finding and complaining; discontented
- (b) rudely abrupt; blunt; brief; gruff
- (c) severe; demanding; strict; binding; constraining
- (d) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful

Q4 **adj. indefatigable**

- (a) thorough; extreme
- (b) untiring; persistent; industrious; inexhaustible
- (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (d) wise; clever; shrewd

Q5 **adj. celestial**

- (a) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain
- (b) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (c) pertaining to the sky; heavenly
- (d) able to do many things skillfully

Q6 **adj. clement**

- (a) queer; unusual in appearance; strange; outlandish
- (b) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive
- (c) merciful; gentle; lenient; tender; mild
- (d) ridiculous; producing laughter; absurd

Q7 **adj. esoteric**

- (a) bloody; murderous
- (b) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (c) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (d) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative

Q8 **adj. auspicious**

- (a) temporary; for the time being; contingent; interim
- (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (c) villainous; wicked; hateful
- (d) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive

Q9 **adj. epicurean**

- (a) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace
- (b) regretful; mournful; pitiable
- (c) pleasure-loving; hedonistic
- (d) cowardly; fearful

Q10 **adj. tranquil**

- (a) courageous; brave; fearless
- (b) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (c) calm; peaceful; quiet
- (d) commanding fear or respect; horrible; dreadful; formidable

Q1 **n. attribute**

- (a) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (b) inherent quality; characteristic
- (c) place offering shelter and retreat; refuge
- (d) profitable and easy job

Q2 **n. taunt**

- (a) stick; staff; wand
- (b) swamp; marshland; wet spongy ground
- (c) ability to be separated or divided
- (d) provocation; insulting, jeering or bitter remark; mockery

Q3 **n. epithet**

- (a) very thin gauzelike fabric or structure; cobweb
- (b) name; nickname; title; designation
- (c) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff
- (d) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity

Q4 **n. hyperbole**

- (a) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (b) brilliant deed; heroic act; feat
- (c) exaggeration; overstatement
- (d) temporary suspension of hostilities; truce; cease fire

Q5 **n. virago**

- (a) scolding or ill-tempered woman
- (b) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical
- (c) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater
- (d) offensive and hostile attitude; attack; forceful behavior

Q6 **n. fallacy**

- (a) name or term that describes wrongly
- (b) illusion; misconception; untruth; falsehood
- (c) extreme patriot; person who is excessively devoted
- (d) sincerity; honesty; openness

Q7 **n. glutton**

- (a) lover of books; book collector
- (b) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater
- (c) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee
- (d) origin; beginning; creation

Q8 **n. invective**

- (a) face; appearance; features; encouragement; support
- (b) lover of books; book collector
- (c) insult; curse; affront; offense
- (d) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest

Q9 **n. compensation**

- (a) superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority
- (b) feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse
- (c) eminent person; celestial body; light source
- (d) payment for services; repayment

Q10 **n. demagogue**

- (a) one who manipulates public emotions to gain power or popularity
- (b) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true
- (c) coward; abject person
- (d) to interpret; to explain the sense of; to analyze; to understand

Q1 **n. banter**

- (a) conversation which is amusing and not serious; tease; joke
- (b) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor
- (c) honesty; moral soundness; uprightness
- (d) suitability; ability

Q2 **v. coalesce**

- (a) to exercise self control; to keep from; to refrain from
- (b) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance
- (c) to lose self-confidence; to confuse; to put to shame; to disconcert; to embarrass
- (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

Q3 **adj. incontrovertible**

- (a) unquestionable; impossible to debate
- (b) appropriate; fitting
- (c) taking the place of another; felt, received or done in place of another; indirect
- (d) forceful; vigorous; energetic

Q4 **n. acumen**

- (a) keenness of mind; insight; astuteness; shrewdness
- (b) disorderly quarrel; tumult; riot; skirmish
- (c) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor
- (d) danger; peril; hazard

Q5 **n. anthology**

- (a) decree; command; order
- (b) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (c) collection of choice literary works; compilation
- (d) swamp; marshland; wet spongy ground

Q6 **v. festoon**

- (a) to restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up; conclude; to summarize
- (b) to decorate with chains of flowers or leaves, etc.
- (c) to make fun of or copy by imitating; to ape
- (d) to check; to hinder; to hold back; to prevent

Q7 **n. monologue**

- (a) cruelty; ferocity; harshness
- (b) great flood; downpour; inundation; drenching rain
- (c) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (d) speech by one person

Q8 **n. epigram**

- (a) assumption made for the sake of argument; supposition
- (b) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (c) conversation which is amusing and not serious; tease; joke
- (d) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase

Q9 **adj. deplorable**

- (a) kind; generous
- (b) clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose; stubborn
- (c) lamentable; wretched
- (d) queer; unusual in appearance; strange; outlandish

Q10 **n. dispatch**

- (a) act of erecting (a building); meaning
- (b) sending off; shipment; message; communication; promptness
- (c) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (d) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater

Q1 **adj. nocturnal**

- (a) quarrelsome; warlike
- (b) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively
- (c) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (d) pertaining to or occurring in the night

Q2 **adj. sultry**

- (a) all-powerful; almighty
- (b) friendly; genial; pleasant
- (c) similar; parallel; comparable
- (d) hot and moist; sensuous; stifling

Q3 **adj. immune**

- (a) unrefined in speech or manners; loutish; ill-bred; uncivilized; coarse
- (b) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical
- (c) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- (d) regular; uniform; even

Q4 **adj. facetious**

- (a) dead; vanished; gone
- (b) disdainful; scornful
- (c) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (d) hidden; present but not fully developed; concealed; dormant

Q5 **adj. nonchalant**

- (a) in agreement with; harmonious
- (b) disdainful; scornful
- (c) pertaining to the common people, hence common or vulgar; rude
- (d) unmoved or indifferent; composed; casual; indifferent

Q6 **adj. indomitable**

- (a) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable
- (b) dark; cloudy; gloomy
- (c) deceptive; crooked; twisting; circuitous; indirect
- (d) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive

Q7 **adj. dissolute**

- (a) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (b) sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty
- (c) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (d) living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals; depraved; licentious; corrupt

Q8 **adj. capricious**

- (a) changeable; fickle
- (b) likely; inclined or disposed; fit; suitable; skillful
- (c) working or done for payment only; hired for service
- (d) nameless; unidentified

Q9 **adj. impeccable**

- (a) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (b) courageous; brave; fearless
- (c) pure; perfect; faultless
- (d) friendly; genial; pleasant

Q10 **adj. banal**

- (a) indifferent; lethargic
- (b) given to frequent change in nature, mood or form; unstable; changeable
- (c) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual
- (d) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent

**Q1 n. hypothesis**

- (a) assumption made for the sake of argument; supposition
- (b) party slogan
- (c) introduction; forerunner
- (d) adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment; the writings or ideas of another

**Q2 n. dearth**

- (a) sincerity; honesty; openness
- (b) scarcity; shortage; lack
- (c) favorable opinion arrived at beforehand; affinity; liking; fondness
- (d) disgrace; humiliation; dishonor

**Q3 n. sinecure**

- (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide
- (b) meticulous person; fastidious person; strict person; fussy person
- (c) profitable and easy job
- (d) sudden notion or passing fancy; caprice; impulse

**Q4 n. homonym**

- (a) coward; abject person
- (b) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (c) two words having the same sound but different meanings
- (d) name; nickname; title; designation

**Q5 adj. stupendous**

- (a) amazing by virtue of its immense size, force or any quality in exceptional degree
- (b) thorough; extreme
- (c) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (d) erroneous; not foolproof

**Q6 n. microcosm**

- (a) expression of a people's will or wishes through a direct ballot of all voters
- (b) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (c) injury inflicted in turn for one received; retaliation; revenge
- (d) little world or universe in miniature

**Q7 n. glut**

- (a) scolding or ill-tempered woman
- (b) abundance; full amount; excessive supply
- (c) widespread ruin; destruction
- (d) state of confusion or lawlessness

**Q8 n. mercenary**

- (a) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough
- (b) hired soldier; greedy person
- (c) approval; praise; sanction; assent; consent
- (d) meaning; significance; bringing in of goods from another country

**Q9 n. harbinger**

- (a) skill; talent; ability
- (b) omen; signal
- (c) poise; composure; dignity; aplomb
- (d) prolonged duration of life

**Q10 n. accord**

- (a) agreement; harmony; settlement
- (b) fraud; deception; deceit; forgery
- (c) ludicrous and complete failure; disaster
- (d) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough



Q1 **v. spurn**

- (a) to say again  
(b) to push away; to repel; to reject  
(c) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil  
(d) to imprison; to detain; to jail

Q2 **v. allay**

- (a) to calm; to lessen in severity; to mollify; to relieve  
(b) to subdue; to conquer; to defeat; to win  
(c) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up  
(d) to waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly; to vacillate

Q3 **adj. ephemeral**

- (a) mentally distressed; distracted; crazed; bewildered; hysterical  
(b) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional  
(c) average in quality; poor; ordinary; regular  
(d) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory

Q4 **v. transgress**

- (a) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless  
(b) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise  
(c) to accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; to slander  
(d) to break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit

Q5 **n. allusion**

- (a) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit  
(b) indirect reference (often literary); hint  
(c) esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation  
(d) eminent person; celestial body; light source

Q6 **n. ascetic**

- (a) sending off; shipment; message; communication; promptness  
(b) decree; command; order  
(c) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit  
(d) strong rejection; denigrating attitude

Q7 **adj. recumbent**

- (a) resting; reclining  
(b) changeable; fickle  
(c) indifferent; lethargic  
(d) unquestionable; impossible to debate

Q8 **v. engender**

- (a) to display or wave boastfully  
(b) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate  
(c) to make clear; to explain; to clarify  
(d) to assign; to credit with; to ascribe to

Q9 **n. ennui**

- (a) introduction; forerunner  
(b) honesty; moral soundness; uprightness  
(c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium  
(d) drawing that exaggerates certain physical characteristics

Q10 **v. delete**

- (a) to erase; to cancel; to take out; to remove totally  
(b) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge  
(c) to annoy; to irritate  
(d) to complete; to bring to perfection; to fulfill; to perfect

Q1 **adj. insatiable**

- (a) entertaining; distracting; deflecting; amusing
- (b) unable to be satisfied; extremely greedy
- (c) very important; decisive; essential; difficult; essential
- (d) taking the place of another; felt, received or done in place of another; indirect

Q2 **adj. awry**

- (a) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (b) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (c) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted
- (d) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant

Q3 **adj. noisome**

- (a) profuse or generous; given to extravagance; wasteful; generous
- (b) despotic; dictatorial
- (c) excessive; immoderate
- (d) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive

Q4 **adj. implicit**

- (a) sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty
- (b) understood but not plainly stated; without doubt; indirectly suggested; implied; unconditional; contained within
- (c) deserving blame; guilty
- (d) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional

Q5 **adj. peremptory**

- (a) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive
- (b) pretending to be religious; self-righteous
- (c) of various colors; of mixed ingredients; of great variety
- (d) shortened; summarized

Q6 **adj. congenial**

- (a) suited; pleasant; agreeable; affable
- (b) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (c) lamentable; wretched
- (d) in agreement with; harmonious

Q7 **adj. erratic**

- (a) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled
- (b) lying flat on the back; inert; inactive; averse to taking action; indifferent; passive
- (c) obedient; willing to submit; accountable; agreeable; responsible
- (d) with abusive condemnation; with harsh denunciation

Q8 **adj. complacent**

- (a) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (b) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (c) incapable of interpretation or understanding; impenetrable; mysterious
- (d) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting

Q9 **adj. soporific**

- (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (b) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (c) deadly; fatal
- (d) free from local prejudices; worldly

Q10 **adj. expedient**

- (a) prosperous; flourishing; copious; rich; abundant; wealthy
- (b) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (c) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile
- (d) sarcastic; doubting the sincerity of others; pessimistic

Q1 **v. inveigh**

- (a) to speak angrily or bitterly; to protest forcefully; to rant
- (b) to warn; to find fault; to reprove; to scold
- (c) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (d) to belittle; to speak slightly of; to reduce the value or cost; to disparage

Q2 **n. confederate**

- (a) partner; ally; colleague
- (b) sudden notion or passing fancy; caprice; impulse
- (c) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (d) record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives

Q3 **n. oblivion**

- (a) thoughtlessness; state of complete forgetfulness
- (b) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration
- (c) nearness; vicinity; adjacency; closeness
- (d) person who is at home in all countries; citizen of the world

Q4 **adj. fleeting**

- (a) spotted or streaked with varied colors
- (b) working secretly or slyly; cunning; crafty; deceitful
- (c) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy
- (d) brief; passing swiftly; temporary; transient

Q5 **adj. ecclesiastic**

- (a) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful
- (b) fond of the company of others; sociable
- (c) pertaining or relating to a church
- (d) unimportant; small; worthless; minor

Q6 **n. import**

- (a) meaning; significance; bringing in of goods from another country
- (b) feeling of hatred; resentment; animosity; hostility
- (c) illusion; misconception; untruth; falsehood
- (d) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium

Q7 **n. adversity**

- (a) exaggeration; overstatement
- (b) clown; joker; fool; ludicrous figure
- (c) hardship; suffering; misfortune; crisis
- (d) working class; social class comprised of manual laborers

Q8 **adj. cadaverous**

- (a) spiteful; vindictive
- (b) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working
- (c) unimportant; small; worthless; minor
- (d) corpse-like; hence; haggard; pale; ghastly

Q9 **adj. sartorial**

- (a) corrupt; degenerate; debauched
- (b) very steep; descending rapidly; vertical; sheer
- (c) pertaining to a tailor or clothes
- (d) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane

Q10 **n. larceny**

- (a) embankment used as a fortification; an idea; object serving as a protection
- (b) theft; stealing; robbery
- (c) ludicrous and complete failure; disaster
- (d) conflict; disagreement; disparity

**Q1 adj. kaleidoscopic**

- (a) constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes
- (b) profitable; lucrative
- (c) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (d) conceited; selfish; self-centered

**Q2 adj. exceptionable**

- (a) deserving or reflecting credit or honor; praiseworthy; believable
- (b) objectionable; may be protested
- (c) containing hidden meaning; obscure; secret; concealing
- (d) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd

**Q3 adj. trivial**

- (a) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse
- (b) working secretly or slyly; cunning; crafty; deceitful
- (c) unimportant; small; worthless; minor
- (d) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated

**Q4 adj. lucid**

- (a) affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious; calm; shy
- (b) pertaining to money; financial
- (c) complicated; confusing; maze-like
- (d) shiny; clear minded

**Q5 n. simper**

- (a) interval; break; period of rest; separation; interruption; opening
- (b) disfigurement; defect; flaw; fault
- (c) affected or silly smile; smirk
- (d) reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness or other action; requital; revenge; vengeance

**Q6 adj. incumbent**

- (a) unable to be satisfied; extremely greedy
- (b) obligatory; compulsory; presently holding an office or position
- (c) deserving or reflecting credit or honor; praiseworthy; believable
- (d) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

**Q7 adj. pensive**

- (a) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing
- (b) calm; peaceful; quiet
- (c) deserving respect or reverence because of age; worthy of honor and esteem
- (d) pure; perfect; faultless

**Q8 adj. heedless**

- (a) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant
- (b) pertaining to spring
- (c) taking little care; oblivious; rash; unmindful
- (d) inclined to eat and drink excessively; greedy; voracious

**Q9 adj. irascible**

- (a) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (b) tedious; monotonous; frustrating; annoying
- (c) lamentable; wretched
- (d) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty

**Q10 adj. laconic**

- (a) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (b) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (d) obligatory; compulsory; presently holding an office or position

Q1 **adj. callous**

- (a) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (b) regretful; mournful; pitiable
- (c) unfeeling; insensitive; hard
- (d) failing to fulfill an obligation; guilty of an offense

Q2 **v. expatiate**

- (a) to speak or write at great length; to describe in full
- (b) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (c) to give up; to put off until later
- (d) to be sorry for; to feel remorse; to regret

Q3 **n. approbation**

- (a) suitability; ability
- (b) approval; praise; sanction; assent; consent
- (c) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date
- (d) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind

Q4 **adj. ingenuous**

- (a) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (b) fanciful; amusing; capricious
- (c) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent
- (d) similar; parallel; comparable

Q5 **n. admonition**

- (a) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (b) esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation
- (c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed
- (d) reproof; warning; reproof

Q6 **v. refute**

- (a) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (b) to accuse of wrongdoing; to cast discredit upon; to remove from office
- (c) to forecast; to foretell; to diagnose
- (d) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false

Q7 **v. gibe**

- (a) to rush forth suddenly; to burst forth
- (b) to laugh at; to utter with scorn; to jeer; to taunt mock
- (c) to make good; to recover; to restore; to fetch; to bring back; to regain
- (d) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up

Q8 **adj. craven**

- (a) cowardly; fearful
- (b) despotic; dictatorial
- (c) severe; demanding; strict; binding; constraining
- (d) inclined to plunder or rob; preying on others; pillaging

Q9 **n. disparity**

- (a) person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others; pretender; impersonator
- (b) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (c) meaning; significance; bringing in of goods from another country
- (d) difference in form, character or degree; inequality

Q10 **v. fluctuate**

- (a) to waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly; to vacillate
- (b) to shorten; to limit; to condense
- (c) to reproach with contempt; to provoke; to sneer
- (d) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield

**Q1 adj. bombastic**

- (a) unreal; made-up; false
- (b) tedious; monotonous; frustrating; annoying
- (c) sharp or harsh in language or temper; rancorous; bitter; caustic
- (d) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated

**Q2 adj. mettlesome**

- (a) courageous; brave; fearless
- (b) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse
- (c) perfect or highly accomplished; excellent; skilled; complete
- (d) pertaining to or occurring in the night

**Q3 adj. obtrusive**

- (a) sounding jarring; discordant
- (b) thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence; invasive
- (c) lacking; empty
- (d) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence

**Q4 adj. cynical**

- (a) sarcastic; doubting the sincerity of others; pessimistic
- (b) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (d) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate

**Q5 adj. depraved**

- (a) lacking; empty
- (b) corrupt; degenerate; debauched
- (c) profuse or generous; given to extravagance; wasteful; generous
- (d) materially or practically useful; applicable

**Q6 adj. labyrinthine**

- (a) all-powerful; almighty
- (b) unable to be satisfied; extremely greedy
- (c) loud and noisy; demanding
- (d) complicated; confusing; maze-like

**Q7 adj. rueful**

- (a) regretful; mournful; pitiable
- (b) lamentable; wretched
- (c) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (d) constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes

**Q8 adj. improvident**

- (a) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (b) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way
- (c) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs
- (d) clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose; stubborn

**Q9 adj. sordid**

- (a) pertaining to the theater; designed for show; dramatic
- (b) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (c) horrible; deathlike; shocking; frightening
- (d) dark; cloudy; gloomy

**Q10 adj. quixotic**

- (a) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (b) hidden; present but not fully developed; concealed; dormant
- (c) opposed; contrary
- (d) given to frequent change in nature, mood or form; unstable; changeable

Q1 **adj. radical**

- (a) unfeeling; insensitive; hard
- (b) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (c) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (d) thorough; extreme

Q2 **adj. delectable**

- (a) merciful; gentle; lenient; tender; mild
- (b) very pleasing; adorable; delightful; delicious
- (c) pertaining to or occurring in the night
- (d) pertaining or relating to a church

Q3 **adj. precipitous**

- (a) ill-natured; quarrelsome; contentious; irritable
- (b) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic
- (c) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (d) very steep; descending rapidly; vertical; sheer

Q4 **adj. untenable**

- (a) spotted or streaked with varied colors
- (b) incapable of being defended or held; uninhabitable
- (c) hating or distrusting mankind; cynical
- (d) quarrelsome; warlike

Q5 **adj. compendious**

- (a) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (b) profitable; lucrative
- (c) shortened; summarized
- (d) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated

Q6 **n. festoon**

- (a) person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure
- (b) garland of flowers or leaves hung between two points
- (c) person who is at home in all countries; citizen of the world
- (d) approving or praising mention; award; honor

Q7 **adj. redoubtable**

- (a) commanding fear or respect; horrible; dreadful; formidable
- (b) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent
- (c) in abundance; fertile; highly productive
- (d) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural

Q8 **adj. ludicrous**

- (a) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive
- (b) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (c) obedient; willing to submit; accountable; agreeable; responsible
- (d) ridiculous; producing laughter; absurd

Q9 **v. rue**

- (a) to shrink in fear; to flinch; to grovel; to recoil
- (b) to erase; to cancel; to take out; to remove totally
- (c) to be sorry for; to feel remorse; to regret
- (d) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of

Q10 **v. accede**

- (a) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle
- (b) to lose self-confidence; to confuse; to put to shame; to disconcert; to embarrass
- (c) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (d) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur

**Q1 adj. mercenary**

- (a) deserving blame; guilty
- (b) having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness; stylish; merry
- (c) working or done for payment only; hired for service
- (d) frightened; quivering

**Q2 adj. apprehensive**

- (a) dead; vanished; gone
- (b) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory
- (c) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (d) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive

**Q3 adj. discrete**

- (a) separate; individual
- (b) entertaining; distracting; deflecting; amusing
- (c) sounding jarring; discordant
- (d) happening accidentally; by chance

**Q4 adj. bellicose**

- (a) materially or practically useful; applicable
- (b) burdensome and clumsy; bulky; unwieldy
- (c) quarrelsome; warlike
- (d) objectionable; may be protested

**Q5 adj. murky**

- (a) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (b) worthy of belief; trustworthy; reliable; dependable
- (c) dark; cloudy; gloomy
- (d) taking the place of another; felt, received or done in place of another; indirect

**Q6 adj. tangible**

- (a) appropriate; fitting
- (b) willfully bent on doing the wrong thing; distorted; deviant
- (c) real; actual; substantial
- (d) gripping and moving the feelings powerfully; piercing; biting

**Q7 adj. itinerant**

- (a) traveling about; wandering
- (b) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated
- (c) happening accidentally; by chance
- (d) calm; peaceful; quiet

**Q8 adj. truculent**

- (a) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate
- (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (c) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled
- (d) spontaneous; impromptu; improvised

**Q9 adj. ubiquitous**

- (a) flimsy and cheap; shabby; cheap
- (b) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable
- (c) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence
- (d) omnipresent; present everywhere

**Q10 adj. sporadic**

- (a) opposed; contrary
- (b) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (c) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (d) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive



**Q1 adj. compatible**

- (a) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing
- (b) in agreement with; harmonious
- (c) having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness; stylish; merry
- (d) native to a region; innate; originating from a place

**Q2 v. cringe**

- (a) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (b) to shrink in fear; to flinch; to grovel; to recoil
- (c) to delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time; to avoid an answer
- (d) to do speedily; to send off; to eliminate; to dismiss

**Q3 adj. meticulous**

- (a) pertaining to a tailor or clothes
- (b) excessive; immoderate
- (c) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (d) bulging; swelling out; jutting out

**Q4 v. ken**

- (a) to make fun of or copy by imitating; to ape
- (b) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (c) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (d) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend

**Q5 n. radical**

- (a) difference in form, character or degree; inequality
- (b) person who advocates extreme basic changes
- (c) scolding or ill-tempered woman
- (d) sincerity; honesty; openness

**Q6 n. asylum**

- (a) person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others; pretender; impersonator
- (b) place offering shelter and retreat; refuge
- (c) rest period; temporary delay
- (d) brilliant deed; heroic act; feat

**Q7 adj. feasible**

- (a) kind; generous
- (b) corpse-like; hence; haggard; pale; ghastly
- (c) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful
- (d) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible

**Q8 adj. lethal**

- (a) causing or given to shedding tears; depressed; weepy; mournful
- (b) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (c) deadly; fatal
- (d) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible

**Q9 adj. fallible**

- (a) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence
- (b) erroneous; not foolproof
- (c) often of mistakes; extremely and noticeably bad; flagrant; rude
- (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

**Q10 adj. stoic**

- (a) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain
- (b) perfectly clean; correct; pure
- (c) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (d) willfully bent on doing the wrong thing; distorted; deviant

**Q1 adj. analogous**

- (a) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (b) amazing by virtue of its immense size, force or any quality in exceptional degree
- (c) similar; parallel; comparable
- (d) worldly; as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only

**Q2 adj. utilitarian**

- (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (b) materially or practically useful; applicable
- (c) reverent; sincere; pious; earnest; religious
- (d) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable

**Q3 adj. lachrymose**

- (a) mentally distressed; distracted; crazed; bewildered; hysterical
- (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (c) causing or given to shedding tears; depressed; weepy; mournful
- (d) able to do many things skillfully

**Q4 adj. cursory**

- (a) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (c) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (d) tedious; monotonous; frustrating; annoying

**Q5 adj. baneful**

- (a) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (b) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (c) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (d) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical

**Q6 adj. pertinacious**

- (a) causing or given to shedding tears; depressed; weepy; mournful
- (b) clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose; stubborn
- (c) erroneous; not foolproof
- (d) traveling about; wandering

**Q7 adj. devoid**

- (a) friendly; genial; pleasant
- (b) deserving or reflecting credit or honor; praiseworthy; believable
- (c) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive
- (d) lacking; empty

**Q8 adj. affable**

- (a) perfectly clean; correct; pure
- (b) separate; individual
- (c) pretending to be religious; self-righteous
- (d) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to

**Q9 adj. sagacious**

- (a) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (b) inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon; naive; gullible; deceivable
- (c) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile
- (d) wise; clever; shrewd

**Q10 adj. discursive**

- (a) moving from topic to topic; rambling
- (b) resting; reclining
- (c) deserving respect or reverence because of age; worthy of honor and esteem
- (d) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable

Q1 **n. construe**

- (a) to interpret; to explain the sense of; to analyze; to understand
- (b) assessment; evaluation of prospects
- (c) change from one condition to another, often unexpected
- (d) consolation; commiseration

Q2 **adj. devout**

- (a) erroneous; not foolproof
- (b) given to frequent change in nature, mood or form; unstable; changeable
- (c) reverent; sincere; pious; earnest; religious
- (d) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected

Q3 **n. zealot**

- (a) something taken for granted; going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness; arrogance
- (b) collection of choice literary works; compilation
- (c) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (d) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical

Q4 **n. feint**

- (a) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (b) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit
- (c) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff
- (d) very thin gauzelike fabric or structure; cobweb

Q5 **adj. mediocre**

- (a) average in quality; poor; ordinary; regular
- (b) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable
- (c) spiteful; vindictive
- (d) causing or given to shedding tears; depressed; weepy; mournful

Q6 **n. imprecation**

- (a) curse
- (b) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true
- (c) conflict; disagreement; disparity
- (d) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional

Q7 **adj. flaccid**

- (a) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (b) pertaining to the theater; designed for show; dramatic
- (c) shiny; clear minded
- (d) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile

Q8 **adj. cacophonous**

- (a) shiny; clear minded
- (b) corpselike; hence; haggard; pale; ghastly
- (c) serving as a penalty; penalizing
- (d) sounding jarring; discordant

Q9 **adj. indigenous**

- (a) native to a region; innate; originating from a place
- (b) sarcastic; doubting the sincerity of others; pessimistic
- (c) very pleasing; adorable; delightful; delicious
- (d) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered

Q10 **adj. didactic**

- (a) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively
- (b) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident
- (c) cowardly; fearful
- (d) constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes

Q1 **adj. affluent**

- (a) different; varied
- (b) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (c) dark; cloudy; gloomy
- (d) prosperous; flourishing; copious; rich; abundant; wealthy

Q2 **adj. meretricious**

- (a) very pleasing; adorable; delightful; delicious
- (b) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (c) without hope; sad; dejected; depressed
- (d) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd

Q3 **adj. flamboyant**

- (a) continuing a long time; habitual; lingering; constant; lasting
- (b) deceptive; crooked; twisting; circuitous; indirect
- (c) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

Q4 **adj. culpable**

- (a) rudely abrupt; blunt; brief; gruff
- (b) deserving blame; guilty
- (c) sly; crafty; skillful; clever; shrewd
- (d) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy

Q5 **adj. teeming**

- (a) commanding fear or respect; horrible; dreadful; formidable
- (b) in abundance; fertile; highly productive
- (c) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable
- (d) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

Q6 **adj. haughty**

- (a) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (b) living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals; depraved; licentious; corrupt
- (c) inclined to plunder or rob; preying on others; pillaging
- (d) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful

Q7 **adj. sovereign**

- (a) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy
- (b) containing hidden meaning; obscure; secret; concealing
- (c) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- (d) superior; independent; self-governing

Q8 **adj. belligerent**

- (a) engaged in war; hostile; aggressive
- (b) bloody; murderous
- (c) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic
- (d) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward

Q9 **adj. latent**

- (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (b) incapable of interpretation or understanding; impenetrable; mysterious
- (c) hidden; present but not fully developed; concealed; dormant
- (d) lying flat on the back; inert; inactive; averse to taking action; indifferent; passive

Q10 **adj. fervid**

- (a) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (b) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (c) very holy; inviolable
- (d) thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence; invasive

**Q1 n. prerogative**

- (a) state of confusion or lawlessness
- (b) hardship; suffering; misfortune; crisis
- (c) privilege or power attaching to a position; right
- (d) face; appearance; features; encouragement; support

**Q2 adj. sinister**

- (a) deserving blame; guilty
- (b) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (c) forceful; vigorous; energetic
- (d) threatening or showing evil; dishonest; malicious

**Q3 n. delinquent**

- (a) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (b) inexperienced person; beginner
- (c) reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness or other action; requital; revenge; vengeance
- (d) offender; person who is guilty of an offense

**Q4 v. vanquish**

- (a) to trim; to decorate; to embellish; to adorn
- (b) to subdue; to conquer; to defeat; to win
- (c) to root out; to destroy totally; to eradicate
- (d) to annoy; to irritate

**Q5 n. bog**

- (a) high praise; commendation
- (b) swamp; marshland; wet spongy ground
- (c) interval; break; period of rest; separation; interruption; opening
- (d) name; nickname; title; designation

**Q6 n. vituperation**

- (a) change from one condition to another, often unexpected
- (b) clown; joker; fool; ludicrous figure
- (c) harsh rebuke; abusive condemnation; denunciation
- (d) trust; belief; confidence; faith

**Q7 adj. fulsome**

- (a) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (b) forgetful; absent-minded; ignoring
- (c) profitable; lucrative
- (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

**Q8 n. imposture**

- (a) theft; stealing; robbery
- (b) illusion; misconception; untruth; falsehood
- (c) disgrace; humiliation; dishonor
- (d) fraud; deception; deceit; forgery

**Q9 adj. impregnable**

- (a) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous
- (b) fat; obese; fleshy
- (c) unconquerable; unbeatable; invulnerable; indisputable
- (d) fanciful; amusing; capricious

**Q10 adj. curt**

- (a) rudely abrupt; blunt; brief; gruff
- (b) fanciful; amusing; capricious
- (c) all-powerful; almighty
- (d) attacking; offensive; hostile; forceful; bold

Q1 **adj. irksome**

- (a) tedious; monotonous; frustrating; annoying
- (b) sharp or harsh in language or temper; rancorous; bitter; caustic
- (c) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (d) pertaining to money; financial

Q2 **v. prognosticate**

- (a) to smile in a silly or affected way; to smirk
- (b) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (c) to forecast; to foretell; to diagnose
- (d) to read carefully; to study

Q3 **n. exultation**

- (a) hired soldier; greedy person
- (b) body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body; generally a planet
- (c) increase; profit; growth; addition
- (d) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee

Q4 **adj. bizarre**

- (a) very important; decisive; essential; difficult; essential
- (b) queer; unusual in appearance; strange; outlandish
- (c) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; ignoble; contempt; base; mean
- (d) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted

Q5 **n. resentment**

- (a) keenness of mind; insight; astuteness; shrewdness
- (b) general agreement; majority
- (c) superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority
- (d) feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse

Q6 **n. malice**

- (a) inherent quality; characteristic
- (b) person who denies that God exists
- (c) hostility; malevolence
- (d) theft; stealing; robbery

Q7 **n. deity**

- (a) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (b) god; divine or supreme being
- (c) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase
- (d) privilege or power attaching to a position; right

Q8 **n. fracas**

- (a) curse
- (b) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee
- (c) disorderly quarrel; tumult; riot; skirmish
- (d) incorrectness; unsuitableness

Q9 **n. genealogy**

- (a) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (b) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (c) record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives
- (d) drawing that exaggerates certain physical characteristics

Q10 **adj. aesthetic**

- (a) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated
- (b) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted
- (c) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (d) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty

Q1 **v. abash**

- (a) to trim; to decorate; to embellish; to adorn
- (b) to root out; to destroy totally; to eradicate
- (c) to lose self-confidence; to confuse; to put to shame; to disconcert; to embarrass
- (d) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture

Q2 **adj. assiduous**

- (a) juicy; delectable; luscious
- (b) in abundance; fertile; highly productive
- (c) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working
- (d) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent

Q3 **adj. copious**

- (a) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (b) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (c) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident
- (d) deceptive; crooked; twisting; circuitous; indirect

Q4 **adj. insidious**

- (a) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional
- (b) regular; uniform; even
- (c) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain
- (d) working secretly or slyly; cunning; crafty; deceitful

Q5 **adj. aggressive**

- (a) attacking; offensive; hostile; forceful; bold
- (b) untiring; persistent; industrious; inexhaustible
- (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (d) thin and light

Q6 **n. truculence**

- (a) omen; signal
- (b) cruelty; ferocity; harshness
- (c) embankment used as a fortification; an idea; object serving as a protection
- (d) disfigurement; defect; flaw; fault

Q7 **n. animus**

- (a) scolding or ill-tempered woman
- (b) compulsive thought; fixation; excessive preoccupation
- (c) original pattern or model
- (d) feeling of hatred; resentment; animosity; hostility

Q8 **v. bereave**

- (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (b) to deprive or leave desolate by loss; to suffer loss
- (c) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (d) to make good; to recover; to restore; to fetch; to bring back; to regain

Q9 **adj. omnipotent**

- (a) all-powerful; almighty
- (b) hating or distrusting mankind; cynical
- (c) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (d) full of enthusiasm or eagerness; passionate; excited

Q10 **adj. mundane**

- (a) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (c) gentle; polite; agreeable; pleasant; kind; boring; apathetic
- (d) fond of the company of others; sociable

**Q1 n. presumption**

- (a) adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment; the writings or ideas of another
- (b) great flood; downpour; inundation; drenching rain
- (c) something taken for granted; going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness; arrogance
- (d) partner; ally; colleague

**Q2 v. dispel**

- (a) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (b) to check; to hinder; to hold back; to prevent
- (c) to drive away; to scatter; to lessen
- (d) to quicken; to speed up; to cause to move faster

**Q3 n. emissary**

- (a) profitable and easy job
- (b) consolation; commiseration
- (c) person sent on an errand or mission; envoy; representative; messenger; delegate
- (d) remedy for all ills

**Q4 adj. demure**

- (a) affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious; calm; shy
- (b) containing hidden meaning; obscure; secret; concealing
- (c) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace
- (d) prone to anger; short-tempered

**Q5 adj. diffident**

- (a) pleasure-loving; hedonistic
- (b) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (c) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive
- (d) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy

**Q6 n. baton**

- (a) stick; staff; wand
- (b) superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority
- (c) great flood; downpour; inundation; drenching rain
- (d) meticulous person; fastidious person; strict person; fussy person

**Q7 adj. succulent**

- (a) burdensome and clumsy; bulky; unwieldy
- (b) juicy; delectable; luscious
- (c) moving from topic to topic; rambling
- (d) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial

**Q8 adj. cogent**

- (a) deadly; fatal
- (b) materially or practically useful; applicable
- (c) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (d) perfectly clean; correct; pure

**Q9 n. integrity**

- (a) mass departure; emigration
- (b) drawing that exaggerates certain physical characteristics
- (c) honesty; moral soundness; uprightness
- (d) omen; signal

**Q10 adj. bucolic**

- (a) in agreement with; harmonious
- (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural
- (c) bulging; swelling out; jutting out
- (d) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative



# *TOEFL Vocabulary*

## Answer Keys

**A1 v. delineate**

definition (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw

**A2 n. fiasco**

definition (c) ludicrous and complete failure; disaster

**A3 v. paraphrase**

definition (d) to restate the meaning of a passage in other words

**A4 v. exploit**

definition (d) to use for one's selfish purpose

**A5 adj. sanctimonious**

definition (c) pretending to be religious; self-righteous

**A6 adj. amiable**

definition (a) friendly; genial; pleasant

**A7 n. craven**

definition (d) coward; abject person

**A8 adj. captious**

definition (b) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded

**A9 n. misnomer**

definition (b) name or term that describes wrongly

**A10 n. myriad**

definition (c) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive; multiple

**A1 adj. diverting**

definition (b) entertaining; distracting; deflecting; amusing

**A2 adj. corpulent**

definition (c) fat; obese; fleshy

**A3 adj. antithetical**

definition (b) opposed; contrary

**A4 adj. anonymous**

definition (a) nameless; unidentified

**A5 adj. condign**

definition (c) well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment); proper; fitting

**A6 adj. commodious**

definition (c) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable

**A7 adj. protuberant**

definition (d) bulging; swelling out; jutting out

**A8 adj. obdurate**

definition (b) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked

**A9 adj. extinct**

definition (c) dead; vanished; gone

**A10 adj. obsolete**

definition (c) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated

**A1 n. pedant**

definition (c) meticulous person; fastidious person; strict person; fussy person

**A2 n. countenance**

definition (b) face; appearance; features; encouragement; support

**A3 n. predilection**

definition (b) favorable opinion arrived at beforehand; affinity; liking; fondness

**A4 n. pseudonym**

definition (b) fictitious name; pen name

**A5 n. sagacity**

definition (b) shrewdness; cleverness; wisdom

**A6 n. hoax**

definition (d) trick or deception; a practical joke

**A7 n. anachronism**

definition (d) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date

**A8 n. demeanor**

definition (d) behavior; bearing; conduct; appearance

**A9 n. jargon**

definition (a) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields

**A10 n. prelude**

definition (c) introduction; forerunner

A1 **v. hoax**

definition (a) to dupe; to play a trick on; to deceive

A2 **v. extirpate**

definition (d) to root out; to destroy totally; to eradicate

A3 **v. flaunt**

definition (c) to display or wave boastfully

A4 **v. ensue**

definition (b) to follow; to result

A5 **v. concede**

definition (c) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield

A6 **adj. sleazy**

definition (c) flimsy and cheap; shabby; cheap

A7 **v. fathom**

definition (c) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of

A8 **v. abandon**

definition (b) to leave behind; to give something up

A9 **v. consecrate**

definition (c) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless

A10 **v. deprecate**

definition (b) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle

**A1 adj. boorish**

definition (a) unrefined in speech or manners; loutish; ill-bred; uncivilized; coarse

**A2 adj. arid**

definition (a) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative

**A3 adj. ponderous**

definition (d) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward

**A4 n. blandishment**

definition (c) flattering speech or act; persuasion

**A5 n. antithesis**

definition (c) contrast; direct opposite

**A6 adj. adverse**

definition (d) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical

**A7 adj. sanguine**

definition (d) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

**A8 v. promulgate**

definition (a) to publish; to spread abroad; to declare; to advertise widely

**A9 adj. fictitious**

definition (b) unreal; made-up; false

**A10 adj. meander**

definition (d) winding; wandering aimlessly

**A1 adj. cumbrous**

definition (a) burdensome and clumsy; bulky; unwieldy

**A2 adj. pedantic**

definition (b) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous

**A3 adj. dolorous**

definition (c) sorrowful; mournful; painful

**A4 adj. disconsolate**

definition (a) without hope; sad; dejected; depressed

**A5 adj. mottled**

definition (c) spotted or streaked with varied colors

**A6 n. jeopardy**

definition (d) danger; peril; hazard

**A7 adj. vicarious**

definition (a) taking the place of another; felt, received or done in place of another; indirect

**A8 adj. exotic**

definition (a) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary

**A9 adj. flagrant**

definition (c) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive

**A10 adj. sallow**

definition (c) sick; having a sickly yellow coloring

**A1 n. dissension**

definition (a) conflict; disagreement; disparity

**A2 n. archetype**

definition (a) original pattern or model

**A3 n. erratum**

definition (c) misprint; typo; printing error

**A4 n. proletariat**

definition (b) working class; social class comprised of manual laborers

**A5 n. denunciation**

definition (a) denouncement; condemnation

**A6 v. obviate**

definition (a) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance

**A7 n. avarice**

definition (c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed

**A8 n. deluge**

definition (d) great flood; downpour; inundation; drenching rain

**A9 n. peccadillo**

definition (d) slight fault or offense; minor sin

**A10 n. panacea**

definition (c) remedy for all ills



**A1 v. blight**

definition (d) to ruin; to decay; to destroy

**A2 v. harangue**

definition (c) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture

**A3 v. obtrude**

definition (c) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt

**A4 v. besmirch**

definition (a) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil

**A5 v. immunize**

definition (c) to make insusceptible to a disease

**A6 v. low**

definition (b) to moo; to utter the sound made by cattle

**A7 v. waive**

definition (d) to give up; to put off until later

**A8 v. recapitulate**

definition (d) to restate in a brief; concise form; to sum up; conclude; to summarize

**A9 v. consummate**

definition (c) to complete; to bring to perfection; to fulfill; to perfect

**A10 v. temporize**

definition (c) to delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time; to avoid an answer

**A1 adj. turgid**

definition (a) swollen; inflated; using big or high-sounding words

**A2 n. proximity**

definition (d) nearness; vicinity; adjacency; closeness

**A3 n. aristocracy**

definition (b) government by the best people; privileged class

**A4 adj. crass**

definition (a) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered

**A5 v. calumniate**

definition (d) to accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; to slander

**A6 n. misanthrope**

definition (b) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind

**A7 n. dilettante**

definition (a) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional

**A8 n. exodus**

definition (d) mass departure; emigration

**A9 adj. devious**

definition (b) deceptive; crooked; twisting; circuitous; indirect

**A10 n. harangue**

definition (c) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture

**A1 adj. clandestine**

definition (c) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand

**A2 adj. whimsical**

definition (a) fanciful; amusing; capricious

**A3 adj. effete**

definition (d) no longer productive; worn out; degenerate; exhausted

**A4 n. compendium**

definition (d) brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work; list of contents; inventory

**A5 adj. civil**

definition (b) of or having to do with citizens or the state; polite; courteous

**A6 adj. lavish**

definition (c) profuse or generous; given to extravagance; wasteful; generous

**A7 adj. motley**

definition (c) of various colors; of mixed ingredients; of great variety

**A8 adj. tenuous**

definition (d) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse

**A9 adj. ignominious**

definition (c) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; ignoble; contempt; base; mean

**A10 adj. machiavellian**

definition (b) sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty

**A1 n. impostor**

definition (c) person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others; pretender; impersonator

**A2 n. respite**

definition (d) rest period; temporary delay

**A3 n. reprisal**

definition (c) injury inflicted in turn for one received; retaliation; revenge

**A4 n. hovel**

definition (c) dirty or wretched dwelling; hut; shack

**A5 n. scintilla**

definition (c) trace; particle; spark; iota

**A6 n. buffoon**

definition (b) clown; joker; fool; ludicrous figure

**A7 n. aptitude**

definition (b) skill; talent; ability

**A8 n. coalition**

definition (b) alliance; merging of various units into one unit; union

**A9 n. impropriety**

definition (a) incorrectness; unsuitableness

**A10 n. candor**

definition (b) sincerity; honesty; openness

**A1 v. reverberate**

definition (c) to echo; to resonate; to resound

**A2 v. err**

definition (d) to make a mistake; to do something wrong; to misjudge

**A3 v. ejaculate**

definition (b) to exclaim or utter suddenly; to blurt out

**A4 v. accelerate**

definition (a) to quicken; to speed up; to cause to move faster

**A5 v. apprise**

definition (c) to inform; to brief; to notify

**A6 v. petrify**

definition (c) to paralyze with horror, fear or surprise

**A7 v. entreat**

definition (d) to beg earnestly; to implore; to plead

**A8 v. retrieve**

definition (b) to make good; to recover; to restore; to fetch; to bring back; to regain

**A9 v. taunt**

definition (a) to reproach with contempt; to provoke; to sneer

**A10 v. depreciate**

definition (c) to belittle; to speak slightingly of; to reduce the value or cost; to disparage

A1 **n. aptness**

definition (c) suitability; ability

A2 **n. caricature**

definition (c) drawing that exaggerates certain physical characteristics

A3 **v. procrastinate**

definition (c) to postpone; to put off to another time; to delay; to hold back

A4 **adj. venerable**

definition (b) deserving respect or reverence because of age; worthy of honor and esteem

A5 **adj. forensic**

definition (c) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative

A6 **adj. plebeian**

definition (d) pertaining to the common people, hence common or vulgar; rude

A7 **adj. gossamer**

definition (a) thin and light

A8 **n. cabal**

definition (b) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators

A9 **v. abet**

definition (d) to encourage; to support

A10 **n. adversary**

definition (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival

**A1 adj. provisional**

definition (b) temporary; for the time being; contingent; interim

**A2 adj. judicious**

definition (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet

**A3 adj. apathetic**

definition (a) indifferent; lethargic

**A4 adj. fatuous**

definition (c) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane

**A5 v. masquerade**

definition (d) to assume a deceptive appearance or character; to impersonate

**A6 adj. sacrosanct**

definition (c) very holy; inviolable

**A7 adj. disparate**

definition (c) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting

**A8 adj. ascetic**

definition (c) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate

**A9 adj. rudimentary**

definition (c) immature; not fully developed; fundamental

**A10 adj. extraneous**

definition (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

**A1 n. inference**

definition (d) conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises; speculation

**A2 n. analogy**

definition (a) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability

**A3 n. innuendo**

definition (a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint

**A4 n. exposition**

definition (b) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification

**A5 n. panegyric**

definition (b) high praise; commendation

**A6 n. incumbent**

definition (c) person who currently holds an office or position

**A7 adj. glib**

definition (a) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere

**A8 n. exemplar**

definition (d) copy; model; pattern; sample

**A9 n. onus**

definition (b) burden; duty; obligation; responsibility

**A10 n. grimace**

definition (d) distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling; anger; disapproval



**A1 v. castigate**

definition (b) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand

**A2 v. impugn**

definition (d) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge

**A3 v. impeach**

definition (c) to accuse of wrongdoing; to cast discredit upon; to remove from office

**A4 v. gesticulate**

definition (b) to indicate feelings by motions; move the hands in an animated manner

**A5 v. belie**

definition (a) to give a false idea of; to camouflage; to hide

**A6 v. instigate**

definition (a) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite

**A7 v. ingratiate**

definition (c) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner

**A8 v. denounce**

definition (b) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure

**A9 v. blemish**

definition (d) to scar; to spoil; to stain; to flaw; to impair; to deface

**A10 v. abrogate**

definition (c) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish

**A1 v. elucidate**

definition (a) to make clear; to explain; to clarify

**A2 adj. dogmatic**

definition (d) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant

**A3 v. deplete**

definition (c) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up

**A4 n. obsession**

definition (b) compulsive thought; fixation; excessive preoccupation

**A5 adj. inordinate**

definition (d) excessive; immoderate

**A6 adj. diverse**

definition (a) different; varied

**A7 adj. misanthropic**

definition (a) hating or distrusting mankind; cynical

**A8 n. epicurean**

definition (a) person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure

**A9 adj. temporal**

definition (b) worldly; as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only

**A10 v. writhe**

definition (b) to twist about (usually with pain)

**A1 adj. contemptuous**

definition (c) disdainful; scornful

**A2 adj. authentic**

definition (c) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

**A3 adj. credible**

definition (c) worthy of belief; trustworthy; reliable; dependable

**A4 adj. gluttonous**

definition (b) inclined to eat and drink excessively; greedy; voracious

**A5 adj. maudlin**

definition (d) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional

**A6 n. edict**

definition (d) decree; command; order

**A7 adj. ingenious**

definition (a) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive

**A8 adj. dynamic**

definition (a) forceful; vigorous; energetic

**A9 adj. fallacious**

definition (b) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false

**A10 adj. candid**

definition (a) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open

A1 **n. tenet**

definition (d) principle accepted as authoritative; belief

A2 **n. devastation**

definition (b) widespread ruin; destruction

A3 **n. forbearance**

definition (b) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation

A4 **n. fealty**

definition (b) faithfulness; loyalty

A5 **n. prestige**

definition (b) esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation

A6 **adj. impervious**

definition (a) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence

A7 **n. prognosis**

definition (d) assessment; evaluation of prospects

A8 **n. consensus**

definition (d) general agreement; majority

A9 **n. plagiarism**

definition (d) adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment; the writings or ideas of another

A10 **n. longevity**

definition (d) prolonged duration of life

**A1 v. reiterate**

definition (b) to say again

**A2 v. sally**

definition (b) to rush forth suddenly; to burst forth

**A3 v. frustrate**

definition (b) to foil; to thwart; to disappoint; to defeat; to baffle

**A4 v. peruse**

definition (b) to read carefully; to study

**A5 v. admonish**

definition (b) to warn; to find fault; to reprove; to scold

**A6 v. apprehend**

definition (b) to catch; to anticipate; to arrest; to understand; to conceive

**A7 v. dispatch**

definition (d) to do speedily; to send off; to eliminate; to dismiss

**A8 v. circumvent**

definition (c) to avoid; to outwit; to get around

**A9 v. augment**

definition (a) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply

**A10 v. condole**

definition (d) to express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain or misfortune

**A1 n. increment**

definition (b) increase; profit; growth; addition

**A2 v. disconcert**

definition (d) to confuse; to embarrass; to fluster; to worry

**A3 adj. blithe**

definition (a) happy; cheery; merry; carefree

**A4 v. ostracize**

definition (c) to banish; to exclude

**A5 adj. biased**

definition (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

**A6 v. prevaricate**

definition (d) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish

**A7 adj. querulous**

definition (b) given to fault-finding and complaining; discontented

**A8 v. expatriate**

definition (a) to banish; to exile; to withdraw from one's country; to expel

**A9 v. nettle**

definition (a) to annoy; to irritate

**A10 n. promontory**

definition (b) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff

**A1 adj. amenable**

definition (d) obedient; willing to submit; accountable; agreeable; responsible

**A2 adj. redolent**

definition (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of

**A3 adj. creditable**

definition (b) deserving or reflecting credit or honor; praiseworthy; believable

**A4 adj. sanguinary**

definition (a) bloody; murderous

**A5 adj. nautical**

definition (c) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation

**A6 adj. benevolent**

definition (b) kind; generous

**A7 adj. mutable**

definition (c) given to frequent change in nature, mood or form; unstable; changeable

**A8 adj. cryptic**

definition (a) containing hidden meaning; obscure; secret; concealing

**A9 adj. incognito**

definition (a) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown

**A10 adj. imminent**

definition (b) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending

**A1 n. satellite**

definition (c) body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body; generally a planet

**A2 n. ignominy**

definition (b) disgrace; humiliation; dishonor

**A3 n. ire**

definition (b) anger; rage; fury

**A4 n. aggression**

definition (d) offensive and hostile attitude; attack; forceful behavior

**A5 n. atheist**

definition (b) person who denies that God exists

**A6 n. coterie**

definition (c) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially

**A7 n. ramification**

definition (a) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough

**A8 n. paradox**

definition (c) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true

**A9 n. felicity**

definition (b) state of happiness; high ability; talent; joy

**A10 n. raconteur**

definition (a) person skilled at telling stories



**A1 v. incarcerate**

definition (b) to imprison; to detain; to jail

**A2 v. abridge**

definition (c) to shorten; to limit; to condense

**A3 v. hail**

definition (d) to call from a distance; to greet; to welcome

**A4 v. garnish**

definition (c) to trim; to decorate; to embellish; to adorn

**A5 v. asseverate**

definition (a) to declare positively; to confirm; to affirm

**A6 v. vituperate**

definition (b) to scold or blame loudly; to find fault with in abusive language; to condemn

**A7 v. edify**

definition (d) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen

**A8 v. feign**

definition (b) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up

**A9 v. articulate**

definition (a) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly

**A10 v. conjecture**

definition (b) to guess; to speculate; to surmise; to hypothesize; to infer

**A1 n. nostalgia**

definition (c) homesickness; sentimentality

**A2 n. epitaph**

definition (d) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration

**A3 v. condone**

definition (c) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon

**A4 adj. heinous**

definition (b) villainous; wicked; hateful

**A5 v. diversify**

definition (d) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products

**A6 n. construction**

definition (b) act of erecting (a building); meaning

**A7 n. retribution**

definition (a) reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness or other action; requital; revenge; vengeance

**A8 adj. erudite**

definition (b) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated

**A9 v. allure**

definition (a) to attract; to tempt; to charm

**A10 n. arbiter**

definition (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide

**A1 adj. consummate**

definition (b) perfect or highly accomplished; excellent; skilled; complete

**A2 adj. remunerative**

definition (d) profitable; lucrative

**A3 adj. ghastly**

definition (b) horrible; deathlike; shocking; frightening

**A4 adj. jaunty**

definition (b) having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness; stylish; merry

**A5 adj. equable**

definition (b) regular; uniform; even

**A6 adj. implacable**

definition (b) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable

**A7 adj. innocuous**

definition (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting

**A8 adj. tremulous**

definition (b) frightened; quivering

**A9 adj. inscrutable**

definition (b) incapable of interpretation or understanding; impenetrable; mysterious

**A10 adj. distraught**

definition (d) mentally distressed; distracted; crazed; bewildered; hysterical

A1 **n. bane**

definition (b) destruction; poison; misfortune

A2 **n. bombast**

definition (d) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches

A3 **n. divisibility**

definition (a) ability to be separated or divided

A4 **n. chauvinist**

definition (a) extreme patriot; person who is excessively devoted

A5 **adj. cantankerous**

definition (a) ill-natured; quarrelsome; contentious; irritable

A6 **n. dictum**

definition (a) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying

A7 **n. heresy**

definition (c) opinion contrary to popular belief

A8 **n. temerity**

definition (b) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness

A9 **n. fathom**

definition (a) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet

A10 **n. facade**

definition (b) front or face, especially of a building; illusion; deceptive appearance

A1 **v. raze**

definition (c) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish

A2 **v. vaunt**

definition (b) to boast; to brag

A3 **v. forbear**

definition (b) to exercise self control; to keep from; to refrain from

A4 **v. attribute**

definition (a) to assign; to credit with; to ascribe to

A5 **n. renegade**

definition (b) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor

A6 **v. impale**

definition (b) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab

A7 **v. dissent**

definition (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose

A8 **v. meander**

definition (c) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way; wander

A9 **v. elicit**

definition (c) to draw out; to extract from

A10 **v. abdicate**

definition (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up

A1 **n. abandon**

definition (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm

A2 **n. blemish**

definition (c) disfigurement; defect; flaw; fault

A3 **adj. precocious**

definition (c) developed or matured earlier than usual

A4 **adj. malicious**

definition (b) spiteful; vindictive

A5 **adj. oblivious**

definition (c) forgetful; absent-minded; ignoring

A6 **adj. histrionic**

definition (c) pertaining to the theater; designed for show; dramatic

A7 **adj. extemporaneous**

definition (c) spontaneous; impromptu; improvised

A8 **n. fetish**

definition (c) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object

A9 **v. divulge**

definition (a) to make public; to reveal; to tell; to disclose

A10 **adj. abstemious**

definition (c) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate

**A1 adj. notorious**

definition (a) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace

**A2 adj. chronic**

definition (a) continuing a long time; habitual; lingering; constant; lasting

**A3 adj. punitive**

definition (b) serving as a penalty; penalizing

**A4 adj. incisive**

definition (c) getting to the heart of things; to the point

**A5 adj. autocratic**

definition (a) despotic; dictatorial

**A6 adj. perverse**

definition (c) willfully bent on doing the wrong thing; distorted; deviant

**A7 adj. immaculate**

definition (b) perfectly clean; correct; pure

**A8 adj. articulate**

definition (b) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words

**A9 adj. gregarious**

definition (b) fond of the company of others; sociable

**A10 adj. ambiguous**

definition (b) not clear; uncertain; vague

**A1 n. apathy**

definition (a) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest

**A2 n. parody**

definition (a) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation

**A3 n. expatriate**

definition (c) person who lives in a foreign country

**A4 n. labyrinth**

definition (c) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering

**A5 n. cosmopolitan**

definition (b) person who is at home in all countries; citizen of the world

**A6 n. genesis**

definition (a) origin; beginning; creation

**A7 n. dilemma**

definition (b) difficult situation; difficult decision

**A8 n. compunction**

definition (d) regret for wrongdoing; remorse; uneasiness of conscience

**A9 n. ken**

definition (d) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness

**A10 n. idiosyncrasy**

definition (c) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity



**A1 v. expound**

definition (d) to set forth in detail; to explain; to comment; to describe in detail

**A2 v. alienate**

definition (d) to estrange; to isolate; to requisition; to confiscate

**A3 v. mimic**

definition (d) to make fun of or copy by imitating; to ape

**A4 v. scrutinize**

definition (d) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect

**A5 v. expurgate**

definition (b) to purify of offensive material; to censor

**A6 v. countenance**

definition (c) to approve; to support; to tolerate; to permit

**A7 v. quash**

definition (a) to crush; to render void; to quell; to suppress; annul

**A8 v. inhibit**

definition (b) to check; to hinder; to hold back; to prevent

**A9 v. jettison**

definition (d) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of

**A10 v. discourse**

definition (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk

A1 **n. shibboleth**

definition (a) party slogan

A2 **n. entreat**

definition (b) attempt to persuade someone to do something

A3 **n. whim**

definition (c) sudden notion or passing fancy; caprice; impulse

A4 **adj. crucial**

definition (c) very important; decisive; essential; difficult; essential

A5 **n. armistice**

definition (b) temporary suspension of hostilities; truce; cease fire

A6 **adj. vituperative**

definition (b) with abusive condemnation; with harsh denunciation

A7 **n. sally**

definition (a) witty remark; assault; journey

A8 **adj. predatory**

definition (b) inclined to plunder or rob; preying on others; pillaging

A9 **n. collusion**

definition (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy

A10 **adj. egregious**

definition (d) often of mistakes; extremely and noticeably bad; flagrant; rude

**A1 adj. cosmopolitan**

definition (a) free from local prejudices; worldly

**A2 adj. acrimonious**

definition (d) sharp or harsh in language or temper; rancorous; bitter; caustic

**A3 adj. versatile**

definition (d) able to do many things skillfully

**A4 adj. bumptious**

definition (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive

**A5 adj. zealous**

definition (d) full of enthusiasm or eagerness; passionate; excited

**A6 adj. artful**

definition (a) sly; crafty; skillful; clever; shrewd

**A7 adj. academic**

definition (c) describing school and university activities; educated; scholastic

**A8 adj. bland**

definition (d) gentle; polite; agreeable; pleasant; kind; boring; apathetic

**A9 adj. fortuitous**

definition (c) happening accidentally; by chance

**A10 adj. credulous**

definition (d) inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon; naive; gullible; deceivable

**A1 n. luminary**

definition (b) eminent person; celestial body; light source

**A2 n. spurn**

definition (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude

**A3 n. vicissitude**

definition (d) change from one condition to another, often unexpected

**A4 n. gossamer**

definition (b) very thin gauzelike fabric or structure; cobweb

**A5 n. bibliophile**

definition (b) lover of books; book collector

**A6 n. deference**

definition (a) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence

**A7 n. zenith**

definition (c) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax

**A8 n. anarchy**

definition (a) state of confusion or lawlessness

**A9 n. allure**

definition (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

**A10 n. bulwark**

definition (d) embankment used as a fortification; an idea; object serving as a protection

A1 **v. jibe**

definition (b) to mock; to gibe; to scorn; to jeer

A2 **n. novice**

definition (b) inexperienced person; beginner

A3 **n. curb**

definition (c) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk

A4 **adj. egotistic**

definition (d) conceited; selfish; self-centered

A5 **n. mettle**

definition (d) spirit; courage; ardor

A6 **n. exploit**

definition (a) brilliant deed; heroic act; feat

A7 **n. annals**

definition (d) historical records; archives; chronicles

A8 **adj. ostensible**

definition (d) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way

A9 **adj. precarious**

definition (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady

A10 **n. credence**

definition (b) trust; belief; confidence; faith

**A1 adj. delinquent**

definition (d) failing to fulfill an obligation; guilty of an offense

**A2 adj. apt**

definition (d) likely; inclined or disposed; fit; suitable; skillful

**A3 adj. reciprocal**

definition (c) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint

**A4 adj. supine**

definition (a) lying flat on the back; inert; inactive; averse to taking action; indifferent; passive

**A5 adj. clamorous**

definition (b) loud and noisy; demanding

**A6 adj. circumspect**

definition (c) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded

**A7 adj. pecuniary**

definition (b) pertaining to money; financial

**A8 adj. vernal**

definition (c) pertaining to spring

**A9 adj. exemplary**

definition (b) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model

**A10 adj. poignant**

definition (d) gripping and moving the feelings powerfully; piercing; biting

**A1 n. alacrity**

definition (c) eager readiness; speed

**A2 n. equanimity**

definition (d) poise; composure; dignity; aplomb

**A3 n. chicanery**

definition (c) trickery; deception; scheming

**A4 n. accolade**

definition (c) approving or praising mention; award; honor

**A5 n. condolence**

definition (d) consolation; commiseration

**A6 n. veneer**

definition (d) superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority

**A7 n. hiatus**

definition (a) interval; break; period of rest; separation; interruption; opening

**A8 n. consternation**

definition (d) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

**A9 n. platitude**

definition (a) dull and commonplace remark; banality; superficiality; commonplace

**A10 n. masquerade**

definition (b) disguise; group of people in disguise or fancy costumes

A1 **v. simper**

definition (c) to smile in a silly or affected way; to smirk

A2 **n. coercion**

definition (c) use of force; compulsion; pressure

A3 **v. allude**

definition (a) to refer indirectly to something; to hint

A4 **n. plebiscite**

definition (b) expression of a people's will or wishes through a direct ballot of all voters

A5 **adj. dispassionate**

definition (d) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased

A6 **adj. convivial**

definition (c) festive; gay; friendly; sociable; merry

A7 **v. exculpate**

definition (c) to free from guilt; to declare innocent

A8 **adj. tantamount**

definition (a) equivalent to; equal to

A9 **adj. resilient**

definition (c) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic

A10 **v. scourge**

definition (b) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise



A1 **adj. felicitous**

definition (d) appropriate; fitting

A2 **adj. morose**

definition (c) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable

A3 **adj. stringent**

definition (c) severe; demanding; strict; binding; constraining

A4 **adj. indefatigable**

definition (b) untiring; persistent; industrious; inexhaustible

A5 **adj. celestial**

definition (c) pertaining to the sky; heavenly

A6 **adj. clement**

definition (c) merciful; gentle; lenient; tender; mild

A7 **adj. esoteric**

definition (b) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private

A8 **adj. auspicious**

definition (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent

A9 **adj. epicurean**

definition (c) pleasure-loving; hedonistic

A10 **adj. tranquil**

definition (c) calm; peaceful; quiet

**A1 n. attribute**

definition (b) inherent quality; characteristic

**A2 n. taunt**

definition (d) provocation; insulting, jeering or bitter remark; mockery

**A3 n. epithet**

definition (b) name; nickname; title; designation

**A4 n. hyperbole**

definition (c) exaggeration; overstatement

**A5 n. virago**

definition (a) scolding or ill-tempered woman

**A6 n. fallacy**

definition (b) illusion; misconception; untruth; falsehood

**A7 n. glutton**

definition (b) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater

**A8 n. invective**

definition (c) insult; curse; affront; offense

**A9 n. compensation**

definition (d) payment for services; repayment

**A10 n. demagogue**

definition (a) one who manipulates public emotions to gain power or popularity

A1 **n. banter**

definition (a) conversation which is amusing and not serious; tease; joke

A2 **v. coalesce**

definition (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

A3 **adj. incontrovertible**

definition (a) unquestionable; impossible to debate

A4 **n. acumen**

definition (a) keenness of mind; insight; astuteness; shrewdness

A5 **n. anthology**

definition (c) collection of choice literary works; compilation

A6 **v. festoon**

definition (b) to decorate with chains of flowers or leaves, etc.

A7 **n. monologue**

definition (d) speech by one person

A8 **n. epigram**

definition (d) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase

A9 **adj. deplorable**

definition (c) lamentable; wretched

A10 **n. dispatch**

definition (b) sending off; shipment; message; communication; promptness

A1 **adj. nocturnal**

definition (d) pertaining to or occurring in the night

A2 **adj. sultry**

definition (d) hot and moist; sensuous; stifling

A3 **adj. immune**

definition (c) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected

A4 **adj. facetious**

definition (c) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing

A5 **adj. nonchalant**

definition (d) unmoved or indifferent; composed; casual; indifferent

A6 **adj. indomitable**

definition (a) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable

A7 **adj. dissolute**

definition (d) living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals; depraved; licentious; corrupt

A8 **adj. capricious**

definition (a) changeable; fickle

A9 **adj. impeccable**

definition (c) pure; perfect; faultless

A10 **adj. banal**

definition (c) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual

**A1 n. hypothesis**

definition (a) assumption made for the sake of argument; supposition

**A2 n. dearth**

definition (b) scarcity; shortage; lack

**A3 n. sinecure**

definition (c) profitable and easy job

**A4 n. homonym**

definition (c) two words having the same sound but different meanings

**A5 adj. stupendous**

definition (a) amazing by virtue of its immense size, force or any quality in exceptional degree

**A6 n. microcosm**

definition (d) little world or universe in miniature

**A7 n. glut**

definition (b) abundance; full amount; excessive supply

**A8 n. mercenary**

definition (b) hired soldier; greedy person

**A9 n. harbinger**

definition (b) omen; signal

**A10 n. accord**

definition (a) agreement; harmony; settlement

**A1 v. spurn**

definition (b) to push away; to repel; to reject

**A2 v. allay**

definition (a) to calm; to lessen in severity; to mollify; to relieve

**A3 adj. ephemeral**

definition (d) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory

**A4 v. transgress**

definition (d) to break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit

**A5 n. allusion**

definition (b) indirect reference (often literary); hint

**A6 n. ascetic**

definition (c) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit

**A7 adj. recumbent**

definition (a) resting; reclining

**A8 v. engender**

definition (b) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate

**A9 n. ennui**

definition (c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium

**A10 v. delete**

definition (a) to erase; to cancel; to take out; to remove totally

**A1 adj. insatiable**

definition (b) unable to be satisfied; extremely greedy

**A2 adj. awry**

definition (c) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted

**A3 adj. noisome**

definition (d) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive

**A4 adj. implicit**

definition (b) understood but not plainly stated; without doubt; indirectly suggested; implied; unconditional; contained within

**A5 adj. peremptory**

definition (a) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive

**A6 adj. congenial**

definition (a) suited; pleasant; agreeable; affable

**A7 adj. erratic**

definition (a) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled

**A8 adj. complacent**

definition (a) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease

**A9 adj. soporific**

definition (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness

**A10 adj. expedient**

definition (c) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile

**A1 v. inveigh**

definition (a) to speak angrily or bitterly; to protest forcefully; to rant

**A2 n. confederate**

definition (a) partner; ally; colleague

**A3 n. oblivion**

definition (a) thoughtlessness; state of complete forgetfulness

**A4 adj. fleeting**

definition (d) brief; passing swiftly; temporary; transient

**A5 adj. ecclesiastic**

definition (c) pertaining or relating to a church

**A6 n. import**

definition (a) meaning; significance; bringing in of goods from another country

**A7 n. adversity**

definition (c) hardship; suffering; misfortune; crisis

**A8 adj. cadaverous**

definition (d) corpse-like; hence; haggard; pale; ghastly

**A9 adj. sartorial**

definition (c) pertaining to a tailor or clothes

**A10 n. larceny**

definition (b) theft; stealing; robbery



**A1 adj. kaleidoscopic**

definition (a) constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes

**A2 adj. exceptionable**

definition (b) objectionable; may be protested

**A3 adj. trivial**

definition (c) unimportant; small; worthless; minor

**A4 adj. lucid**

definition (d) shiny; clear minded

**A5 n. simper**

definition (c) affected or silly smile; smirk

**A6 adj. incumbent**

definition (b) obligatory; compulsory; presently holding an office or position

**A7 adj. pensive**

definition (a) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

**A8 adj. heedless**

definition (c) taking little care; oblivious; rash; unmindful

**A9 adj. irascible**

definition (a) prone to anger; short-tempered

**A10 adj. laconic**

definition (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise

**A1 adj. callous**

definition (c) unfeeling; insensitive; hard

**A2 v. expatiate**

definition (a) to speak or write at great length; to describe in full

**A3 n. approbation**

definition (b) approval; praise; sanction; assent; consent

**A4 adj. ingenuous**

definition (c) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent

**A5 n. admonition**

definition (d) reproof; warning; reproof

**A6 v. refute**

definition (d) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false

**A7 v. gibe**

definition (b) to laugh at; to utter with scorn; to jeer; to taunt mock

**A8 adj. craven**

definition (a) cowardly; fearful

**A9 n. disparity**

definition (d) difference in form, character or degree; inequality

**A10 v. fluctuate**

definition (a) to waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly; to vacillate

**A1 adj. bombastic**

definition (d) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated

**A2 adj. mettlesome**

definition (a) courageous; brave; fearless

**A3 adj. obtrusive**

definition (b) thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence; invasive

**A4 adj. cynical**

definition (a) sarcastic; doubting the sincerity of others; pessimistic

**A5 adj. depraved**

definition (b) corrupt; degenerate; debauched

**A6 adj. labyrinthine**

definition (d) complicated; confusing; maze-like

**A7 adj. rueful**

definition (a) regretful; mournful; pitiable

**A8 adj. improvident**

definition (c) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

**A9 adj. sordid**

definition (b) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty

**A10 adj. quixotic**

definition (a) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical

A1 **adj. radical**

definition (d) thorough; extreme

A2 **adj. delectable**

definition (b) very pleasing; adorable; delightful; delicious

A3 **adj. precipitous**

definition (d) very steep; descending rapidly; vertical; sheer

A4 **adj. untenable**

definition (b) incapable of being defended or held; uninhabitable

A5 **adj. compendious**

definition (c) shortened; summarized

A6 **n. festoon**

definition (b) garland of flowers or leaves hung between two points

A7 **adj. redoubtable**

definition (a) commanding fear or respect; horrible; dreadful; formidable

A8 **adj. ludicrous**

definition (d) ridiculous; producing laughter; absurd

A9 **v. rue**

definition (c) to be sorry for; to feel remorse; to regret

A10 **v. accede**

definition (d) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur

**A1 adj. mercenary**

definition (c) working or done for payment only; hired for service

**A2 adj. apprehensive**

definition (c) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned

**A3 adj. discrete**

definition (a) separate; individual

**A4 adj. bellicose**

definition (c) quarrelsome; warlike

**A5 adj. murky**

definition (c) dark; cloudy; gloomy

**A6 adj. tangible**

definition (c) real; actual; substantial

**A7 adj. itinerant**

definition (a) traveling about; wandering

**A8 adj. truculent**

definition (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric

**A9 adj. ubiquitous**

definition (d) omnipresent; present everywhere

**A10 adj. sporadic**

definition (b) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent

**A1 adj. compatible**

definition (b) in agreement with; harmonious

**A2 v. cringe**

definition (b) to shrink in fear; to flinch; to grovel; to recoil

**A3 adj. meticulous**

definition (c) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details

**A4 v. ken**

definition (d) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend

**A5 n. radical**

definition (b) person who advocates extreme basic changes

**A6 n. asylum**

definition (b) place offering shelter and retreat; refuge

**A7 adj. feasible**

definition (d) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible

**A8 adj. lethal**

definition (c) deadly; fatal

**A9 adj. fallible**

definition (b) erroneous; not foolproof

**A10 adj. stoic**

definition (a) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain

**A1 adj. analogous**

definition (c) similar; parallel; comparable

**A2 adj. utilitarian**

definition (b) materially or practically useful; applicable

**A3 adj. lachrymose**

definition (c) causing or given to shedding tears; depressed; weepy; mournful

**A4 adj. cursory**

definition (c) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial

**A5 adj. baneful**

definition (c) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive

**A6 adj. pertinacious**

definition (b) clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose; stubborn

**A7 adj. devoid**

definition (d) lacking; empty

**A8 adj. affable**

definition (d) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to

**A9 adj. sagacious**

definition (d) wise; clever; shrewd

**A10 adj. discursive**

definition (a) moving from topic to topic; rambling

A1 **n. construe**

definition (a) to interpret; to explain the sense of; to analyze; to understand

A2 **adj. devout**

definition (c) reverent; sincere; pious; earnest; religious

A3 **n. zealot**

definition (d) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical

A4 **n. feint**

definition (a) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic

A5 **adj. mediocre**

definition (a) average in quality; poor; ordinary; regular

A6 **n. imprecation**

definition (a) curse

A7 **adj. flaccid**

definition (a) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft

A8 **adj. cacophonous**

definition (d) sounding jarring; discordant

A9 **adj. indigenous**

definition (a) native to a region; innate; originating from a place

A10 **adj. didactic**

definition (a) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively



**A1 adj. affluent**

definition (d) prosperous; flourishing; copious; rich; abundant; wealthy

**A2 adj. meretricious**

definition (d) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd

**A3 adj. flamboyant**

definition (c) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy

**A4 adj. culpable**

definition (b) deserving blame; guilty

**A5 adj. teeming**

definition (b) in abundance; fertile; highly productive

**A6 adj. haughty**

definition (d) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful

**A7 adj. sovereign**

definition (d) superior; independent; self-governing

**A8 adj. belligerent**

definition (a) engaged in war; hostile; aggressive

**A9 adj. latent**

definition (c) hidden; present but not fully developed; concealed; dormant

**A10 adj. fervid**

definition (a) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate

**A1 n. prerogative**

definition (c) privilege or power attaching to a position; right

**A2 adj. sinister**

definition (d) threatening or showing evil; dishonest; malicious

**A3 n. delinquent**

definition (d) offender; person who is guilty of an offense

**A4 v. vanquish**

definition (b) to subdue; to conquer; to defeat; to win

**A5 n. bog**

definition (b) swamp; marshland; wet spongy ground

**A6 n. vituperation**

definition (c) harsh rebuke; abusive condemnation; denunciation

**A7 adj. fulsome**

definition (a) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive

**A8 n. imposture**

definition (d) fraud; deception; deceit; forgery

**A9 adj. impregnable**

definition (c) unconquerable; unbeatable; invulnerable; indisputable

**A10 adj. curt**

definition (a) rudely abrupt; blunt; brief; gruff

**A1 adj. irksome**

definition (a) tedious; monotonous; frustrating; annoying

**A2 v. prognosticate**

definition (c) to forecast; to foretell; to diagnose

**A3 n. exultation**

definition (d) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee

**A4 adj. bizarre**

definition (b) queer; unusual in appearance; strange; outlandish

**A5 n. resentment**

definition (d) feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse

**A6 n. malice**

definition (c) hostility; malevolence

**A7 n. deity**

definition (b) god; divine or supreme being

**A8 n. fracas**

definition (c) disorderly quarrel; tumult; riot; skirmish

**A9 n. genealogy**

definition (c) record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives

**A10 adj. aesthetic**

definition (d) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty

**A1 v. abash**

definition (c) to lose self-confidence; to confuse; to put to shame; to disconcert; to embarrass

**A2 adj. assiduous**

definition (c) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working

**A3 adj. copious**

definition (a) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful

**A4 adj. insidious**

definition (d) working secretly or slyly; cunning; crafty; deceitful

**A5 adj. aggressive**

definition (a) attacking; offensive; hostile; forceful; bold

**A6 n. truculence**

definition (b) cruelty; ferocity; harshness

**A7 n. animus**

definition (d) feeling of hatred; resentment; animosity; hostility

**A8 v. bereave**

definition (b) to deprive or leave desolate by loss; to suffer loss

**A9 adj. omnipotent**

definition (a) all-powerful; almighty

**A10 adj. mundane**

definition (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday

**A1 n. presumption**

definition (c) something taken for granted; going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness; arrogance

**A2 v. dispel**

definition (c) to drive away; to scatter; to lessen

**A3 n. emissary**

definition (c) person sent on an errand or mission; envoy; representative; messenger; delegate

**A4 adj. demure**

definition (a) affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious; calm; shy

**A5 adj. diffident**

definition (d) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy

**A6 n. baton**

definition (a) stick; staff; wand

**A7 adj. succulent**

definition (b) juicy; delectable; luscious

**A8 adj. cogent**

definition (c) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential

**A9 n. integrity**

definition (c) honesty; moral soundness; uprightness

**A10 adj. bucolic**

definition (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural