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Q1 **adj. economical**

- (a) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- (b) faithless; treacherous; deceitful; adulterous
- (c) easy to see; noticeable; obvious
- (d) not wasteful; thrifty; frugal; saving

Q2 **v. contest**

- (a) to bring to an end; to hold back; to stop by force; to crush
- (b) to impress upon the mind, as by insistent urging; to influence
- (c) to attempt to disprove or invalidate; to challenge; to appeal; to fight for
- (d) to damage; to spoil; to deface

Q3 **n. promontory**

- (a) formal expression of high praise; commendation; eulogy
- (b) flatterer
- (c) passion; intensity of feeling; ardor; eagerness
- (d) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff

Q4 **n. satire**

- (a) complete range; any complete musical scale; entire extent of anything
- (b) libel; slander; calumny
- (c) place of judgement; court of justice
- (d) novel or play that uses humor or irony to expose folly

Q5 **v. trek**

- (a) to make a journey; to migrate
- (b) to lump together, causing confusion; to damn; to amaze; to stun; to confuse
- (c) to rescue from loss; to save from destruction
- (d) to stop; to cease

Q6 **v. stigmatize**

- (a) to move secretly; to sneak about
- (b) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (c) to characterize; to make as disgraceful
- (d) to foretell something; to portend

Q7 **adj. aloof**

- (a) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (b) distant in interest; reserved; cool
- (c) simple; plain; modest
- (d) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft

Q8 **adj. beneficent**

- (a) having a smell of decay; malodorous; smelly; stinky
- (b) working diligently; persistent; diligent; assiduous
- (c) full of knots; twisted
- (d) conferring benefits; kind; doing good

Q9 **n. diffidence**

- (a) wealthy leader
- (b) exceptional person; unusual occurrence
- (c) copy; representation; reproduction; duplicate
- (d) hesitation in asserting oneself; lack of confidence; timidity; shyness

Q10 **adj. extraneous**

- (a) not consisting of matter; having no material existence; insubstantial
- (b) strong; bulky; stocky; sturdy
- (c) morally bad; vile; wicked
- (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

Q1 **adj. plausible**

- (a) probable; feasible; logical; conceivable
- (b) modest; bashful; pretending shyness to attract; flirtatious; coquettish
- (c) germ free; uninfected
- (d) neutral; unbiased; impartial; indifferent

Q2 **adj. torpid**

- (a) not frank or candid; deceptively simple; hypercritical; false; truthful
- (b) filthy; wretched (from squalor); dirty; miserable
- (c) being dormant; slow; sluggish; inert; apathetic
- (d) showing good judgment in conduct; prudent; modest; circumspect; unobtrusive

Q3 **adj. tawdry**

- (a) quarrelsome; controversial; argumentative
- (b) all-inclusive; complete; thorough; extensive; large in scope
- (c) tastelessly ornamented; cheap
- (d) easily imposed; inclined; prone; vulnerable

Q4 **adj. atypical**

- (a) expressionless; dull; inflexible; stiff; blunt
- (b) traditional; accepted; conservative
- (c) abnormal; unusual; irregular
- (d) existing; refers especially to books or documents

Q5 **adj. cognitive**

- (a) yielding to the opinion of another; showing honor; respectful
- (b) hard to understand; concealed; deep; obscure; profound
- (c) possessing the power to think or meditate; meditative; capable of perception; aware; perceptive
- (d) having qualities attributed to a woman; delicate; overly feminine

Q6 **adj. baroque**

- (a) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious
- (b) deserving blame; guilty
- (c) extravagant; ornate; embellished
- (d) old-fashioned; unusual; odd; strange

Q7 **adj. reciprocal**

- (a) complying; obeying; yielding; acquiescent
- (b) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (c) apt to; likely; angled; sharp; cutting
- (d) periodic; occasional; sporadic

Q8 **adj. bellicose**

- (a) quarrelsome; warlike
- (b) unreal; false; deceptive; illusive
- (c) inclined to silence; speaking little; dour; stern
- (d) acting as a dictator; demanding obedience

Q9 **adj. contrite**

- (a) showing no emotion; stolid; apathetic; calm; relaxed
- (b) based on one's preference or judgment; unrestricted
- (c) regretful; sorrowful; having repentance; remorseful; pertinent
- (d) full of insight; aware; comprehending

Q10 **adj. precipitate**

- (a) happening quickly; rushed; headfirst
- (b) having the same family; from the same source; similar in nature or form
- (c) thick and dense; cloudy; confused; muddy; murky
- (d) unimportant; small; worthless; minor

**Q1 n. oaf**

- (a) clumsy or dumb person; simpleton
- (b) impossible fancy; wild illusion
- (c) widespread condemnation; disgrace or infamy resulting from this; public accusation; defamation
- (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

**Q2 n. miser**

- (a) chain to bind the feet; shackle; hindrance
- (b) apprehension; uneasiness
- (c) change of form
- (d) penny pincher; stingy person; scrooge; cheapskate

**Q3 n. infamy**

- (a) honor; respect; esteem; appreciation
- (b) bad reputation
- (c) words of praise, especially for the dead
- (d) enemy; foe; opponent; rival

**Q4 n. egress**

- (a) act of mocking; ridicule; mockery; scorn
- (b) way out; exit; going out
- (c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed
- (d) praise in excess

**Q5 n. thrall**

- (a) slave
- (b) disapproval; condemnation
- (c) skill in a craft; expertise
- (d) blunder; mistake

**Q6 n. divestiture**

- (a) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed
- (b) mercy toward an offender; mildness; mercy; grace
- (c) closeness in time or place; closeness of relationship; resemblance
- (d) being stripped; act of unclothing; deprivation of a right or privilege

**Q7 adj. contentious**

- (a) perfectly clean; correct; pure
- (b) unbiased; fair; objective
- (c) brave and strong; courageous; fearless
- (d) quarrelsome; controversial; argumentative

**Q8 n. depredation**

- (a) plundering or laying waste; pillaging; ravishing; plundering
- (b) evil person; villain; rascal
- (c) insincere or hypocritical statements of high ideals; jargon of a particular group or occupations
- (d) talk one has with oneself (esp. on stage)

**Q9 n. travail**

- (a) very hard work; intense pain or agony; toil
- (b) change of form
- (c) strength; power; depression; dent
- (d) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture

**Q10 n. diminutive**

- (a) state of being at rest or without motion; restfulness; calmness
- (b) small person; word, expressing smallness formed when a suffix is added
- (c) absolute monarchy; government where one person holds power; dictatorship; despotism; totalitarianism
- (d) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially

Q1 **v. disparage**

- (a) to gradually become less; to grow dim; to decline; to subside; to diminish
- (b) to belittle; undervalue; to discredit; to depreciate
- (c) to carry into effect; to execute; to perform; to equip with tools
- (d) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up

Q2 **v. relegate**

- (a) to give up
- (b) to include within a larger group
- (c) to banish; to put to a lower position; to demote
- (d) to affirm as true; to declare

Q3 **v. meander**

- (a) to free from obligation; to admit to citizenship; to emancipate; to liberate; to free
- (b) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way
- (c) to draw out; to infer from information; to elicit
- (d) to belittle; undervalue; to discredit; to depreciate

Q4 **v. conjoin**

- (a) to dig up; to force out; to defeat; to drive away
- (b) to mourn; to grieve; to regret
- (c) to draw; to take back; to cancel; to annul
- (d) to combine; to join; to confederate; to merge; to unite

Q5 **v. pervade**

- (a) to be an omen of; to signify; to foretell
- (b) to occupy the whole of; to infiltrate; to spread out; to penetrate
- (c) to ask earnestly; to entreat; to plead; to beg
- (d) to distinguish; to demonstrate bias; to treat differently

Q6 **v. desist**

- (a) to weaken; to often through subtle means; to subvert; to sabotage
- (b) to disturb; to irritate; to worry; to erode; to annoy
- (c) to brag; to glory over; to feel triumphant; to exult
- (d) to stop; to cease

Q7 **v. solicit**

- (a) to free from obligation; to admit to citizenship; to emancipate; to liberate; to free
- (b) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (c) to stop; to check the flow of; to staunch
- (d) to ask; to seek; to try to influence another person to commit an illegal act

Q8 **v. abscond**

- (a) to make lower in quality; to degrade; to humiliate; to reduce the value of
- (b) to go away hastily or secretly; to hide; to avoid; to evade
- (c) to blame and thus make feel ashamed; to rebuke; to accuse
- (d) to ask earnestly; to entreat; to plead; to beg

Q9 **v. impede**

- (a) to hate; to dislike; to detest
- (b) to appeal; to order solemnly
- (c) to tempt; to torment
- (d) to stop the progress of; to obstruct; to delay; to hinder; to prevent

Q10 **v. temper**

- (a) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (b) to bring to the proper condition by treatment; to soften; to harden
- (c) to polish by rubbing; to make shiny
- (d) to blot out; to delete; to obliterate; to erase; to strike out

Q1 **adj. copious**

- (a) containing associated meanings in addition to the primary one; hinting; implicational; suggestive
- (b) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (c) tranquil; happy; calm; peaceful
- (d) suitable; apt; relevant; becoming

Q2 **adj. rampant**

- (a) lazy; inactive; sluggish; slow
- (b) growing unchecked; widespread; prevailing
- (c) well-known because it is commonly referred to; similar to an adage
- (d) pertaining to or affecting both sides or two sides; having two sides; reciprocal

Q3 **n. conundrum**

- (a) protective glove
- (b) puzzle; riddle; problem
- (c) short and amusing account of happenings
- (d) the quality of sound which distinguishes one from another

Q4 **adj. determinate**

- (a) that which cannot be blotted out or erased; permanent
- (b) vanishing quickly; dissipating like a vapor; fading; disappearing
- (c) definite; fixed; established
- (d) moving with great force; done with little thought; reckless; impulsive; hasty

Q5 **v. reprehend**

- (a) to consider carefully; to think through; to ponder; to chew cud
- (b) to reprimand; to find fault with; to admonish; to reprove
- (c) to prevent; to discourage; to hinder
- (d) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab

Q6 **adj. melodious**

- (a) worn-out; fatigued; tired
- (b) unnecessary; extra; redundant
- (c) pleasing to hear
- (d) nameless; unidentified

Q7 **adj. ascetic**

- (a) disreputable; obscure; indistinct
- (b) worn-out; fatigued; tired
- (c) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate
- (d) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd

Q8 **adj. fickle**

- (a) omnipresent; present everywhere
- (b) of the worst or lowest degree
- (c) slavish; groveling; subservient; submissive; subject
- (d) changeable; unpredictable; inconstant; inconsistent

Q9 **v. wrest**

- (a) to pull; to force away by a violent twisting; to kink
- (b) to defame; to blacken; to sully; to belittle; to criticize
- (c) to think or speak meditatively; to ponder; to meditate
- (d) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt

Q10 **adj. adamant**

- (a) approving; sanctioning; praising; commending
- (b) inconvenient; uncomfortable
- (c) not yielding; firm; steadfast
- (d) deceiving; misleading; unreal; false; deceptive

**Q1 adj. unprecedented**

- (a) unheard of; exceptional; unparalleled
- (b) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- (c) concerning everyone; existing everywhere; comprehensive; worldwide
- (d) characterized by sitting; remaining in one locality; inactive

**Q2 adj. concise**

- (a) agile; flexible; pliant
- (b) mixed with a darker color
- (c) in few words; brief; condensed; succinct; short yet comprehensive
- (d) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open

**Q3 adj. indignant**

- (a) periodic; occasional; sporadic
- (b) expressing anger to an injustice; irate; resentful
- (c) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (d) separate; individual

**Q4 adj. serrated**

- (a) easily fooled; naive; credulous
- (b) roundabout and unnecessarily wordy
- (c) open-minded; unbiased; impartial
- (d) having a saw-toothed edge

**Q5 adj. inconclusive**

- (a) odd; peculiar; strange; unusual
- (b) not final or of a definite result; unconvincing
- (c) experienced; indefinite; competent
- (d) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory

**Q6 adj. lucent**

- (a) inactive; at rest; peaceful; motionless; quiet
- (b) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled
- (c) unselfish; generous
- (d) shining; gleaming

**Q7 adj. endemic**

- (a) native to a particular area; indigenous; local
- (b) buried; concealed; undisclosed; hidden
- (c) not genuine; false; bogus; phony; artificial
- (d) lustful; wicked; vulgar; obscene

**Q8 adj. didactic**

- (a) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively
- (b) having the qualities of a beast; brutal; barbaric
- (c) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate
- (d) undisturbed and calm; tranquil; quiet; serene

**Q9 adj. mordant**

- (a) cutting; sarcastic; incisive; sharp
- (b) probable; feasible; logical; conceivable
- (c) resting; reclining
- (d) constant and unending; unceasing; continuous

**Q10 adj. nascent**

- (a) starting to grow or develop
- (b) inconvenient; uncomfortable
- (c) disreputable; obscure; indistinct
- (d) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate

Q1 **n. recluse**

- (a) strength; power; depression; dent
- (b) controversy; dispute
- (c) flow; continual change; fluidity
- (d) person who lives secluded; loner; hermit

Q2 **n. edifice**

- (a) deception
- (b) large building
- (c) very small piece; particle; tiny amount
- (d) parts of entertainment; plan for dealing with a matter; coded instructions; schedule; agenda

Q3 **n. ideology**

- (a) confused condition; hesitation; vacillation
- (b) original draft or record of a document; rules of behavior
- (c) speculation; representative way of thinking; philosophy; doctrine
- (d) habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses

Q4 **n. shoal**

- (a) collection or mixture of various things; aggregate; cluster; mass; assortment
- (b) large group or crowd
- (c) scarcity; shortage; lack
- (d) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff

Q5 **n. diligence**

- (a) extreme natural force; catastrophe
- (b) industriousness; hard work; perseverance
- (c) self-restraint; forbearance; avoidance
- (d) collection of beliefs; system of religious laws

Q6 **n. calamity**

- (a) ability to write easily and expressively; articulateness; eloquence
- (b) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness; (opposite; optimism)
- (c) death; decease; coming to an end
- (d) disaster

Q7 **n. euphony**

- (a) pleasant combination of sounds
- (b) putting a curse on someone; talking negatively about another; slander
- (c) word or phrase which reads the same backwards and forwards
- (d) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough

Q8 **n. chaffing**

- (a) natural tendency towards; bias; aptitude; tendency; inclination
- (b) correspondence of parts; harmony
- (c) banter; teasing
- (d) kind; type; category; style

Q9 **n. nostrum**

- (a) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (b) morbid fear
- (c) plunderer; raider; thief
- (d) questionable remedy for difficulties; panacea

Q10 **n. iota**

- (a) person who pretends to have knowledge; impostor; fake; quack; fraud
- (b) group of lines in a poem having a definite pattern
- (c) apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally
- (d) very small piece; particle; tiny amount

Q1 **v. gloat**

- (a) to brag; to glory over; to feel triumphant; to exult
- (b) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (c) to encourage; to nurture; to support; to care for; to raise
- (d) to destroy completely; to erase

Q2 **v. collaborate**

- (a) to make a gleeful, chuckling sound; to laugh loudly
- (b) drive out; to eject; to evict
- (c) to wrap around something; to envelop; to enclose
- (d) to work together; to cooperate

Q3 **v. sanction**

- (a) to rescue from loss; to save from destruction
- (b) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (c) to go away hastily or secretly; to hide; to avoid; to evade
- (d) to give encouragement; to authorize; to endorse; to approve; to ratify

Q4 **v. exculpate**

- (a) to protest; to object to; to prove
- (b) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (c) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (d) to defame; to misrepresent maliciously; to vilify; to malign

Q5 **v. gainsay**

- (a) to laugh at with contempt; to mock; to sneer; to ridicule
- (b) to speak against; to contradict; to deny; to dispute
- (c) to mourn; to grieve; to regret
- (d) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen

Q6 **v. amortize**

- (a) to make a journey; to migrate
- (b) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (c) to put money into a fund at fixed intervals
- (d) to improve; to make better

Q7 **v. constrain**

- (a) to cause to get stuck in wet, soggy ground; to muddy
- (b) to condescend; to stoop; to lower oneself
- (c) to force; to compel; to restrain; to coerce; to oblige
- (d) to stimulate as if by electric shock; to startle; to excite; to stimulate

Q8 **v. assuage**

- (a) to relieve; to ease; to make less severe; to calm; to appease
- (b) to associate; to join; to be in agreement
- (c) to connect; to associate with; to accept as a member
- (d) to gain advantage by manipulating unfairly; to falsify; to pervert; to distort

Q9 **v. fret**

- (a) to form an opinion; to conclude; to surmise; to derive
- (b) to make valid; to confirm; to approve; to sanction; to authorize
- (c) to bring into being
- (d) to disturb; to irritate; to worry; to erode; to annoy

Q10 **v. proliferate**

- (a) to prosper; to reproduce quickly; to multiply rapidly
- (b) to mock; to jeer; to show disdain for
- (c) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way
- (d) to bring to an end; to hold back; to stop by force; to crush

**Q1 n. atrophy**

- (a) disapproval; expression of disapproval; criticism
- (b) person who eats eagerly; glutton; greedy person
- (c) new life; rebirth; revival
- (d) failure to grow

**Q2 n. tyranny**

- (a) absolute power; autocracy
- (b) companion; spouse; partner
- (c) intense dislike; scorn; contempt
- (d) former period of time

**Q3 adj. prodigious**

- (a) wonderful; enormous; huge; excellent; great; amazing
- (b) showing disrespect or scorn for; contemptible; ridiculous; contemptuous
- (c) done by custom; unbending
- (d) not willing to yield or comply with what is reasonable; stubborn; contrary

**Q4 v. foster**

- (a) to separate (a sentence or word) into parts and describe the function of each
- (b) to spend time aimlessly; to idle
- (c) to give shelter; to protect; to hide; to take shelter; to conceal
- (d) to encourage; to nurture; to support; to care for; to raise

**Q5 v. inundate**

- (a) to feed fuel to, especially a fire
- (b) to wince; to drawback; to retreat; to recoil; to shrink
- (c) to flood; to overwhelm with a large amount of
- (d) to banish; to exclude

**Q6 adj. ingenuous**

- (a) not on purpose; unintentional; heedless; negligent; accidental
- (b) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent
- (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (d) vulgar; crude; obscene

**Q7 adj. irrational**

- (a) rose-colored; rosy
- (b) not logical; senseless; absurd
- (c) definite; fixed; established
- (d) not in harmony; in disagreement; inconsistent

**Q8 v. maculate**

- (a) to pretend; to feign; to conceal by pretense
- (b) to stain; spot; defile; to dirty
- (c) to ask for; to call upon; to request help
- (d) to feed fuel to, especially a fire

**Q9 n. rebuff**

- (a) plant which blooms every two years; event which occurs every two years
- (b) person employed to amuse; joker; prankster; entertainer
- (c) blunt refusal to offered help; rejection; refusal; snub
- (d) person who hopes for the best; sees the good side

**Q10 adv. askance**

- (a) unquestionably; surely; obviously
- (b) on; toward the rear of a ship
- (c) wrong; askew
- (d) a sideways glance of disapproval

Q1 **adj. recondite**

- (a) hard to understand; concealed; deep; obscure; profound
- (b) tasting sour; harsh in language or temper; bitter
- (c) happening every two years
- (d) unimportant; small; worthless; minor

Q2 **adj. bestial**

- (a) having the qualities of a beast; brutal; barbaric
- (b) lazy; inactive; sluggish; slow
- (c) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (d) unable to pay debts; bankrupt

Q3 **adj. hoary**

- (a) whitened by age; old; ancient
- (b) deserving respect; determinable; calculable
- (c) well supplied; full; brimming; crowded
- (d) regional; unsophisticated; narrow-minded

Q4 **adj. lecherous**

- (a) impure in thought and act; lustful
- (b) holding; persistent; consistent
- (c) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (d) shining; gleaming

Q5 **adj. detached**

- (a) separated; not interested; standing alone; impartial; aloof
- (b) changeable; unpredictable; inconstant; inconsistent
- (c) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (d) having a saw-toothed edge

Q6 **adj. ominous**

- (a) wrong; awry; wrongly; mistaken; erroneous
- (b) threatening; foreboding
- (c) perfectly straight down; vertical
- (d) having an evil disposition toward others; harmful; evil (opposite: benign)

Q7 **adj. gregarious**

- (a) fond of the company of others; sociable
- (b) difficult to please; dainty; choosy; critical
- (c) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (d) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse

Q8 **adj. mercenary**

- (a) working or done for payment only; hired for service
- (b) as if asleep; inert; sluggish; inactive
- (c) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (d) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false

Q9 **adj. orthodox**

- (a) traditional; accepted; conservative
- (b) starting to grow or develop
- (c) hard to catch; difficult to understand or grasp; evasive; tending to escape
- (d) dull; cloudy; non-transparent; frosted (about glass)

Q10 **adj. precarious**

- (a) sounding jarring; discordant
- (b) not frank or candid; deceptively simple; hypercritical; false; truthful
- (c) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (d) controversial; argumentative; contentious

Q1 **n. heresy**

- (a) original draft or record of a document; rules of behavior
- (b) thrift; economical use or expenditure; meanness; stinginess
- (c) very small sum of money; very small creature
- (d) opinion contrary to popular belief

Q2 **n. turmoil**

- (a) refutation; opposition; contradiction
- (b) thrift; economical use or expenditure; meanness; stinginess
- (c) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches
- (d) unrest; agitation; commotion; tumult; uproar

Q3 **n. ingenu**

- (a) unworldly young woman; character of an innocent girl
- (b) ironic; bitter humor designed to wound
- (c) food that is eaten; meal
- (d) way out; exit; going out

Q4 **n. recidivism**

- (a) habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses
- (b) omission of words that would make the meaning clear
- (c) any mysterious change of substance or nature
- (d) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase

Q5 **n. aspirant**

- (a) person who goes after high goals; ambitious person
- (b) noisy or disorderly crowd; retreat; terrible defeat
- (c) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (d) copy; reproduction; replica

Q6 **n. imputation**

- (a) former period of time
- (b) lending of money with an excessively high interest rate
- (c) appearance of a supernatural being; sudden idea or thought
- (d) charge; act of attributing a fault or misconduct to another

Q7 **n. encomium**

- (a) supporter; defender
- (b) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance
- (c) ability to write easily and expressively; articulateness; eloquence
- (d) formal expression of high praise; commendation; eulogy

Q8 **n. dais**

- (a) quality; importance
- (b) quality of being agreeable or eager to please; acquiescence; graciousness
- (c) raised platform at one end of a room; stage
- (d) sharpness or bitterness in language or manner; rancor

Q9 **n. equinox**

- (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide
- (b) pompous talk or writing; flowery speech coarse fabric; linen
- (c) either of two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator
- (d) place of safety or shelter; port; refuge; haven

Q10 **n. sarcasm**

- (a) ironic; bitter humor designed to wound
- (b) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance
- (c) revolt; provocation of dissent
- (d) ability to handle situations with skill and diplomacy; grace; delicacy

Q1 **v. burlesque**  
(a) to plead on behalf of another; to mediate; to arbitrate; to intervene  
(b) to imitate in a non-serious manner; to mock  
(c) to make lower in quality; to degrade; to humiliate; to reduce the value of  
(d) to stay temporarily

Q2 **v. scourge**  
(a) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise  
(b) to bring into mutual relation; to connect  
(c) to enfeeble; to wear out; to weaken; to incapacitate  
(d) to cause to happen; to hasten; to urge

Q3 **v. ossify**  
(a) to stir action or feeling; to arouse; to induce; to instigate  
(b) to frustrate the expectations of; to perplex; to confuse  
(c) to turn to bone; to harden  
(d) to put side-by-side

Q4 **v. correlate**  
(a) to bring into mutual relation; to connect  
(b) to speak evil of; to slander  
(c) to interfere with; to hinder; to delay; to impede  
(d) to pray for evil; to invoke a curse

Q5 **v. disentangle**  
(a) to free from confusion; to extricate; to unknot; to release; to undo  
(b) to stir action or feeling; to arouse; to induce; to instigate  
(c) to soften by steeping in liquid; to disintegrate  
(d) to charge with a crime; to criticize; to accuse

Q6 **v. denounce**  
(a) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure  
(b) to separate (a sentence or word) into parts and describe the function of each  
(c) to be stocked to overflowing; to pour out; to empty  
(d) act of investing into an enterprise; act of boarding a boat

Q7 **v. stymie**  
(a) to hinder; to obstruct; to impede  
(b) to soften by steeping in liquid; to disintegrate  
(c) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen  
(d) to rip or pull from; to split with violence; to disturb with a sharp noise; to tear

Q8 **v. indemnify**  
(a) to turn to bone; to harden  
(b) to plead in favor of  
(c) to make valid; to confirm; to approve; to sanction; to authorize  
(d) to insure against; to pay for loss or damage; to reimburse; to compensate

Q9 **v. depict**  
(a) to transform  
(b) to confirm the validity; to certify; to reinforce  
(c) to alleviate; to lessen; to soothe; to soften; to appease  
(d) to portray; describe; to characterize; to draw

Q10 **v. mire**  
(a) to search thoroughly; to look for diligently  
(b) to separate; to split; to branch off from a common point  
(c) to cause to get stuck in wet, soggy ground; to muddy  
(d) to inhibit; to make impossible; to prevent; to eliminate; to remove

- Q1 adj. wily**  
 (a) concealing; sly; cunning; deceptive; tricky  
 (b) concise; abrupt; succinct; curt  
 (c) new; strange  
 (d) growing unchecked; widespread; prevailing
- Q2 adj. neutral**  
 (a) undecided  
 (b) not easily understood; dark; vague  
 (c) whitened by age; old; ancient  
 (d) impartial; unbiased
- Q3 v. obfuscate**  
 (a) to make clear; to explain; to clarify  
 (b) to darken; to confuse; to bewilder; to obscure  
 (c) to make new; to renovate  
 (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw
- Q4 n. benefactor**  
 (a) purposely misleading statement; prevarication  
 (b) person who does not conform to the norm; independent thinker  
 (c) attempt to make friendly or placate; appeasement; compromise  
 (d) person who helps others; donor; patron; sponsor
- Q5 n. spendthrift**  
 (a) person who spends money extravagantly  
 (b) an abstracted state of absorption  
 (c) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches  
 (d) kind; type; category; style
- Q6 adj. mendacious**  
 (a) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable  
 (b) skeptical; disbelieving; doubting  
 (c) not truthful; dishonest; lying; deceptive  
 (d) loaded; charged
- Q7 n. cohesion**  
 (a) person who possesses special or secret knowledge  
 (b) act of annihilating, destroying, or erasing; destruction; extermination  
 (c) goal; purpose; target; aim  
 (d) act of holding together; union
- Q8 n. innuendo**  
 (a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint  
 (b) person who helps others; donor; patron; sponsor  
 (c) liking for; attraction; affinity  
 (d) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive
- Q9 v. manifest**  
 (a) to ask for; to call upon; to request help  
 (b) to defame; to slander  
 (c) to show clearly; to appear; to prove; to reveal  
 (d) to tempt; to torment
- Q10 v. reprobate**  
 (a) to give in; to yield; to collapse; to surrender  
 (b) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite  
 (c) to condemn; to reject; to denounce  
 (d) to influence; to persuade; to coax

Q1 **adj. luxuriant**

- (a) various; miscellaneous; separate; distinct
- (b) bright; radiant; shining; splendid; shiny
- (c) rich; magnificent; abundant; growing; richly ornamented
- (d) expressing anger to an injustice; irate; resentful

Q2 **adj. commodious**

- (a) holding; persistent; consistent
- (b) related to the matter at hand; appropriate; relevant
- (c) out of the way; remaining quietly in the background; inconspicuous
- (d) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable

Q3 **adj. insubordinate**

- (a) disobedient to authority; defiant
- (b) causing a violent injury
- (c) impartial; unbiased
- (d) wonderful; enormous; huge; excellent; great; amazing

Q4 **adj. cognizant**

- (a) without blame or faults
- (b) profitable; gainful; comprehensible
- (c) cautious; being sparing in giving; careful; wary
- (d) aware of; perceptive

Q5 **n. equivocation**

- (a) symbolic description; metaphor
- (b) scorn; disrespect; disdain
- (c) purposely misleading statement; prevarication
- (d) strong ill will; enmity; bitterness; hatred; resentment

Q6 **adj. regal**

- (a) full of sorrow; mournful; melancholic
- (b) royal; grand; majestic
- (c) mixed up; distorted; confused; falsified
- (d) well-known because it is commonly referred to; similar to an adage

Q7 **adj. unique**

- (a) without equal; incomparable; matchless
- (b) imposing; magnificent; grand
- (c) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (d) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively

Q8 **adj. inherent**

- (a) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (b) part of the essential character; intrinsic; inborn; natural
- (c) common; general; universal
- (d) having the composition of wood; woody

Q9 **adj. inclined**

- (a) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (b) fearless; bold; courageous; brave
- (c) without regret, shame, or remorse; unrepentant; hard-hearted; unregretful
- (d) apt to; likely; angled; sharp; cutting

Q10 **adj. audacious**

- (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (b) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (c) fearless; bold; impudent
- (d) pertaining to the earth

**Q1 n. anchorage**

- (a) travel plan; schedule; course; record of a journey
- (b) purging or relieving of the body or soul
- (c) talk one has with oneself (esp. on stage)
- (d) something that can be relied on

**Q2 n. conclave**

- (a) rude person
- (b) appearance; facade
- (c) any private meeting or closed assembly
- (d) ill-tempered person; stingy unpleasant person

**Q3 n. quarantine**

- (a) hate; disgrace from a hateful action; enmity
- (b) evil person; criminal
- (c) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (d) isolation of a person or persons to prevent the spread of disease; confinement

**Q4 n. stupor**

- (a) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (b) stunned or bewildered condition; apathy; shock; daze
- (c) hostility; opposition; conflict
- (d) outcast; person who is rejected

**Q5 v. rivet**

- (a) to rush; to fall; to flow
- (b) to make new; to renovate
- (c) to secure; to hold firmly, as in eyes; to engross; to fascinate
- (d) to ask; to seek; to try to influence another person to commit an illegal act

**Q6 n. zenith**

- (a) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (b) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubblyness; gaiety
- (c) extreme frugality; miserliness; stinginess
- (d) short and amusing account of happenings

**Q7 n. sedition**

- (a) revolt; provocation of dissent
- (b) beverage that is drinkable
- (c) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (d) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor

**Q8 n. sycophant**

- (a) fortress set up high to defend a city; stronghold
- (b) flatterer
- (c) person who indulges his desires without restraint; lecherous person
- (d) inflation; extension; swelling; expanding

**Q9 n. probity**

- (a) pompous talk or writing; flowery speech coarse fabric; linen
- (b) overindulgence
- (c) honesty; decency; integrity; uprightness
- (d) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence

**Q10 n. premise**

- (a) basis for an argument; presumption; proposition
- (b) objection; misgiving; hesitation
- (c) substance that contracts bodily tissues
- (d) hymn for a funeral; song or poem expressing lament

Q1 **v. disseminate**

- (a) to drink quickly
- (b) to circulate; to scatter; to disperse; to spread; to distribute
- (c) to pretend to be ill in order to escape work
- (d) to appease; to pacify; to reconcile

Q2 **v. document**

- (a) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (b) to scold or beat harshly; to rebuke strongly
- (c) to waste away; as from lack of use; to wither
- (d) to support; to substantiate; to verify; to record for evidence

Q3 **v. propagate**

- (a) to emit; to flow out from; to emerge; to issue
- (b) to go beyond; to excel; to exceed
- (c) to reproduce; to multiply; to proliferate; to extend; to increase
- (d) to gradually become less; to grow dim; to decline; to subside; to diminish

Q4 **v. bode**

- (a) to imitate in a non-serious manner; to mock
- (b) to foretell something; to portend
- (c) to take everything; to plunder; to loot; to pillage; to rob
- (d) to sharpen by rubbing; to stimulate; to awaken

Q5 **v. tantalize**

- (a) to sing; to harmonize; to comment broadly
- (b) to tempt; to torment
- (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (d) to offer reasons for; to account for on rational grounds

Q6 **v. evoke**

- (a) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle
- (b) to call forth; to provoke; to arouse; to summon; to bring out
- (c) to confirm the validity; to certify; to reinforce
- (d) to make easier; to simplify; to expedite; to assist forward; to promote

Q7 **v. dissemble**

- (a) to lessen; to make easier; to allay; to soothe; to relieve
- (b) to pretend; to feign; to conceal by pretense
- (c) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (d) to scatter; to separate; to send out

Q8 **v. ameliorate**

- (a) to treat with tenderness; to pamper
- (b) to give in; to yield; to collapse; to surrender
- (c) to improve; to make better
- (d) to punish; to discipline; to admonish; to criticize harshly

Q9 **v. flinch**

- (a) to wince; to drawback; to retreat; to recoil; to shrink
- (b) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products
- (c) to alleviate; to ease pain but not cure; to make appear less serious; to allay
- (d) to rapidly speak unintelligibly; to mumble; to stutter; to chatter

Q10 **v. censure**

- (a) to annoy; to irritate
- (b) to criticize; disapprove of
- (c) to speak in a loud, pompous manner; to rave
- (d) to inhibit; to make impossible; to prevent; to eliminate; to remove

**Q1 adj. resonant**

- (a) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (b) resounding; re-echoing; reverberating
- (c) unbiased; fair; objective
- (d) cheery; playful; convivial; merry

**Q2 adj. fractious**

- (a) cranky; cantankerous; easily moved to feeling displeasure; irritable
- (b) conferring benefits; kind; doing good
- (c) bound fast
- (d) rebellious; apt to quarrel; stubborn

**Q3 n. jargon**

- (a) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (b) collection or mixture of various things; aggregate; cluster; mass; assortment
- (c) image or likeness of a person; sculpted likeness
- (d) pleasant combination of sounds

**Q4 v. denigrate**

- (a) to obey; yield to; to pay attention; to listen to
- (b) to defame; to blacken; to sully; to belittle; to criticize
- (c) to begin; to admit into a group; to start; to bring about; to commence
- (d) to treat with tenderness; to pamper

**Q5 adv. abaft**

- (a) in a defective manner
- (b) unquestionably; surely; obviously
- (c) sloppy; untidy; careless; unclean
- (d) on; toward the rear of a ship

**Q6 n. termagant**

- (a) peculiar behavior; startling twist; strange habit
- (b) rule or direction of moral conduct; order; command; directive
- (c) audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; impudence; insolence; audacity; nerve
- (d) constantly quarrelsome woman

**Q7 adj. flamboyant**

- (a) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (b) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (c) distant in interest; reserved; cool
- (d) harsh; hoarse; gruff; noisy; rowdy

**Q8 adj. iniquitous**

- (a) unlucky; unfortunate; ill-fated
- (b) flamboyant; flowery; showy
- (c) wicked; unjust
- (d) not yielding; firm; steadfast

**Q9 n. replica**

- (a) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (b) superabundance
- (c) copy; representation; reproduction; duplicate
- (d) pompous talk or writing; flowery speech coarse fabric; linen

**Q10 n. flux**

- (a) apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally
- (b) flow; continual change; fluidity
- (c) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff
- (d) person who goes after high goals; ambitious person

Q1 **adj. incompatible**

- (a) disagreeing; disharmonious; unsuitable; irreconcilable
- (b) doubtful; uncertain; questionable; undecided
- (c) self-centered; viewing everything in relation to oneself; egoistic; selfish
- (d) never changing; always with the same standard; alike; similar; even

Q2 **adj. unequivocal**

- (a) never ceasing; continuous; eternal
- (b) indebted to; obligated
- (c) inconsistent; resistant; contradictory; opposed; averse
- (d) clear and unambiguous; conclusive

Q3 **adj. azure**

- (a) with passionate or intense feelings; fervent; zealous; enthusiastic
- (b) the clear blue color of the sky
- (c) stingy; miserly; indigent
- (d) very talkative; garrulous; wordy

Q4 **adj. exhaustive**

- (a) expressionless; dull; inflexible; stiff; blunt
- (b) easily managed; obedient
- (c) unlucky; unfortunate; ill-fated
- (d) thorough; complete; comprehensive

Q5 **adj. sundry**

- (a) various; miscellaneous; separate; distinct
- (b) stretched tightly; organized; tense; nervous
- (c) unheard of; exceptional; unparalleled
- (d) done in a routine, mechanical way; without interest; superficial; careless

Q6 **adj. fallible**

- (a) extremely small; tiny; trivial; precise; petty
- (b) marked by hostility; spiteful; irritable; malicious
- (c) erroneous; not foolproof
- (d) specific; definite; clear

Q7 **adj. hapless**

- (a) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (b) existing; refers especially to books or documents
- (c) unlucky; unfortunate; ill-fated
- (d) pleasing to hear

Q8 **adj. incredulous**

- (a) frugal; careful with money; economizing
- (b) pertaining to money; financial
- (c) skeptical; disbelieving; doubting
- (d) measurable; limited; not everlasting; having limitations or bounds

Q9 **adj. judicious**

- (a) difficult to please; dainty; choosy; critical
- (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (c) having to do with conversation; informal speech
- (d) happening or ending unexpectedly

Q10 **adj. crass**

- (a) dark and depressing; gloomy; glum; mournful; sad
- (b) showing no emotion; stolid; apathetic; calm; relaxed
- (c) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (d) greedy; very desirous; envious; grasping

**Q1 n. propinquity**

- (a) harness; collar; bond; connection
- (b) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (c) closeness in time or place; closeness of relationship; resemblance
- (d) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax

**Q2 n. obloquy**

- (a) act of annihilating, destroying, or erasing; destruction; extermination
- (b) widespread condemnation; disgrace or infamy resulting from this; public accusation; defamation
- (c) evil person; villain; rascal
- (d) being villainous or wicked; evil

**Q3 n. oligarchy**

- (a) being stripped; act of unclipping; deprivation of a right or privilege
- (b) dilemma; state of confusion
- (c) goal; purpose; target; aim
- (d) form of government in which the supreme power is placed in the hands of a small, exclusive group

**Q4 n. antagonism**

- (a) unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; philanthropy
- (b) oddity; inconsistency; deviation from the norm; exception; deviation
- (c) stockpile; store; heap; hiding place for goods
- (d) hostility; opposition; conflict

**Q5 n. qualm**

- (a) changed form; alternation; change of condition
- (b) sudden feeling of uneasiness or doubt; regret; sorrow
- (c) inflation; extension; swelling; expanding
- (d) pleasant combination of sounds

**Q6 n. debauchery**

- (a) indulgence in one's appetites
- (b) person who holds opinion contrary to that which is generally accepted
- (c) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (d) person who does not conform to the norm; independent thinker

**Q7 n. chagrin**

- (a) feeling of embarrassment due to failure or disappointment; humiliation
- (b) offense; resentment; shade
- (c) unworldly young woman; character of an innocent girl
- (d) harsh, inharmonious collection of sounds; dissonance

**Q8 n. exultation**

- (a) severity; harshness; strict accuracy
- (b) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee
- (c) industriousness; hard work; perseverance
- (d) clumsy person

**Q9 n. mite**

- (a) person who has good taste in food and drink; gourmet
- (b) very small sum of money; very small creature
- (c) person who has fallen behind; person who moves slowly
- (d) noise which is loud and continuous; ruckus; loud racket

**Q10 n. antipathy**

- (a) person who hopes for the best; sees the good side
- (b) strong dislike or repugnance; aversion
- (c) confused mass; turmoil; chaos
- (d) absolute ruler

Q1 **v. malign**

- (a) to separate; to split; to branch off from a common point
- (b) to accumulate; to grow; to compile; to collect; to amass
- (c) to speak evil of; to slander
- (d) to ignite; to arouse; to inspire; to excite

Q2 **v. dally**

- (a) to soak; to stain; to permeate; to influence strongly; to inspire
- (b) to sharpen; to long or yearn for
- (c) to loiter; to waste time; to trifle; to flirt
- (d) to gain

Q3 **v. abhor**

- (a) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (b) to collect together; to accumulate; to gather
- (c) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (d) to hate; to dislike; to detest

Q4 **v. deter**

- (a) to look down upon; to scorn; to contempt
- (b) to improve; to make better
- (c) to make understandable; to adorn; to explain; to elucidate; to illustrate
- (d) to prevent; to discourage; to hinder

Q5 **v. propitiate**

- (a) to win the goodwill of; to appease
- (b) to gather up and store; to collect; to accumulate; to store
- (c) to hold back; to hinder; to burden; load down; to impede
- (d) to feel love for; to care for; to treasure

Q6 **v. tarry**

- (a) to collect together; to accumulate; to gather
- (b) to disown; to deny support for; to reject; to cancel; to refuse
- (c) to raid for spoils; to plunder; to invade; to attack
- (d) to go; to move slowly; to delay

Q7 **n. juncture**

- (a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (b) critical point; crisis; period; joint; connection
- (c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium
- (d) deception

Q8 **v. macerate**

- (a) to banish; to exclude
- (b) to distinguish; to demonstrate bias; to treat differently
- (c) to soften by steeping in liquid; to disintegrate
- (d) to shun; to avoid; to keep away from

Q9 **v. enfranchise**

- (a) to free from obligation; to admit to citizenship; to emancipate; to liberate; to free
- (b) to cancel; to invalidate; to annul
- (c) to promise or pledge in marriage
- (d) to improve by adding details; to adorn; to decorate; to beautify

Q10 **v. rectify**

- (a) to forgive; to acquit; to release
- (b) to correct; to adjust; to fix
- (c) to hypnotize; to fascinate; to induce
- (d) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise

Q1 **n. decisiveness**

- (a) resoluteness; act of being firm or determined; firmness
- (b) proposal; promise; determination; decision
- (c) slight fault or offense; minor sin
- (d) carelessness; neglect

Q2 **v. abdicate**

- (a) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (b) to provoke; to irritate; to offend
- (c) to scold or beat harshly; to rebuke strongly
- (d) to falsely; identify as real; to defraud

Q3 **v. jettison**

- (a) to chide vehemently; to reprimand
- (b) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (c) to blame and thus make feel ashamed; to rebuke; to accuse
- (d) to move suddenly

Q4 **v. relinquish**

- (a) to hate; to dislike; to detest
- (b) to be advantageous; to be necessary
- (c) to let go; to abandon; to surrender; to forsake
- (d) to dig up; to force out; to defeat; to drive away

Q5 **adj. odious**

- (a) hateful; disgusting; detestable
- (b) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (c) eating away at; sarcastic words; corrosive
- (d) solitary; alone

Q6 **adj. hefty**

- (a) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (b) heavy; powerful; weighty; big
- (c) inactive; changeless; stationary; motionless
- (d) accustomed to pain

Q7 **v. ostracize**

- (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (b) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (c) to secure; to hold firmly, as in eyes; to engross; to fascinate
- (d) to banish; to exclude

Q8 **n. proviso**

- (a) clause stating a condition or stipulation; restriction
- (b) widespread condemnation; disgrace or infamy resulting from this; public accusation; defamation
- (c) omen; foreshadowing characteristic; portent
- (d) driving impulse; something which urges or drives

Q9 **n. renegade**

- (a) noisy commotion; disturbance; confusion; riot
- (b) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (c) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (d) rebuke; accusation

Q10 **v. palliate**

- (a) to form an opinion; to conclude; to surmise; to derive
- (b) to scatter; to separate; to send out
- (c) to solve
- (d) to alleviate; to ease pain but not cure; to make appear less serious; to allay

Q1 **adj. impervious**

- (a) neutral; unbiased; impartial; indifferent
- (b) undergoing or exerting tension
- (c) honorable; exact; moral; precise; meticulous
- (d) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence

Q2 **adj. laggard**

- (a) aware of; perceptive
- (b) harmful; hurtful; noxious
- (c) roving in search of adventure; roving; straying; erring; wandering
- (d) moving slowly; lazy; sluggish

Q3 **adj. fervid**

- (a) kind; generous
- (b) excessively fond of; adoring
- (c) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (d) softening or soothing to the skin; having power to soften or relax living tissues

Q4 **adj. errant**

- (a) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence
- (b) not reacting chemically; inactive; sedentary; neutral; inanimate
- (c) not logical; senseless; absurd
- (d) roving in search of adventure; roving; straying; erring; wandering

Q5 **adj. hypocritical**

- (a) hard to catch; difficult to understand or grasp; evasive; tending to escape
- (b) tastelessly ornamented; cheap
- (c) infected with rabies; extreme fanatical
- (d) two-faced; deceptive; duplicitous; insincere

Q6 **adj. lucid**

- (a) shiny; clear minded
- (b) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (c) deep; knowledgeable; thorough; intense; serious
- (d) working or done for payment only; hired for service

Q7 **adj. raucous**

- (a) not voiced or expressed; communicated wordlessly
- (b) morally lacking in restraint; lascivious
- (c) subject to or open for discussion or debate
- (d) harsh; hoarse; gruff; noisy; rowdy

Q8 **adj. improvident**

- (a) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated
- (b) growing unchecked; widespread; prevailing
- (c) egotistical; self-centered; excessive interest in ones appearance, comfort, abilities, etc.
- (d) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

Q9 **adj. brindled**

- (a) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (b) mixed with a darker color
- (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (d) lazy; sluggish; slow

Q10 **adj. malevolent**

- (a) wishing evil; malicious (opposite: benevolent)
- (b) concise; abrupt; succinct; curt
- (c) private; confidential; clandestine; secret
- (d) shining; gleaming

**Q1 n. anaphylaxis**

- (a) comical imitation; mockery; caricature
- (b) allergic reaction; vulnerability
- (c) word or phrase which reads the same backwards and forwards
- (d) any private meeting or closed assembly

**Q2 n. biennial**

- (a) believing in personal freedom (favoring reform or progress)
- (b) rule or direction of moral conduct; order; command; directive
- (c) plant which blooms every two years; event which occurs every two years
- (d) pleasant combination of sounds

**Q3 n. pessimism**

- (a) children; offspring; outcome
- (b) resentment at being slighted; irritation; grudge
- (c) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness; (opposite; optimism)
- (d) anything of mixed origin; crossbreed

**Q4 n. progeny**

- (a) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object
- (b) gentle wind; breeze; lightweight fabric
- (c) children; offspring; outcome
- (d) giving a new meaning to an old word; new expression

**Q5 n. comeliness**

- (a) quality; importance
- (b) systematic list of details; chart
- (c) beauty; attractiveness in appearance or behavior
- (d) that can be solved; that can be dissolved

**Q6 n. hierarchy**

- (a) endurance
- (b) system of persons or things arranged according to rank
- (c) appearance; being or manner; bearing
- (d) gentle wind; breeze; lightweight fabric

**Q7 n. wrath**

- (a) slave
- (b) violent or unrestrained anger; fury; rage
- (c) slanderous statement; damaging or derogatory criticism; false rumor
- (d) peculiar behavior; startling twist; strange habit

**Q8 n. hyperbole**

- (a) guilt; sorrow; regret
- (b) person employed to amuse; joker; prankster; entertainer
- (c) omission of words that would make the meaning clear
- (d) exaggeration; overstatement

**Q9 n. usury**

- (a) lending of money with an excessively high interest rate
- (b) constantly quarrelsome woman
- (c) comical imitation; mockery; caricature
- (d) flatterer

**Q10 n. implication**

- (a) scorn; disrespect; disdain
- (b) doubter
- (c) suggestion; inference; connotation; hint
- (d) fortress; stronghold; castle

Q1 **v. abase**

- (a) to speak in a loud, pompous manner; to rave
- (b) to polish by rubbing; to make shiny
- (c) to degrade; to humiliate; to disgrace
- (d) to annoy; to irritate; to wear away; to make sore by rubbing

Q2 **v. extol**

- (a) to move toward one point (opposite: diverge); to come together; to meet; to assemble
- (b) to think hard; to ponder; to meditate; to contemplate; to ruminate
- (c) to give great praise; to exalt; to laud; to glorify
- (d) to outweigh; to be superior in amount, weight, etc.; to surpass; to predominate; to control

Q3 **v. despoil**

- (a) to declare or prove blameless; to absolve; to acquit
- (b) to behave in a certain manner
- (c) to push into action; to urge; to tease; to drive
- (d) to take everything; to plunder; to loot; to pillage; to rob

Q4 **v. ruminate**

- (a) to consider carefully; to think through; to ponder; to chew cud
- (b) to defame; to misrepresent maliciously; to vilify; to malign
- (c) to agree without protest; to accept without question
- (d) to look down upon; to scorn; to contempt

Q5 **v. proselytize**

- (a) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (b) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (c) to consider; to ponder; to discuss
- (d) to convert from one belief or religion to another

Q6 **v. debase**

- (a) to circulate; to scatter; to disperse; to spread; to distribute
- (b) to make lower in quality; to degrade; to humiliate; to reduce the value of
- (c) to falsely; identify as real; to defraud
- (d) to soak; to stain; to permeate; to influence strongly; to inspire

Q7 **v. coddle**

- (a) to affirm as true; to declare
- (b) to justify; to authorize; to permit; to entitle; to empower; to sanction
- (c) to treat with tenderness; to pamper
- (d) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw

Q8 **v. laud**

- (a) to speak; to write in a very enthusiastic manner
- (b) to commend; to praise
- (c) to bring into mutual relation; to connect
- (d) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon

Q9 **v. thwart**

- (a) to protest; to object; to hesitate
- (b) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose; to frustrate; to foil
- (c) to dominate; to enslave; to conquer
- (d) to leave behind; to give something up

Q10 **v. implement**

- (a) to come down from one's position or dignity; to lower oneself; to patronize
- (b) to carry into effect; to execute; to perform; to equip with tools
- (c) to refer indirectly to something; to hint
- (d) to sharpen; to long or yearn for

Q1 **adj. apposite**

- (a) old-fashioned; unusual; odd; strange  
 (b) drinkable  
 (c) shabby in appearance; untidy; sloppy  
 (d) suitable; apt; relevant; becoming

Q2 **v. rend**

- (a) to correct; to adjust; to fix  
 (b) to rip or pull from; to split with violence; to disturb with a sharp noise; to tear  
 (c) to unearth; to reveal  
 (d) to give up; to put off until later

Q3 **n. harbor**

- (a) place of safety or shelter; port; refuge; haven  
 (b) person who smashes revered images; attacker of cherished beliefs; radical  
 (c) exceptional person; unusual occurrence  
 (d) the theory or attitude that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life

Q4 **v. embarkation**

- (a) to separate; to segregate; to seclude; to set apart  
 (b) act of investing into an enterprise; act of boarding a boat  
 (c) to denounce or condemn openly  
 (d) to shorten; to limit; to condense

Q5 **n. carte blanche**

- (a) unlimited authority; freedom of action  
 (b) self-restraint; forbearance; avoidance  
 (c) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough  
 (d) the theory or attitude that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life

Q6 **adj. fetid**

- (a) suitable (as land) for plowing; cultivatable  
 (b) extremely small; tiny; trivial; precise; petty  
 (c) having a smell of decay; malodorous; smelly; stinky  
 (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

Q7 **n. raconteur**

- (a) group of lines in a poem having a definite pattern  
 (b) person skilled at telling stories  
 (c) number of people in an organization working for a common cause against the main body; splinter group  
 (d) person who eats eagerly; glutton; greedy person

Q8 **n. disarray**

- (a) state of disorder; mess; lack of order  
 (b) children; offspring; outcome  
 (c) wall for protection; low wall or railing  
 (d) mercy toward an offender; mildness; mercy; grace

Q9 **adj. mundane**

- (a) characterized by sitting; remaining in one locality; inactive  
 (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday  
 (c) something inevitable; inescapable  
 (d) developed or matured earlier than usual

Q10 **adj. astringent**

- (a) unclear; hazy; vague  
 (b) tightening; stern; severe; harsh; constrictive  
 (c) lacking warmth or interest; lukewarm  
 (d) having a bad odor; spoiled; decomposed; musty

**Q1 adj. substantive**

- (a) existing independently of others; a large quantity
- (b) poor; poverty-stricken; needy; impoverished
- (c) abnormal; unusual; irregular
- (d) generally occurring; predominant; widespread

**Q2 adj. flagrant**

- (a) happening every two years
- (b) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive
- (c) dull; greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees; slow to understand or perceive
- (d) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative

**Q3 adj. indigenous**

- (a) native to a region; innate; originating from a place
- (b) poor; poverty-stricken; needy; impoverished
- (c) very frugal; unwilling to spend; economical
- (d) different; varied

**Q4 adj. prevalent**

- (a) generally occurring; predominant; widespread
- (b) apt to; likely; angled; sharp; cutting
- (c) eating away at; sarcastic words; corrosive
- (d) motionless; uncirculating; still; inactive

**Q5 adj. indulgent**

- (a) lenient; patient; permissive; tolerant; forbearing
- (b) manageable; obedient; gentle; compliant; submissive
- (c) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (d) sticking together; connected; logical; consistent

**Q6 adj. gnarled**

- (a) pertaining or relating to a church
- (b) full of knots; twisted
- (c) situation calling for immediate attention; needing more than is reasonable; pressing; urgent
- (d) different; varied

**Q7 adj. pertinent**

- (a) related to the matter at hand; appropriate; relevant
- (b) indecent; immoral; lecherous
- (c) unimportant; of subordinate standing; small; insignificant
- (d) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

**Q8 adj. amiss**

- (a) having a sweet sound
- (b) full of curves; twisting and turning
- (c) abnormal; unusual; irregular
- (d) wrong; awry; wrongly; mistaken; erroneous

**Q9 adj. blatant**

- (a) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated
- (b) very light; airy; heavenly; not earthly; delicate
- (c) prudent; economical; careful; frugal
- (d) crude; vulgar; obtrusive; conspicuous; blunt

**Q10 adj. pervasive**

- (a) existing independently of others; a large quantity
- (b) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd
- (c) spreading throughout; extending; suffusing
- (d) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive

Q1 **n. troth**

- (a) belief; faith; fidelity
- (b) small person; word, expressing smallness formed when a suffix is added
- (c) purging or relieving of the body or soul
- (d) testing the quality of a substance; test; examine; try; attempt

Q2 **n. adage**

- (a) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true
- (b) self-restraint; forbearance; avoidance
- (c) rest period; temporary delay
- (d) old saying now accepted as being truthful; proverb

Q3 **n. authoritarian**

- (a) dictator; tyrant; despot
- (b) bad reputation
- (c) false belief or opinion; illusion
- (d) poem of lament and praise for the dead; dirge

Q4 **n. dirge**

- (a) false statement; rumor; hoax
- (b) hymn for a funeral; song or poem expressing lament
- (c) symbolic description; metaphor
- (d) indefinitely long period of time; age

Q5 **n. trepidation**

- (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (b) apprehension; uneasiness
- (c) moral corruption; badness; degeneracy; perversion; immorality
- (d) overflowing of high spirits; effervescence; exuberance; excitement

Q6 **n. tranquillity**

- (a) waterfall; pour; waves
- (b) wealth; fortune; abundance
- (c) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed
- (d) peace; stillness; harmony; calmness

Q7 **n. saga**

- (a) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (b) beauty; attractiveness in appearance or behavior
- (c) overindulgence
- (d) legend; long story of adventure or heroic deed

Q8 **n. distention**

- (a) firm courage; strength; bravery; courage; endurance
- (b) person who has occupied an office before another; ancestor
- (c) inflation; extension; swelling; expanding
- (d) travel plan; schedule; course; record of a journey

Q9 **n. forbearance**

- (a) depression; gloom; sadness
- (b) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (c) act of mocking; ridicule; mockery; scorn
- (d) blunder; mistake

Q10 **n. harangue**

- (a) friendly relations; friendship
- (b) slave
- (c) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (d) something that can be relied on

**Q1 v. prevaricate**

- (a) to degrade; to humiliate; to disgrace
- (b) to move secretly; to sneak about
- (c) to brag; to glory over; to feel triumphant; to exult
- (d) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish

**Q2 v. lament**

- (a) to go; to move slowly; to delay
- (b) to convert from one belief or religion to another
- (c) to forgive; to acquit; to release
- (d) to mourn; to grieve; to regret

**Q3 v. wheedle**

- (a) to influence; to persuade; to coax
- (b) to loiter; to waste time; to trifle; to flirt
- (c) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (d) to act indecisively; to tremble; to vacillate

**Q4 v. conjure**

- (a) to encourage; to nurture; to support; to care for; to raise
- (b) to break; to split in two; to divide
- (c) to call upon; appeal to; to summon; to implore; to invoke
- (d) to behave in a certain manner

**Q5 v. enervate**

- (a) to support; to approve of; to recommend; to approve; to sanction
- (b) to weaken; to deprive of nerve or strength
- (c) to dissolve; to become liquid; to melt
- (d) to gain advantage by manipulating unfairly; to falsify; to pervert; to distort

**Q6 v. hone**

- (a) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (b) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (c) to sharpen; to long or yearn for
- (d) to disturb; to irritate; to worry; to erode; to annoy

**Q7 v. allude**

- (a) to soften; to make less intense; to pacify
- (b) to refer indirectly to something; to hint
- (c) to criticize; disapprove of
- (d) to call to assemble; to summon

**Q8 v. absolve**

- (a) to cancel; to invalidate; to annul
- (b) to give up; to put off until later
- (c) to forgive; to acquit; to release
- (d) to alleviate; to lessen; to soothe; to soften; to appease

**Q9 v. harbor**

- (a) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up
- (b) to give shelter; to protect; to hide; to take shelter; to conceal
- (c) to be advantageous; to be necessary
- (d) to oppose; to contradict; to infringe; to violate; to transgress

**Q10 v. accede**

- (a) to darken; to confuse; to bewilder; to obscure
- (b) to distinguish; to demonstrate bias; to treat differently
- (c) to carry into effect; to execute; to perform; to equip with tools
- (d) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur

Q1 **adj. innocuous**

- (a) thorough; complete; comprehensive
- (b) fond of the company of others; sociable
- (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (d) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of

Q2 **n. materialism**

- (a) original draft or record of a document; rules of behavior
- (b) quality of being agreeable or eager to please; acquiescence; graciousness
- (c) the theory or attitude that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life
- (d) enthusiast; extremist; zealot

Q3 **n. percussion**

- (a) wealthy leader
- (b) striking one object against another; rapping
- (c) formal expression of high praise; commendation; eulogy
- (d) person who spends money extravagantly

Q4 **adj. ambivalent**

- (a) undecided
- (b) skeptical; disbelieving; doubting
- (c) moving in a random, directionless manner; aimless
- (d) marginal; outer; external

Q5 **v. parry**

- (a) to shorten; to reduce in length compress; to diminish; to make brief
- (b) to avoid; to ward off; to repulse; to turn away; to evade
- (c) to organize laws or rules into a systematic collection; to arrange systematically
- (d) to charge with a crime; to criticize; to accuse

Q6 **v. subjugate**

- (a) to dominate; to enslave; to conquer
- (b) to draw; to take back; to cancel; to annul
- (c) to reprimand; to find fault with; to admonish; to reprove
- (d) to secure; to hold firmly, as in eyes; to engross; to fascinate

Q7 **n. negligence**

- (a) carelessness; neglect
- (b) raised platform at one end of a room; stage
- (c) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (d) being fun; festivity; gaiety

Q8 **adj. wry**

- (a) strong; bulky; stocky; sturdy
- (b) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual
- (c) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous
- (d) mocking; cynical; crooked; askew

Q9 **adj. timorous**

- (a) lacking courage; timid
- (b) emitting light; shining; enlightened; intelligent
- (c) manageable; obedient; gentle; compliant; submissive
- (d) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic

Q10 **n. dearth**

- (a) failure to grow
- (b) changed form; alternation; change of condition
- (c) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially
- (d) scarcity; shortage; lack

**Q1 adj. garbled**

- (a) full of knots; twisted
- (b) eating away at; sarcastic words; corrosive
- (c) talkative; disrespectful; careless; disdainful
- (d) mixed up; distorted; confused; falsified

**Q2 adj. lurid**

- (a) glowing through haze; shocking; sensational; appalling; horrible
- (b) of a strange nature; weird; mysterious
- (c) making or willing to make concessions; appeasing; pacifying
- (d) starting to grow or develop

**Q3 adj. acerbic**

- (a) not in harmony; in disagreement; inconsistent
- (b) tasting sour; harsh in language or temper; bitter
- (c) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical
- (d) unusual; rare; uncommon

**Q4 adj. permeable**

- (a) working or done for payment only; hired for service
- (b) cranky; cantankerous; easily moved to feeling displeasure; irritable
- (c) porous; allowing to pass through; penetrable
- (d) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential

**Q5 adj. penurious**

- (a) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (b) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence
- (c) stingy; miserly; indigent
- (d) using force to take; selfish; greedy; predatory; covetous

**Q6 adj. rancid**

- (a) having a bad odor; spoiled; decomposed; musty
- (b) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative
- (c) having great power or physical strength; influential; virile
- (d) melted

**Q7 adj. enamored**

- (a) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing
- (b) dull; greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees; slow to understand or perceive
- (c) filled with love and desire; charmed; delighted
- (d) clearly stated; characterized by conciseness; short and to the point

**Q8 adj. luminous**

- (a) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent
- (b) commonplace; trite; banal; unoriginal
- (c) emitting light; shining; enlightened; intelligent
- (d) frugal; careful with money; economizing

**Q9 adj. recumbent**

- (a) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (b) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible
- (c) resting; reclining
- (d) with no shape; unorganized; having no determinate form

**Q10 adj. synthetic**

- (a) not real; rather artificial
- (b) without blame or faults
- (c) of the land; agricultural
- (d) undergoing or exerting tension

**Q1 n. collusion**

- (a) slave
- (b) closing section of a play or novel providing further comment; speech delivered to the audience after the end of a play
- (c) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (d) bruise; injury where the skin is not broken; swelling

**Q2 n. rigor**

- (a) song of praise or triumph
- (b) quitting; submission; abdication
- (c) marshy land; mud; difficult situation
- (d) severity; harshness; strict accuracy

**Q3 n. autocracy**

- (a) rebuke; accusation
- (b) situation that has no solution or escape; standstill; hang-up; deadlock; dead-end street
- (c) person who does not conform to the norm; independent thinker
- (d) absolute monarchy; government where one person holds power; dictatorship; despotism; totalitarianism

**Q4 n. altercation**

- (a) secret cooperation in wrongdoing
- (b) controversy; dispute
- (c) eager readiness; speed
- (d) symbolic description; metaphor

**Q5 n. conviviality**

- (a) fondness for festiveness or joviality; festivity; friendliness
- (b) bruise; injury where the skin is not broken; swelling
- (c) indefinitely long period of time; age
- (d) reasoning in order from general to particular

**Q6 n. frugality**

- (a) basis for an argument; presumption; proposition
- (b) thrift; economical use or expenditure; meanness; stinginess
- (c) resoluteness; act of being firm or determined; firmness
- (d) wealth; fortune; abundance

**Q7 n. fetter**

- (a) chain to bind the feet; shackle; hindrance
- (b) flow; continual change; fluidity
- (c) concluding passage in music
- (d) failure to grow

**Q8 n. mien**

- (a) copy; representation; reproduction; duplicate
- (b) appearance; being or manner; bearing
- (c) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (d) quality of nobleness of mind; disdain of meanness or revenge; generous and unselfish act

**Q9 n. exposition**

- (a) knowing about something before it happens; foresight
- (b) large group or crowd
- (c) imaginary land with perfect social and political systems
- (d) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification

**Q10 n. stigma**

- (a) state of being at rest or without motion; restfulness; calmness
- (b) mark of disgrace; stain
- (c) beginner; newcomer; novice
- (d) maintenance of stability

Q1 **v. berate**

- (a) to treat with tenderness; to pamper
- (b) to hold back; to hinder; to burden; load down; to impede
- (c) to tear; mangle; to wound; hurt; to rip
- (d) to scold; to reprove; to reproach; to criticize; to rebuke

Q2 **v. invoke**

- (a) to ask for; to call upon; to request help
- (b) to trespass; to intrude; to invade; to infringe
- (c) to pretend to be ill in order to escape work
- (d) to shun; to avoid; to keep away from

Q3 **v. advocate**

- (a) to plead in favor of
- (b) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (c) to leave behind; to give something up
- (d) to be abusive in speech; to disparage; to deride

Q4 **v. knead**

- (a) to disturb; to irritate; to worry; to erode; to annoy
- (b) to mix; to massage; to shape; to squeeze
- (c) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (d) to work into gradually and indirectly; to allude to; to hint; to gain favor through indirect means

Q5 **v. rummage**

- (a) to defame; to blacken; to sully; to belittle; to criticize
- (b) to weaken; to deprive of nerve or strength
- (c) to prevent; to discourage; to hinder
- (d) to search thoroughly; to look for diligently

Q6 **v. infer**

- (a) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (b) to scold or beat harshly; to rebuke strongly
- (c) to try to equal or excel; to take after; to imitate; to copy
- (d) to form an opinion; to conclude; to surmise; to derive

Q7 **v. impugn**

- (a) to introduce into conversation; to open a subject for discussion
- (b) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge
- (c) to preoccupy in thought; to confuse; to baffle
- (d) to flood; to overwhelm with a large amount of

Q8 **v. castigate**

- (a) to excite; to agitate; to inflame
- (b) to frustrate the expectations of; to perplex; to confuse
- (c) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (d) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish

Q9 **v. obliterate**

- (a) to laugh at with contempt; to mock; to sneer; to ridicule
- (b) to break; to split in two; to divide
- (c) to tempt; to torment
- (d) to destroy completely; to erase

Q10 **v. mitigate**

- (a) to sing; to harmonize; to comment broadly
- (b) to hinder; to obstruct; to impede
- (c) to alleviate; to lessen; to soothe; to soften; to appease
- (d) to draw out; to infer from information; to elicit

Q1 **v. beseech**

- (a) to transform
- (b) to ask earnestly; to entreat; to plead; to beg
- (c) to feel love for; to care for; to treasure
- (d) to weaken; to deprive of nerve or strength

Q2 **adj. ignominious**

- (a) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; base; mean
- (b) faithless; treacherous; deceitful; adulterous
- (c) speechless; unable to speak clearly; indistinct; unclear
- (d) harmful to one's health

Q3 **adv. amiss**

- (a) wrong; askew
- (b) in a defective manner
- (c) a sideways glance of disapproval
- (d) sloppy; untidy; careless; unclean

Q4 **v. raze**

- (a) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (b) to force; to compel; to restrain; to coerce; to oblige
- (c) to introduce a change; to depart from the old; to bring in something new
- (d) to talking foolishly; to chatter; to gab; to babble

Q5 **v. malingering**

- (a) to stop the progress of; to obstruct; to delay; to hinder; to prevent
- (b) to pretend to be ill in order to escape work
- (c) to make understandable; to adorn; to explain; to elucidate; to illustrate
- (d) to make weak; to weaken

Q6 **adj. palatial**

- (a) difficult to please; dainty; choosy; critical
- (b) harmful; hostile; unfriendly
- (c) large and impressive; palace-like; magnificent
- (d) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful

Q7 **adj. recalcitrant**

- (a) glowing through haze; shocking; sensational; appalling; horrible
- (b) distant in interest; reserved; cool
- (c) baffling; puzzling; mysterious; ambiguous; unclear
- (d) stubbornly rebellious; disobedient

Q8 **n. pittance**

- (a) person related through ancestry; relative; kin
- (b) rounded, upward-projecting front of a saddle
- (c) small amount
- (d) dilemma; state of confusion

Q9 **adj. rudimentary**

- (a) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (b) working or done for payment only; hired for service
- (c) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive
- (d) happening accidentally; by chance

Q10 **adj. incorporeal**

- (a) having lines or grooves
- (b) not consisting of matter; having no material existence; insubstantial
- (c) quarrelsome; warlike
- (d) idealistic; impractical; not amorous not sensual

Q1 **adj. implacable**  
(a) as if asleep; inert; sluggish; inactive  
(b) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable  
(c) sharp; bitter; foul smelling; irritating  
(d) hard to catch; difficult to understand or grasp; evasive; tending to escape

Q2 **adj. platonic**  
(a) of a strange nature; weird; mysterious  
(b) idealistic; impractical; not amorous not sensual  
(c) smaller than average; minute; tiny  
(d) shabby in appearance; untidy; sloppy

Q3 **adj. indifferent**  
(a) unconcerned; detached; apathetic  
(b) part of the essential character; intrinsic; inborn; natural  
(c) disorganized; irregular; random  
(d) apt to; likely; angled; sharp; cutting

Q4 **adj. pallid**  
(a) intentional; planned; premeditated  
(b) related to the matter at hand; appropriate; relevant  
(c) using force to take; selfish; greedy; predatory; covetous  
(d) pale in color; ashen

Q5 **adj. saturnine**  
(a) gloomy; sluggish  
(b) on the surface; narrow minded; lacking depth  
(c) not confirmed; indefinite; temporary; experimental  
(d) very deep; terrible

Q6 **adj. subliminal**  
(a) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain  
(b) of concern; significant; pertinent; related  
(c) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable  
(d) below the level of consciousness

Q7 **adj. futile**  
(a) bound fast  
(b) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model  
(c) worthless; unprofitable; unproductive; fruitless; unsuccessful  
(d) spread out; verbose; wordy and disorganized; dispersed; rambling

Q8 **adj. ardent**  
(a) with passionate or intense feelings; fervent; zealous; enthusiastic  
(b) not final or of a definite result; unconvincing  
(c) secretive; sly; shifty; stealthy; surreptitious  
(d) dark and depressing; gloomy; glum; mournful; sad

Q9 **adj. jovial**  
(a) suitable; apt; relevant; becoming  
(b) having an evil disposition toward others; harmful; evil (opposite: benign)  
(c) cheery; playful; convivial; merry  
(d) separate; individual

Q10 **adj. miscreant**  
(a) full of twists and turns; not straight forward; possibly deceitful  
(b) evil  
(c) religious; devout; dedicated; orthodox  
(d) biased; one-sided

- Q1 n. equanimity**  
 (a) harsh, inharmonious collection of sounds; dissonance  
 (b) enthusiast; extremist; zealot  
 (c) quality of remaining calm and undisturbed; composure; emotional stability  
 (d) belief; faith; fidelity
- Q2 n. astringent**  
 (a) substance that contracts bodily tissues  
 (b) sudden feeling of uneasiness or doubt; regret; sorrow  
 (c) appeal; magnetism; presence; leadership ability  
 (d) spasm; pang; agony; suffering
- Q3 n. optimist**  
 (a) person who hopes for the best; sees the good side  
 (b) condition of being under a guardian or a tutor; guardianship  
 (c) person who is intelligent; scholar  
 (d) hymn for a funeral; song or poem expressing lament
- Q4 n. utopia**  
 (a) act of giving authoritative permission; approve; blockade; penalty  
 (b) imaginary land with perfect social and political systems  
 (c) original pattern or model  
 (d) practice of lying under oath
- Q5 n. amity**  
 (a) art of taking something for oneself; seizure  
 (b) friendly relations; friendship  
 (c) fortress set up high to defend a city; stronghold  
 (d) fondness for festiveness or joviality; festivity; friendliness
- Q6 n. stamina**  
 (a) endurance  
 (b) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm  
 (c) person who is authorized to judge or decide  
 (d) act of clarifying; adding details; act of improving; careful planning
- Q7 n. initiate**  
 (a) person who possesses special or secret knowledge  
 (b) enthusiast; extremist; zealot  
 (c) spontaneous motion; mobility  
 (d) reverse action; law which takes effect on a past date
- Q8 n. knavery**  
 (a) faithfulness; honesty; precision; adherence to detail; loyalty  
 (b) binding and solemn agreement; contract; treaty  
 (c) dishonest act; deception; fraud; villainy  
 (d) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk
- Q9 n. symmetry**  
 (a) order; charge; authorization; command  
 (b) liking for; attraction; affinity  
 (c) correspondence of parts; harmony  
 (d) disease affecting animals
- Q10 n. pedagogue**  
 (a) teacher; professor; educator  
 (b) sudden, unpredictable or whimsical change; impulse  
 (c) practice of lying under oath  
 (d) slyness; deceit; fraud; cunning; trickery

Q1 **v. expedite**

- (a) to pray for evil; to invoke a curse
- (b) to hasten the action of; to speed up; to accelerate; to facilitate; to dispatch
- (c) to avoid; to ward off; to repulse; to turn away; to evade
- (d) to set aside; to designate; to assign

Q2 **v. undermine**

- (a) to bicker; to criticize; to complain
- (b) to weaken; to often through subtle means; to subvert; to sabotage
- (c) to call forth; to provoke; to arouse; to summon; to bring out
- (d) to settle by mutual adjustment

Q3 **v. condescend**

- (a) to combine; to join; to confederate; to merge; to unite
- (b) to come down from one's position or dignity; to lower oneself; to patronize
- (c) to reprimand; to find fault with; to admonish; to reprove
- (d) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle

Q4 **v. beget**

- (a) to unearth; to reveal
- (b) to bring into being
- (c) to stain; spot; defile; to dirty
- (d) to put side-by-side

Q5 **v. nullify**

- (a) to let go; to abandon; to surrender; to forsake
- (b) to cancel; to invalidate; to annul
- (c) to give vent; to inflict; to perform
- (d) to defend; to shield

Q6 **v. suffuse**

- (a) to overspread
- (b) to criticize; disapprove of
- (c) to mix; to merge; to combine; to unite
- (d) to circulate; to scatter; to disperse; to spread; to distribute

Q7 **v. mesmerize**

- (a) to give up
- (b) to become semisolid; to cause to thicken; to clot
- (c) to stain; spot; defile; to dirty
- (d) to hypnotize; to fascinate; to induce

Q8 **v. diverge**

- (a) to denounce or condemn openly
- (b) to blame and thus make feel ashamed; to rebuke; to accuse
- (c) to separate; to split; to branch off from a common point
- (d) to protest; to object to; to prove

Q9 **v. exonerate**

- (a) to declare or prove blameless; to absolve; to acquit
- (b) to darken; to confuse; to bewilder; to obscure
- (c) to move back and forth; to have a wavering opinion; to vacillate
- (d) to pray for evil; to invoke a curse

Q10 **v. consecrate**

- (a) to forgive; to acquit; to release
- (b) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (c) to win the goodwill of; to appease
- (d) to speak evil of; to slander

Q1 **adj. sodden**

- (a) stubbornly rebellious; disobedient
- (b) of the worst or lowest degree
- (c) soggy; dull in action as if from alcohol; wet; lumpy; doughy
- (d) infected with rabies; extreme fanatical

Q2 **adj. striated**

- (a) polytheistic; hedonistic
- (b) clumsy and unattractive; awkward
- (c) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way
- (d) having lines or grooves

Q3 **adj. enigmatic**

- (a) extravagant; ornate; embellished
- (b) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous
- (c) baffling; puzzling; mysterious; ambiguous; unclear
- (d) not genuine; false; bogus; phony; artificial

Q4 **n. quirk**

- (a) person who studies caves
- (b) peculiar behavior; startling twist; strange habit
- (c) inflation; extension; swelling; expanding
- (d) copy; reproduction; replica

Q5 **v. convoke**

- (a) to call to assemble; to summon
- (b) to make more powerful
- (c) to estimate the value of; to appraise; to measure
- (d) to loathe; to hate; to detest

Q6 **adj. noisome**

- (a) harmful; hurtful; noxious
- (b) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (c) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (d) agile; flexible; pliant

Q7 **adj. salubrious**

- (a) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (b) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (c) plausible, but deceptive; apparently, but not actually true; superficially attractive
- (d) promoting good health

Q8 **n. program**

- (a) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee
- (b) theft; stealing; robbery
- (c) allergic reaction; vulnerability
- (d) parts of entertainment; plan for dealing with a matter; coded instructions; schedule; agenda

Q9 **v. aggrandize**

- (a) to work together; to cooperate
- (b) to talk foolishly; to chatter; to gab; to babble
- (c) to make more powerful
- (d) to ask; to seek; to try to influence another person to commit an illegal act

Q10 **n. lament**

- (a) appeal; magnetism; presence; leadership ability
- (b) expression of grief or sorrow; complaint; wailing; mourning
- (c) charity; unselfishness; goodwill toward mankind
- (d) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet

Q1 **adj. lewd**

- (a) dull; greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees; slow to understand or perceive
- (b) dazzling and shining; gleaming; brilliant; dazzling
- (c) lustful; wicked; vulgar; obscene
- (d) perfectly straight down; vertical

Q2 **adj. tortuous**

- (a) terse and full of meaning; concise; succinct
- (b) shiny; clear minded
- (c) whitened by age; old; ancient
- (d) full of twists and turns; not straight forward; possibly deceitful

Q3 **adj. fallacious**

- (a) following as an effect; important; resultant; subsequent
- (b) smaller than average; minute; tiny
- (c) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false
- (d) deserving respect; determinable; calculable

Q4 **adj. immutable**

- (a) honorable; exact; moral; precise; meticulous
- (b) accustomed to pain
- (c) profitable; gainful; comprehensible
- (d) unchangeable; permanent; changeless

Q5 **adj. uniform**

- (a) happening quickly; rushed; headfirst
- (b) never changing; always with the same standard; alike; similar; even
- (c) soggy; dull in action as if from alcohol; wet; lumpy; doughy
- (d) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile

Q6 **adj. deciduous**

- (a) noticeable; prominent; remarkable
- (b) inclined to silence; speaking little; dour; stern
- (c) shedding; temporary; of passing interest
- (d) incompetent; clumsy; unskilled; inappropriate

Q7 **adj. taut**

- (a) open-minded; unbiased; impartial
- (b) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate
- (c) spiteful; vindictive
- (d) stretched tightly; organized; tense; nervous

Q8 **adj. auspicious**

- (a) private; confidential; clandestine; secret
- (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (c) showing little emotion; stupid; impassive
- (d) cutting; sarcastic; incisive; sharp

Q9 **adj. incoherent**

- (a) not submitting to discipline; rebellious; disobedient; unmanageable
- (b) calm; not easily excited; composed
- (c) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (d) illogical; rambling; disjointed; inconsistent

Q10 **adj. dogmatic**

- (a) separate; individual
- (b) unusual; rare; uncommon
- (c) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant
- (d) harsh; hoarse; gruff; noisy; rowdy

Q1 **n. fanatic**

- (a) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase
- (b) enthusiast; extremist; zealot
- (c) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (d) strong dislike or repugnance; aversion

Q2 **n. parsimony**

- (a) eager readiness; speed
- (b) extreme frugality; miserliness; stinginess
- (c) scarcity; fewness
- (d) superabundance

Q3 **n. realm**

- (a) place of judgement; court of justice
- (b) interval; break; separation; interruption; opening
- (c) area; sphere of activity; domain; region
- (d) imaginary land with perfect social and political systems

Q4 **n. effluvium**

- (a) outflow of vapor of invisible particles; noxious odor; exhalation
- (b) slander
- (c) expression of admiration; gift; levy; compliment
- (d) way out; exit; going out

Q5 **n. mentor**

- (a) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (b) solemn moral talk; sermon; exhortation; lesson
- (c) teacher; wise and faithful advisor; spiritual instructor
- (d) written piece of work describing a peaceful rural scene

Q6 **n. palindrome**

- (a) growth by addition; growing together by parts; expansion
- (b) word or phrase which reads the same backwards and forwards
- (c) period of inactivity
- (d) the theory or attitude that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life

Q7 **n. paraphernalia**

- (a) reasoning in order from general to particular
- (b) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (c) equipment; accessories; tools
- (d) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

Q8 **n. homeostasis**

- (a) maintenance of stability
- (b) death; decease; coming to an end
- (c) harness; collar; bond; connection
- (d) supporter; defender

Q9 **n. assay**

- (a) testing the quality of a substance; test; examine; try; attempt
- (b) absolute ruler
- (c) theme; main idea
- (d) withdrawal; economic downturn; decline

Q10 **n. neologism**

- (a) ability to write easily and expressively; articulateness; eloquence
- (b) person who is intelligent; scholar
- (c) trickery; deception; scheming
- (d) giving a new meaning to an old word; new expression

Q1 **v. sunder**

- (a) to shorten; to reduce in length compress; to diminish; to make brief
- (b) to break; to split in two; to divide
- (c) to try to equal or excel; to take after; to imitate; to copy
- (d) to make lower in quality; to degrade; to humiliate; to reduce the value of

Q2 **v. deride**

- (a) to let go; to abandon; to surrender; to forsake
- (b) to laugh at with contempt; to mock; to sneer; to ridicule
- (c) to begin; to admit into a group; to start; to bring about; to commence
- (d) to be stocked to overflowing; to pour out; to empty

Q3 **v. lacerate**

- (a) to flood; to overwhelm with a large amount of
- (b) to tear; mangle; to wound; hurt; to rip
- (c) to take the place of; to usurp
- (d) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose; to frustrate; to foil

Q4 **v. flag**

- (a) to become weak; to send a message; to signal; to lose energy or momentum
- (b) to frustrate the expectations of; to perplex; to confuse
- (c) to regulate; to adjust; to vary the pitch; to control
- (d) to sharpen by rubbing; to stimulate; to awaken

Q5 **v. imprecate**

- (a) to bicker; to criticize; to complain
- (b) to solve
- (c) to pray for evil; to invoke a curse
- (d) to bring into being

Q6 **v. dissent**

- (a) to influence; to persuade; to coax
- (b) to hate; to dislike; to detest
- (c) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (d) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose

Q7 **v. mollify**

- (a) to estimate the value of; to appraise; to measure
- (b) to soften; to make less intense; to pacify
- (c) to drink quickly
- (d) to make valid; to confirm; to approve; to sanction; to authorize

Q8 **v. broach**

- (a) to show sympathy for; to empathize; to feel sorrow for; to pity
- (b) to occupy the whole of; to infiltrate; to spread out; to penetrate
- (c) to search thoroughly; to look for diligently
- (d) to introduce into conversation; to open a subject for discussion

Q9 **v. fulminate**

- (a) to set aside; to designate; to assign
- (b) to blame; to denunciate; to attack strongly; to explode with a loud noise
- (c) to rip or pull from; to split with violence; to disturb with a sharp noise; to tear
- (d) to draw; to take back; to cancel; to annul

Q10 **v. savor**

- (a) to receive pleasure from; to enjoy with appreciation; to dwell on with delight
- (b) to annoy; to irritate
- (c) to become more and more virulent and fixed; to decay
- (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

Q1 **v. warrant**

- (a) to justify; to authorize; to permit; to entitle; to empower; to sanction
- (b) to agree without protest; to accept without question
- (c) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate
- (d) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up

Q2 **adj. grandiose**

- (a) not able to be heard
- (b) living for pleasure
- (c) iridescent
- (d) magnificent; flamboyant; impressive; grand

Q3 **n. diatribe**

- (a) number of people in an organization working for a common cause against the main body; splinter group
- (b) bitter or abusive speech; tirade
- (c) art of taking something for oneself; seizure
- (d) harshness; vulgarity

Q4 **adj. impenitent**

- (a) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (b) without regret, shame, or remorse; unrepentant; hard-hearted; unregretful
- (c) mocking; cynical; crooked; askew
- (d) peevish; cranky; rude

Q5 **adj. impassive**

- (a) capable of being disentangled
- (b) quick; changeable; fickle; mercury
- (c) showing no emotion; stolid; apathetic; calm; relaxed
- (d) concealing; sly; cunning; deceptive; tricky

Q6 **adj. perceptive**

- (a) argumentative; inclined to disputes; fond of debate
- (b) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (c) pure; of high quality
- (d) full of insight; aware; comprehending

Q7 **adj. inarticulate**

- (a) speechless; unable to speak clearly; indistinct; unclear
- (b) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- (c) sticking together; connected; logical; consistent
- (d) contradictory; inconsistent; sarcastic

Q8 **n. respite**

- (a) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (b) rest period; temporary delay
- (c) allergic reaction; vulnerability
- (d) hired soldier; greedy person

Q9 **v. teem**

- (a) to be stocked to overflowing; to pour out; to empty
- (b) to appease; to pacify; to reconcile
- (c) to support; to substantiate; to verify; to record for evidence
- (d) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate

Q10 **v. converge**

- (a) to move toward one point (opposite: diverge); to come together; to meet; to assemble
- (b) to support; to substantiate; to verify; to record for evidence
- (c) to scatter; to separate; to send out
- (d) to babble while speaking

**Q1 adj. obsolete**

- (a) perfectly straight down; vertical
- (b) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated
- (c) productive; fruitful; fertile
- (d) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical

**Q2 adj. nostalgic**

- (a) poor; having no money
- (b) belittling; uncomplimentary; scornful; disparaging
- (c) improper; unfortunate; unexpected
- (d) longing for the past; filled with bittersweet memories

**Q3 adj. adroit**

- (a) expert; skillful
- (b) abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule; professional vocabulary
- (c) below the level of consciousness
- (d) not truthful; dishonest; lying; deceptive

**Q4 adj. parochial**

- (a) evil
- (b) having a sweet sound
- (c) rotten; spoiled; confused
- (d) religious; narrow-minded; provincial

**Q5 adj. tedious**

- (a) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic
- (b) concealing; sly; cunning; deceptive; tricky
- (c) wearisome; tiresome; dreary
- (d) very formal; proper

**Q6 adj. repugnant**

- (a) inconsistent; resistant; contradictory; opposed; averse
- (b) with passionate or intense feelings; fervent; zealous; enthusiastic
- (c) touchable; clear; obvious; substantial; tangible
- (d) native to a particular area; indigenous; local

**Q7 adj. wan**

- (a) lacking color; sickly pale; exhausted
- (b) evil
- (c) inactive; at rest; peaceful; motionless; quiet
- (d) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive

**Q8 adj. anonymous**

- (a) showing decorum, propriety or good taste; correct; tasteful
- (b) nameless; unidentified
- (c) shared or common ownership; public
- (d) obvious; clear; evident

**Q9 adj. ephemeral**

- (a) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory
- (b) pertaining to the earth
- (c) charming; sweetly attractive; handsome
- (d) not easily understood; dark; vague

**Q10 adj. meticulous**

- (a) discolored, as if bruised; extremely angry; furious
- (b) illegible; incomprehensible
- (c) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (d) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details

**Q1 n. insularity**

- (a) form of government in which the supreme power is placed in the hands of a small, exclusive group
- (b) clumsy person
- (c) having the characteristics of an island; narrowness of mind
- (d) widespread condemnation; disgrace or infamy resulting from this; public accusation; defamation

**Q2 n. dither**

- (a) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (b) confused condition; hesitation; vacillation
- (c) very small sum of money; very small creature
- (d) connection; similarity of structure

**Q3 n. covenant**

- (a) basis for an argument; presumption; proposition
- (b) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (c) binding and solemn agreement; contract; treaty
- (d) pure essence of anything; epitome

**Q4 n. fervor**

- (a) passion; intensity of feeling; ardor; eagerness
- (b) being villainous or wicked; evil
- (c) sudden feeling of uneasiness or doubt; regret; sorrow
- (d) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration

**Q5 n. dissonance**

- (a) distance from one side to another; width
- (b) landing on the edge of a river or field
- (c) written piece of work describing a peaceful rural scene
- (d) musical discord; disagreement; lack of harmony; inconsistency

**Q6 n. nefariousness**

- (a) being villainous or wicked; evil
- (b) knowing about something before it happens; foresight
- (c) loud approval; applause; praise
- (d) family relationship; adoption; natural attraction; affinity

**Q7 n. impiety**

- (a) insincere or hypocritical statements of high ideals; jargon of a particular group or occupations
- (b) suggestion; inference; connotation; hint
- (c) skill in a craft; expertise
- (d) irreverence toward God; lack of respect

**Q8 n. epigram**

- (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (b) skill in a craft; expertise
- (c) state of disorder; mess; lack of order
- (d) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase

**Q9 n. epilogue**

- (a) clumsy or dumb person; simpleton
- (b) overindulgence
- (c) lending of money with an excessively high interest rate
- (d) closing section of a play or novel providing further comment; speech delivered to the audience after the end of a play

**Q10 n. levity**

- (a) lack of seriousness; instability; frivolity
- (b) absolute monarchy; government where one person holds power; dictatorship; despotism; totalitarianism
- (c) one's customary frame of mind; disposition; nature; character
- (d) questionable remedy for difficulties; panacea

Q1 **v. flout**

- (a) to become semisolid; to cause to thicken; to clot
- (b) to mock; to jeer; to show disdain for
- (c) to give in; to yield; to collapse; to surrender
- (d) to say again

Q2 **v. precipitate**

- (a) to cause to happen; to hasten; to urge
- (b) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way
- (c) to stop; to check the flow of; to staunch
- (d) to give great praise; to exalt; to laud; to glorify

Q3 **v. enhance**

- (a) to overspread
- (b) to free from obligation; to admit to citizenship; to emancipate; to liberate; to free
- (c) to give shelter; to protect; to hide; to take shelter; to conceal
- (d) to improve; to compliment; to intensify; to increase; to raise the value of

Q4 **v. exhume**

- (a) to put money into a fund at fixed intervals
- (b) to unearth; to reveal
- (c) to blame; to denunciate; to attack strongly; to explode with a loud noise
- (d) to stir action or feeling; to arouse; to induce; to instigate

Q5 **v. augment**

- (a) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (b) to make clear; to explain; to clarify
- (c) to punish; to discipline; to admonish; to criticize harshly
- (d) to read carefully; to study

Q6 **v. surpass**

- (a) to begin; to admit into a group; to start; to bring about; to commence
- (b) to go beyond; to excel; to exceed
- (c) to shorten by cutting; to abridge
- (d) to laugh at with contempt; to mock; to sneer; to ridicule

Q7 **v. initiate**

- (a) to soak; to stain; to permeate; to influence strongly; to inspire
- (b) to soak thoroughly; to drench
- (c) to begin; to admit into a group; to start; to bring about; to commence
- (d) to appease; to pacify; to reconcile

Q8 **v. rant**

- (a) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (b) to be an omen of; to signify; to foretell
- (c) to speak in a loud, pompous manner; to rave
- (d) to justify; to authorize; to permit; to entitle; to empower; to sanction

Q9 **v. fathom**

- (a) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (b) to hinder; to obstruct; to impede
- (c) to transform
- (d) to punish; to discipline; to admonish; to criticize harshly

Q10 **v. disdain**

- (a) to polish by rubbing; to make shiny
- (b) to bring to the proper condition by treatment; to soften; to harden
- (c) to look down upon; to scorn; to contempt
- (d) to refer indirectly to something; to hint

Q1 **n. fledgling**

- (a) something made up in the mind; imaginary story; notion
- (b) inexperienced person; young bird that cannot fly
- (c) being fun; festivity; gaiety
- (d) questionable remedy for difficulties; panacea

Q2 **n. misanthrope**

- (a) parts of entertainment; plan for dealing with a matter; coded instructions; schedule; agenda
- (b) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (c) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- (d) ironic; bitter humor designed to wound

Q3 **adj. inanimate**

- (a) spiritless; not animated; not endowed with life; inert; inactive
- (b) without equal; incomparable; matchless
- (c) regional; unsophisticated; narrow-minded
- (d) sure to happen; unavoidable; certain; inescapable

Q4 **adj. emollient**

- (a) shriveled; withered; shrunken
- (b) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (c) softening or soothing to the skin; having power to soften or relax living tissues
- (d) having a smell which is sweet or spicy; fragrant

Q5 **v. rhapsodize**

- (a) to deny; to refuse to acknowledge; to disclaim; to reject; to repudiate
- (b) to improvise; to make it up as you go along
- (c) to put money into a fund at fixed intervals
- (d) to speak; to write in a very enthusiastic manner

Q6 **adj. shoddy**

- (a) of inferior quality; cheap; fake; phony
- (b) morally lacking in restraint; lascivious
- (c) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (d) full; entire; complete; whole

Q7 **n. fluency**

- (a) doubter
- (b) slander
- (c) ability to write easily and expressively; articulateness; eloquence
- (d) person related through ancestry; relative; kin

Q8 **adj. ecclesiastic**

- (a) something which causes dread or fear; difficult; intimidating; awesome; frightening
- (b) religious; narrow-minded; provincial
- (c) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (d) pertaining or relating to a church

Q9 **v. oust**

- (a) to mix; to massage; to shape; to squeeze
- (b) drive out; to eject; to evict
- (c) to profane; to violate the sanctity of; to pollute; to defile
- (d) to involve a lawsuit; to dispute legally

Q10 **adj. gullible**

- (a) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (b) easily fooled; naive; credulous
- (c) abrupt in manner or speech; curt; rude; unpleasant
- (d) obvious; clear; evident

Q1 **adj. terse**

- (a) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (b) happening quickly; rushed; headfirst
- (c) gaudy; showy; loud; excessively ornamented; bright
- (d) concise; abrupt; succinct; curt

Q2 **adj. choleric**

- (a) having qualities attributed to a woman; delicate; overly feminine
- (b) tightening; stern; severe; harsh; constrictive
- (c) cranky; cantankerous; easily moved to feeling displeasure; irritable
- (d) arrogant; urgent; absolutely necessary

Q3 **adj. decorous**

- (a) showing decorum, propriety or good taste; correct; tasteful
- (b) not on purpose; unintentional; heedless; negligent; accidental
- (c) fearless; bold; courageous; brave
- (d) traveling gently over surface; flickering; fluttering; playful

Q4 **adj. insipid**

- (a) uninteresting; boring flat; dull; bland; lifeless
- (b) plausible, but deceptive; apparently, but not actually true; superficially attractive
- (c) gaudy; showy; loud; excessively ornamented; bright
- (d) roundabout and unnecessarily wordy

Q5 **adj. nefarious**

- (a) tightening; stern; severe; harsh; constrictive
- (b) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way
- (c) morally bad; vile; wicked
- (d) disobedient of authority; noncompliant; unsubmitive

Q6 **adj. privy**

- (a) private; confidential; clandestine; secret
- (b) in few words; brief; condensed; succinct; short yet comprehensive
- (c) spiteful; vindictive
- (d) deprived of; in a sad manner; hurt by someone's death

Q7 **adj. mercurial**

- (a) quick; changeable; fickle; mercury
- (b) regretful; sorrowful; having repentance; remorseful; pertinent
- (c) poor; having no money
- (d) clumsy and unattractive; awkward

Q8 **adj. irreparable**

- (a) the clear blue color of the sky
- (b) having a pleasant taste; flavorful
- (c) that which cannot be repaired or regained; uncorrectable; irreversible; irremediable
- (d) regretful; sorrowful; having repentance; remorseful; pertinent

Q9 **adj. expedient**

- (a) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile
- (b) generally occurring; predominant; widespread
- (c) giddiness; lack of seriousness; silliness; flippancy
- (d) inadequate; sparse; meager; deficient

Q10 **adj. noxious**

- (a) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional
- (b) prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom
- (c) harmful to one's health
- (d) easily imposed; inclined; prone; vulnerable

Q1 **n. parody**

- (a) something used to sharpen; whetstone
- (b) place of judgement; court of justice
- (c) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor
- (d) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation

Q2 **n. eminence**

- (a) noisy commotion; disturbance; confusion; riot
- (b) disease affecting animals
- (c) one's customary frame of mind; disposition; nature; character
- (d) lofty place; superiority; height; elevated rank

Q3 **n. charlatan**

- (a) person who pretends to have knowledge; impostor; fake; quack; fraud
- (b) person who helps others; donor; patron; sponsor
- (c) expression of admiration; gift; levy; compliment
- (d) lack of facial color; wanness; paleness

Q4 **n. tycoon**

- (a) wealthy leader
- (b) withdrawal; economic downturn; decline
- (c) inexperienced person; young bird that cannot fly
- (d) hired soldier; greedy person

Q5 **n. skeptic**

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| (a) disease affecting animals        | (b) doubter                  |
| (c) objection; misgiving; hesitation | (d) person who studies caves |

Q6 **n. incompetence**

- (a) appearance of a supernatural being; sudden idea or thought
- (b) decline in morals or art; decay; deterioration; falling into corruption
- (c) failing to meet necessary requirements; lack of ability; inadequacy
- (d) dictator; tyrant; despot

Q7 **n. altruism**

- (a) apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally
- (b) unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; philanthropy
- (c) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubblyness; gaiety
- (d) irreverence toward God; lack of respect

Q8 **n. mandate**

- (a) gentle wind; breeze; lightweight fabric
- (b) order; charge; authorization; command
- (c) imprisonment; the use of threats; pressure; coercion; intimidation
- (d) large tent or covered area, usually used for entertainment; booth

Q9 **n. duress**

- (a) very small piece; particle; tiny amount
- (b) large group or crowd
- (c) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (d) imprisonment; the use of threats; pressure; coercion; intimidation

Q10 **n. surmise**

- (a) dishonest act; deception; fraud; villainy
- (b) fortress set up high to defend a city; stronghold
- (c) any mysterious change of substance or nature
- (d) guess; assumption; supposition

Q1 **v. rout**

- (a) to shorten by cutting; to abridge
- (b) to stop; to cease
- (c) to dig up; to force out; to defeat; to drive away
- (d) to improve; to compliment; to intensify; to increase; to raise the value of

Q2 **v. provoke**

- (a) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (b) to stir action or feeling; to arouse; to induce; to instigate
- (c) to spend time aimlessly; to idle
- (d) to think or speak meditatively; to ponder; to meditate

Q3 **v. skulk**

- (a) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (b) to dominate; to enslave; to conquer
- (c) to avoid; to ward off; to repulse; to turn away; to evade
- (d) to move secretly; to sneak about

Q4 **v. saturate**

- (a) to soak thoroughly; to drench
- (b) to hold back; to hinder; to burden; load down; to impede
- (c) to make a gleeful, chuckling sound; to laugh loudly
- (d) to dig up; to force out; to defeat; to drive away

Q5 **v. inculcate**

- (a) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (b) to impress upon the mind, as by insistent urging; to influence
- (c) to ask earnestly; to entreat; to plead; to beg
- (d) to oppose; to contradict; to infringe; to violate; to transgress

Q6 **v. preclude**

- (a) to say again
- (b) to soften; to make less intense; to pacify
- (c) to put money into a fund at fixed intervals
- (d) to inhibit; to make impossible; to prevent; to eliminate; to remove

Q7 **v. coagulate**

- (a) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise
- (b) to mock; to jeer; to show disdain for
- (c) to become semisolid; to cause to thicken; to clot
- (d) to pull; to force away by a violent twisting; to kink

Q8 **v. emanate**

- (a) to emit; to flow out from; to emerge; to issue
- (b) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose; to frustrate; to foil
- (c) to banish; to put to a lower position; to demote
- (d) to move toward one point (opposite: diverge); to come together; to meet; to assemble

Q9 **v. digress**

- (a) to bring to an end; to hold back; to stop by force; to crush
- (b) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (c) to gather up and store; to collect; to accumulate; to store
- (d) to stray from the subject; to wander from topic; to deviate from the main point

Q10 **v. alleviate**

- (a) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (b) to lessen; to make easier; to allay; to soothe; to relieve
- (c) to brag; to glory over; to feel triumphant; to exult
- (d) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge

**Q1 n. chimera**

- (a) impossible fancy; wild illusion
- (b) habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses
- (c) unrest; agitation; commotion; tumult; uproar
- (d) parliamentary procedure to end debate and begin to vote; closure

**Q2 adj. ligneous**

- (a) having the composition of wood; woody
- (b) lacking color; sickly pale; exhausted
- (c) loyal; consistent; persistent
- (d) no longer living or existing; extinct; dead

**Q3 v. allure**

- (a) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (b) to act indecisively; to tremble; to vacillate
- (c) to erase; to make inconspicuous; to destroy; to wipe out
- (d) to receive pleasure from; to enjoy with appreciation; to dwell on with delight

**Q4 v. disperse**

- (a) to speak evil of; to slander
- (b) to scatter; to separate; to send out
- (c) to guess; to presume; to assume; to think; to suppose
- (d) to wilt; to shrivel; to humiliate; to cut down; to degenerate; to fade

**Q5 n. perdition**

- (a) boisterous laughter
- (b) fear of foreigners or strangers
- (c) ruination; purgatory; destruction; hell
- (d) something that can be relied on

**Q6 adj. benevolent**

- (a) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (b) the clear blue color of the sky
- (c) kind; generous
- (d) trifling; futile; insignificant; void; invalid

**Q7 adj. rapacious**

- (a) beginner
- (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (c) simple; plain; modest
- (d) using force to take; selfish; greedy; predatory; covetous

**Q8 v. abridge**

- (a) to combine; to join; to confederate; to merge; to unite
- (b) to improve; to compliment; to intensify; to increase; to raise the value of
- (c) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle
- (d) to shorten; to limit; to condense

**Q9 adj. tepid**

- (a) that which cannot be repaired or regained; uncorrectable; irreversible; irremediable
- (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (c) lacking warmth or interest; lukewarm
- (d) being dormant; slow; sluggish; inert; apathetic

**Q10 adv. awry**

- (a) wrong; askew
- (b) sloppy; untidy; careless; unclean
- (c) a sideways glance of disapproval
- (d) in a defective manner

Q1 **adj. intangible**

- (a) incapable of being touched; immaterial; hard to grasp; insubstantial; difficult to perceive
- (b) based on one's preference or judgment; unrestricted
- (c) very talkative; garrulous; wordy
- (d) unusual; rare; uncommon

Q2 **adj. jocund**

- (a) vulgar; joking; mocking; offensive; crude
- (b) happy; cheerful; gay; jolly; mirthful
- (c) commonplace; trite; banal; unoriginal
- (d) having a smell of decay; malodorous; smelly; stinky

Q3 **adj. occult**

- (a) hidden; beyond human understanding; mystical; supernatural; secret
- (b) dark and depressing; gloomy; glum; mournful; sad
- (c) filled with love and desire; charmed; delighted
- (d) out of the way; remaining quietly in the background; inconspicuous

Q4 **adj. impromptu**

- (a) without preparation; spontaneous
- (b) basic; necessary; essential; elemental
- (c) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (d) flamboyant; flowery; showy

Q5 **adj. ribald**

- (a) vulgar; joking; mocking; offensive; crude
- (b) having to do with conversation; informal speech
- (c) making things worse; villifying; depreciatory
- (d) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady

Q6 **adj. jeering**

- (a) morally bad; vile; wicked
- (b) new; strange
- (c) disrespectful and shameless; insolent; cheeky
- (d) abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule; professional vocabulary

Q7 **v. stanch**

- (a) to profane; to violate the sanctity of; to pollute; to defile
- (b) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (c) to consider carefully; to think through; to ponder; to chew cud
- (d) to stop; to check the flow of; to staunch

Q8 **adj. scrupulous**

- (a) having a stern look; having strict self-discipline; rigid; ascetic; modest
- (b) honorable; exact; moral; precise; meticulous
- (c) wishing evil; malicious (opposite: benevolent)
- (d) colored; blotched together; spotted

Q9 **adj. authentic**

- (a) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable
- (b) inactive; changeless; stationary; motionless
- (c) inadequate; sparse; meager; deficient
- (d) winding; wandering aimlessly

Q10 **adj. contemporary**

- (a) living or happening at the same time; modern; current
- (b) acting as a dictator; demanding obedience
- (c) the clear blue color of the sky
- (d) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent

**Q1 n. cessation**

- (a) act of clarifying; adding details; act of improving; careful planning
- (b) art of taking something for oneself; seizure
- (c) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (d) ceasing; stopping

**Q2 n. consternation**

- (a) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm
- (b) shrillness or harshness of sound
- (c) connection; similarity of structure
- (d) person who holds opinion contrary to that which is generally accepted

**Q3 n. aspersion**

- (a) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (b) rude person
- (c) slanderous statement; damaging or derogatory criticism; false rumor
- (d) feeling of hatred or ill will; resentment

**Q4 n. fetish**

- (a) charity; unselfishness; goodwill toward mankind
- (b) testing the quality of a substance; test; examine; try; attempt
- (c) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object
- (d) goal; purpose; target; aim

**Q5 n. ebullience**

- (a) quitting; submission; abdication
- (b) division in an organized group; separation into opposing parties
- (c) overflowing of high spirits; effervescence; exuberance; excitement
- (d) words of praise, especially for the dead

**Q6 n. levee**

- (a) travel plan; schedule; course; record of a journey
- (b) landing on the edge of a river or field
- (c) childish babble; chatter
- (d) division into two parts or kinds

**Q7 n. clemency**

- (a) very small piece; particle; tiny amount
- (b) substitution of a milder or socially acceptable word or phrase
- (c) mercy toward an offender; mildness; mercy; grace
- (d) harsh, inharmonious collection of sounds; dissonance

**Q8 n. surfeit**

- (a) overindulgence
- (b) showy yet useless thing
- (c) peculiar behavior; startling twist; strange habit
- (d) lack of facial color; wanness; paleness

**Q9 n. rout**

- (a) slyness; deceit; fraud; cunning; trickery
- (b) noisy or disorderly crowd; retreat; terrible defeat
- (c) plant which blooms every two years; event which occurs every two years
- (d) equipment; accessories; tools

**Q10 n. delusion**

- (a) coward; abject person
- (b) false belief or opinion; illusion
- (c) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying
- (d) lack of seriousness; instability; frivolity

**Q1 v. rampart**

- (a) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish
- (b) to scold; to reprove; to reproach; to criticize; to rebuke
- (c) to ignite; to arouse; to inspire; to excite
- (d) to defend; to shield

**Q2 v. confound**

- (a) to claim or demand without right
- (b) to lump together, causing confusion; to damn; to amaze; to stun; to confuse
- (c) to form an opinion; to conclude; to surmise; to derive
- (d) to take place; to come about; to occur

**Q3 v. portend**

- (a) to mourn; to grieve; to regret
- (b) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (c) to be an omen of; to signify; to foretell
- (d) to become more and more virulent and fixed; to decay

**Q4 v. slander**

- (a) to defame; to misrepresent maliciously; to vilify; to malign
- (b) to take the place of; to usurp
- (c) to cancel; to invalidate; to annul
- (d) to involve a lawsuit; to dispute legally

**Q5 v. traduce**

- (a) to push into action; to urge; to tease; to drive
- (b) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (c) to defame; to slander
- (d) to condemn; to reject; to denounce

**Q6 v. kindle**

- (a) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture
- (b) to examine and delete objectionable material
- (c) to condemn; to reject; to denounce
- (d) to ignite; to arouse; to inspire; to excite

**Q7 v. diversify**

- (a) to cause to happen; to hasten; to urge
- (b) to justify; to authorize; to permit; to entitle; to empower; to sanction
- (c) to offer reasons for; to account for on rational grounds
- (d) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products

**Q8 v. desecrate**

- (a) to bring to the proper condition by treatment; to soften; to harden
- (b) to attempt to disprove or invalidate; to challenge; to appeal; to fight for
- (c) to speak; to write in a very enthusiastic manner
- (d) to profane; to violate the sanctity of; to pollute; to defile

**Q9 v. placate**

- (a) to appease; to pacify; to reconcile
- (b) to deny; to refuse to acknowledge; to disclaim; to reject; to repudiate
- (c) to be abusive in speech; to disparage; to deride
- (d) to rapidly speak unintelligibly; to mumble; to stutter; to chatter

**Q10 v. prate**

- (a) to make a gleeful, chuckling sound; to laugh loudly
- (b) to disparage; to depreciate; to scorn; to criticize
- (c) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up
- (d) to talking foolishly; to chatter; to gab; to babble

Q1 **adj. thrifty**

- (a) tranquil; happy; calm; peaceful  
 (b) frugal; careful with money; economizing  
 (c) arrogant; urgent; absolutely necessary  
 (d) simple; plain; modest

Q2 **adj. scanty**

- (a) unlucky; unfortunate; ill-fated  
 (b) astonished; amazed; horrified; terrified; appalled  
 (c) unimportant; of subordinate standing; small; insignificant  
 (d) inadequate; sparse; meager; deficient

Q3 **n. anecdote**

- (a) feeling of embarrassment due to failure or disappointment; humiliation  
 (b) parliamentary procedure to end debate and begin to vote; closure  
 (c) rude person  
 (d) short and amusing account of happenings

Q4 **adj. disinterested**

- (a) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted  
 (b) stubborn; obstinate; not easily taught or disciplined; inflexible  
 (c) neutral; unbiased; impartial; indifferent  
 (d) spiteful; vindictive

Q5 **n. savant**

- (a) person who is intelligent; scholar  
 (b) depression; gloom; sadness  
 (c) act of holding together; union  
 (d) expression of grief or sorrow; complaint; wailing; mourning

Q6 **n. avarice**

- (a) lofty place; superiority; height; elevated rank  
 (b) relatives and acquaintances; family members  
 (c) growth by addition; growing together by parts; expansion  
 (d) inordinate desire for gaining and possessing wealth; greed

Q7 **v. assess**

- (a) to dominate; to enslave; to conquer  
 (b) to scold; to reprove; to reproach; to criticize; to rebuke  
 (c) to estimate the value of; to appraise; to measure  
 (d) to walk at a leisurely pace; to stroll; to meander

Q8 **adj. furtive**

- (a) pure; of high quality  
 (b) incompetent; clumsy; unskilled; inappropriate  
 (c) secretive; sly; shifty; stealthy; surreptitious  
 (d) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual

Q9 **n. curb**

- (a) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk  
 (b) reverse action; law which takes effect on a past date  
 (c) peace; stillness; harmony; calmness  
 (d) aid; assistance; help

Q10 **adj. scurrilous**

- (a) friendly; genial; pleasant  
 (b) buried; concealed; undisclosed; hidden  
 (c) illogical; rambling; disjointed; inconsistent  
 (d) vulgar; crude; obscene

Q1 **adj. workaday**

- (a) idealistic; impractical; not amorous not sensual
- (b) worthless; unprofitable; unproductive; fruitless; unsuccessful
- (c) commonplace; routine; regular; daily
- (d) cowardly; fearful

Q2 **adj. limber**

- (a) skilled; practiced; proficient
- (b) agile; flexible; pliant
- (c) contributing to life; amiable; sociable; merry; friendly
- (d) prudent; economical; careful; frugal

Q3 **adj. exigent**

- (a) without regret, shame, or remorse; unrepentant; hard-hearted; unregretful
- (b) situation calling for immediate attention; needing more than is reasonable; pressing; urgent
- (c) thorough; careful; precise; meticulous; diligent
- (d) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

Q4 **adj. terrestrial**

- (a) pertaining to the earth
- (b) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (c) existing independently of others; a large quantity
- (d) deeply rooted; ingrained; firmly established

Q5 **adj. extricable**

- (a) capable of being disentangled
- (b) to be left alone or made lonely; miserable; to neglected; abandoned
- (c) unnecessary; extra; redundant
- (d) vulgar; joking; mocking; offensive; crude

Q6 **adj. languid**

- (a) not truthful; dishonest; lying; deceptive
- (b) awkward; lacking social grace; crude; tactless; clumsy
- (c) lacking vitality; indifferent; apathetic; sluggish
- (d) sticking together; connected; logical; consistent

Q7 **adj. haughty**

- (a) accustomed to pain
- (b) inconsistent; resistant; contradictory; opposed; averse
- (c) various; miscellaneous; separate; distinct
- (d) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful

Q8 **adj. trenchant**

- (a) cutting; keen or incisive words; incisive; forceful
- (b) royal; grand; majestic
- (c) irrelevant; not related; not essential
- (d) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant

Q9 **adj. compliant**

- (a) primitive; pure; uncorrupted; unpolluted
- (b) traveling gently over surface; flickering; fluttering; playful
- (c) complying; obeying; yielding; acquiescent
- (d) very formal; proper

Q10 **adj. susceptible**

- (a) on the surface; narrow minded; lacking depth
- (b) easily imposed; inclined; prone; vulnerable
- (c) uncultured; crude; clumsy
- (d) something inevitable; inescapable

Q1 **n. prescience**

- (a) friendly relations; friendship
- (b) disinclination to action or labor; laziness
- (c) refutation; opposition; contradiction
- (d) knowing about something before it happens; foresight

Q2 **n. schism**

- (a) division in an organized group; separation into opposing parties
- (b) family relationship; adoption; natural attraction; affinity
- (c) very hard work; intense pain or agony; toil
- (d) closeness in time or place; closeness of relationship; resemblance

Q3 **n. abeyance**

- (a) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (b) clumsy or dumb person; simpleton
- (c) state of temporary suspension; inactivity
- (d) stunned or bewildered condition; apathy; shock; daze

Q4 **n. derision**

- (a) having the characteristics of an island; narrowness of mind
- (b) indirect reference (often literary); hint
- (c) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (d) act of mocking; ridicule; mockery; scorn

Q5 **n. solemnity**

- (a) copy; representation; reproduction; duplicate
- (b) extra payment; tip; side income
- (c) praise in excess
- (d) gravity; sincerity

Q6 **n. throe**

- (a) spasm; pang; agony; suffering
- (b) showy yet useless thing
- (c) very hard work; intense pain or agony; toil
- (d) closing section of a play or novel providing further comment; speech delivered to the audience after the end of a play

Q7 **adj. salient**

- (a) noticeable; prominent; remarkable
- (b) not yet fully formed; rudimentary; unorganized; incomplete
- (c) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (d) puzzling; hard to explain

Q8 **n. larceny**

- (a) theft; stealing; robbery
- (b) belief; faith; fidelity
- (c) short and amusing account of happenings
- (d) great wastefulness; large abundance of; excess; squandering; lavishness

Q9 **n. implement**

- (a) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (b) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (c) something used in a given activity; piece of equipment
- (d) vileness; wickedness

Q10 **n. bombast**

- (a) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches
- (b) poverty
- (c) relatives and acquaintances; family members
- (d) danger; peril; hazard

Q1 **v. arrogate**

- (a) to claim or demand without right
- (b) to denounce or condemn openly
- (c) to refer indirectly to something; to hint
- (d) to prevent; to discourage; to hinder

Q2 **v. suppress**

- (a) to prosper; to reproduce quickly; to multiply rapidly
- (b) to agree without protest; to accept without question
- (c) to bring to an end; to hold back; to stop by force; to crush
- (d) to falsely; identify as real; to defraud

Q3 **v. deliquesce**

- (a) to stray from the subject; to wander from topic; to deviate from the main point
- (b) to dissolve; to become liquid; to melt
- (c) to characterize; to make as disgraceful
- (d) to impress upon the mind, as by insistent urging; to influence

Q4 **v. sojourn**

- (a) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance
- (b) to let go; to abandon; to surrender; to forsake
- (c) to stay temporarily
- (d) to banish; to put to a lower position; to demote

Q5 **v. surmise**

- (a) to degrade; to humiliate; to disgrace
- (b) to guess; to presume; to assume; to think; to suppose
- (c) to portray; describe; to characterize; to draw
- (d) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon

Q6 **v. refute**

- (a) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (b) to talking foolishly; to chatter; to gab; to babble
- (c) to secure; to hold firmly, as in eyes; to engross; to fascinate
- (d) to soften; to make less intense; to pacify

Q7 **v. abrogate**

- (a) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish
- (b) to shorten; to limit; to condense
- (c) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (d) to collect together; to accumulate; to gather

Q8 **v. abominate**

- (a) to raid for spoils; to plunder; to invade; to attack
- (b) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products
- (c) to loathe; to hate; to detest
- (d) to leave behind; to give something up

Q9 **v. deplete**

- (a) to circulate; to scatter; to disperse; to spread; to distribute
- (b) to wilt; to shrivel; to humiliate; to cut down; to degenerate; to fade
- (c) to reduce; to empty; to exhaust; to consume; to use up
- (d) to look down upon; to scorn; to contempt

Q10 **v. obtrude**

- (a) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (b) act of investing into an enterprise; act of boarding a boat
- (c) to work together; to cooperate
- (d) to wince; to drawback; to retreat; to recoil; to shrink

Q1 **v. parse**

- (a) to shorten by cutting; to abridge
- (b) to hasten the action of; to speed up; to accelerate; to facilitate; to dispatch
- (c) to separate (a sentence or word) into parts and describe the function of each
- (d) to ask for; to call upon; to request help

Q2 **v. ferret**

- (a) to condescend; to stoop; to lower oneself
- (b) to force out of hiding; to search for; to discover; to investigate; to worry
- (c) to carry into effect; to execute; to perform; to equip with tools
- (d) to mix; to massage; to shape; to squeeze

Q3 **adj. desolate**

- (a) not voiced or expressed; communicated wordlessly
- (b) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane
- (c) forgiving; unselfish
- (d) to be left alone or made lonely; miserable; to neglected; abandoned

Q4 **v. rationalize**

- (a) to feel love for; to care for; to treasure
- (b) to offer reasons for; to account for on rational grounds
- (c) to belittle; undervalue; to discredit; to depreciate
- (d) to wrap around something; to envelop; to enclose

Q5 **n. abnegation**

- (a) connection; joint; link
- (b) denial
- (c) ungratefulness; thanklessness
- (d) attempt to make friendly or placate; appeasement; compromise

Q6 **v. imbue**

- (a) to soak; to stain; to permeate; to influence strongly; to inspire
- (b) to give encouragement; to authorize; to endorse; to approve; to ratify
- (c) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (d) to gradually become less; to grow dim; to decline; to subside; to diminish

Q7 **adj. peremptory**

- (a) cultured; suave; courteous; polite
- (b) worthless; unprofitable; unproductive; fruitless; unsuccessful
- (c) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive
- (d) shared or common ownership; public

Q8 **adj. burly**

- (a) miserable; unhappy; causing distress; pitiable; vile
- (b) deserving blame; guilty
- (c) strong; bulky; stocky; sturdy
- (d) polytheistic; hedonistic

Q9 **adj. profound**

- (a) deep; knowledgeable; thorough; intense; serious
- (b) probable; feasible; logical; conceivable
- (c) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (d) wicked; unjust

Q10 **n. anachronism**

- (a) secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
- (b) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date
- (c) industriousness; hard work; perseverance
- (d) image or likeness of a person; sculpted likeness

Q1 **adj. beholden**

- (a) indebted to; obligated
- (b) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (c) lazy; sluggish; slow
- (d) thorough; careful; precise; meticulous; diligent

Q2 **adj. arrogant**

- (a) incapable of being touched; immaterial; hard to grasp; insubstantial; difficult to perceive
- (b) acting superior to others; conceited; proud
- (c) describing knowledge which resides in people's heads and is not easily written down
- (d) unreformable; unchangeable; uncontrollable

Q3 **adj. aberrant**

- (a) having separations; far off; reserved; unfriendly; remote; aloof
- (b) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (c) having to do with verbal communication; artificial eloquence; bombastic
- (d) abnormal; straying from the normal or usual path; irregular

Q4 **adj. abstruse**

- (a) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (b) quick; changeable; fickle; mercury
- (c) hard to understand; deep; recondite; ambiguous; obscure
- (d) happy; cheerful; gay; jolly; mirthful

Q5 **adj. splenetic**

- (a) pleasing to hear
- (b) frenzied; wild; crazy
- (c) marked by hostility; spiteful; irritable; malicious
- (d) excessively fond of; adoring

Q6 **adj. wizened**

- (a) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful
- (b) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned
- (c) in few words; brief; condensed; succinct; short yet comprehensive
- (d) shriveled; withered; shrunken

Q7 **adj. effeminate**

- (a) having qualities attributed to a woman; delicate; overly feminine
- (b) disagreeing; disharmonious; unsuitable; irreconcilable
- (c) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (d) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing unsound; false

Q8 **adj. sectarian**

- (a) showing disrespect or scorn for; contemptible; ridiculous; contemptuous
- (b) moving slowly; lazy; sluggish
- (c) to be narrow minded or limited
- (d) fearless; bold; impudent

Q9 **adj. whimsical**

- (a) stubborn; obstinate; not easily taught or disciplined; inflexible
- (b) disagreeing; disharmonious; unsuitable; irreconcilable
- (c) promoting good health
- (d) fanciful; amusing; capricious

Q10 **adj. lax**

- (a) promoting good health
- (b) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable
- (c) careless; irresponsible; permissive; slack; lenient
- (d) natural; inborn; inherent

Q1 **n. opulence**

- (a) wealth; fortune; abundance
- (b) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration
- (c) clause stating a condition or stipulation; restriction
- (d) believing in personal freedom (favoring reform or progress)

Q2 **n. pariah**

- (a) order; charge; authorization; command
- (b) quality of remaining calm and undisturbed; composure; emotional stability
- (c) outcast; person who is rejected
- (d) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical

Q3 **n. cloture**

- (a) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (b) raised platform at one end of a room; stage
- (c) old saying now accepted as being truthful; proverb
- (d) parliamentary procedure to end debate and begin to vote; closure

Q4 **n. umbrage**

- (a) flatterer
- (b) honor; respect; esteem; appreciation
- (c) offense; resentment; shade
- (d) number of people in an organization working for a common cause against the main body; splinter group

Q5 **n. dichotomy**

- (a) supporter; defender
- (b) division into two parts or kinds
- (c) irreverence toward God; lack of respect
- (d) noise which is loud and continuous; ruckus; loud racket

Q6 **n. confluence**

- (a) thing which is joined together; assemblage
- (b) imaginary land with perfect social and political systems
- (c) extra payment; tip; side income
- (d) wall for protection; low wall or railing

Q7 **n. serendipity**

- (a) confused condition; hesitation; vacillation
- (b) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (c) place of safety or shelter; port; refuge; haven
- (d) apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally

Q8 **n. cacophony**

- (a) person who believes that others are motivated entirely by selfishness; pessimist
- (b) harsh, inharmonious collection of sounds; dissonance
- (c) belief; faith; fidelity
- (d) something made up in the mind; imaginary story; notion

Q9 **n. nexus**

- (a) puzzle; riddle; problem
- (b) connection; joint; link
- (c) person who possesses special or secret knowledge
- (d) withdrawal; economic downturn; decline

Q10 **n. discord**

- (a) small, weasel-like mammal
- (b) disagreement; lack of harmony
- (c) equipment; accessories; tools
- (d) firm courage; strength; bravery; courage; endurance

Q1 **v. supplant**

- (a) to take the place of; to usurp
- (b) to search thoroughly; to look for diligently
- (c) to banish; to put to a lower position; to demote
- (d) to stop; to cease

Q2 **v. batten**

- (a) to receive pleasure from; to enjoy with appreciation; to dwell on with delight
- (b) to behave in a certain manner
- (c) to thin out; to weaken in intensity; to decrease
- (d) to gain

Q3 **v. oscillate**

- (a) to improve; to compliment; to intensify; to increase; to raise the value of
- (b) to mix; to merge; to combine; to unite
- (c) to move back and forth; to have a wavering opinion; to vacillate
- (d) to grow or develop quickly; to blossom; to expand

Q4 **v. allocate**

- (a) to lump together, causing confusion; to damn; to amaze; to stun; to confuse
- (b) to call forth; to provoke; to arouse; to summon; to bring out
- (c) to set aside; to designate; to assign
- (d) to rip or pull from; to split with violence; to disturb with a sharp noise; to tear

Q5 **v. acquiesce**

- (a) to spend time aimlessly; to idle
- (b) to move suddenly
- (c) to agree without protest; to accept without question
- (d) to insure against; to pay for loss or damage; to reimburse; to compensate

Q6 **v. belittle**

- (a) to disparage; to depreciate; to scorn; to criticize
- (b) to put to death; to kill; to carry out; to fulfill
- (c) to scrape or shave off; to obliterate; to tear down completely; to demolish
- (d) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate

Q7 **v. expunge**

- (a) to blot out; to delete; to obliterate; to erase; to strike out
- (b) to give encouragement; to authorize; to endorse; to approve; to ratify
- (c) to crown; to ordain
- (d) to disown; to deny support for; to reject; to cancel; to refuse

Q8 **v. surfeit**

- (a) to lessen; to make easier; to allay; to soothe; to relieve
- (b) to indulge excessively; to gorge
- (c) to move back and forth; to have a wavering opinion; to vacillate
- (d) to excite; to agitate; to inflame

Q9 **v. plumb**

- (a) to disparage; to depreciate; to scorn; to criticize
- (b) to solve
- (c) to damage; to spoil; to deface
- (d) to emit; to flow out from; to emerge; to issue

Q10 **v. nettle**

- (a) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise
- (b) to unearth; to reveal
- (c) to pull; to force away by a violent twisting; to kink
- (d) to annoy; to irritate

Q1 **n. peccadillo**

- (a) complete range; any complete musical scale; entire extent of anything
- (b) deception
- (c) slight fault or offense; minor sin
- (d) omen; foreshadowing characteristic; portent

Q2 **adj. urbane**

- (a) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated
- (b) honorable; exact; moral; precise; meticulous
- (c) cultured; suave; courteous; polite
- (d) full of twists and turns; not straight forward; possibly deceitful

Q3 **n. subtlety**

- (a) proposal; promise; determination; decision
- (b) propensity of understatement; so slight as to be barely noticeable; elusiveness
- (c) resentment at being slighted; irritation; grudge
- (d) boisterous laughter

Q4 **v. mar**

- (a) to condescend; to stoop; to lower oneself
- (b) to loathe; to hate; to detest
- (c) to become weak; to send a message; to signal; to lose energy or momentum
- (d) to damage; to spoil; to deface

Q5 **adj. lambent**

- (a) untamed; having a worn look; tired; gaunt
- (b) having a sweet sound
- (c) traveling gently over surface; flickering; fluttering; playful
- (d) stubbornly rebellious; disobedient

Q6 **adj. circumspect**

- (a) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (b) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (c) drinkable
- (d) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy

Q7 **v. transpire**

- (a) to take place; to come about; to occur
- (b) to blot out; to delete; to obliterate; to erase; to strike out
- (c) to solve
- (d) to indulge excessively; to gorge

Q8 **adj. bilateral**

- (a) extravagant; ornate; embellished
- (b) pertaining to or affecting both sides or two sides; having two sides; reciprocal
- (c) causing a violent injury
- (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

Q9 **adj. fulsome**

- (a) having proportionate and orderly parts; tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement
- (b) prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom
- (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (d) happening quickly; rushed; headfirst

Q10 **adj. soporific**

- (a) unmanageable; unjustifiably malicious; immoral
- (b) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (c) shared or common ownership; public
- (d) bright; radiant; shining; splendid; shiny

Q1 **adj. ingenious**

- (a) unyielding; uncompromising
- (b) nameless; unidentified
- (c) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (d) uninteresting; boring flat; dull; bland; lifeless

Q2 **adj. garrulous**

- (a) assumed; uncertain; conjectural; supposed; theoretical
- (b) extremely talkative or wordy; loquacious; chatty
- (c) cunning; sly; crafty; clever; keen
- (d) forgiving; unselfish

Q3 **adj. exorbitant**

- (a) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane
- (b) going beyond what is reasonable; excessive; expensive; disproportionate
- (c) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (d) secretive; sly; shifty; stealthy; surreptitious

Q4 **adj. slothful**

- (a) lazy; sluggish; slow
- (b) touching; adjacent; successive; bordering
- (c) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (d) shedding; temporary; of passing interest

Q5 **adj. froward**

- (a) pertaining or relating to a church
- (b) not willing to yield or comply with what is reasonable; stubborn; contrary
- (c) dangerous; harmful; destructive; malignant
- (d) tiresome; ordinary; common; tedious; regular; dull

Q6 **adj. astute**

- (a) noticeable; prominent; remarkable
- (b) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (c) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- (d) cunning; sly; crafty; clever; keen

Q7 **adj. obtuse**

- (a) irrelevant; not related; not essential
- (b) dull; greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees; slow to understand or perceive
- (c) that which cannot be repaired or regained; uncorrectable; irreversible; irremediable
- (d) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft

Q8 **adj. provincial**

- (a) regional; unsophisticated; narrow-minded
- (b) going beyond what is reasonable; excessive; expensive; disproportionate
- (c) effortlessly gracious; courteous; smooth; sophisticated
- (d) fearless; bold; impudent

Q9 **adj. ambiguous**

- (a) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (b) full; entire; complete; whole
- (c) calm; not easily excited; composed
- (d) vulgar; crude; obscene

Q10 **adj. impudent**

- (a) disrespectful and shameless; insolent; cheeky
- (b) submissive; unassertive; compliant; indifferent
- (c) noticeable; prominent; remarkable
- (d) discouraged; dispirited; depressed

Q1 **n. phobia**

- (a) morbid fear
- (b) vileness; wickedness
- (c) libel; slander; calumny
- (d) clause stating a condition or stipulation; restriction

Q2 **n. temperament**

- (a) positive change
- (b) high praise; commendation
- (c) insincere or hypocritical statements of high ideals; jargon of a particular group or occupations
- (d) one's customary frame of mind; disposition; nature; character

Q3 **n. prattle**

- (a) beverage that is drinkable
- (b) childish babble; chatter
- (c) spasm; pang; agony; suffering
- (d) legend; long story of adventure or heroic deed

Q4 **n. autocrat**

- (a) state of being at rest or without motion; restfulness; calmness
- (b) range or limit of one's abilities; rope or chain used to keep a boat from drifting or an animal from wandering
- (c) hostility; opposition; conflict
- (d) absolute ruler

Q5 **n. melancholy**

- (a) depression; gloom; sadness
- (b) large group or crowd
- (c) bad reputation
- (d) overbearing pride or presumption; egotism; arrogance

Q6 **n. kinship**

- (a) family relationship; adoption; natural attraction; affinity
- (b) form of government in which the supreme power is placed in the hands of a small, exclusive group
- (c) briefness; shortness; conciseness
- (d) supporter; follower; guerrilla fighter

Q7 **n. ferret**

- (a) inexperienced person; young bird that cannot fly
- (b) gesture of respect or reverence; reverent behavior
- (c) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough
- (d) small, weasel-like mammal

Q8 **n. homage**

- (a) verse characterized by forced rhyme and meter; poorly written poetry
- (b) honor; respect; esteem; appreciation
- (c) strong dislike or repugnance; aversion
- (d) original pattern or model

Q9 **n. precept**

- (a) rule or direction of moral conduct; order; command; directive
- (b) indulgence in one's appetites
- (c) mystery; secret; perplexity; puzzle; riddle
- (d) verse characterized by forced rhyme and meter; poorly written poetry

Q10 **n. gravity**

- (a) seriousness; severity
- (b) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk
- (c) teacher; wise and faithful advisor; spiritual instructor
- (d) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee

Q1 **v. cascade**

- (a) to hypnotize; to fascinate; to induce
- (b) to rush; to fall; to flow
- (c) to erase; to make inconspicuous; to destroy; to wipe out
- (d) to work together; to cooperate

Q2 **v. truncate**

- (a) to wrap around something; to envelop; to enclose
- (b) to turn to bone; to harden
- (c) to shorten by cutting; to abridge
- (d) to corrupt; to debase; to make impure

Q3 **v. descant**

- (a) to commend; to praise
- (b) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (c) to sing; to harmonize; to comment broadly
- (d) to take everything; to plunder; to loot; to pillage; to rob

Q4 **v. extemporize**

- (a) to attempt to disprove or invalidate; to challenge; to appeal; to fight for
- (b) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance
- (c) to settle by mutual adjustment
- (d) to improvise; to make it up as you go along

Q5 **v. edify**

- (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (b) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen
- (c) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (d) to interfere with; to hinder; to delay; to impede

Q6 **v. censor**

- (a) to overspread
- (b) to deliver; to provide; to give; to depict
- (c) to give shelter; to protect; to hide; to take shelter; to conceal
- (d) to examine and delete objectionable material

Q7 **v. besmirch**

- (a) to declare or prove blameless; to absolve; to acquit
- (b) to correct; to adjust; to fix
- (c) to make understandable; to adorn; to explain; to elucidate; to illustrate
- (d) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil

Q8 **v. ken**

- (a) to make easier; to simplify; to expedite; to assist forward; to promote
- (b) to cause to get stuck in wet, soggy ground; to muddy
- (c) to reproduce; to multiply; to proliferate; to extend; to increase
- (d) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend

Q9 **v. peruse**

- (a) to read carefully; to study
- (b) to say again
- (c) to move back and forth; to have a wavering opinion; to vacillate
- (d) to hasten the action of; to speed up; to accelerate; to facilitate; to dispatch

Q10 **v. wither**

- (a) to cause to happen; to hasten; to urge
- (b) to characterize; to make as disgraceful
- (c) to wilt; to shrivel; to humiliate; to cut down; to degenerate; to fade
- (d) to stray from the subject; to wander from topic; to deviate from the main point

**Q1 adj. irascible**

- (a) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (b) undisturbed and calm; tranquil; quiet; serene
- (c) tiresome; ordinary; common; tedious; regular; dull
- (d) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease

**Q2 adj. lethargic**

- (a) having close kinship and appropriateness; related; pertinent; connected; relevant
- (b) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased
- (c) lazy; passive; listless
- (d) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful

**Q3 n. yoke**

- (a) harness; collar; bond; connection
- (b) indulgence in one's appetites
- (c) briefness; shortness; conciseness
- (d) something used in a given activity; piece of equipment

**Q4 adj. recusant**

- (a) disobedient of authority; noncompliant; unsubmitive
- (b) prudent; economical; careful; frugal
- (c) unheard of; exceptional; unparalleled
- (d) wonderful; enormous; huge; excellent; great; amazing

**Q5 adj. impartial**

- (a) various; miscellaneous; separate; distinct
- (b) unbiased; fair; objective
- (c) imposing; magnificent; grand
- (d) tastelessly ornamented; cheap

**Q6 adj. opaque**

- (a) careless; irresponsible; permissive; slack; lenient
- (b) dull; cloudy; non-transparent; frosted (about glass)
- (c) having a smell which is sweet or spicy; fragrant
- (d) fearless; bold; impudent

**Q7 n. metamorphosis**

- (a) person who is intelligent; scholar
- (b) exceptional person; unusual occurrence
- (c) isolation of a person or persons to prevent the spread of disease; confinement
- (d) change of form

**Q8 adj. sagacious**

- (a) wise; clever; shrewd
- (b) discolored, as if bruised; extremely angry; furious
- (c) shiny; clear minded
- (d) not logical; senseless; absurd

**Q9 n. faction**

- (a) number of people in an organization working for a common cause against the main body; splinter group
- (b) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (c) original pattern or model
- (d) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness; (opposite; optimism)

**Q10 adj. resurgent**

- (a) wordy; repetitive; unnecessary; superfluous; plentiful
- (b) untamed; having a worn look; tired; gaunt
- (c) wise; clever; shrewd
- (d) rising or tending to rise again; experiencing revival

Q1 **adj. pinioned**

- (a) undergoing or exerting tension
- (b) bound fast
- (c) pouring out or forth; overflowing; unrestrained; exuberant
- (d) frenzied; wild; crazy

Q2 **adj. chary**

- (a) cautious; being sparing in giving; careful; wary
- (b) unclear; hazy; vague
- (c) tempting; irritating; inciting; annoying
- (d) stubborn; obstinate; not easily taught or disciplined; inflexible

Q3 **adj. eccentric**

- (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (b) native to a region; innate; originating from a place
- (c) crude; vulgar; obtrusive; conspicuous; blunt
- (d) odd; peculiar; strange; unusual

Q4 **adj. fortuitous**

- (a) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive
- (b) happening accidentally; by chance
- (c) cowardly; fearful
- (d) productive; fruitful; fertile

Q5 **adj. incorrigible**

- (a) concise; abrupt; succinct; curt
- (b) unreformable; unchangeable; uncontrollable
- (c) changeable; fickle
- (d) approving; sanctioning; praising; commending

Q6 **adj. earthy**

- (a) lacking courage; timid
- (b) charming; sweetly attractive; handsome
- (c) unrefined; made of earth
- (d) genuine; real; sincere

Q7 **adj. cognate**

- (a) immature; not fully developed; fundamental
- (b) of or containing greetings
- (c) cutting; keen or incisive words; incisive; forceful
- (d) having the same family; from the same source; similar in nature or form

Q8 **adj. insular**

- (a) having proportionate and orderly parts; tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement
- (b) discouraged; dispirited; depressed
- (c) impartial; unbiased
- (d) having the characteristics of an island; narrow-minded; provincial

Q9 **adj. lucrative**

- (a) profitable; gainful; comprehensible
- (b) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted
- (c) with no shape; unorganized; having no determinate form
- (d) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous

Q10 **adj. penitent**

- (a) without emotion or interest; sluggish and dull; indifferent; slow
- (b) feeling sorry for what one has done; ascetic; repentant
- (c) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional
- (d) of the highest kind or degree

Q1 **n. guise**

- (a) appearance; facade
- (b) bitter or abusive speech; tirade
- (c) peace; stillness; harmony; calmness
- (d) ruination; purgatory; destruction; hell

Q2 **n. transmutation**

- (a) attempt to make friendly or placate; appeasement; compromise
- (b) teacher; professor; educator
- (c) connection; joint; link
- (d) changed form; alternation; change of condition

Q3 **n. yore**

- (a) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (b) former period of time
- (c) lack of seriousness; instability; frivolity
- (d) state of being tired or listless; exhaustion; laziness; weariness

Q4 **n. guffaw**

- (a) act of holding together; union
- (b) substitution of a milder or socially acceptable word or phrase
- (c) boisterous laughter
- (d) guess; assumption; supposition

Q5 **n. asperity**

- (a) anything of mixed origin; crossbreed
- (b) comical imitation; mockery; caricature
- (c) harshness; vulgarity
- (d) showy yet useless thing

Q6 **n. dint**

- (a) bad reputation
- (b) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness
- (c) strength; power; depression; dent
- (d) banter; teasing

Q7 **n. accolade**

- (a) sudden, unpredictable or whimsical change; impulse
- (b) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (c) lofty place; superiority; height; elevated rank
- (d) interval; break; separation; interruption; opening

Q8 **n. xenophobia**

- (a) fear of foreigners or strangers
- (b) rest period; temporary delay
- (c) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical
- (d) hesitation in asserting oneself; lack of confidence; timidity; shyness

Q9 **n. dictum**

- (a) ability to handle situations with skill and diplomacy; grace; delicacy
- (b) concluding passage in music
- (c) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (d) formal statement of either fact or opinion; maxim; pronouncement; saying

Q10 **n. conceit**

- (a) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- (b) knowing about something before it happens; foresight
- (c) model; typification; embodiment; archetype; exemplar
- (d) exaggerated personal opinion; arrogance; excessive pride

Q1 **v. enfeeble**

- (a) to make weak; to weaken
- (b) to force out of hiding; to search for; to discover; to investigate; to worry
- (c) to criticize; disapprove of
- (d) to mix; to merge; to combine; to unite

Q2 **v. modulate**

- (a) to make new; to renovate
- (b) drive out; to eject; to evict
- (c) to call to assemble; to summon
- (d) to regulate; to adjust; to vary the pitch; to control

Q3 **v. behoove**

- (a) to speak against; to contradict; to deny; to dispute
- (b) to be advantageous; to be necessary
- (c) to shorten; to limit; to condense
- (d) to crown; to ordain

Q4 **v. gibber**

- (a) to rapidly speak unintelligibly; to mumble; to stutter; to chatter
- (b) to work into gradually and indirectly; to allude to; to hint; to gain favor through indirect means
- (c) to speak; to write in a very enthusiastic manner
- (d) to satisfy; to calm; to sooth

Q5 **v. comport**

- (a) to alleviate; to ease pain but not cure; to make appear less serious; to allay
- (b) to behave in a certain manner
- (c) to satisfy; to calm; to sooth
- (d) to interfere with; to hinder; to delay; to impede

Q6 **v. discriminate**

- (a) to weaken; to often through subtle means; to subvert; to sabotage
- (b) to distinguish; to demonstrate bias; to treat differently
- (c) to gain
- (d) to move gently by wind; to breeze; to carry in the air

Q7 **v. cower**

- (a) to lump together, causing confusion; to damn; to amaze; to stun; to confuse
- (b) to claim or demand without right
- (c) to make more powerful
- (d) to huddle and tremble; to grovel; to shrink; to cringe

Q8 **v. deign**

- (a) to condescend; to stoop; to lower oneself
- (b) to take the place of; to usurp
- (c) to declare or prove blameless; to absolve; to acquit
- (d) to stray from the subject; to wander from topic; to deviate from the main point

Q9 **v. innovate**

- (a) to emit; to flow out from; to emerge; to issue
- (b) to hinder; to obstruct; to impede
- (c) to free from confusion; to extricate; to unknot; to release; to undo
- (d) to introduce a change; to depart from the old; to bring in something new

Q10 **v. render**

- (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (b) to put side-by-side
- (c) to deliver; to provide; to give; to depict
- (d) to stay temporarily

Q1 **n. solubility**

- (a) novel or play that uses humor or irony to expose folly
- (b) natural tendency towards; bias; aptitude; tendency; inclination
- (c) that can be solved; that can be dissolved
- (d) payment for work done; allowance; salary

Q2 **n. turpitude**

- (a) chest where money or valuables are kept; treasury; strongbox
- (b) vileness; wickedness
- (c) stockpile; store; heap; hiding place for goods
- (d) wall for protection; low wall or railing

Q3 **v. parley**

- (a) to work into gradually and indirectly; to allude to; to hint; to gain favor through indirect means
- (b) to speak with another; to discourse
- (c) to guess; to presume; to assume; to think; to suppose
- (d) to be violently disturbed; to soak; to rage; to steep

Q4 **adj. arduous**

- (a) friendly; genial; pleasant
- (b) laborious; difficult; strenuous; hard
- (c) clearly stated; characterized by conciseness; short and to the point
- (d) showing good judgment in conduct; prudent; modest; circumspect; unobtrusive

Q5 **adj. opprobrious**

- (a) abusive; humiliating; insulting
- (b) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (c) having close kinship and appropriateness; related; pertinent; connected; relevant
- (d) skilled; practiced; proficient

Q6 **adj. ineluctable**

- (a) vulgar; joking; mocking; offensive; crude
- (b) neutral; unbiased; impartial; indifferent
- (c) not voiced or expressed; communicated wordlessly
- (d) something inevitable; inescapable

Q7 **adj. baleful**

- (a) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible
- (b) harmful; malign; sinister; malicious
- (c) being dormant; slow; sluggish; inert; apathetic
- (d) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace

Q8 **adj. pristine**

- (a) speechless; unable to speak clearly; indistinct; unclear
- (b) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (c) primitive; pure; uncorrupted; unpolluted
- (d) getting to the heart of things; to the point

Q9 **n. mercenary**

- (a) hired soldier; greedy person
- (b) plundering or laying waste; pillaging; ravishing; plundering
- (c) small person; word, expressing smallness formed when a suffix is added
- (d) official paper containing information; deed; certificate

Q10 **adj. trite**

- (a) commonplace; overused; stale
- (b) unreal; false; deceptive; illusive
- (c) old-fashioned; unusual; odd; strange
- (d) having a bad odor; spoiled; decomposed; musty

Q1 **adj. minute**

- (a) not yet fully formed; rudimentary; unorganized; incomplete
- (b) of the highest kind or degree
- (c) resting; reclining
- (d) extremely small; tiny; trivial; precise; petty

Q2 **adj. incessant**

- (a) uninteresting; boring flat; dull; bland; lifeless
- (b) irreligious; away from acceptable standards; speaking ill of using profane language; irreverent
- (c) constant and unending; unceasing; continuous
- (d) to be left alone or made lonely; miserable; to neglected; abandoned

Q3 **adj. diminutive**

- (a) regional; unsophisticated; narrow-minded
- (b) deceiving; misleading; unreal; false; deceptive
- (c) traveling gently over surface; flickering; fluttering; playful
- (d) smaller than average; minute; tiny

Q4 **adj. disheartened**

- (a) well supplied; full; brimming; crowded
- (b) pretentious; showy; pompous
- (c) discouraged; dispirited; depressed
- (d) passionate; intense; enthusiastic; ardent

Q5 **adj. maculate**

- (a) in agreement with; harmonious
- (b) spotted; blotched; defiled; impure
- (c) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable
- (d) careless; irresponsible; permissive; slack; lenient

Q6 **adj. agrarian**

- (a) of the land; agricultural
- (b) having an evil disposition toward others; harmful; evil (opposite: benign)
- (c) genuine; real; sincere
- (d) with passionate or intense feelings; fervent; zealous; enthusiastic

Q7 **adj. quixotic**

- (a) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (b) done by custom; unbending
- (c) extravagant; ornate; embellished
- (d) indecent; immoral; lecherous

Q8 **adj. objective**

- (a) skillful; quick; deft; adroit; agile
- (b) open-minded; unbiased; impartial
- (c) common; general; universal
- (d) showing decorum, propriety or good taste; correct; tasteful

Q9 **adj. extant**

- (a) having a saw-toothed edge
- (b) fanciful; amusing; capricious
- (c) existing; refers especially to books or documents
- (d) very deep; terrible

Q10 **adj. reticent**

- (a) having great power or physical strength; influential; virile
- (b) silent; reserved; shy; self-restraint
- (c) measurable; limited; not everlasting; having limitations or bounds
- (d) in agreement with; harmonious

Q1 **n. boor**

- (a) small person; word, expressing smallness formed when a suffix is added
- (b) musical discord; disagreement; lack of harmony; inconsistency
- (c) person related through ancestry; relative; kin
- (d) rude person

Q2 **n. maverick**

- (a) collection of beliefs; system of religious laws
- (b) person who does not conform to the norm; independent thinker
- (c) noisy commotion; disturbance; confusion; riot
- (d) lack of seriousness; instability; frivolity

Q3 **n. motility**

- (a) spontaneous motion; mobility
- (b) faithfulness; honesty; precision; adherence to detail; loyalty
- (c) equipment; accessories; tools
- (d) mixture or combination (often of metals); alloy

Q4 **n. acrimony**

- (a) person skilled at telling stories
- (b) imprisonment; the use of threats; pressure; coercion; intimidation
- (c) official paper containing information; deed; certificate
- (d) sharpness or bitterness in language or manner; rancor

Q5 **adj. moot**

- (a) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional
- (b) unyielding; uncompromising
- (c) subject to or open for discussion or debate
- (d) marked by self-control; settled; sober

Q6 **n. spurn**

- (a) disapproval; expression of disapproval; criticism
- (b) person skilled at telling stories
- (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (d) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date

Q7 **n. malediction**

- (a) dictator; tyrant; despot
- (b) carelessness; neglect
- (c) putting a curse on someone; talking negatively about another; slander
- (d) failing to meet necessary requirements; lack of ability; inadequacy

Q8 **n. disapprobation**

- (a) disapproval; condemnation
- (b) faithfulness; loyalty
- (c) audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; impudence; insolence; audacity; nerve
- (d) clumsy person

Q9 **n. neophyte**

- (a) high praise; commendation
- (b) beginner; newcomer; novice
- (c) dishonest act; deception; fraud; villainy
- (d) basis for an argument; presumption; proposition

Q10 **n. plethora**

- (a) superabundance
- (b) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (c) giving a new meaning to an old word; new expression
- (d) state of disorder; mess; lack of order

Q1 **v. objugate**

- (a) to speak with another; to discourse
- (b) to plead on behalf of another; to mediate; to arbitrate; to intervene
- (c) to move suddenly
- (d) to chide vehemently; to reprimand

Q2 **v. foray**

- (a) to force out of hiding; to search for; to discover; to investigate; to worry
- (b) to erase; to make inconspicuous; to destroy; to wipe out
- (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (d) to raid for spoils; to plunder; to invade; to attack

Q3 **v. preponderate**

- (a) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (b) to imitate in a non-serious manner; to mock
- (c) to be advantageous; to be necessary
- (d) to outweigh; to be superior in amount, weight, etc.; to surpass; to predominate; to control

Q4 **v. seethe**

- (a) to charge with a crime; to criticize; to accuse
- (b) to free from confusion; to extricate; to unknot; to release; to undo
- (c) to wind; to ramble; to roam; walk about aimlessly; carry on in a leisurely way
- (d) to be violently disturbed; to soak; to rage; to steep

Q5 **adj. covetous**

- (a) hard to understand; deep; recondite; ambiguous; obscure
- (b) greedy; very desirous; envious; grasping
- (c) lacking vitality; indifferent; apathetic; sluggish
- (d) erroneous; not foolproof

Q6 **v. indict**

- (a) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (b) to charge with a crime; to criticize; to accuse
- (c) to waste away; as from lack of use; to wither
- (d) to examine and delete objectionable material

Q7 **v. commiserate**

- (a) to cancel by authority; to terminate; to abolish
- (b) to give great praise; to exalt; to laud; to glorify
- (c) to coax with insincere talk
- (d) to show sympathy for; to empathize; to feel sorrow for; to pity

Q8 **v. illuminate**

- (a) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (b) to consider carefully; to think through; to ponder; to chew cud
- (c) to move toward one point (opposite: diverge); to come together; to meet; to assemble
- (d) to make understandable; to adorn; to explain; to elucidate; to illustrate

Q9 **v. salvage**

- (a) to rescue from loss; to save from destruction
- (b) to pretend to be ill in order to escape work
- (c) to insure against; to pay for loss or damage; to reimburse; to compensate
- (d) to deliver; to provide; to give; to depict

Q10 **v. encroach**

- (a) to call to assemble; to summon
- (b) to destroy completely; to erase
- (c) to trespass; to intrude; to invade; to infringe
- (d) to overspread

Q1 **n. cant**

- (a) ability to speak well
- (b) secret cooperation in wrongdoing
- (c) person who goes after high goals; ambitious person
- (d) insincere or hypocritical statements of high ideals; jargon of a particular group or occupations

Q2 **adj. conspicuous**

- (a) easy to see; noticeable; obvious
- (b) cutting; sarcastic; incisive; sharp
- (c) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (d) being hard to deal with; unsolved situation; troublesome

Q3 **adj. relevant**

- (a) pertaining to money; financial
- (b) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (c) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation
- (d) of concern; significant; pertinent; related

Q4 **adj. static**

- (a) pouring out or forth; overflowing; unrestrained; exuberant
- (b) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased
- (c) inactive; changeless; stationary; motionless
- (d) shedding; temporary; of passing interest

Q5 **n. penchant**

- (a) verse characterized by forced rhyme and meter; poorly written poetry
- (b) pure essence of anything; epitome
- (c) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive
- (d) liking for; attraction; affinity

Q6 **adj. diverse**

- (a) different; varied
- (b) slavish; groveling; subservient; submissive; subject
- (c) involving great expense; luxurious
- (d) having the nature of fire; volcanic; fiery

Q7 **adj. lascivious**

- (a) of or containing greetings
- (b) indecent; immoral; lecherous
- (c) lazy; sluggish; slow
- (d) lacking courage; timid

Q8 **n. idiosyncrasy**

- (a) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- (b) striking one object against another; rapping
- (c) industriousness; hard work; perseverance
- (d) large tent or covered area, usually used for entertainment; booth

Q9 **adj. affable**

- (a) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (b) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- (c) counterfeit; of doubtful authorship or authenticity
- (d) causing frustration or destruction

Q10 **v. burnish**

- (a) to improve; to make better
- (b) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (c) to polish by rubbing; to make shiny
- (d) to put to death; to kill; to carry out; to fulfill

Q1 **adj. specious**

- (a) subject to or open for discussion or debate
- (b) plausible, but deceptive; apparently, but not actually true; superficially attractive
- (c) living for pleasure
- (d) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

Q2 **adj. proverbial**

- (a) well-known because it is commonly referred to; similar to an adage
- (b) longing for the past; filled with bittersweet memories
- (c) unwise; imprudent; not expedient
- (d) clumsy and unattractive; awkward

Q3 **adj. pensive**

- (a) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (b) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- (c) inflexible; stubborn
- (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

Q4 **adj. connotative**

- (a) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; base; mean
- (b) containing associated meanings in addition to the primary one; hinting; implicational; suggestive
- (c) unconcerned; detached; apathetic
- (d) baffling; puzzling; mysterious; ambiguous; unclear

Q5 **v. embellish**

- (a) to stimulate as if by electric shock; to startle; to excite; to stimulate
- (b) to improve by adding details; to adorn; to decorate; to beautify
- (c) to sharpen; to long or yearn for
- (d) to indulge excessively; to gorge

Q6 **adj. awry**

- (a) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted
- (b) having a stern look; having strict self-discipline; rigid; ascetic; modest
- (c) frenzied; wild; crazy
- (d) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint

Q7 **adj. facetious**

- (a) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant
- (b) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable
- (c) without regret, shame, or remorse; unrepentant; hard-hearted; unregretful
- (d) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing

Q8 **adj. ethereal**

- (a) miserable; unhappy; causing distress; pitiable; vile
- (b) constant and unending; unceasing; continuous
- (c) very light; airy; heavenly; not earthly; delicate
- (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

Q9 **adj. exemplary**

- (a) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (b) constant and unending; unceasing; continuous
- (c) inflexible; stubborn
- (d) having separations; far off; reserved; unfriendly; remote; aloof

Q10 **adj. assiduous**

- (a) having good judgment; wise; discriminating; perceptive; shrewd
- (b) plain and unsophisticated; homely; of or living in the country; provincial
- (c) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical
- (d) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working

**Q1 n. eradication**

- (a) false belief or opinion; illusion
- (b) driving impulse; something which urges or drives
- (c) severity; harshness; strict accuracy
- (d) act of annihilating, destroying, or erasing; destruction; extermination

**Q2 n. churlishness**

- (a) person who spends money extravagantly
- (b) obesity; fleshiness; fatness
- (c) crude or surly behavior; behavior of a peasant; lack of education
- (d) spasm; pang; agony; suffering

**Q3 n. gamut**

- (a) habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses
- (b) defense; shield; embankment
- (c) positive change
- (d) complete range; any complete musical scale; entire extent of anything

**Q4 n. marauder**

- (a) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (b) suggestion; inference; connotation; hint
- (c) plunderer; raider; thief
- (d) endurance

**Q5 n. allegory**

- (a) person who smashes revered images; attacker of cherished beliefs; radical
- (b) poem of lament and praise for the dead; dirge
- (c) division in an organized group; separation into opposing parties
- (d) symbolic description; metaphor

**Q6 n. tether**

- (a) small amount
- (b) range or limit of one's abilities; rope or chain used to keep a boat from drifting or an animal from wandering
- (c) place to keep or a collection of wild or strange animals; zoo
- (d) roundabout or indirect way of speaking; verbosity

**Q7 n. feint**

- (a) person who indulges his desires without restraint; lecherous person
- (b) noise which is loud and continuous; ruckus; loud racket
- (c) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (d) shrillness or harshness of sound

**Q8 n. reproof**

- (a) rebuke; accusation
- (b) propensity of understatement; so slight as to be barely noticeable; elusiveness
- (c) any private meeting or closed assembly
- (d) revolt; provocation of dissent

**Q9 n. welter**

- (a) teacher; professor; educator
- (b) maintenance of stability
- (c) ceasing; stopping
- (d) confused mass; turmoil; chaos

**Q10 n. epicure**

- (a) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium
- (b) state of temporary suspension; inactivity
- (c) person who has good taste in food and drink; gourmet
- (d) division in an organized group; separation into opposing parties

Q1 **v. foist**

- (a) to understand; to get to the bottom of; to measure the depth of
- (b) to falsely; identify as real; to defraud
- (c) to tear; mangle; to wound; hurt; to rip
- (d) to scold; to reprove; to reproach; to criticize; to rebuke

Q2 **v. waive**

- (a) to give up; to put off until later
- (b) to go beyond; to excel; to exceed
- (c) to take everything; to plunder; to loot; to pillage; to rob
- (d) to speak with another; to discourse

Q3 **v. contravene**

- (a) to go away hastily or secretly; to hide; to avoid; to evade
- (b) to stop the progress of; to obstruct; to delay; to hinder; to prevent
- (c) to think or speak meditatively; to ponder; to meditate
- (d) to oppose; to contradict; to infringe; to violate; to transgress

Q4 **v. debilitate**

- (a) to speak against; to contradict; to deny; to dispute
- (b) to annoy; to irritate; to wear away; to make sore by rubbing
- (c) to enfeeble; to wear out; to weaken; to incapacitate
- (d) to darken; to confuse; to bewilder; to obscure

Q5 **v. quaff**

- (a) to trespass; to intrude; to invade; to infringe
- (b) to grow together; to merge; to unite
- (c) to show clearly; to appear; to prove; to reveal
- (d) to drink quickly

Q6 **v. delineate**

- (a) to speak equivocally or evasively; to lie; to deceive; to mislead; to embellish
- (b) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw
- (c) to walk at a leisurely pace; to stroll; to meander
- (d) to preoccupy in thought; to confuse; to baffle

Q7 **v. elucidate**

- (a) to speak with another; to discourse
- (b) to outweigh; to be superior in amount, weight, etc.; to surpass; to predominate; to control
- (c) to make clear; to explain; to clarify
- (d) to defame; to slander

Q8 **v. amass**

- (a) to collect together; to accumulate; to gather
- (b) to show sympathy for; to empathize; to feel sorrow for; to pity
- (c) to lessen; to make easier; to allay; to soothe; to relieve
- (d) to become weak; to send a message; to signal; to lose energy or momentum

Q9 **v. succumb**

- (a) to give in; to yield; to collapse; to surrender
- (b) to involve a lawsuit; to dispute legally
- (c) to encourage; to nurture; to support; to care for; to raise
- (d) to defame; to misrepresent maliciously; to vilify; to malign

Q10 **v. galvanize**

- (a) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance
- (b) to stimulate as if by electric shock; to startle; to excite; to stimulate
- (c) to shun; to avoid; to keep away from
- (d) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false

Q1 **adj. caustic**

- (a) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (b) eating away at; sarcastic words; corrosive
- (c) clear and unambiguous; conclusive
- (d) spreading throughout; extending; suffusing

Q2 **v. insinuate**

- (a) to weaken; to deprive of nerve or strength
- (b) to work into gradually and indirectly; to allude to; to hint; to gain favor through indirect means
- (c) to reproduce; to multiply; to proliferate; to extend; to increase
- (d) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure

Q3 **adj. resilient**

- (a) happening every two years
- (b) large and impressive; palace-like; magnificent
- (c) young; immature; inexperienced
- (d) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic

Q4 **adj. altruistic**

- (a) unrefined; made of earth
- (b) yielding to the opinion of another; showing honor; respectful
- (c) unselfish; generous
- (d) commonplace; overused; stale

Q5 **n. resolution**

- (a) proposal; promise; determination; decision
- (b) model; prototype; pattern; idea
- (c) system of persons or things arranged according to rank
- (d) critical point; crisis; period; joint; connection

Q6 **adj. jaded**

- (a) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (b) having to do with verbal communication; artificial eloquence; bombastic
- (c) worn-out; fatigued; tired
- (d) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable

Q7 **adj. biennial**

- (a) happening every two years
- (b) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady
- (c) damp and chilly; clammy and wet; moist
- (d) spread out; verbose; wordy and disorganized; dispersed; rambling

Q8 **n. contusion**

- (a) bruise; injury where the skin is not broken; swelling
- (b) quality; importance
- (c) noisy or disorderly crowd; retreat; terrible defeat
- (d) sharpness or bitterness in language or manner; rancor

Q9 **adj. unobtrusive**

- (a) having a saw-toothed edge
- (b) lacking vitality; indifferent; apathetic; sluggish
- (c) out of the way; remaining quietly in the background; inconspicuous
- (d) fruitful; plentiful; abundant; productive

Q10 **adj. prosaic**

- (a) done secretly; clandestine
- (b) assumed; uncertain; conjectural; supposed; theoretical
- (c) expert; skillful
- (d) tiresome; ordinary; common; tedious; regular; dull

**Q1 adj. obligatory**

- (a) mandatory; necessary; legally or morally binding
- (b) traditional; accepted; conservative
- (c) easily managed; obedient
- (d) fruitful; plentiful; abundant; productive

**Q2 adj. imminent**

- (a) unable to pay debts; bankrupt
- (b) rising or tending to rise again; experiencing revival
- (c) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (d) respectful; feeling or showing deep love, respect, or awe

**Q3 adj. taciturn**

- (a) sharp; bitter; foul smelling; irritating
- (b) very talkative; garrulous; wordy
- (c) inclined to silence; speaking little; dour; stern
- (d) not clear; uncertain; vague

**Q4 adj. dexterous**

- (a) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (b) egotistical; self-centered; excessive interest in ones appearance, comfort, abilities, etc.
- (c) skillful; quick; deft; adroit; agile
- (d) deeply rooted; ingrained; firmly established

**Q5 adj. erroneous**

- (a) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (b) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible
- (c) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (d) untrue; inaccurate; not correct; wrong; mistaken

**Q6 adj. docile**

- (a) manageable; obedient; gentle; compliant; submissive
- (b) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (c) out of the way; remaining quietly in the background; inconspicuous
- (d) disobedient of authority; noncompliant; unsubmitive

**Q7 adj. contiguous**

- (a) possessing the power to think or meditate; meditative; capable of perception; aware; perceptive
- (b) eager to ask questions in order to learn; nosy; curious; prying
- (c) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; base; mean
- (d) touching; adjacent; successive; bordering

**Q8 adj. discreet**

- (a) something inevitable; inescapable
- (b) showing good judgment in conduct; prudent; modest; circumspect; unobtrusive
- (c) giving a service; being in a subordinate position; supplementary; auxiliary
- (d) drinkable

**Q9 adj. pithy**

- (a) easy to shape or bend; pliable; flexible; adaptable
- (b) terse and full of meaning; concise; succinct
- (c) very frugal; unwilling to spend; economical
- (d) easy to see; noticeable; obvious

**Q10 adj. obsequious**

- (a) servilely attentive; servile; fawning
- (b) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral
- (c) capable of being disentangled
- (d) mediocre; ordinary

Q1 **n. bungler**

- (a) extreme natural force; catastrophe
- (b) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification
- (c) clumsy person
- (d) hope; comfort during a time of grief; consolation; relief

Q2 **n. reverie**

- (a) something used to sharpen; whetstone
- (b) an abstracted state of absorption
- (c) disinclination to action or labor; laziness
- (d) person who indulges his desires without restraint; lecherous person

Q3 **n. iconoclast**

- (a) extreme frugality; miserliness; stinginess
- (b) ill-tempered person; stingy unpleasant person
- (c) person who smashes revered images; attacker of cherished beliefs; radical
- (d) defense; shield; embankment

Q4 **n. syllogism**

- (a) ill-tempered person; stingy unpleasant person
- (b) reasoning in order from general to particular
- (c) honesty; decency; integrity; uprightness
- (d) an abstracted state of absorption

Q5 **n. sloth**

- (a) coward; abject person
- (b) dishonest act; deception; fraud; villainy
- (c) disinclination to action or labor; laziness
- (d) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive

Q6 **n. ellipsis**

- (a) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit
- (b) person who smashes revered images; attacker of cherished beliefs; radical
- (c) omission of words that would make the meaning clear
- (d) fortress; stronghold; castle

Q7 **n. labyrinth**

- (a) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (b) quitting; submission; abdication
- (c) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (d) failure to grow

Q8 **n. soliloquy**

- (a) talk one has with oneself (esp. on stage)
- (b) correspondence of parts; harmony
- (c) banter; teasing
- (d) poverty

Q9 **n. dogma**

- (a) guilt; sorrow; regret
- (b) dictator; tyrant; despot
- (c) collection of beliefs; system of religious laws
- (d) pompous speech; pretentious words; trite cliches

Q10 **n. cache**

- (a) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (b) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (c) stockpile; store; heap; hiding place for goods
- (d) faithfulness; loyalty

Q1 **v. coalesce**

- (a) to win the goodwill of; to appease  
 (b) to commend; to praise  
 (c) to protest; to object to; to prove  
 (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

Q2 **v. remonstrate**

- (a) to call forth; to provoke; to arouse; to summon; to bring out  
 (b) to outline; to describe; to sketch; to draw  
 (c) to be abusive in speech; to disparage; to deride  
 (d) to protest; to object to; to prove

Q3 **v. emulate**

- (a) to loathe; to hate; to detest  
 (b) to try to equal or excel; to take after; to imitate; to copy  
 (c) to act indecisively; to tremble; to vacillate  
 (d) to prosper; to reproduce quickly; to multiply rapidly

Q4 **v. deliberate**

- (a) to give up; to put off until later  
 (b) to separate; to segregate; to seclude; to set apart  
 (c) to attract; to tempt; to charm  
 (d) to consider; to ponder; to discuss

Q5 **v. cavil**

- (a) to bicker; to criticize; to complain  
 (b) to promise or pledge in marriage  
 (c) to attempt to disprove or invalidate; to challenge; to appeal; to fight for  
 (d) to plead on behalf of another; to mediate; to arbitrate; to intervene

Q6 **v. decry**

- (a) to hasten the action of; to speed up; to accelerate; to facilitate; to dispatch  
 (b) to denounce or condemn openly  
 (c) to shorten; to reduce in length compress; to diminish; to make brief  
 (d) to examine and delete objectionable material

Q7 **v. abandon**

- (a) to consider; to ponder; to discuss  
 (b) to leave behind; to give something up  
 (c) act of investing into an enterprise; act of boarding a boat  
 (d) to imitate in a non-serious manner; to mock

Q8 **v. obviate**

- (a) to loiter; to waste time; to trifle; to flirt  
 (b) to make unnecessary; to prevent; to remove an obstacle in advance  
 (c) to provoke; to irritate; to offend  
 (d) to give vent; to inflict; to perform

Q9 **v. disavow**

- (a) to damage; to spoil; to deface  
 (b) to deny; to refuse to acknowledge; to disclaim; to reject; to repudiate  
 (c) to thin out; to weaken in intensity; to decrease  
 (d) to foretell something; to portend

Q10 **v. accrue**

- (a) to establish; to educate morally or spiritually; to improve; to strengthen  
 (b) to accumulate; to grow; to compile; to collect; to amass  
 (c) to force; to compel; to restrain; to coerce; to oblige  
 (d) to convert from one belief or religion to another

**Q1 adj. rhetorical**

- (a) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (b) having to do with verbal communication; artificial eloquence; bombastic
- (c) tempting; irritating; inciting; annoying
- (d) miserable; unhappy; causing distress; pitiable; vile

**Q2 adj. ostensible**

- (a) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way
- (b) without preparation; spontaneous
- (c) suitable; apt; relevant; becoming
- (d) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked

**Q3 n. complaisance**

- (a) expression of admiration; gift; levy; compliment
- (b) quality of being agreeable or eager to please; acquiescence; graciousness
- (c) outflow of vapor of invisible particles; noxious odor; exhalation
- (d) disaster

**Q4 adj. dowdy**

- (a) shabby in appearance; untidy; sloppy
- (b) heavy; powerful; weighty; big
- (c) unable to pay debts; bankrupt
- (d) happening accidentally; by chance

**Q5 n. parapet**

- (a) beginner; newcomer; novice
- (b) isolation of a person or persons to prevent the spread of disease; confinement
- (c) person who eats eagerly; glutton; greedy person
- (d) wall for protection; low wall or railing

**Q6 n. gaffe**

- (a) blunder; mistake
- (b) expert; authority (usually refers to a wine or food expert)
- (c) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubblyness; gaiety
- (d) feeling of hatred or ill will; resentment

**Q7 adj. deliberate**

- (a) hateful; disgusting; detestable
- (b) extraneous; unexpected; nonessential; minor; secondary
- (c) intentional; planned; premeditated
- (d) lenient; patient; permissive; tolerant; forbearing

**Q8 n. menagerie**

- (a) teacher; wise and faithful advisor; spiritual instructor
- (b) marshy land; mud; difficult situation
- (c) apprehension; uneasiness
- (d) place to keep or a collection of wild or strange animals; zoo

**Q9 n. paradox**

- (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (b) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true
- (c) unrest; agitation; commotion; tumult; uproar
- (d) binding and solemn agreement; contract; treaty

**Q10 n. goad**

- (a) something used to sharpen; whetstone
- (b) mixture or combination (often of metals); alloy
- (c) driving impulse; something which urges or drives
- (d) gravity; sincerity

Q1 **adj. roseate**

- (a) rose-colored; rosy
- (b) skeptical; disbelieving; doubting
- (c) thorough; careful; precise; meticulous; diligent
- (d) bound fast

Q2 **adj. eclectic**

- (a) astonished; amazed; horrified; terrified; appalled
- (b) picking from various possibilities; made up of material from various sources; diverse; heterogeneous
- (c) full of knots; twisted
- (d) not submitting to discipline; rebellious; disobedient; unmanageable

Q3 **adj. spurious**

- (a) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing
- (b) not genuine; false; bogus; phony; artificial
- (c) iridescent
- (d) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details

Q4 **adj. genial**

- (a) having good judgment; wise; discriminating; perceptive; shrewd
- (b) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; base; mean
- (c) done in a routine, mechanical way; without interest; superficial; careless
- (d) contributing to life; amiable; sociable; merry; friendly

Q5 **n. caliber**

- (a) opinion contrary to popular belief
- (b) form of government in which the supreme power is placed in the hands of a small, exclusive group
- (c) quality; importance
- (d) disagreement; lack of harmony

Q6 **adj. immaculate**

- (a) perfectly clean; correct; pure
- (b) motionless; uncirculating; still; inactive
- (c) asking earnestly and submissively
- (d) natural; inborn; inherent

Q7 **adj. consequential**

- (a) having the characteristics of an island; narrow-minded; provincial
- (b) done secretly; clandestine
- (c) following as an effect; important; resultant; subsequent
- (d) inactive; at rest; peaceful; motionless; quiet

Q8 **adj. germane**

- (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive
- (b) sounding jarring; discordant
- (c) inclined to silence; speaking little; dour; stern
- (d) having close kinship and appropriateness; related; pertinent; connected; relevant

Q9 **adj. precocious**

- (a) developed or matured earlier than usual
- (b) morally bad; vile; wicked
- (c) thick and dense; cloudy; confused; muddy; murky
- (d) traditional; common; routine; customary; formal

Q10 **adj. placid**

- (a) moving in a random, directionless manner; aimless
- (b) undisturbed and calm; tranquil; quiet; serene
- (c) biased; one-sided
- (d) lacking warmth or interest; lukewarm

**Q1 n. cohort**

- (a) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (b) absolute power; autocracy
- (c) group; band; companion; friend
- (d) ruination; purgatory; destruction; hell

**Q2 n. charisma**

- (a) expert; authority (usually refers to a wine or food expert)
- (b) person skilled in argument; disputatious person
- (c) appeal; magnetism; presence; leadership ability
- (d) beauty; attractiveness in appearance or behavior

**Q3 n. epiphany**

- (a) appearance of a supernatural being; sudden idea or thought
- (b) complete range; any complete musical scale; entire extent of anything
- (c) talk one has with oneself (esp. on stage)
- (d) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date

**Q4 n. table**

- (a) systematic list of details; chart
- (b) charge; act of attributing a fault or misconduct to another
- (c) decline in morals or art; decay; deterioration; falling into corruption
- (d) resoluteness; act of being firm or determined; firmness

**Q5 n. evasion**

- (a) coward; abject person
- (b) person who lives secluded; loner; hermit
- (c) avoiding of a duty; avoidance; dodging
- (d) waterfall; pour; waves

**Q6 n. coffer**

- (a) constantly quarrelsome woman
- (b) exaggerated personal opinion; arrogance; excessive pride
- (c) evil person; villain; rascal
- (d) chest where money or valuables are kept; treasury; strongbox

**Q7 adj. molten**

- (a) having a sarcastic quality; scornful; cynical; derisive
- (b) melted
- (c) mixed up; distorted; confused; falsified
- (d) vulgar; crude; obscene

**Q8 n. sanction**

- (a) co-conspirator; partner; partner-in-crime
- (b) act of giving authoritative permission; approve; blockade; penalty
- (c) supporter; follower; guerrilla fighter
- (d) substance that contracts bodily tissues

**Q9 n. genre**

- (a) kind; type; category; style
- (b) overbearing pride or presumption; egotism; arrogance
- (c) novel or play that uses humor or irony to expose folly
- (d) reverse action; law which takes effect on a past date

**Q10 n. ramification**

- (a) disaster
- (b) novel or play that uses humor or irony to expose folly
- (c) outcome of another event; consequence; branch; bough
- (d) crude or surly behavior; behavior of a peasant; lack of education

**Q1 n. animosity**

- (a) person who believes that a formal government is unnecessary
- (b) omen; foreshadowing characteristic; portent
- (c) feeling of hatred or ill will; resentment
- (d) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance

**Q2 v. heed**

- (a) to settle by mutual adjustment
- (b) to obey; yield to; to pay attention; to listen to
- (c) to be violently disturbed; to soak; to rage; to steep
- (d) to grow or develop quickly; to blossom; to expand

**Q3 adj. hedonistic**

- (a) marginal; outer; external
- (b) deep; knowledgeable; thorough; intense; serious
- (c) living for pleasure
- (d) abnormal; straying from the normal or usual path; irregular

**Q4 n. consort**

- (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (b) chain to bind the feet; shackle; hindrance
- (c) companion; spouse; partner
- (d) act of giving authoritative permission; approve; blockade; penalty

**Q5 v. fester**

- (a) to put to death; to kill; to carry out; to fulfill
- (b) to annoy; to irritate
- (c) to include within a larger group
- (d) to become more and more virulent and fixed; to decay

**Q6 n. polemicist**

- (a) person skilled in argument; disputatious person
- (b) substance that contracts bodily tissues
- (c) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (d) being stripped; act of unclothing; deprivation of a right or privilege

**Q7 v. scrutinize**

- (a) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (b) to call upon; appeal to; to summon; to implore; to invoke
- (c) to gather up and store; to collect; to accumulate; to store
- (d) to stop the progress of; to obstruct; to delay; to hinder; to prevent

**Q8 v. burgeon**

- (a) to inhibit; to make impossible; to prevent; to eliminate; to remove
- (b) to introduce into conversation; to open a subject for discussion
- (c) to show clearly; to appear; to prove; to reveal
- (d) to grow or develop quickly; to blossom; to expand

**Q9 v. reproach**

- (a) to give encouragement; to authorize; to endorse; to approve; to ratify
- (b) to prosper; to reproduce quickly; to multiply rapidly
- (c) to disown; to deny support for; to reject; to cancel; to refuse
- (d) to blame and thus make feel ashamed; to rebuke; to accuse

**Q10 n. rampart**

- (a) honor; respect; esteem; appreciation
- (b) defense; shield; embankment
- (c) failing to meet necessary requirements; lack of ability; inadequacy
- (d) firm courage; strength; bravery; courage; endurance

Q1 **adj. implicit**

- (a) having a sarcastic quality; scornful; cynical; derisive
- (b) having knowledge of all things
- (c) describing knowledge which resides in people's heads and is not easily written down
- (d) hard to understand; deep; recondite; ambiguous; obscure

Q2 **adj. tacit**

- (a) iridescent
- (b) not voiced or expressed; communicated wordlessly
- (c) picking from various possibilities; made up of material from various sources; diverse; heterogeneous
- (d) erroneous; not foolproof

Q3 **adj. equivocal**

- (a) submissive; unassertive; compliant; indifferent
- (b) pertaining to money; financial
- (c) doubtful; uncertain; questionable; undecided
- (d) abusive; humiliating; insulting

Q4 **adj. derogatory**

- (a) not willing to yield or comply with what is reasonable; stubborn; contrary
- (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural
- (c) happening or ending unexpectedly
- (d) belittling; uncomplimentary; scornful; disparaging

Q5 **adj. licentious**

- (a) unreal; false; deceptive; illusive
- (b) lazy; passive; listless
- (c) morally lacking in restraint; lascivious
- (d) wasteful; lavish; generous; plentiful; abundant

Q6 **adj. universal**

- (a) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace
- (b) discolored, as if bruised; extremely angry; furious
- (c) concerning everyone; existing everywhere; comprehensive; worldwide
- (d) idealistic; impractical; not amorous not sensual

Q7 **adj. inept**

- (a) wise; clever; shrewd
- (b) situation calling for immediate attention; needing more than is reasonable; pressing; urgent
- (c) cautious; being sparing in giving; careful; wary
- (d) incompetent; clumsy; unskilled; inappropriate

Q8 **adj. destitute**

- (a) royal; grand; majestic
- (b) counterfeit; of doubtful authorship or authenticity
- (c) poor; poverty-stricken; needy; impoverished
- (d) uninteresting; boring flat; dull; bland; lifeless

Q9 **adj. inaudible**

- (a) not able to be heard
- (b) unwise; imprudent; not expedient
- (c) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain
- (d) expert; skillful

Q10 **adj. inured**

- (a) getting to the heart of things; to the point
- (b) full; entire; complete; whole
- (c) picking from various possibilities; made up of material from various sources; diverse; heterogeneous
- (d) accustomed to pain

**Q1 n. effrontery**

- (a) large building
- (b) objection; misgiving; hesitation
- (c) friendly relations; friendship
- (d) audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; impudence; insolence; audacity; nerve

**Q2 n. tribute**

- (a) expression of admiration; gift; levy; compliment
- (b) intense dislike; scorn; contempt
- (c) death; decease; coming to an end
- (d) gravity; sincerity

**Q3 n. alchemist**

- (a) approving or praising mention; award; honor
- (b) person who studies chemistry
- (c) final act or result; effect; consequence
- (d) ceasing; stopping

**Q4 n. perjury**

- (a) lending of money with an excessively high interest rate
- (b) practice of lying under oath
- (c) maintenance of stability
- (d) disaster; collapse; havoc; defeat; devastation

**Q5 n. tribunal**

- (a) place of judgement; court of justice
- (b) lack of facial color; wanness; paleness
- (c) person skilled in argument; disputatious person
- (d) small, weasel-like mammal

**Q6 n. fissure**

- (a) crude or surly behavior; behavior of a peasant; lack of education
- (b) person who pretends to have knowledge; impostor; fake; quack; fraud
- (c) cleft; crack
- (d) payment for work done; allowance; salary

**Q7 n. depravity**

- (a) hope; comfort during a time of grief; consolation; relief
- (b) moral corruption; badness; degeneracy; perversion; immorality
- (c) mystery; secret; perplexity; puzzle; riddle
- (d) theme; main idea

**Q8 n. jeopardy**

- (a) lack of pride; modesty; humble state; meekness
- (b) puzzle; riddle; problem
- (c) briefness; shortness; conciseness
- (d) danger; peril; hazard

**Q9 n. resignation**

- (a) landing on the edge of a river or field
- (b) quitting; submission; abdication
- (c) closing section of a play or novel providing further comment; speech delivered to the audience after the end of a play
- (d) state of being the same in power, value, or rank; equality

**Q10 n. paeon**

- (a) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (b) beverage that is drinkable
- (c) song of praise or triumph
- (d) disinclination to action or labor; laziness

Q1 **v. betroth**

- (a) to accumulate; to grow; to compile; to collect; to amass
- (b) to sing; to harmonize; to comment broadly
- (c) to influence; to persuade; to coax
- (d) to promise or pledge in marriage

Q2 **n. incursion**

- (a) attack; hostile invasion; raid; entering; infiltration
- (b) closeness in time or place; closeness of relationship; resemblance
- (c) poverty
- (d) person who has good taste in food and drink; gourmet

Q3 **adj. circumlocutory**

- (a) roundabout and unnecessarily wordy
- (b) eager to ask questions in order to learn; nosy; curious; prying
- (c) illegible; incomprehensible
- (d) suitable (as land) for plowing; cultivatable

Q4 **n. deposition**

- (a) condition of being under a guardian or a tutor; guardianship
- (b) confused mass; turmoil; chaos
- (c) removal from office or power; testimony; dismissal
- (d) co-conspirator; partner; partner-in-crime

Q5 **n. gourmand**

- (a) loud approval; applause; praise
- (b) scorn; disrespect; disdain
- (c) unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; philanthropy
- (d) person who eats eagerly; glutton; greedy person

Q6 **adj. dauntless**

- (a) fearless; not discouraged; impossible to frighten; bold; daring
- (b) plain and unsophisticated; homely; of or living in the country; provincial
- (c) perfectly clean; correct; pure
- (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

Q7 **n. stipend**

- (a) denial
- (b) positive change
- (c) written piece of work describing a peaceful rural scene
- (d) payment for work done; allowance; salary

Q8 **v. chafe**

- (a) to wilt; to shrivel; to humiliate; to cut down; to degenerate; to fade
- (b) to outweigh; to be superior in amount, weight, etc.; to surpass; to predominate; to control
- (c) to annoy; to irritate; to wear away; to make sore by rubbing
- (d) to force; to compel; to restrain; to coerce; to oblige

Q9 **n. apathy**

- (a) person who lives secluded; loner; hermit
- (b) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (c) quality of remaining calm and undisturbed; composure; emotional stability
- (d) giving a new meaning to an old word; new expression

Q10 **adj. igneous**

- (a) happy; cheerful; gay; jolly; mirthful
- (b) stingy; miserly; indigent
- (c) having the nature of fire; volcanic; fiery
- (d) odd; peculiar; strange; unusual

Q1 **adj. wanton**

- (a) servilely attentive; servile; fawning
- (b) showing disrespect or scorn for; contemptible; ridiculous; contemptuous
- (c) unmanageable; unjustifiably malicious; immoral
- (d) to be left alone or made lonely; miserable; to neglected; abandoned

Q2 **adj. prolific**

- (a) of or containing greetings
- (b) all-inclusive; complete; thorough; extensive; large in scope
- (c) young; immature; inexperienced
- (d) fruitful; plentiful; abundant; productive

Q3 **adj. haggard**

- (a) specific; definite; clear
- (b) untamed; having a worn look; tired; gaunt
- (c) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing
- (d) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

Q4 **adj. disparate**

- (a) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (b) having lines or grooves
- (c) full of curves; twisting and turning
- (d) abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule; professional vocabulary

Q5 **adj. blasphemous**

- (a) having the same family; from the same source; similar in nature or form
- (b) irreligious; away from acceptable standards; speaking ill of using profane language; irreverent
- (c) having a bad reputation; notorious; deplorable; indecent; villainous
- (d) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled

Q6 **adj. notorious**

- (a) changeable; fickle
- (b) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace
- (c) unchangeable; permanent; changeless
- (d) pertaining or relating to a church

Q7 **adj. harmonious**

- (a) having proportionate and orderly parts; tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement
- (b) extremely talkative or wordy; loquacious; chatty
- (c) dazzling and shining; gleaming; brilliant; dazzling
- (d) shriveled; withered; shrunken

Q8 **adj. squalid**

- (a) having good judgment; wise; discriminating; perceptive; shrewd
- (b) sure to happen; unavoidable; certain; inescapable
- (c) creaking; harsh; grating
- (d) filthy; wretched (from squalor); dirty; miserable

Q9 **adj. diffident**

- (a) resisting authority; rebellious; headstrong
- (b) unheard of; exceptional; unparalleled
- (c) having knowledge of all things
- (d) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy

Q10 **adj. sardonic**

- (a) something which causes dread or fear; difficult; intimidating; awesome; frightening
- (b) having a sarcastic quality; scornful; cynical; derisive
- (c) genuine; real; sincere
- (d) situation calling for immediate attention; needing more than is reasonable; pressing; urgent

- Q1 n. pavilion**  
(a) puzzle; riddle; problem  
(b) large tent or covered area, usually used for entertainment; booth  
(c) quality of being agreeable or eager to please; acquiescence; graciousness  
(d) completion; finish; realization; perfection; culmination
- Q2 n. arbiter**  
(a) clumsy or dumb person; simpleton  
(b) person who pretends to have knowledge; impostor; fake; quack; fraud  
(c) person who is authorized to judge or decide  
(d) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity
- Q3 n. motif**  
(a) period of inactivity  
(b) image or likeness of a person; sculpted likeness  
(c) theme; main idea  
(d) moral corruption; badness; degeneracy; perversion; immorality
- Q4 n. adulation**  
(a) stockpile; store; heap; hiding place for goods  
(b) extra payment; tip; side income  
(c) praise in excess  
(d) person who lives secluded; loner; hermit
- Q5 n. propensity**  
(a) natural tendency towards; bias; aptitude; tendency; inclination  
(b) suggestion; inference; connotation; hint  
(c) musical discord; disagreement; lack of harmony; inconsistency  
(d) person who inflicts just punishment; retribution; rival
- Q6 n. odium**  
(a) person who holds opinion contrary to that which is generally accepted  
(b) hate; disgrace from a hateful action; enmity  
(c) fortress; stronghold; castle  
(d) cleft; crack
- Q7 n. despotism**  
(a) tyranny; absolute power or influence; rule of a despot; dictatorship  
(b) sharpness or bitterness in language or manner; rancor  
(c) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic  
(d) wealth; fortune; abundance
- Q8 n. recession**  
(a) oddity; inconsistency; deviation from the norm; exception; deviation  
(b) withdrawal; economic downturn; decline  
(c) being fun; festivity; gaiety  
(d) disapproval; condemnation
- Q9 n. temerity**  
(a) intense dislike; scorn; contempt  
(b) fear of foreigners or strangers  
(c) that can be solved; that can be dissolved  
(d) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- Q10 n. perquisite**  
(a) appearance; being or manner; bearing  
(b) quality of remaining calm and undisturbed; composure; emotional stability  
(c) extra payment; tip; side income  
(d) apprehension; uneasiness

Q1 **n. rebuttal**

- (a) refutation; opposition; contradiction
- (b) formal expression of high praise; commendation; eulogy
- (c) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee
- (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

Q2 **adj. unwonted**

- (a) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working
- (b) natural; inborn; inherent
- (c) unusual; rare; uncommon
- (d) matter-of-fact; practical

Q3 **adv. slovenly**

- (a) sloppy; untidy; careless; unclean
- (b) on; toward the rear of a ship
- (c) wrong; askew
- (d) unquestionably; surely; obviously

Q4 **v. encumber**

- (a) to blame; to denunciate; to attack strongly; to explode with a loud noise
- (b) to hold back; to hinder; to burden; load down; to impede
- (c) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (d) to accumulate; to grow; to compile; to collect; to amass

Q5 **adj. intransigent**

- (a) unyielding; uncompromising
- (b) emitting light; shining; enlightened; intelligent
- (c) silent; reserved; shy; self-restraint
- (d) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable

Q6 **n. mettle**

- (a) hate; disgrace from a hateful action; enmity
- (b) spirit; courage; ardor
- (c) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic
- (d) parliamentary procedure to end debate and begin to vote; closure

Q7 **adj. passive**

- (a) careless; irresponsible; permissive; slack; lenient
- (b) submissive; unassertive; compliant; indifferent
- (c) going beyond what is reasonable; excessive; expensive; disproportionate
- (d) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working

Q8 **n. quagmire**

- (a) marshy land; mud; difficult situation
- (b) legend; long story of adventure or heroic deed
- (c) very hard work; intense pain or agony; toil
- (d) raised platform at one end of a room; stage

Q9 **adj. amorphous**

- (a) manageable; obedient; gentle; compliant; submissive
- (b) with no shape; unorganized; having no determinate form
- (c) asking earnestly and submissively
- (d) untrue; inaccurate; not correct; wrong; mistaken

Q10 **n. accomplice**

- (a) false statement; rumor; hoax
- (b) growth by addition; growing together by parts; expansion
- (c) sudden, unpredictable or whimsical change; impulse
- (d) co-conspirator; partner; partner-in-crime

Q1 **adj. plumb**

- (a) deep; knowledgeable; thorough; intense; serious
- (b) perfectly straight down; vertical
- (c) complying; obeying; yielding; acquiescent
- (d) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile

Q2 **adj. diffuse**

- (a) spread out; verbose; wordy and disorganized; dispersed; rambling
- (b) intentional; planned; premeditated
- (c) containing associated meanings in addition to the primary one; hinting; implicational; suggestive
- (d) lenient; patient; permissive; tolerant; forbearing

Q3 **adj. fledgling**

- (a) contradictory; inconsistent; sarcastic
- (b) regretful; sorrowful; having repentance; remorseful; pertinent
- (c) beginner
- (d) wicked; unjust

Q4 **adj. explicit**

- (a) solitary; alone
- (b) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (c) moving slowly; lazy; sluggish
- (d) specific; definite; clear

Q5 **adj. magnanimous**

- (a) traditional; common; routine; customary; formal
- (b) forgiving; unselfish
- (c) unmanageable; unjustifiably malicious; immoral
- (d) aware of; perceptive

Q6 **adj. hackneyed**

- (a) unchangeable; permanent; changeless
- (b) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (c) commonplace; trite; banal; unoriginal
- (d) harmful; hurtful; noxious

Q7 **n. impasse**

- (a) flow; continual change; fluidity
- (b) guilt; sorrow; regret
- (c) changed form; alternation; change of condition
- (d) situation that has no solution or escape; standstill; hang-up; deadlock; dead-end street

Q8 **adj. aromatic**

- (a) commonplace; overused; stale
- (b) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane
- (c) having a smell which is sweet or spicy; fragrant
- (d) of the highest kind or degree

Q9 **adj. peripheral**

- (a) deprived of; in a sad manner; hurt by someone's death
- (b) marginal; outer; external
- (c) counterfeit; of doubtful authorship or authenticity
- (d) mixed with a darker color

Q10 **adj. inadvertent**

- (a) disobedient of authority; noncompliant; unsubmitive
- (b) not on purpose; unintentional; heedless; negligent; accidental
- (c) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious
- (d) disrespectful and shameless; insolent; cheeky

Q1 **n. connivance**

- (a) teacher; professor; educator
- (b) guess; assumption; supposition
- (c) libel; slander; calumny
- (d) secret cooperation in wrongdoing

Q2 **n. obeisance**

- (a) incoherent speech; specialized vocabulary in certain fields
- (b) something used in a given activity; piece of equipment
- (c) reasoning in order from general to particular
- (d) gesture of respect or reverence; reverent behavior

Q3 **n. catharsis**

- (a) sudden feeling of uneasiness or doubt; regret; sorrow
- (b) purging or relieving of the body or soul
- (c) scarcity; fewness
- (d) hope; comfort during a time of grief; consolation; relief

Q4 **n. bastion**

- (a) confused condition; hesitation; vacillation
- (b) collection or mixture of various things; aggregate; cluster; mass; assortment
- (c) fortress; stronghold; castle
- (d) rebuke; accusation

Q5 **n. fustian**

- (a) praise in excess
- (b) final act or result; effect; consequence
- (c) hostility; opposition; conflict
- (d) pompous talk or writing; flowery speech coarse fabric; linen

Q6 **n. gauntlet**

- (a) unrest; agitation; commotion; tumult; uproar
- (b) protective glove
- (c) isolation of a person or persons to prevent the spread of disease; confinement
- (d) allergic reaction; vulnerability

Q7 **n. malefactor**

- (a) completion; finish; realization; perfection; culmination
- (b) evil person; criminal
- (c) tyranny; absolute power or influence; rule of a despot; dictatorship
- (d) slight fault or offense; minor sin

Q8 **n. euphemism**

- (a) plunderer; raider; thief
- (b) substitution of a milder or socially acceptable word or phrase
- (c) quality of nobleness of mind; disdain of meanness or revenge; generous and unselfish act
- (d) crude or surly behavior; behavior of a peasant; lack of education

Q9 **n. cascade**

- (a) waterfall; pour; waves
- (b) harshness; vulgarity
- (c) group; band; companion; friend
- (d) person who believes that others are motivated entirely by selfishness; pessimist

Q10 **n. epitome**

- (a) plant which blooms every two years; event which occurs every two years
- (b) model; typification; embodiment; archetype; exemplar
- (c) imprisonment; the use of threats; pressure; coercion; intimidation
- (d) strong rejection; denigrating attitude

Q1 **adj. arbitrary**

- (a) concealing; sly; cunning; deceptive; tricky
- (b) porous; allowing to pass through; penetrable
- (c) based on one's preference or judgment; unrestricted
- (d) clear and unambiguous; conclusive

Q2 **adj. flaccid**

- (a) beginner
- (b) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft
- (c) illogical; rambling; disjointed; inconsistent
- (d) pertaining to races or peoples and their origin classification, or characteristics

Q3 **v. anoint**

- (a) to provoke; to irritate; to offend
- (b) to raid for spoils; to plunder; to invade; to attack
- (c) to ask; to seek; to try to influence another person to commit an illegal act
- (d) to crown; to ordain

Q4 **n. conglomeration**

- (a) lack of pride; modesty; humble state; meekness
- (b) collection or mixture of various things; aggregate; cluster; mass; assortment
- (c) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (d) hesitation in asserting oneself; lack of confidence; timidity; shyness

Q5 **adj. elusive**

- (a) hard to catch; difficult to understand or grasp; evasive; tending to escape
- (b) mournful; sad; moving
- (c) never ceasing; continuous; eternal
- (d) incompetent; clumsy; unskilled; inappropriate

Q6 **v. bemuse**

- (a) to take place; to come about; to occur
- (b) to pretend; to feign; to conceal by pretense
- (c) to protest; to object; to hesitate
- (d) to preoccupy in thought; to confuse; to baffle

Q7 **n. epitaph**

- (a) indirect remark; insinuation; suggestion; intimation; hint
- (b) state of being the same in power, value, or rank; equality
- (c) hired soldier; greedy person
- (d) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration

Q8 **adj. generic**

- (a) to be narrow minded or limited
- (b) impure in thought and act; lustful
- (c) puzzling; hard to explain
- (d) common; general; universal

Q9 **n. ennui**

- (a) overflowing of high spirits; effervescence; exuberance; excitement
- (b) appeal; magnetism; presence; leadership ability
- (c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium
- (d) being villainous or wicked; evil

Q10 **v. chastise**

- (a) to move gently by wind; to breeze; to carry in the air
- (b) to dissolve; to become liquid; to melt
- (c) to improve by adding details; to adorn; to decorate; to beautify
- (d) to punish; to discipline; to admonish; to criticize harshly

Q1 **adj. fatuous**

- (a) disorganized; irregular; random
- (b) lacking in seriousness; vain and silly; stupid; foolish; inane
- (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (d) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive

Q2 **adj. impeccable**

- (a) living or happening at the same time; modern; current
- (b) bright; radiant; shining; splendid; shiny
- (c) deserving blame; guilty
- (d) pure; perfect; faultless

Q3 **adj. laconic**

- (a) native to a particular area; indigenous; local
- (b) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (c) never ceasing; continuous; eternal
- (d) wishing evil; malicious (opposite: benevolent)

Q4 **adj. unalloyed**

- (a) done by custom; unbending
- (b) definite; fixed; established
- (c) plain and unsophisticated; homely; of or living in the country; provincial
- (d) pure; of high quality

Q5 **adj. turbid**

- (a) marked by self-control; settled; sober
- (b) thick and dense; cloudy; confused; muddy; murky
- (c) lenient; patient; permissive; tolerant; forbearing
- (d) that which cannot be repaired or regained; uncorrectable; irreversible; irremediable

Q6 **adj. gauche**

- (a) primitive; pure; uncorrupted; unpolluted
- (b) wonderful; enormous; huge; excellent; great; amazing
- (c) not easily understood; dark; vague
- (d) awkward; lacking social grace; crude; tactless; clumsy

Q7 **adj. forensic**

- (a) forgiving; unselfish
- (b) arrogant; urgent; absolutely necessary
- (c) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (d) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing

Q8 **adj. amiable**

- (a) friendly; genial; pleasant
- (b) tasting sour; harsh in language or temper; bitter
- (c) obvious; clear; evident
- (d) cultured; suave; courteous; polite

Q9 **adj. arcane**

- (a) laborious; difficult; strenuous; hard
- (b) trifling; futile; insignificant; void; invalid
- (c) obscure; secret; mysterious
- (d) not genuine; false; bogus; phony; artificial

Q10 **adj. impolitic**

- (a) dangerous; harmful; destructive; malignant
- (b) unwise; imprudent; not expedient
- (c) irreligious; away from acceptable standards; speaking ill of using profane language; irreverent
- (d) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable

Q1 **n. coda**

- (a) omission of words that would make the meaning clear
- (b) charge; act of attributing a fault or misconduct to another
- (c) imitation
- (d) concluding passage in music

Q2 **n. cognate**

- (a) audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; impudence; insolence; audacity; nerve
- (b) person related through ancestry; relative; kin
- (c) disaster; collapse; havoc; defeat; devastation
- (d) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object

Q3 **n. adversary**

- (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (b) striking one object against another; rapping
- (c) protective glove
- (d) rest period; temporary delay

Q4 **n. timbre**

- (a) unlimited authority; freedom of action
- (b) the quality of sound which distinguishes one from another
- (c) seriousness; severity
- (d) model; typification; embodiment; archetype; exemplar

Q5 **n. mimicry**

- (a) confused mass; turmoil; chaos
- (b) imitation
- (c) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness
- (d) theft; stealing; robbery

Q6 **n. burlesque**

- (a) comical imitation; mockery; caricature
- (b) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (c) outflow of vapor of invisible particles; noxious odor; exhalation
- (d) removal from office or power; testimony; dismissal

Q7 **adj. omniscient**

- (a) acting as a dictator; demanding obedience
- (b) loaded; charged
- (c) having knowledge of all things
- (d) dull; cloudy; non-transparent; frosted (about glass)

Q8 **n. objective**

- (a) removal from office or power; testimony; dismissal
- (b) gesture of respect or reverence; reverent behavior
- (c) person who studies chemistry
- (d) goal; purpose; target; aim

Q9 **n. tutelage**

- (a) condition of being under a guardian or a tutor; guardianship
- (b) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm
- (c) slyness; deceit; fraud; cunning; trickery
- (d) unlimited authority; freedom of action

Q10 **n. document**

- (a) exaggeration; overstatement
- (b) area; sphere of activity; domain; region
- (c) extreme frugality; miserliness; stinginess
- (d) official paper containing information; deed; certificate

Q1 **n. allusion**

- (a) expression of grief or sorrow; complaint; wailing; mourning
- (b) purposely misleading statement; prevarication
- (c) large tent or covered area, usually used for entertainment; booth
- (d) indirect reference (often literary); hint

Q2 **n. paradigm**

- (a) change of form
- (b) model; prototype; pattern; idea
- (c) distance from one side to another; width
- (d) attack; hostile invasion; raid; entering; infiltration

Q3 **adj. indomitable**

- (a) not real; rather artificial
- (b) unbiased; fair; objective
- (c) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable
- (d) crude; vulgar; obtrusive; conspicuous; blunt

Q4 **n. indigence**

- (a) model; prototype; pattern; idea
- (b) morbid fear
- (c) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit
- (d) poverty

Q5 **adj. pied**

- (a) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (b) abnormal; straying from the normal or usual path; irregular
- (c) improper; unfortunate; unexpected
- (d) colored; blotched together; spotted

Q6 **n. fidelity**

- (a) disaster
- (b) childish babble; chatter
- (c) faithfulness; honesty; precision; adherence to detail; loyalty
- (d) payment for work done; allowance; salary

Q7 **adj. immune**

- (a) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- (b) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (c) colored; blotched together; spotted
- (d) distant in interest; reserved; cool

Q8 **adj. trivial**

- (a) unimportant; small; worthless; minor
- (b) well-known because it is commonly referred to; similar to an adage
- (c) cheery; playful; convivial; merry
- (d) showing good judgment in conduct; prudent; modest; circumspect; unobtrusive

Q9 **adj. cursory**

- (a) working diligently; persistent; diligent; assiduous
- (b) kind; generous
- (c) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (d) not willing to yield or comply with what is reasonable; stubborn; contrary

Q10 **n. jollity**

- (a) exaggerated personal opinion; arrogance; excessive pride
- (b) person who helps others; donor; patron; sponsor
- (c) being fun; festivity; gaiety
- (d) connection; joint; link

Q1 **adj. glib**

- (a) living for pleasure
- (b) having lines or grooves
- (c) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (d) cowardly; fearful

Q2 **adj. opalescent**

- (a) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (b) mixed with a darker color
- (c) iridescent
- (d) not final or of a definite result; unconvincing

Q3 **adj. resplendent**

- (a) dazzling and shining; gleaming; brilliant; dazzling
- (b) secretive; sly; shifty; stealthy; surreptitious
- (c) silent; reserved; shy; self-restraint
- (d) transparent; intelligible; lucid; clear; understandable

Q4 **adj. egocentric**

- (a) of the worst or lowest degree
- (b) self-centered; viewing everything in relation to oneself; egoistic; selfish
- (c) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (d) commonplace; trite; banal; unoriginal

Q5 **adj. obscure**

- (a) not easily understood; dark; vague
- (b) imposing; magnificent; grand
- (c) impure in thought and act; lustful
- (d) asking earnestly and submissively

Q6 **adj. pejorative**

- (a) religious; narrow-minded; provincial
- (b) threatening; foreboding
- (c) soggy; dull in action as if from alcohol; wet; lumpy; doughy
- (d) making things worse; villifying; depreciatory

Q7 **adj. capricious**

- (a) changeable; fickle
- (b) harmful; malign; sinister; malicious
- (c) without equal; incomparable; matchless
- (d) very light; airy; heavenly; not earthly; delicate

Q8 **adj. palpable**

- (a) touchable; clear; obvious; substantial; tangible
- (b) generally occurring; predominant; widespread
- (c) too sugary; too sentimental or flattering
- (d) thick and dense; cloudy; confused; muddy; murky

Q9 **adj. tentative**

- (a) transparent; intelligible; lucid; clear; understandable
- (b) making or willing to make concessions; appeasing; pacifying
- (c) concerning everyone; existing everywhere; comprehensive; worldwide
- (d) not confirmed; indefinite; temporary; experimental

Q10 **adj. novel**

- (a) buried; concealed; undisclosed; hidden
- (b) cutting; keen or incisive words; incisive; forceful
- (c) new; strange
- (d) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable

Q1 **n. enigma**

- (a) mystery; secret; perplexity; puzzle; riddle
- (b) tough person; hoodlum; hooligan; bully; thug
- (c) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (d) legend; long story of adventure or heroic deed

Q2 **n. remorse**

- (a) difference in form, character or degree; inequality
- (b) guilt; sorrow; regret
- (c) person who studies chemistry
- (d) absolute ruler

Q3 **n. coterie**

- (a) companion; spouse; partner
- (b) impossible fancy; wild illusion
- (c) binding and solemn agreement; contract; treaty
- (d) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially

Q4 **n. elaboration**

- (a) hate; disgrace from a hateful action; enmity
- (b) teacher; wise and faithful advisor; spiritual instructor
- (c) co-conspirator; partner; partner-in-crime
- (d) act of clarifying; adding details; act of improving; careful planning

Q5 **n. quintessence**

- (a) pure essence of anything; epitome
- (b) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (c) outflow of vapor of invisible particles; noxious odor; exhalation
- (d) blunt refusal to offered help; rejection; refusal; snub

Q6 **n. pallor**

- (a) musical discord; disagreement; lack of harmony; inconsistency
- (b) lack of facial color; wanness; paleness
- (c) penny pincher; stingy person; scrooge; cheapskate
- (d) difference in form, character or degree; inequality

Q7 **n. hiatus**

- (a) bitter or abusive speech; tirade
- (b) doubter
- (c) interval; break; separation; interruption; opening
- (d) either of two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator

Q8 **n. abstinence**

- (a) depression; gloom; sadness
- (b) period of inactivity
- (c) propensity of understatement; so slight as to be barely noticeable; elusiveness
- (d) self-restraint; forbearance; avoidance

Q9 **n. hone**

- (a) thrift; economical use or expenditure; meanness; stinginess
- (b) trickery; deception; scheming
- (c) something used to sharpen; whetstone
- (d) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true

Q10 **n. allure**

- (a) person who inflicts just punishment; retribution; rival
- (b) kind; type; category; style
- (c) word or phrase which reads the same backwards and forwards
- (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

Q1 **adj. uncanny**

- (a) contradictory; inconsistent; sarcastic
- (b) of a strange nature; weird; mysterious
- (c) easy to shape or bend; pliable; flexible; adaptable
- (d) improper; unfortunate; unexpected

Q2 **adj. illusory**

- (a) contributing to life; amiable; sociable; merry; friendly
- (b) unreal; false; deceptive; illusive
- (c) quarrelsome; controversial; argumentative
- (d) wishing evil; malicious (opposite: benevolent)

Q3 **n. catalyst**

- (a) loud approval; applause; praise
- (b) anything which creates a situation in which change can occur
- (c) unworldly young woman; character of an innocent girl
- (d) chest where money or valuables are kept; treasury; strongbox

Q4 **adj. arable**

- (a) suitable (as land) for plowing; cultivatable
- (b) part of the essential character; intrinsic; inborn; natural
- (c) quarrelsome; controversial; argumentative
- (d) spiritless; not animated; not endowed with life; inert; inactive

Q5 **adj. inimical**

- (a) pertaining to the earth
- (b) obscure; secret; mysterious
- (c) not able to be heard
- (d) harmful; hostile; unfriendly

Q6 **n. rancor**

- (a) concluding passage in music
- (b) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater
- (c) appearance; facade
- (d) strong ill will; enmity; bitterness; hatred; resentment

Q7 **v. feign**

- (a) to stop; to check the flow of; to staunch
- (b) to profane; to violate the sanctity of; to pollute; to defile
- (c) to gain advantage by manipulating unfairly; to falsify; to pervert; to distort
- (d) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up

Q8 **n. heretic**

- (a) old saying now accepted as being truthful; proverb
- (b) constantly quarrelsome woman
- (c) person who holds opinion contrary to that which is generally accepted
- (d) purging or relieving of the body or soul

Q9 **n. ingratitude**

- (a) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk
- (b) ungratefulness; thanklessness
- (c) model; typification; embodiment; archetype; exemplar
- (d) supporter; follower; guerrilla fighter

Q10 **v. deprecate**

- (a) to separate; to segregate; to seclude; to set apart
- (b) to call upon; appeal to; to summon; to implore; to invoke
- (c) to relieve; to ease; to make less severe; to calm; to appease
- (d) to express disapproval of; to protest against; to disparage; belittle

**Q1 adj. coy**

- (a) below the level of consciousness
- (b) modest; bashful; pretending shyness to attract; flirtatious; coquettish
- (c) melted
- (d) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive

**Q2 adj. lugubrious**

- (a) indecent; immoral; lecherous
- (b) full of sorrow; mournful; melancholic
- (c) conferring benefits; kind; doing good
- (d) superior; independent; self-governing

**Q3 adj. traumatic**

- (a) spotted; blotched; defiled; impure
- (b) abusive; humiliating; insulting
- (c) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (d) causing a violent injury

**Q4 adj. pagan**

- (a) easily imposed; inclined; prone; vulnerable
- (b) polytheistic; hedonistic
- (c) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise
- (d) swollen; pompous; puffy

**Q5 adj. provocative**

- (a) tempting; irritating; inciting; annoying
- (b) controversial; argumentative; contentious
- (c) doubtful; uncertain; questionable; undecided
- (d) primitive; pure; uncorrupted; unpolluted

**Q6 adj. fecund**

- (a) cautious; being sparing in giving; careful; wary
- (b) productive; fruitful; fertile
- (c) expert; skillful
- (d) discouraged; dispirited; depressed

**Q7 adj. insolvent**

- (a) unable to pay debts; bankrupt
- (b) suitable (as land) for plowing; cultivatable
- (c) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (d) longing for the past; filled with bittersweet memories

**Q8 adj. petulant**

- (a) peevish; cranky; rude
- (b) cutting; sarcastic; incisive; sharp
- (c) something which causes dread or fear; difficult; intimidating; awesome; frightening
- (d) creaking; harsh; grating

**Q9 adj. dubious**

- (a) having a bad odor; spoiled; decomposed; musty
- (b) yielding to the opinion of another; showing honor; respectful
- (c) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile
- (d) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious

**Q10 adj. articulate**

- (a) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet
- (b) clear; distinct; expressed with clarity; skillful with words
- (c) respectful; feeling or showing deep love, respect, or awe
- (d) done in a routine, mechanical way; without interest; superficial; careless

**Q1 n. quiescence**

- (a) overbearing pride or presumption; egotism; arrogance
- (b) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness; (opposite; optimism)
- (c) model; prototype; pattern; idea
- (d) state of being at rest or without motion; restfulness; calmness

**Q2 n. effervescence**

- (a) liking for; attraction; affinity
- (b) group of lines in a poem having a definite pattern
- (c) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubblyness; gaiety
- (d) person who studies chemistry

**Q3 n. calumny**

- (a) noisy or disorderly crowd; retreat; terrible defeat
- (b) slander
- (c) ceasing; stopping
- (d) theme; main idea

**Q4 n. stridency**

- (a) honesty; decency; integrity; uprightness
- (b) small amount
- (c) thing which is joined together; assemblage
- (d) shrillness or harshness of sound

**Q5 n. consummation**

- (a) relatives and acquaintances; family members
- (b) disaster; collapse; havoc; defeat; devastation
- (c) carelessness; neglect
- (d) completion; finish; realization; perfection; culmination

**Q6 n. demise**

- (a) bitter or abusive speech; tirade
- (b) death; decease; coming to an end
- (c) unlimited authority; freedom of action
- (d) superabundance

**Q7 n. eon**

- (a) indefinitely long period of time; age
- (b) connection; similarity of structure
- (c) spirit; courage; ardor
- (d) division into two parts or kinds

**Q8 n. miscreant**

- (a) propensity of understatement; so slight as to be barely noticeable; elusiveness
- (b) evil person; villain; rascal
- (c) an abstracted state of absorption
- (d) act of holding together; union

**Q9 n. affinity**

- (a) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit
- (b) connection; similarity of structure
- (c) act of mocking; ridicule; mockery; scorn
- (d) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater

**Q10 n. advocate**

- (a) supporter; defender
- (b) exaggerated personal opinion; arrogance; excessive pride
- (c) banter; teasing
- (d) marshy land; mud; difficult situation

Q1 **n. ascetic**

- (a) mystery; secret; perplexity; puzzle; riddle
- (b) expert; authority (usually refers to a wine or food expert)
- (c) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit
- (d) condition of being under a guardian or a tutor; guardianship

Q2 **n. conciliation**

- (a) critical point; crisis; period; joint; connection
- (b) attempt to make friendly or placate; appeasement; compromise
- (c) guess; assumption; supposition
- (d) charge; act of attributing a fault or misconduct to another

Q3 **adj. unfeigned**

- (a) stretched tightly; organized; tense; nervous
- (b) genuine; real; sincere
- (c) undecided
- (d) damp and chilly; clammy and wet; moist

Q4 **n. spelunker**

- (a) person who studies caves
- (b) substitution of a milder or socially acceptable word or phrase
- (c) passion; intensity of feeling; ardor; eagerness
- (d) honesty; decency; integrity; uprightness

Q5 **adj. abysmal**

- (a) wrong; awry; wrongly; mistaken; erroneous
- (b) roving in search of adventure; roving; straying; erring; wandering
- (c) very deep; terrible
- (d) possessing the power to think or meditate; meditative; capable of perception; aware; perceptive

Q6 **n. liberalism**

- (a) being stripped; act of unclothing; deprivation of a right or privilege
- (b) believing in personal freedom (favoring reform or progress)
- (c) collection of beliefs; system of religious laws
- (d) avoiding of a duty; avoidance; dodging

Q7 **n. zephyr**

- (a) attack; hostile invasion; raid; entering; infiltration
- (b) gentle wind; breeze; lightweight fabric
- (c) division into two parts or kinds
- (d) absolute power; autocracy

Q8 **v. loiter**

- (a) to make a journey; to migrate
- (b) to move secretly; to sneak about
- (c) to spend time aimlessly; to idle
- (d) to alleviate; to lessen; to soothe; to soften; to appease

Q9 **adj. ornate**

- (a) pale in color; ashen
- (b) quarrelsome; warlike
- (c) flamboyant; flowery; showy
- (d) having the nature of fire; volcanic; fiery

Q10 **adj. pellucid**

- (a) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive
- (b) indebted to; obligated
- (c) soggy; dull in action as if from alcohol; wet; lumpy; doughy
- (d) transparent; intelligible; lucid; clear; understandable

Q1 **adj. morose**

- (a) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable
- (b) promoting good health
- (c) unimportant; small; worthless; minor
- (d) shining; gleaming

Q2 **adj. potable**

- (a) picking from various possibilities; made up of material from various sources; diverse; heterogeneous
- (b) drinkable
- (c) puzzling; hard to explain
- (d) intentional; planned; premeditated

Q3 **adj. intractable**

- (a) virtuous; free of obscenity; pure; unaffected; modest
- (b) stubborn; obstinate; not easily taught or disciplined; inflexible
- (c) having a pleasant taste; flavorful
- (d) easily managed; obedient

Q4 **adj. deleterious**

- (a) feeling sorry for what one has done; ascetic; repentant
- (b) controversial; argumentative; contentious
- (c) harmful; hurtful; noxious
- (d) pertaining to races or peoples and their origin classification, or characteristics

Q5 **adj. chaste**

- (a) rising or tending to rise again; experiencing revival
- (b) loaded; charged
- (c) virtuous; free of obscenity; pure; unaffected; modest
- (d) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled

Q6 **adj. candid**

- (a) honest; truthful; sincere; frank; straightforward; open
- (b) living or happening at the same time; modern; current
- (c) matter-of-fact; practical
- (d) sharp; bitter; foul smelling; irritating

Q7 **adj. captious**

- (a) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful
- (b) cranky; cantankerous; easily moved to feeling displeasure; irritable
- (c) disposed to find fault; picky; narrow-minded
- (d) not confirmed; indefinite; temporary; experimental

Q8 **adj. inveterate**

- (a) wearisome; tiresome; dreary
- (b) deeply rooted; ingrained; firmly established
- (c) pertaining to races or peoples and their origin classification, or characteristics
- (d) effortlessly gracious; courteous; smooth; sophisticated

Q9 **adj. sinuous**

- (a) mild; harmless; favorable; gentle; compassionate
- (b) shedding; temporary; of passing interest
- (c) showing little emotion; stupid; impassive
- (d) full of curves; twisting and turning

Q10 **adj. sordid**

- (a) marked by hostility; spiteful; irritable; malicious
- (b) virtuous; free of obscenity; pure; unaffected; modest
- (c) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty
- (d) smaller than average; minute; tiny

Q1 **n. chicanery**

- (a) speculation; representative way of thinking; philosophy; doctrine
- (b) trickery; deception; scheming
- (c) solemn moral talk; sermon; exhortation; lesson
- (d) place to keep or a collection of wild or strange animals; zoo

Q2 **n. nemesis**

- (a) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability
- (b) driving impulse; something which urges or drives
- (c) person who inflicts just punishment; retribution; rival
- (d) piece of land jutting into a body of water; bluff

Q3 **n. magnanimity**

- (a) aid; assistance; help
- (b) quality of nobleness of mind; disdain of meanness or revenge; generous and unselfish act
- (c) controversy; dispute
- (d) slanderous statement; damaging or derogatory criticism; false rumor

Q4 **n. eloquence**

- (a) avoiding of a duty; avoidance; dodging
- (b) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical
- (c) ability to speak well
- (d) revolt; provocation of dissent

Q5 **n. amalgam**

- (a) chest where money or valuables are kept; treasury; strongbox
- (b) something used in a given activity; piece of equipment
- (c) having the characteristics of an island; narrowness of mind
- (d) mixture or combination (often of metals); alloy

Q6 **n. ruffian**

- (a) absolute power; autocracy
- (b) family relationship; adoption; natural attraction; affinity
- (c) tough person; hoodlum; hooligan; bully; thug
- (d) system of persons or things arranged according to rank

Q7 **adj. sedulous**

- (a) greedy; very desirous; envious; grasping
- (b) pretentious; showy; pompous
- (c) working diligently; persistent; diligent; assiduous
- (d) carefree; genial; stylish; charming; dashing

Q8 **n. defamation**

- (a) ability to speak well
- (b) shrillness or harshness of sound
- (c) libel; slander; calumny
- (d) violent or unrestrained anger; fury; rage

Q9 **n. paucity**

- (a) person skilled in argument; disputatious person
- (b) scarcity; fewness
- (c) seriousness; severity
- (d) person skilled at telling stories

Q10 **n. fathom**

- (a) nautical unit of depth; unit of length equal to six feet
- (b) evil person; criminal
- (c) childish babble; chatter
- (d) the quality of sound which distinguishes one from another

Q1 **n. craven**

- (a) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (b) coward; abject person
- (c) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater
- (d) blunt refusal to offered help; rejection; refusal; snub

Q2 **adj. lithe**

- (a) in few words; brief; condensed; succinct; short yet comprehensive
- (b) royal; grand; majestic
- (c) harmful; hostile; unfriendly
- (d) easily bent; pliable; supple; limber

Q3 **adj. feasible**

- (a) filthy; wretched (from squalor); dirty; miserable
- (b) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible
- (c) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (d) having the qualities of a beast; brutal; barbaric

Q4 **v. muse**

- (a) to support; to approve of; to recommend; to approve; to sanction
- (b) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (c) to think or speak meditatively; to ponder; to meditate
- (d) to plead in favor of

Q5 **n. cataclysm**

- (a) state of being tired or listless; exhaustion; laziness; weariness
- (b) anything to which one gives excessive devotion; idolized object
- (c) extreme natural force; catastrophe
- (d) disapproval; condemnation

Q6 **v. ratify**

- (a) to make valid; to confirm; to approve; to sanction; to authorize
- (b) to come down from one's position or dignity; to lower oneself; to patronize
- (c) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon
- (d) to feed fuel to, especially a fire

Q7 **adj. evanescent**

- (a) excessively fond of; adoring
- (b) strong; bulky; stocky; sturdy
- (c) vanishing quickly; dissipating like a vapor; fading; disappearing
- (d) filled with love and desire; charmed; delighted

Q8 **adj. imperious**

- (a) arrogant; urgent; absolutely necessary
- (b) causing frustration or destruction
- (c) based on one's preference or judgment; unrestricted
- (d) friendly; genial; pleasant

Q9 **v. efface**

- (a) to erase; to make inconspicuous; to destroy; to wipe out
- (b) to offer reasons for; to account for on rational grounds
- (c) to bring into mutual relation; to connect
- (d) to go; to move slowly; to delay

Q10 **v. atrophy**

- (a) to waste away; as from lack of use; to wither
- (b) to make easier; to simplify; to expedite; to assist forward; to promote
- (c) to guess; to presume; to assume; to think; to suppose
- (d) to cause to get stuck in wet, soggy ground; to muddy

Q1 **adj. incognito**

- (a) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (b) being hard to deal with; unsolved situation; troublesome
- (c) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (d) swollen; pompous; puffy

Q2 **adj. defunct**

- (a) no longer living or existing; extinct; dead
- (b) causing frustration or destruction
- (c) inconsistent; resistant; contradictory; opposed; averse
- (d) wasteful; lavish; generous; plentiful; abundant

Q3 **adj. livid**

- (a) developed or matured earlier than usual
- (b) omnipresent; present everywhere
- (c) discolored, as if bruised; extremely angry; furious
- (d) touchable; clear; obvious; substantial; tangible

Q4 **n. corpulence**

- (a) blunder; mistake
- (b) obesity; fleshiness; fatness
- (c) rounded, upward-projecting front of a saddle
- (d) resentment at being slighted; irritation; grudge

Q5 **n. humility**

- (a) self-restraint; self-control; abstinence; moderation
- (b) gesture of respect or reverence; reverent behavior
- (c) lack of pride; modesty; humble state; meekness
- (d) distance from one side to another; width

Q6 **adj. rustic**

- (a) fond of the company of others; sociable
- (b) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown
- (c) irreligious; away from acceptable standards; speaking ill of using profane language; irreverent
- (d) plain and unsophisticated; homely; of or living in the country; provincial

Q7 **adj. ostentatious**

- (a) shriveled; withered; shrunken
- (b) using force to take; selfish; greedy; predatory; covetous
- (c) harmful; hostile; unfriendly
- (d) pretentious; showy; pompous

Q8 **adj. prefatory**

- (a) mediocre; ordinary
- (b) coming before; serving as an opening statement
- (c) resounding; re-echoing; reverberating
- (d) skillful; quick; deft; adroit; agile

Q9 **adj. arid**

- (a) pertaining to or affecting both sides or two sides; having two sides; reciprocal
- (b) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative
- (c) of the land; agricultural
- (d) glowing through haze; shocking; sensational; appalling; horrible

Q10 **adj. perfidious**

- (a) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (b) faithless; treacherous; deceitful; adulterous
- (c) untrue; inaccurate; not correct; wrong; mistaken
- (d) unidentified; disguised; concealed; anonymous; unknown

Q1 **n. rabid**

- (a) system of persons or things arranged according to rank
- (b) disease affecting animals
- (c) song of praise or triumph
- (d) obesity; fleshiness; fatness

Q2 **n. alacrity**

- (a) strength; power; depression; dent
- (b) order; charge; authorization; command
- (c) eager readiness; speed
- (d) slanderous statement; damaging or derogatory criticism; false rumor

Q3 **n. myriad**

- (a) plundering or laying waste; pillaging; ravishing; plundering
- (b) seriousness; severity
- (c) something that can be relied on
- (d) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive

Q4 **n. eulogy**

- (a) words of praise, especially for the dead
- (b) failing to meet necessary requirements; lack of ability; inadequacy
- (c) exaggeration; overstatement
- (d) slander

Q5 **n. lassitude**

- (a) defense; shield; embankment
- (b) clique; group who meet frequently, usually socially
- (c) correspondence of parts; harmony
- (d) state of being tired or listless; exhaustion; laziness; weariness

Q6 **n. idyll**

- (a) landing on the edge of a river or field
- (b) written piece of work describing a peaceful rural scene
- (c) anything of mixed origin; crossbreed
- (d) state of being tired or listless; exhaustion; laziness; weariness

Q7 **adj. prodigal**

- (a) having knowledge of all things
- (b) touching; adjacent; successive; bordering
- (c) coming before; serving as an opening statement
- (d) wasteful; lavish; generous; plentiful; abundant

Q8 **n. circumlocution**

- (a) offense; resentment; shade
- (b) roundabout or indirect way of speaking; verbosity
- (c) appearance; being or manner; bearing
- (d) any mysterious change of substance or nature

Q9 **n. tumult**

- (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (b) person who possesses special or secret knowledge
- (c) completion; finish; realization; perfection; culmination
- (d) noisy commotion; disturbance; confusion; riot

Q10 **n. anomaly**

- (a) spirit; courage; ardor
- (b) beauty; attractiveness in appearance or behavior
- (c) oddity; inconsistency; deviation from the norm; exception; deviation
- (d) place of safety or shelter; port; refuge; haven

Q1 **n. homily**

- (a) tenet seemingly contradictory or false, but actually true
- (b) solemn moral talk; sermon; exhortation; lesson
- (c) spontaneous motion; mobility
- (d) scarcity; fewness

Q2 **adj. derisive**

- (a) likely to happen without delay; forthcoming; impending
- (b) showing disrespect or scorn for; contemptible; ridiculous; contemptuous
- (c) feeling sorry for what one has done; ascetic; repentant
- (d) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual

Q3 **n. pique**

- (a) resentment at being slighted; irritation; grudge
- (b) avoiding of a duty; avoidance; dodging
- (c) pure essence of anything; epitome
- (d) feeling of embarrassment due to failure or disappointment; humiliation

Q4 **v. educe**

- (a) to break; to split in two; to divide
- (b) to connect; to associate with; to accept as a member
- (c) to force out of hiding; to search for; to discover; to investigate; to worry
- (d) to draw out; to infer from information; to elicit

Q5 **adj. irreproachable**

- (a) quick; changeable; fickle; mercury
- (b) giving generously; lavish
- (c) without blame or faults
- (d) traditional; accepted; conservative

Q6 **n. jester**

- (a) tough person; hoodlum; hooligan; bully; thug
- (b) fear of foreigners or strangers
- (c) controversy; dispute
- (d) person employed to amuse; joker; prankster; entertainer

Q7 **n. laggard**

- (a) person who has fallen behind; person who moves slowly
- (b) aid; assistance; help
- (c) children; offspring; outcome
- (d) inscription on a monument; in honor or memory of a dead person; commemoration

Q8 **v. codify**

- (a) to excite; to agitate; to inflame
- (b) to organize laws or rules into a systematic collection; to arrange systematically
- (c) to rush; to fall; to flow
- (d) to grow or develop quickly; to blossom; to expand

Q9 **adj. disputatious**

- (a) describing knowledge which resides in people's heads and is not easily written down
- (b) not wasteful; thrifty; frugal; saving
- (c) mandatory; necessary; legally or morally binding
- (d) argumentative; inclined to disputes; fond of debate

Q10 **n. profusion**

- (a) final act or result; effect; consequence
- (b) speculation; representative way of thinking; philosophy; doctrine
- (c) great wastefulness; large abundance of; excess; squandering; lavishness
- (d) oddity; inconsistency; deviation from the norm; exception; deviation

Q1 **adj. partisan**

- (a) resounding; re-echoing; reverberating
- (b) pure; of high quality
- (c) biased; one-sided
- (d) following as an effect; important; resultant; subsequent

Q2 **adj. flippant**

- (a) talkative; disrespectful; careless; disdainful
- (b) mandatory; necessary; legally or morally binding
- (c) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (d) pouring out or forth; overflowing; unrestrained; exuberant

Q3 **adj. exotic**

- (a) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (b) two-faced; deceptive; duplicitous; insincere
- (c) lacking vitality; indifferent; apathetic; sluggish
- (d) thorough; complete; comprehensive

Q4 **adj. obstinate**

- (a) spiritless; not animated; not endowed with life; inert; inactive
- (b) inflexible; stubborn
- (c) conferring benefits; kind; doing good
- (d) not confirmed; indefinite; temporary; experimental

Q5 **adj. narcissistic**

- (a) never changing; always with the same standard; alike; similar; even
- (b) porous; allowing to pass through; penetrable
- (c) obscure; secret; mysterious
- (d) egotistical; self-centered; excessive interest in ones appearance, comfort, abilities, etc.

Q6 **adj. sporadic**

- (a) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent
- (b) coming before; serving as an opening statement
- (c) pure; perfect; faultless
- (d) extremely talkative or wordy; loquacious; chatty

Q7 **adj. bereft**

- (a) very frugal; unwilling to spend; economical
- (b) loyal; consistent; persistent
- (c) mournful; sad; moving
- (d) deprived of; in a sad manner; hurt by someone's death

Q8 **adj. intrepid**

- (a) skillful; quick; deft; adroit; agile
- (b) resting; reclining
- (c) fearless; bold; courageous; brave
- (d) prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom

Q9 **adj. maudlin**

- (a) foolishly and tearfully sentimental; weepy; emotional
- (b) hard to understand; deep; recondite; ambiguous; obscure
- (c) tiresome; ordinary; common; tedious; regular; dull
- (d) not allowing anything to pass through; unaffected; susceptible to harm or injury; impossible to influence

Q10 **adj. somber**

- (a) dark and depressing; gloomy; glum; mournful; sad
- (b) incapable of being touched; immaterial; hard to grasp; insubstantial; difficult to perceive
- (c) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (d) harmful to one's health

Q1 **n. effigy**

- (a) either of two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator
- (b) image or likeness of a person; sculpted likeness
- (c) severity; harshness; strict accuracy
- (d) impossible fancy; wild illusion

Q2 **n. accretion**

- (a) connection; link; contact; conspiracy
- (b) growth by addition; growing together by parts; expansion
- (c) extreme natural force; catastrophe
- (d) scarcity; shortage; lack

Q3 **n. presage**

- (a) omen; foreshadowing characteristic; portent
- (b) obesity; fleshiness; fatness
- (c) speculation; representative way of thinking; philosophy; doctrine
- (d) anything which creates a situation in which change can occur

Q4 **n. amendment**

- (a) penny pincher; stingy person; scrooge; cheapskate
- (b) positive change
- (c) exaggeration; overstatement
- (d) person who has fallen behind; person who moves slowly

Q5 **n. upshot**

- (a) act of annihilating, destroying, or erasing; destruction; extermination
- (b) poem of lament and praise for the dead; dirge
- (c) final act or result; effect; consequence
- (d) feeling of hatred or ill will; resentment

Q6 **n. bauble**

- (a) lack of emotion or interest; indifference; disinterest
- (b) questionable remedy for difficulties; panacea
- (c) person who has good taste in food and drink; gourmet
- (d) showy yet useless thing

Q7 **n. panegyric**

- (a) boisterous laughter
- (b) lengthy, heartfelt speech; scolding; lecture
- (c) unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; philanthropy
- (d) high praise; commendation

Q8 **n. potable**

- (a) eager readiness; speed
- (b) beverage that is drinkable
- (c) protective glove
- (d) opinion contrary to popular belief

Q9 **n. fealty**

- (a) faithfulness; loyalty
- (b) ungratefulness; thanklessness
- (c) either of two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator
- (d) plundering or laying waste; pillaging; ravishing; plundering

Q10 **n. elegy**

- (a) false statement; rumor; hoax
- (b) situation that has no solution or escape; standstill; hang-up; deadlock; dead-end street
- (c) group; band; companion; friend
- (d) poem of lament and praise for the dead; dirge

Q1 **v. intercede**

- (a) to convert from one belief or religion to another
- (b) to plead on behalf of another; to mediate; to arbitrate; to intervene
- (c) to give up
- (d) to try to equal or excel; to take after; to imitate; to copy

Q2 **adj. apocryphal**

- (a) profitable; gainful; comprehensible
- (b) smooth and slippery; speaking or spoken in a smooth manner; easily fluent; careless; insincere
- (c) counterfeit; of doubtful authorship or authenticity
- (d) fruitful; plentiful; abundant; productive

Q3 **n. hubris**

- (a) danger; peril; hazard
- (b) ability to handle situations with skill and diplomacy; grace; delicacy
- (c) wealthy leader
- (d) overbearing pride or presumption; egotism; arrogance

Q4 **adj. nugatory**

- (a) pale in color; ashen
- (b) lacking color; sickly pale; exhausted
- (c) trifling; futile; insignificant; void; invalid
- (d) indebted to; obligated

Q5 **n. usurpation**

- (a) irreverence toward God; lack of respect
- (b) art of taking something for oneself; seizure
- (c) fondness for festiveness or joviality; festivity; friendliness
- (d) area; sphere of activity; domain; region

Q6 **n. partisan**

- (a) spontaneous motion; mobility
- (b) supporter; follower; guerrilla fighter
- (c) connection; link; contact; conspiracy
- (d) strong ill will; enmity; bitterness; hatred; resentment

Q7 **adj. craven**

- (a) cowardly; fearful
- (b) of inferior quality; cheap; fake; phony
- (c) related to the matter at hand; appropriate; relevant
- (d) not real; rather artificial

Q8 **v. waft**

- (a) to chide vehemently; to reprimand
- (b) to move gently by wind; to breeze; to carry in the air
- (c) to tear; mangle; to wound; hurt; to rip
- (d) to show sympathy for; to empathize; to feel sorrow for; to pity

Q9 **n. zealot**

- (a) theft; stealing; robbery
- (b) companion; spouse; partner
- (c) fondness for festiveness or joviality; festivity; friendliness
- (d) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical

Q10 **adj. incommodious**

- (a) inconvenient; uncomfortable
- (b) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (c) dull; cloudy; non-transparent; frosted (about glass)
- (d) separated; not interested; standing alone; impartial; aloof

Q1 **adj. meander**

- (a) winding; wandering aimlessly
- (b) laborious; difficult; strenuous; hard
- (c) unusual; striking; foreign; out of the ordinary
- (d) of the land; agricultural

Q2 **adj. coherent**

- (a) sticking together; connected; logical; consistent
- (b) in agreement with; harmonious
- (c) aware of; perceptive
- (d) expressing anger to an injustice; irate; resentful

Q3 **adj. replete**

- (a) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful
- (b) well supplied; full; brimming; crowded
- (c) native to a region; innate; originating from a place
- (d) inadequate; sparse; meager; deficient

Q4 **adj. devoid**

- (a) having separations; far off; reserved; unfriendly; remote; aloof
- (b) talkative; disrespectful; careless; disdainful
- (c) lacking; empty
- (d) deserving respect; determinable; calculable

Q5 **adj. knotty**

- (a) rotten; spoiled; confused
- (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural
- (c) puzzling; hard to explain
- (d) basic; necessary; essential; elemental

Q6 **adj. brusque**

- (a) abrupt in manner or speech; curt; rude; unpleasant
- (b) cunning; sly; crafty; clever; keen
- (c) gaudy; showy; loud; excessively ornamented; bright
- (d) harmful; malign; sinister; malicious

Q7 **adj. impecunious**

- (a) poor; having no money
- (b) approving; sanctioning; praising; commending
- (c) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (d) solitary; alone

Q8 **adj. apprehensive**

- (a) acting superior to others; conceited; proud
- (b) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory
- (c) no longer living or existing; extinct; dead
- (d) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned

Q9 **adj. discrete**

- (a) germ free; uninfected
- (b) possessing the power to think or meditate; meditative; capable of perception; aware; perceptive
- (c) all-inclusive; complete; thorough; extensive; large in scope
- (d) separate; individual

Q10 **adj. incidental**

- (a) lazy; passive; listless
- (b) not yet fully formed; rudimentary; unorganized; incomplete
- (c) extraneous; unexpected; nonessential; minor; secondary
- (d) not in harmony; in disagreement; inconsistent

Q1 **n. hybrid**

- (a) ungratefulness; thanklessness
- (b) anything of mixed origin; crossbreed
- (c) parts of entertainment; plan for dealing with a matter; coded instructions; schedule; agenda
- (d) person who hopes for the best; sees the good side

Q2 **v. cajole**

- (a) to reprimand; to find fault with; to admonish; to reprove
- (b) to ignite; to arouse; to inspire; to excite
- (c) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (d) to coax with insincere talk

Q3 **adj. colloquial**

- (a) abrupt in manner or speech; curt; rude; unpleasant
- (b) hard to understand; concealed; deep; obscure; profound
- (c) ordinary; dishonorable; not noble
- (d) having to do with conversation; informal speech

Q4 **v. cherish**

- (a) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (b) to characterize; to make as disgraceful
- (c) to feel love for; to care for; to treasure
- (d) to associate; to join; to be in agreement

Q5 **v. appease**

- (a) to satisfy; to calm; to sooth
- (b) to introduce into conversation; to open a subject for discussion
- (c) to commend; to praise
- (d) to blame; to denunciate; to attack strongly; to explode with a loud noise

Q6 **n. deference**

- (a) person who is authorized to judge or decide
- (b) appearance of a supernatural being; sudden idea or thought
- (c) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence
- (d) slight fault or offense; minor sin

Q7 **n. stanza**

- (a) something made up in the mind; imaginary story; notion
- (b) high praise; commendation
- (c) group of lines in a poem having a definite pattern
- (d) act of giving authoritative permission; approve; blockade; penalty

Q8 **adj. tenacious**

- (a) mediocre; ordinary
- (b) coming before; serving as an opening statement
- (c) holding; persistent; consistent
- (d) pretentious; showy; pompous

Q9 **adj. superficial**

- (a) rising or tending to rise again; experiencing revival
- (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent
- (c) lacking courage; timid
- (d) on the surface; narrow minded; lacking depth

Q10 **v. saunter**

- (a) to make weak; to weaken
- (b) to chide vehemently; to reprimand
- (c) to walk at a leisurely pace; to stroll; to meander
- (d) to bring to the proper condition by treatment; to soften; to harden

Q1 **adj. redolent**

- (a) lacking warmth or interest; lukewarm
- (b) fragrant; sweet-smelling; having the odor of a particular thing; reminiscent of
- (c) eager to ask questions in order to learn; nosy; curious; prying
- (d) submissive; unassertive; compliant; indifferent

Q2 **adj. nebulous**

- (a) unclear; hazy; vague
- (b) religious; devout; dedicated; orthodox
- (c) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical
- (d) magnificent; flamboyant; impressive; grand

Q3 **adj. adverse**

- (a) without blame or faults
- (b) being dormant; slow; sluggish; inert; apathetic
- (c) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (d) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical

Q4 **adj. austere**

- (a) awkward; lacking social grace; crude; tactless; clumsy
- (b) having a stern look; having strict self-discipline; rigid; ascetic; modest
- (c) young; immature; inexperienced
- (d) mild; harmless; favorable; gentle; compassionate

Q5 **adj. suppliant**

- (a) rich; magnificent; abundant; growing; richly ornamented
- (b) asking earnestly and submissively
- (c) disobedient to authority; defiant
- (d) easily fooled; naive; credulous

Q6 **adj. indecipherable**

- (a) subject to or open for discussion or debate
- (b) softening or soothing to the skin; having power to soften or relax living tissues
- (c) illegible; incomprehensible
- (d) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

Q7 **adj. quiescent**

- (a) inactive; at rest; peaceful; motionless; quiet
- (b) unmanageable; unjustifiably malicious; immoral
- (c) never changing; always with the same standard; alike; similar; even
- (d) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting

Q8 **adj. surreptitious**

- (a) done secretly; clandestine
- (b) as if asleep; inert; sluggish; inactive
- (c) rotten; spoiled; confused
- (d) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable

Q9 **adj. suave**

- (a) talkative; disrespectful; careless; disdainful
- (b) characterized by sitting; remaining in one locality; inactive
- (c) effortlessly gracious; courteous; smooth; sophisticated
- (d) following as an effect; important; resultant; subsequent

Q10 **adj. acrid**

- (a) large and impressive; palace-like; magnificent
- (b) sharp; bitter; foul smelling; irritating
- (c) not reacting chemically; inactive; sedentary; neutral; inanimate
- (d) native to a region; innate; originating from a place

**Q1 n. archetype**

- (a) denial
- (b) enemy; foe; opponent; rival
- (c) critical point; crisis; period; joint; connection
- (d) original pattern or model

**Q2 v. adjure**

- (a) to pretend; to feign; to conceal by pretense
- (b) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend
- (c) to separate; to split; to branch off from a common point
- (d) to appeal; to order solemnly

**Q3 adv. indubitably**

- (a) a sideways glance of disapproval
- (b) in a defective manner
- (c) unquestionably; surely; obviously
- (d) on; toward the rear of a ship

**Q4 adj. uncouth**

- (a) unclear; hazy; vague
- (b) disobedient to authority; defiant
- (c) uncultured; crude; clumsy
- (d) rigorously abstinent; severe; self-denying; celibate

**Q5 n. debacle**

- (a) purposely misleading statement; prevarication
- (b) disaster; collapse; havoc; defeat; devastation
- (c) putting a curse on someone; talking negatively about another; slander
- (d) person employed to amuse; joker; prankster; entertainer

**Q6 v. attenuate**

- (a) to thin out; to weaken in intensity; to decrease
- (b) to defame; to slander
- (c) to portray; describe; to characterize; to draw
- (d) to plead in favor of

**Q7 v. demur**

- (a) to protest; to object; to hesitate
- (b) to push into action; to urge; to tease; to drive
- (c) to rapidly speak unintelligibly; to mumble; to stutter; to chatter
- (d) to give great praise; to exalt; to laud; to glorify

**Q8 n. figment**

- (a) something made up in the mind; imaginary story; notion
- (b) rule or direction of moral conduct; order; command; directive
- (c) indulgence in one's appetites
- (d) hymn for a funeral; song or poem expressing lament

**Q9 adj. inevitable**

- (a) unimportant; of subordinate standing; small; insignificant
- (b) changeable; fickle
- (c) sure to happen; unavoidable; certain; inescapable
- (d) disorganized; irregular; random

**Q10 adj. comprehensive**

- (a) giving a service; being in a subordinate position; supplementary; auxiliary
- (b) lacking; empty
- (c) all-inclusive; complete; thorough; extensive; large in scope
- (d) wicked; unjust

Q1 **adj. banal**  
(a) slavish; groveling; subservient; submissive; subject  
(b) open-minded; unbiased; impartial  
(c) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual  
(d) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively

Q2 **adj. wretched**  
(a) colored; blotched together; spotted  
(b) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased  
(c) miserable; unhappy; causing distress; pitiable; vile  
(d) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate

Q3 **adj. problematic**  
(a) fanciful; amusing; capricious  
(b) gloomy; sluggish  
(c) not consisting of matter; having no material existence; insubstantial  
(d) being hard to deal with; unsolved situation; troublesome

Q4 **adj. ignoble**  
(a) tightening; stern; severe; harsh; constrictive  
(b) ordinary; dishonorable; not noble  
(c) without emotion or interest; sluggish and dull; indifferent; slow  
(d) thorough; complete; comprehensive

Q5 **adj. sedentary**  
(a) assumed; uncertain; conjectural; supposed; theoretical  
(b) effortlessly gracious; courteous; smooth; sophisticated  
(c) hard to understand; concealed; deep; obscure; profound  
(d) characterized by sitting; remaining in one locality; inactive

Q6 **adj. pedantic**  
(a) having the composition of wood; woody  
(b) not wasteful; thrifty; frugal; saving  
(c) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous  
(d) tastelessly ornamented; cheap

Q7 **adj. painstaking**  
(a) contributing to life; amiable; sociable; merry; friendly  
(b) unconcerned; detached; apathetic  
(c) thorough; careful; precise; meticulous; diligent  
(d) changeable; unpredictable; inconstant; inconsistent

Q8 **adj. culpable**  
(a) wearisome; tiresome; dreary  
(b) deserving blame; guilty  
(c) melted  
(d) spread out; verbose; wordy and disorganized; dispersed; rambling

Q9 **adj. nautical**  
(a) baffling; puzzling; mysterious; ambiguous; unclear  
(b) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation  
(c) showing no emotion; stolid; apathetic; calm; relaxed  
(d) full of sorrow; mournful; melancholic

Q10 **adj. phlegmatic**  
(a) fearless; not discouraged; impossible to frighten; bold; daring  
(b) experienced; indefinite; competent  
(c) undisturbed and calm; tranquil; quiet; serene  
(d) without emotion or interest; sluggish and dull; indifferent; slow

Q1 **adj. pragmatic**

- (a) stingy; miserly; indigent  
 (b) abusive; humiliating; insulting  
 (c) matter-of-fact; practical  
 (d) kind; generous

Q2 **n. citadel**

- (a) systematic list of details; chart  
 (b) cleft; crack  
 (c) person who has occupied an office before another; ancestor  
 (d) fortress set up high to defend a city; stronghold

Q3 **adj. contumacious**

- (a) resisting authority; rebellious; headstrong  
 (b) servilely attentive; servile; fawning  
 (c) obscure; secret; mysterious  
 (d) moving slowly; lazy; sluggish

Q4 **adj. qualified**

- (a) hateful; disgusting; detestable  
 (b) experienced; indefinite; competent  
 (c) superior; independent; self-governing  
 (d) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated

Q5 **adj. stolid**

- (a) involving great expense; luxurious  
 (b) untrue; inaccurate; not correct; wrong; mistaken  
 (c) roving in search of adventure; roving; straying; erring; wandering  
 (d) showing little emotion; stupid; impassive

Q6 **v. whet**

- (a) to introduce a change; to depart from the old; to bring in something new  
 (b) to deliver; to provide; to give; to depict  
 (c) to sharpen by rubbing; to stimulate; to awaken  
 (d) to think hard; to ponder; to meditate; to contemplate; to ruminate

Q7 **n. libertine**

- (a) range or limit of one's abilities; rope or chain used to keep a boat from drifting or an animal from wandering  
 (b) scarcity; shortage; lack  
 (c) blunt refusal to offered help; rejection; refusal; snub  
 (d) person who indulges his desires without restraint; lecherous person

Q8 **adj. intermittent**

- (a) getting to the heart of things; to the point  
 (b) periodic; occasional; sporadic  
 (c) deceiving; misleading; unreal; false; deceptive  
 (d) renowned; having an unfavorable connotation; known for disgrace

Q9 **adj. salutatory**

- (a) native to a particular area; indigenous; local  
 (b) infected with rabies; extreme fanatical  
 (c) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint  
 (d) of or containing greetings

Q10 **adj. bucolic**

- (a) making things worse; villifying; depreciatory  
 (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural  
 (c) too sugary; too sentimental or flattering  
 (d) rose-colored; rosy

Q1 **adj. quaint**

- (a) stubbornly rebellious; disobedient
- (b) peevish; cranky; rude
- (c) having the characteristics of an island; narrow-minded; provincial
- (d) old-fashioned; unusual; odd; strange

Q2 **adj. pedestrian**

- (a) hateful; disgusting; detestable
- (b) spiritless; not animated; not endowed with life; inert; inactive
- (c) mediocre; ordinary
- (d) argumentative; inclined to disputes; fond of debate

Q3 **adj. cacophonous**

- (a) not frank or candid; deceptively simple; hypercritical; false; truthful
- (b) not consisting of matter; having no material existence; insubstantial
- (c) sounding jarring; discordant
- (d) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric

Q4 **adj. adept**

- (a) skilled; practiced; proficient
- (b) existing independently of others; a large quantity
- (c) full of sorrow; mournful; melancholic
- (d) not wasteful; thrifty; frugal; saving

Q5 **adj. callow**

- (a) having qualities attributed to a woman; delicate; overly feminine
- (b) poisonous; noxious
- (c) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (d) young; immature; inexperienced

Q6 **adj. staid**

- (a) roundabout and unnecessarily wordy
- (b) marked by self-control; settled; sober
- (c) emitting light; shining; enlightened; intelligent
- (d) showing little emotion; stupid; impassive

Q7 **adj. dissonant**

- (a) harsh; hoarse; gruff; noisy; rowdy
- (b) that which cannot be blotted out or erased; permanent
- (c) not in harmony; in disagreement; inconsistent
- (d) fond of the company of others; sociable

Q8 **adj. discerning**

- (a) threatening; foreboding
- (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (c) having good judgment; wise; discriminating; perceptive; shrewd
- (d) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

Q9 **adj. incisive**

- (a) getting to the heart of things; to the point
- (b) ordinary; dishonorable; not noble
- (c) basic; necessary; essential; elemental
- (d) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent

Q10 **adj. ponderous**

- (a) easily bent; pliable; supple; limber
- (b) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (c) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way
- (d) egotistical; self-centered; excessive interest in ones appearance, comfort, abilities, etc.

**Q1 n. doggerel**

- (a) verse characterized by forced rhyme and meter; poorly written poetry
- (b) stunned or bewildered condition; apathy; shock; daze
- (c) passion; intensity of feeling; ardor; eagerness
- (d) strong dislike or repugnance; aversion

**Q2 adj. tenuous**

- (a) charming; sweetly attractive; handsome
- (b) untamed; having a worn look; tired; gaunt
- (c) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse
- (d) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic

**Q3 adj. strident**

- (a) creaking; harsh; grating
- (b) unyielding; uncompromising
- (c) undecided
- (d) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to

**Q4 v. sequester**

- (a) to separate; to segregate; to seclude; to set apart
- (b) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false
- (c) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (d) to disparage; to depreciate; to scorn; to criticize

**Q5 adj. unpretentious**

- (a) brave and strong; courageous; fearless
- (b) simple; plain; modest
- (c) transparent; intelligible; lucid; clear; understandable
- (d) unrefined; made of earth

**Q6 v. execute**

- (a) to preoccupy in thought; to confuse; to baffle
- (b) to weaken; to often through subtle means; to subvert; to sabotage
- (c) to put to death; to kill; to carry out; to fulfill
- (d) to degrade; to humiliate; to disgrace

**Q7 v. revile**

- (a) to claim or demand without right
- (b) to be abusive in speech; to disparage; to deride
- (c) to coax with insincere talk
- (d) to introduce a change; to depart from the old; to bring in something new

**Q8 adj. authoritarian**

- (a) resisting authority; rebellious; headstrong
- (b) misleading; mistaken; deceptive; disappointing; unsound; false
- (c) acting as a dictator; demanding obedience
- (d) specific; definite; clear

**Q9 n. analogy**

- (a) absolute monarchy; government where one person holds power; dictatorship; despotism; totalitarianism
- (b) solemn moral talk; sermon; exhortation; lesson
- (c) state of temporary suspension; inactivity
- (d) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability

**Q10 v. dither**

- (a) to act indecisively; to tremble; to vacillate
- (b) to reproduce; to multiply; to proliferate; to extend; to increase
- (c) to move gently by wind; to breeze; to carry in the air
- (d) to regulate; to adjust; to vary the pitch; to control

Q1 **adj. distant**

- (a) having separations; far off; reserved; unfriendly; remote; aloof
- (b) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (c) without preparation; spontaneous
- (d) easily bent; pliable; supple; limber

Q2 **adj. inchoate**

- (a) not yet fully formed; rudimentary; unorganized; incomplete
- (b) awkward; lacking social grace; crude; tactless; clumsy
- (c) modest; bashful; pretending shyness to attract; flirtatious; coquettish
- (d) poisonous; noxious

Q3 **adj. august**

- (a) argumentative; inclined to disputes; fond of debate
- (b) giving a service; being in a subordinate position; supplementary; auxiliary
- (c) uncultured; crude; clumsy
- (d) imposing; magnificent; grand

Q4 **adj. compatible**

- (a) pertaining to or affecting both sides or two sides; having two sides; reciprocal
- (b) flamboyant; flowery; showy
- (c) rebellious; apt to quarrel; stubborn
- (d) in agreement with; harmonious

Q5 **adj. ethnic**

- (a) pertaining to races or peoples and their origin classification, or characteristics
- (b) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (c) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy
- (d) self-centered; viewing everything in relation to oneself; egoistic; selfish

Q6 **adj. minatory**

- (a) belittling; uncomplimentary; scornful; disparaging
- (b) extraneous; unexpected; nonessential; minor; secondary
- (c) commonplace; routine; regular; daily
- (d) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing

Q7 **adj. tractable**

- (a) having a pleasant taste; flavorful
- (b) easily managed; obedient
- (c) acting superior to others; conceited; proud
- (d) dazzling and shining; gleaming; brilliant; dazzling

Q8 **adj. blithe**

- (a) unchangeable; permanent; changeless
- (b) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (c) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (d) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated

Q9 **adj. conciliatory**

- (a) without preparation; spontaneous
- (b) making or willing to make concessions; appeasing; pacifying
- (c) poor; having no money
- (d) having the nature of fire; volcanic; fiery

Q10 **adj. provident**

- (a) concerning everyone; existing everywhere; comprehensive; worldwide
- (b) lacking color; sickly pale; exhausted
- (c) longing for the past; filled with bittersweet memories
- (d) prudent; economical; careful; frugal

Q1 **n. itinerary**

- (a) systematic list of details; chart
- (b) disapproval; expression of disapproval; criticism
- (c) overflowing of high spirits; effervescence; exuberance; excitement
- (d) travel plan; schedule; course; record of a journey

Q2 **adj. estimable**

- (a) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting
- (b) deserving respect; determinable; calculable
- (c) full of insight; aware; comprehending
- (d) on the surface; narrow minded; lacking depth

Q3 **v. lambaste**

- (a) to scold or beat harshly; to rebuke strongly
- (b) to throw goods overboard to lighten a vehicle; to discard; to get rid of
- (c) to increase; add to; to make larger; to enhance; to multiply
- (d) to give vent; to inflict; to perform

Q4 **n. renaissance**

- (a) song of praise or triumph
- (b) decline in morals or art; decay; deterioration; falling into corruption
- (c) trickery; deception; scheming
- (d) new life; rebirth; revival

Q5 **n. repast**

- (a) area; sphere of activity; domain; region
- (b) food that is eaten; meal
- (c) striking one object against another; rapping
- (d) practice of lying under oath

Q6 **adj. cloying**

- (a) mocking; cynical; crooked; askew
- (b) fearless; not discouraged; impossible to frighten; bold; daring
- (c) below the level of consciousness
- (d) too sugary; too sentimental or flattering

Q7 **adj. steadfast**

- (a) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (b) loyal; consistent; persistent
- (c) cheery; playful; convivial; merry
- (d) quarrelsome; warlike

Q8 **v. wane**

- (a) to free from guilt; to declare innocent
- (b) to improve by adding details; to adorn; to decorate; to beautify
- (c) to reject; to renounce; to abandon; to give up
- (d) to gradually become less; to grow dim; to decline; to subside; to diminish

Q9 **adj. subsidiary**

- (a) giving a service; being in a subordinate position; supplementary; auxiliary
- (b) separated; not interested; standing alone; impartial; aloof
- (c) involving great expense; luxurious
- (d) containing associated meanings in addition to the primary one; hinting; implicational; suggestive

Q10 **adj. petty**

- (a) religious; devout; dedicated; orthodox
- (b) unimportant; of subordinate standing; small; insignificant
- (c) having a bad reputation; notorious; deplorable; indecent; villainous
- (d) sounding jarring; discordant

Q1 **adj. servile**

- (a) skilled; practiced; proficient
- (b) slavish; groveling; subservient; submissive; subject
- (c) extremely dry; parched; barren; unimaginative
- (d) religious; narrow-minded; provincial

Q2 **adj. stoic**

- (a) extremely talkative or wordy; loquacious; chatty
- (b) magnificent; flamboyant; impressive; grand
- (c) lacking; empty
- (d) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain

Q3 **adj. clandestine**

- (a) lustful; wicked; vulgar; obscene
- (b) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand
- (c) unconcerned; detached; apathetic
- (d) heavy; powerful; weighty; big

Q4 **adj. doting**

- (a) very deep; terrible
- (b) excessively fond of; adoring
- (c) private; confidential; clandestine; secret
- (d) commonplace; routine; regular; daily

Q5 **adj. sovereign**

- (a) large and impressive; palace-like; magnificent
- (b) morally lacking in restraint; lascivious
- (c) vanishing quickly; dissipating like a vapor; fading; disappearing
- (d) superior; independent; self-governing

Q6 **adj. loquacious**

- (a) having to do with conversation; informal speech
- (b) not yielding; firm; steadfast
- (c) very talkative; garrulous; wordy
- (d) too sugary; too sentimental or flattering

Q7 **adj. effusive**

- (a) unwise; imprudent; not expedient
- (b) abnormal; straying from the normal or usual path; irregular
- (c) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (d) pouring out or forth; overflowing; unrestrained; exuberant

Q8 **adj. indelible**

- (a) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected
- (b) having the composition of wood; woody
- (c) that which cannot be blotted out or erased; permanent
- (d) disrespectful and shameless; insolent; cheeky

Q9 **adj. baneful**

- (a) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious
- (b) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive
- (c) very light; airy; heavenly; not earthly; delicate
- (d) mixed up; distorted; confused; falsified

Q10 **adj. pernicious**

- (a) dangerous; harmful; destructive; malignant
- (b) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing
- (c) giving generously; lavish
- (d) growing unchecked; widespread; prevailing

**Q1 adj. dispassionate**

- (a) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased
- (b) easily bent; pliable; supple; limber
- (c) deeply rooted; ingrained; firmly established
- (d) wordy; repetitive; unnecessary; superfluous; plentiful

**Q2 v. stoke**

- (a) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur
- (b) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (c) to foretell something; to portend
- (d) to feed fuel to, especially a fire

**Q3 n. canard**

- (a) harness; collar; bond; connection
- (b) quality of nobleness of mind; disdain of meanness or revenge; generous and unselfish act
- (c) person who believes that a formal government is unnecessary
- (d) false statement; rumor; hoax

**Q4 v. hamper**

- (a) to support; to substantiate; to verify; to record for evidence
- (b) to interfere with; to hinder; to delay; to impede
- (c) to come down from one's position or dignity; to lower oneself; to patronize
- (d) to make clear; to explain; to clarify

**Q5 v. refurbish**

- (a) to drink quickly
- (b) to corrupt; to debase; to make impure
- (c) to connect; to associate with; to accept as a member
- (d) to make new; to renovate

**Q6 n. pommel**

- (a) stunned or bewildered condition; apathy; shock; daze
- (b) hesitation in asserting oneself; lack of confidence; timidity; shyness
- (c) chain to bind the feet; shackle; hindrance
- (d) rounded, upward-projecting front of a saddle

**Q7 adj. conventional**

- (a) polytheistic; hedonistic
- (b) traditional; common; routine; customary; formal
- (c) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse
- (d) spotted; blotched; defiled; impure

**Q8 n. alchemy**

- (a) offense; resentment; shade
- (b) very small sum of money; very small creature
- (c) harshness; vulgarity
- (d) any mysterious change of substance or nature

**Q9 n. quandary**

- (a) former period of time
- (b) dilemma; state of confusion
- (c) anything which creates a situation in which change can occur
- (d) setting forth facts; public exhibition; show; clarification

**Q10 adj. superfluous**

- (a) wrong; awry; wrongly; mistaken; erroneous
- (b) unnecessary; extra; redundant
- (c) not reacting chemically; inactive; sedentary; neutral; inanimate
- (d) tempting; irritating; inciting; annoying

Q1 **adj. winsome**

- (a) happy; cheerful; gay; jolly; mirthful  
 (b) wearisome; tiresome; dreary  
 (c) illegible; incomprehensible  
 (d) charming; sweetly attractive; handsome

Q2 **adj. fraught**

- (a) touching; adjacent; successive; bordering  
 (b) loaded; charged  
 (c) without emotion or interest; sluggish and dull; indifferent; slow  
 (d) poor; poverty-stricken; needy; impoverished

Q3 **adj. inert**

- (a) not real; rather artificial  
 (b) poisonous; noxious  
 (c) odd; peculiar; strange; unusual  
 (d) not reacting chemically; inactive; sedentary; neutral; inanimate

Q4 **adj. fastidious**

- (a) having a stern look; having strict self-discipline; rigid; ascetic; modest  
 (b) difficult to please; dainty; choosy; critical  
 (c) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing  
 (d) biased; one-sided

Q5 **n. curmudgeon**

- (a) ill-tempered person; stingy unpleasant person  
 (b) feeling of embarrassment due to failure or disappointment; humiliation  
 (c) violent or unrestrained anger; fury; rage  
 (d) charity; unselfishness; goodwill toward mankind

Q6 **adj. malign**

- (a) not able to be heard  
 (b) having an evil disposition toward others; harmful; evil (opposite: benign)  
 (c) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural  
 (d) separated; not interested; standing alone; impartial; aloof

Q7 **adj. formidable**

- (a) pleasing to hear  
 (b) moving in a random, directionless manner; aimless  
 (c) something which causes dread or fear; difficult; intimidating; awesome; frightening  
 (d) hidden; beyond human understanding; mystical; supernatural; secret

Q8 **adj. ubiquitous**

- (a) abnormal; unusual; irregular  
 (b) sure to happen; unavoidable; certain; inescapable  
 (c) omnipresent; present everywhere  
 (d) pure; perfect; faultless

Q9 **adj. sumptuous**

- (a) not on purpose; unintentional; heedless; negligent; accidental  
 (b) whitened by age; old; ancient  
 (c) filthy; wretched (from squalor); dirty; miserable  
 (d) involving great expense; luxurious

Q10 **adj. erratic**

- (a) passionate; intense; enthusiastic; ardent  
 (b) disagreeing; disharmonious; unsuitable; irreconcilable  
 (c) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled  
 (d) plausible, but deceptive; apparently, but not actually true; superficially attractive

Q1 **n. liaison**

- (a) opinion contrary to popular belief
- (b) having the characteristics of an island; narrowness of mind
- (c) connection; link; contact; conspiracy
- (d) inexperienced person; young bird that cannot fly

Q2 **v. swathe**

- (a) to defend; to shield
- (b) to wrap around something; to envelop; to enclose
- (c) to make more powerful
- (d) to soak thoroughly; to drench

Q3 **n. parity**

- (a) anything which creates a situation in which change can occur
- (b) disagreement; lack of harmony
- (c) state of being the same in power, value, or rank; equality
- (d) large building

Q4 **n. tenet**

- (a) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (b) person who studies caves
- (c) principle accepted as authoritative; belief
- (d) outcast; person who is rejected

Q5 **n. brevity**

- (a) tyranny; absolute power or influence; rule of a despot; dictatorship
- (b) copy; reproduction; replica
- (c) roundabout or indirect way of speaking; verbosity
- (d) briefness; shortness; conciseness

Q6 **adj. debonair**

- (a) fearless; not discouraged; impossible to frighten; bold; daring
- (b) wasteful; lavish; generous; plentiful; abundant
- (c) pertaining to or used in a court of law; rhetorical; argumentative
- (d) carefree; genial; stylish; charming; dashing

Q7 **adj. benign**

- (a) two-faced; deceptive; duplicitous; insincere
- (b) mild; harmless; favorable; gentle; compassionate
- (c) mocking; cynical; crooked; askew
- (d) loyal; consistent; persistent

Q8 **adj. ungainly**

- (a) common; general; universal
- (b) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively
- (c) clumsy and unattractive; awkward
- (d) fanciful; amusing; capricious

Q9 **adj. potent**

- (a) productive; fruitful; fertile
- (b) having great power or physical strength; influential; virile
- (c) agile; flexible; pliant
- (d) tranquil; happy; calm; peaceful

Q10 **v. pique**

- (a) to provoke; to irritate; to offend
- (b) to become more and more virulent and fixed; to decay
- (c) to speak out against; to condemn; to accuse; to censure
- (d) to estimate the value of; to appraise; to measure

**Q1 adj. sanguine**

- (a) definite; fixed; established
- (b) not logical; senseless; absurd
- (c) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident
- (d) having great power or physical strength; influential; virile

**Q2 adj. illusive**

- (a) deceiving; misleading; unreal; false; deceptive
- (b) happy; cheery; merry; carefree
- (c) hidden; beyond human understanding; mystical; supernatural; secret
- (d) unrefined; made of earth

**Q3 adj. perfunctory**

- (a) having a bad reputation; notorious; deplorable; indecent; villainous
- (b) superior; independent; self-governing
- (c) done in a routine, mechanical way; without interest; superficial; careless
- (d) measurable; limited; not everlasting; having limitations or bounds

**Q4 adj. indolent**

- (a) capable of being disentangled
- (b) different; varied
- (c) lazy; inactive; sluggish; slow
- (d) pure; perfect; faultless

**Q5 adj. approbatory**

- (a) traditional; common; routine; customary; formal
- (b) approving; sanctioning; praising; commending
- (c) incapable of being touched; immaterial; hard to grasp; insubstantial; difficult to perceive
- (d) having the characteristics of an island; narrow-minded; provincial

**Q6 adj. fervent**

- (a) causing a violent injury
- (b) rose-colored; rosy
- (c) crude; vulgar; obtrusive; conspicuous; blunt
- (d) passionate; intense; enthusiastic; ardent

**Q7 adj. aesthetic**

- (a) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (b) servilely attentive; servile; fawning
- (c) vanishing quickly; dissipating like a vapor; fading; disappearing
- (d) clear and unambiguous; conclusive

**Q8 adj. cogent**

- (a) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential
- (b) not clear; uncertain; vague
- (c) well supplied; full; brimming; crowded
- (d) developed or matured earlier than usual

**Q9 adj. lustrous**

- (a) bright; radiant; shining; splendid; shiny
- (b) ordinary; dishonorable; not noble
- (c) doubtful; uncertain; questionable; undecided
- (d) nameless; unidentified

**Q10 adj. toxic**

- (a) poisonous; noxious
- (b) existing; refers especially to books or documents
- (c) unwieldy from weight; dull; labored; heavy; awkward
- (d) commonplace; overused; stale

Q1 **v. affiliate**

- (a) to confirm the validity; to certify; to reinforce
- (b) to connect; to associate with; to accept as a member
- (c) to grow together; to merge; to unite
- (d) to insure against; to pay for loss or damage; to reimburse; to compensate

Q2 **n. facsimile**

- (a) denial
- (b) lack of pride; modesty; humble state; meekness
- (c) copy; reproduction; replica
- (d) outcast; person who is rejected

Q3 **adj. pecuniary**

- (a) virtuous; free of obscenity; pure; unaffected; modest
- (b) pertaining to money; financial
- (c) faithless; treacherous; deceitful; adulterous
- (d) brave and strong; courageous; fearless

Q4 **v. lunge**

- (a) to enfeeble; to wear out; to weaken; to incapacitate
- (b) to affirm as true; to declare
- (c) to move suddenly
- (d) to organize laws or rules into a systematic collection; to arrange systematically

Q5 **n. decadence**

- (a) decline in morals or art; decay; deterioration; falling into corruption
- (b) penny pincher; stingy person; scrooge; cheapskate
- (c) appearance; facade
- (d) great wastefulness; large abundance of; excess; squandering; lavishness

Q6 **n. predecessor**

- (a) maze; complicated network of passages; something confusing or bewildering
- (b) person who has occupied an office before another; ancestor
- (c) proposal; promise; determination; decision
- (d) situation that has no solution or escape; standstill; hang-up; deadlock; dead-end street

Q7 **v. abjure**

- (a) to defend; to shield
- (b) to loiter; to waste time; to trifle; to flirt
- (c) to give up
- (d) to annoy; to irritate; to wear away; to make sore by rubbing

Q8 **n. disdain**

- (a) the quality of sound which distinguishes one from another
- (b) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium
- (c) evil person; criminal
- (d) intense dislike; scorn; contempt

Q9 **n. phenomenon**

- (a) plunderer; raider; thief
- (b) exceptional person; unusual occurrence
- (c) something out of place in time (e.g. an airplane in 1492); something that is obsolete or out of date
- (d) putting a curse on someone; talking negatively about another; slander

Q10 **adj. munificent**

- (a) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent
- (b) working diligently; persistent; diligent; assiduous
- (c) giving generously; lavish
- (d) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

Q1 **adj. shady**

- (a) insensitive; materialistic; rude; ill-mannered
- (b) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical
- (c) holding; persistent; consistent
- (d) disreputable; obscure; indistinct

Q2 **adj. superlative**

- (a) trifling; futile; insignificant; void; invalid
- (b) done secretly; clandestine
- (c) respectful; feeling or showing deep love, respect, or awe
- (d) of the highest kind or degree

Q3 **adj. dank**

- (a) damp and chilly; clammy and wet; moist
- (b) marked by self-control; settled; sober
- (c) clearly stated; characterized by conciseness; short and to the point
- (d) harmful; malign; sinister; malicious

Q4 **n. duplicity**

- (a) way out; exit; going out
- (b) deception
- (c) place to keep or a collection of wild or strange animals; zoo
- (d) endurance

Q5 **n. retroaction**

- (a) new life; rebirth; revival
- (b) state of temporary suspension; inactivity
- (c) reverse action; law which takes effect on a past date
- (d) spirit; courage; ardor

Q6 **adj. disingenuous**

- (a) not submitting to discipline; rebellious; disobedient; unmanageable
- (b) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded
- (c) expressionless; dull; inflexible; stiff; blunt
- (d) not frank or candid; deceptively simple; hypercritical; false; truthful

Q7 **adj. aseptic**

- (a) passionate; intense; enthusiastic; ardent
- (b) not truthful; dishonest; lying; deceptive
- (c) not yielding; firm; steadfast
- (d) germ free; uninfected

Q8 **adj. finite**

- (a) cutting; keen or incisive words; incisive; forceful
- (b) full of twists and turns; not straight forward; possibly deceitful
- (c) measurable; limited; not everlasting; having limitations or bounds
- (d) creaking; harsh; grating

Q9 **adj. recluse**

- (a) disreputable; obscure; indistinct
- (b) being hard to deal with; unsolved situation; troublesome
- (c) solitary; alone
- (d) extraneous; unexpected; nonessential; minor; secondary

Q10 **adj. apocalyptic**

- (a) prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom
- (b) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs
- (c) deprived of; in a sad manner; hurt by someone's death
- (d) having the same family; from the same source; similar in nature or form

Q1 **adj. obdurate**

- (a) causing sleep; causing drowsiness
- (b) filled with love and desire; charmed; delighted
- (c) stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing; stiff-necked
- (d) gloomy; sluggish

Q2 **adj. erudite**

- (a) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable
- (b) damp and chilly; clammy and wet; moist
- (c) laborious; difficult; strenuous; hard
- (d) having a wide knowledge acquired through reading; learned; knowledgeable; educated

Q3 **adj. unruly**

- (a) not submitting to discipline; rebellious; disobedient; unmanageable
- (b) not final or of a definite result; unconvincing
- (c) living or happening at the same time; modern; current
- (d) giddiness; lack of seriousness; silliness; flippancy

Q4 **v. chortle**

- (a) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (b) to combine; to join; to confederate; to merge; to unite
- (c) to make a gleeful, chuckling sound; to laugh loudly
- (d) to banish; to exclude

Q5 **adj. addled**

- (a) having the qualities of a beast; brutal; barbaric
- (b) rotten; spoiled; confused
- (c) of concern; significant; pertinent; related
- (d) extremely small; tiny; trivial; precise; petty

Q6 **adj. haphazard**

- (a) resounding; re-echoing; reverberating
- (b) impure in thought and act; lustful
- (c) easily fooled; naive; credulous
- (d) disorganized; irregular; random

Q7 **adj. rabid**

- (a) full of insight; aware; comprehending
- (b) with no shape; unorganized; having no determinate form
- (c) infected with rabies; extreme fanatical
- (d) lacking; empty

Q8 **adj. abstemious**

- (a) acting superior to others; conceited; proud
- (b) impartial; unbiased
- (c) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate
- (d) marked by hostility; spiteful; irritable; malicious

Q9 **v. condone**

- (a) differ in opinion; to dispute; to differ; to oppose
- (b) to belittle; undervalue; to discredit; to depreciate
- (c) to coax with insincere talk
- (d) to overlook; to forgive; to pardon

Q10 **adj. mellifluous**

- (a) out of date; outdated; archaic; extinct; antiquated
- (b) having a sweet sound
- (c) wordy; repetitive; unnecessary; superfluous; plentiful
- (d) pale in color; ashen

Q1 **adj. abrupt**

- (a) happening or ending unexpectedly
- (b) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty
- (c) new; strange
- (d) having a sarcastic quality; scornful; cynical; derisive

Q2 **adj. communal**

- (a) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting
- (b) omnipresent; present everywhere
- (c) shared or common ownership; public
- (d) glowing through haze; shocking; sensational; appalling; horrible

Q3 **adj. perpetual**

- (a) never ceasing; continuous; eternal
- (b) thin; slim; delicate; weak; sparse
- (c) prone to anger; short-tempered
- (d) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working

Q4 **adj. dormant**

- (a) unreformable; unchangeable; uncontrollable
- (b) as if asleep; inert; sluggish; inactive
- (c) very formal; proper
- (d) giving generously; lavish

Q5 **adj. wooden**

- (a) germ free; uninfected
- (b) expressionless; dull; inflexible; stiff; blunt
- (c) happening or ending unexpectedly
- (d) lazy; inactive; sluggish; slow

Q6 **adj. polemic**

- (a) unselfish; generous
- (b) controversial; argumentative; contentious
- (c) magnificent; flamboyant; impressive; grand
- (d) unnecessary; extra; redundant

Q7 **adj. esoteric**

- (a) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private
- (b) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable
- (c) worn-out; fatigued; tired
- (d) fearless; bold; courageous; brave

Q8 **adj. plenary**

- (a) full; entire; complete; whole
- (b) glaringly wrong; shameless; notorious; offensive
- (c) self-centered; viewing everything in relation to oneself; egoistic; selfish
- (d) giddiness; lack of seriousness; silliness; flippancy

Q9 **adj. ceremonious**

- (a) very formal; proper
- (b) rich; magnificent; abundant; growing; richly ornamented
- (c) heavy; powerful; weighty; big
- (d) moving with great force; done with little thought; reckless; impulsive; hasty

Q10 **adj. meretricious**

- (a) wise; clever; shrewd
- (b) periodic; occasional; sporadic
- (c) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd
- (d) describing knowledge which resides in people's heads and is not easily written down

Q1 **adj. ulterior**

- (a) speechless; unable to speak clearly; indistinct; unclear
- (b) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to
- (c) buried; concealed; undisclosed; hidden
- (d) tasting sour; harsh in language or temper; bitter

Q2 **n. latency**

- (a) period of inactivity
- (b) words of praise, especially for the dead
- (c) testing the quality of a substance; test; examine; try; attempt
- (d) person who spends money extravagantly

Q3 **n. breadth**

- (a) clause stating a condition or stipulation; restriction
- (b) distance from one side to another; width
- (c) mark of disgrace; stain
- (d) ironic; bitter humor designed to wound

Q4 **v. adulterate**

- (a) to corrupt; to debase; to make impure
- (b) to consider; to ponder; to discuss
- (c) to regulate; to adjust; to vary the pitch; to control
- (d) to huddle and tremble; to grovel; to shrink; to cringe

Q5 **n. connoisseur**

- (a) person who believes that a formal government is unnecessary
- (b) expert; authority (usually refers to a wine or food expert)
- (c) new life; rebirth; revival
- (d) lofty place; superiority; height; elevated rank

Q6 **n. din**

- (a) tyranny; absolute power or influence; rule of a despot; dictatorship
- (b) roundabout or indirect way of speaking; verbosity
- (c) state of disorder; mess; lack of order
- (d) noise which is loud and continuous; ruckus; loud racket

Q7 **adj. hypothetical**

- (a) abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule; professional vocabulary
- (b) beginner
- (c) assumed; uncertain; conjectural; supposed; theoretical
- (d) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive

Q8 **adj. innate**

- (a) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand
- (b) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy
- (c) spacious and convenient; roomy; ample; comfortable
- (d) natural; inborn; inherent

Q9 **v. amalgamate**

- (a) to mix; to merge; to combine; to unite
- (b) to protest; to object; to hesitate
- (c) to portray; describe; to characterize; to draw
- (d) to corrupt; to debase; to make impure

Q10 **v. spurn**

- (a) to push away; to repel; to reject
- (b) to promise or pledge in marriage
- (c) to attract; to tempt; to charm
- (d) to enfeeble; to wear out; to weaken; to incapacitate

Q1 **v. corroborate**

- (a) to support; to approve of; to recommend; to approve; to sanction
- (b) to dirty; to stain; to sully; to soil
- (c) to confirm the validity; to certify; to reinforce
- (d) to become weak; to send a message; to signal; to lose energy or momentum

Q2 **adj. tensile**

- (a) undergoing or exerting tension
- (b) two-faced; deceptive; duplicitous; insincere
- (c) shabby in appearance; untidy; sloppy
- (d) peevish; cranky; rude

Q3 **v. discourse**

- (a) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk
- (b) to hypnotize; to fascinate; to induce
- (c) to set aside; to designate; to assign
- (d) to blot out; to delete; to obliterate; to erase; to strike out

Q4 **adj. tumid**

- (a) swollen; pompous; puffy
- (b) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (c) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant
- (d) porous; allowing to pass through; penetrable

Q5 **n. contempt**

- (a) refutation; opposition; contradiction
- (b) person who abandons something, as a religion, cause or movement; traitor
- (c) ruination; purgatory; destruction; hell
- (d) scorn; disrespect; disdain

Q6 **v. litigate**

- (a) to involve a lawsuit; to dispute legally
- (b) to mix; to massage; to shape; to squeeze
- (c) to go beyond; to excel; to exceed
- (d) to communicate in an orderly fashion; to talk

Q7 **v. articulate**

- (a) to go; to move slowly; to delay
- (b) to speak against; to contradict; to deny; to dispute
- (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly
- (d) drive out; to eject; to evict

Q8 **v. facilitate**

- (a) to make easier; to simplify; to expedite; to assist forward; to promote
- (b) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (c) to think hard; to ponder; to meditate; to contemplate; to ruminate
- (d) to mock; to jeer; to show disdain for

Q9 **n. protocol**

- (a) original draft or record of a document; rules of behavior
- (b) bruise; injury where the skin is not broken; swelling
- (c) thing which is joined together; assemblage
- (d) disagreement; lack of harmony

Q10 **n. anarchist**

- (a) person who believes that a formal government is unnecessary
- (b) mark of disgrace; stain
- (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude
- (d) person who believes that others are motivated entirely by selfishness; pessimist

Q1 **n. fortitude**

- (a) mixture or combination (often of metals); alloy
- (b) mark of disgrace; stain
- (c) firm courage; strength; bravery; courage; endurance
- (d) unworldly young woman; character of an innocent girl

Q2 **n. disparity**

- (a) difference in form, character or degree; inequality
- (b) great wastefulness; large abundance of; excess; squandering; lavishness
- (c) moral corruption; badness; degeneracy; perversion; immorality
- (d) indefinitely long period of time; age

Q3 **adj. complacent**

- (a) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (b) of inferior quality; cheap; fake; phony
- (c) terse and full of meaning; concise; succinct
- (d) unreformable; unchangeable; uncontrollable

Q4 **v. transmute**

- (a) to read carefully; to study
- (b) to transform
- (c) to stimulate as if by electric shock; to startle; to excite; to stimulate
- (d) to defame; to blacken; to sully; to belittle; to criticize

Q5 **n. kith**

- (a) relatives and acquaintances; family members
- (b) waterfall; pour; waves
- (c) interval; break; separation; interruption; opening
- (d) food that is eaten; meal

Q6 **adj. prescriptive**

- (a) of inferior quality; cheap; fake; phony
- (b) of concern; significant; pertinent; related
- (c) done by custom; unbending
- (d) mild; harmless; favorable; gentle; compassionate

Q7 **n. guile**

- (a) that can be solved; that can be dissolved
- (b) false belief or opinion; illusion
- (c) one's customary frame of mind; disposition; nature; character
- (d) slyness; deceit; fraud; cunning; trickery

Q8 **v. prattle**

- (a) to babble while speaking
- (b) to huddle and tremble; to grovel; to shrink; to cringe
- (c) to punish through public criticism; to scold; to reprimand
- (d) to dissolve; to become liquid; to melt

Q9 **v. ingratiate**

- (a) to thin out; to weaken in intensity; to decrease
- (b) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner
- (c) to improvise; to make it up as you go along
- (d) to associate; to join; to be in agreement

Q10 **adj. pious**

- (a) making things worse; villifying; depreciatory
- (b) spotted; blotched; defiled; impure
- (c) religious; devout; dedicated; orthodox
- (d) motionless; uncirculating; still; inactive

Q1 **adj. plaintive**

- (a) mournful; sad; moving  
 (b) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand  
 (c) uncultured; crude; clumsy  
 (d) to be narrow minded or limited

Q2 **n. cynic**

- (a) person who believes that others are motivated entirely by selfishness; pessimist  
 (b) food that is eaten; meal  
 (c) any private meeting or closed assembly  
 (d) peace; stillness; harmony; calmness

Q3 **v. gerrymander**

- (a) to wince; to drawback; to retreat; to recoil; to shrink  
 (b) to gain advantage by manipulating unfairly; to falsify; to pervert; to distort  
 (c) to stay temporarily  
 (d) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose; to frustrate; to foil

Q4 **n. acclaim**

- (a) tough person; hoodlum; hooligan; bully; thug  
 (b) person who has fallen behind; person who moves slowly  
 (c) old saying now accepted as being truthful; proverb  
 (d) loud approval; applause; praise

Q5 **v. abbreviate**

- (a) to shorten; to reduce in length compress; to diminish; to make brief  
 (b) to occupy the whole of; to infiltrate; to spread out; to penetrate  
 (c) to deny; to refuse to acknowledge; to disclaim; to reject; to repudiate  
 (d) to walk at a leisurely pace; to stroll; to meander

Q6 **adj. redundant**

- (a) showing decorum, propriety or good taste; correct; tasteful  
 (b) calm; not easily excited; composed  
 (c) inflexible; stubborn  
 (d) wordy; repetitive; unnecessary; superfluous; plentiful

Q7 **n. ken**

- (a) person who goes after high goals; ambitious person  
 (b) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase  
 (c) violent or unrestrained anger; fury; rage  
 (d) one's understanding; perception; consciousness; knowledge; awareness

Q8 **adj. malicious**

- (a) mournful; sad; moving  
 (b) hidden; beyond human understanding; mystical; supernatural; secret  
 (c) having a smell which is sweet or spicy; fragrant  
 (d) spiteful; vindictive

Q9 **v. garner**

- (a) to organize laws or rules into a systematic collection; to arrange systematically  
 (b) to free from confusion; to extricate; to unknot; to release; to undo  
 (c) to gather up and store; to collect; to accumulate; to store  
 (d) to show clearly; to appear; to prove; to reveal

Q10 **v. harangue**

- (a) to condemn; to reject; to denounce  
 (b) to soften by steeping in liquid; to disintegrate  
 (c) to pull; to force away by a violent twisting; to kink  
 (d) to talk or write excitedly; to scold; to lecture

Q1 **adj. reverent**

- (a) expressing anger to an injustice; irate; resentful
- (b) cunning; sly; crafty; clever; keen
- (c) moving with great force; done with little thought; reckless; impulsive; hasty
- (d) respectful; feeling or showing deep love, respect, or awe

Q2 **adj. deferential**

- (a) complying; obeying; yielding; acquiescent
- (b) yielding to the opinion of another; showing honor; respectful
- (c) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint
- (d) rich; magnificent; abundant; growing; richly ornamented

Q3 **v. engender**

- (a) to trespass; to intrude; to invade; to infringe
- (b) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate
- (c) to correct; to adjust; to fix
- (d) to read carefully; to study

Q4 **n. artifice**

- (a) gravity; sincerity
- (b) skill in a craft; expertise
- (c) faithfulness; loyalty
- (d) difference in form, character or degree; inequality

Q5 **adj. inquisitive**

- (a) stretched tightly; organized; tense; nervous
- (b) having proportionate and orderly parts; tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement
- (c) matter-of-fact; practical
- (d) eager to ask questions in order to learn; nosy; curious; prying

Q6 **v. retract**

- (a) to indulge excessively; to gorge
- (b) to draw; to take back; to cancel; to annul
- (c) to examine closely; to study; to investigate; to inspect
- (d) to relieve; to ease; to make less severe; to calm; to appease

Q7 **adj. bumptious**

- (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive
- (b) resisting authority; rebellious; headstrong
- (c) no longer living or existing; extinct; dead
- (d) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain

Q8 **v. impale**

- (a) to rescue from loss; to save from destruction
- (b) to pierce through with; to stick on; to pin down; to stab
- (c) to oppose; to contradict; to infringe; to violate; to transgress
- (d) to receive pleasure from; to enjoy with appreciation; to dwell on with delight

Q9 **v. concede**

- (a) to separate (a sentence or word) into parts and describe the function of each
- (b) to bicker; to criticize; to complain
- (c) to surrender; to admit; to give up; to yield
- (d) to soak thoroughly; to drench

Q10 **adj. stagnant**

- (a) belittling; uncomplimentary; scornful; disparaging
- (b) motionless; uncirculating; still; inactive
- (c) silent; reserved; shy; self-restraint
- (d) evil

**Q1 adj. impetuous**

- (a) modest; bashful; pretending shyness to attract; flirtatious; coquettish
- (b) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details
- (c) softening or soothing to the skin; having power to soften or relax living tissues
- (d) moving with great force; done with little thought; reckless; impulsive; hasty

**Q2 n. abandon**

- (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm
- (b) expression of grief or sorrow; complaint; wailing; mourning
- (c) person who distrusts everything; hater of mankind
- (d) mercy toward an offender; mildness; mercy; grace

**Q3 adj. imperturbable**

- (a) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease
- (b) commonplace; routine; regular; daily
- (c) calm; not easily excited; composed
- (d) spreading throughout; extending; suffusing

**Q4 adj. frenetic**

- (a) frenzied; wild; crazy
- (b) unwilling to be pacified or appeased; impossible to pacify; inexorable
- (c) swollen; pompous; puffy
- (d) changeable; unpredictable; inconstant; inconsistent

**Q5 adj. bombastic**

- (a) of a strange nature; weird; mysterious
- (b) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated
- (c) having a smell of decay; malodorous; smelly; stinky
- (d) frugal; careful with money; economizing

**Q6 adj. sapid**

- (a) inconvenient; uncomfortable
- (b) having a pleasant taste; flavorful
- (c) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model
- (d) easy to shape or bend; pliable; flexible; adaptable

**Q7 adj. succinct**

- (a) clearly stated; characterized by conciseness; short and to the point
- (b) experienced; indefinite; competent
- (c) cultured; suave; courteous; polite
- (d) making or willing to make concessions; appeasing; pacifying

**Q8 adj. fundamental**

- (a) basic; necessary; essential; elemental
- (b) full of curves; twisting and turning
- (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive
- (d) gloomy; sluggish

**Q9 adj. ironic**

- (a) lustful; wicked; vulgar; obscene
- (b) to be narrow minded or limited
- (c) contradictory; inconsistent; sarcastic
- (d) marginal; outer; external

**Q10 v. wreak**

- (a) to waste away; as from lack of use; to wither
- (b) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (c) to give vent; to inflict; to perform
- (d) to win the goodwill of; to appease

Q1 **v. eschew**

- (a) to shun; to avoid; to keep away from
- (b) to stain; spot; defile; to dirty
- (c) to rush; to fall; to flow
- (d) to draw out; to infer from information; to elicit

Q2 **v. subsume**

- (a) to force oneself or one's ideas upon another; to thrust forward; to eject; to invade; to interrupt
- (b) to include within a larger group
- (c) to huddle and tremble; to grovel; to shrink; to cringe
- (d) to be stocked to overflowing; to pour out; to empty

Q3 **n. censure**

- (a) morbid fear
- (b) removal from office or power; testimony; dismissal
- (c) disapproval; expression of disapproval; criticism
- (d) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability

Q4 **v. instigate**

- (a) to impress upon the mind, as by insistent urging; to influence
- (b) to declare sacred; to dedicate; to bless
- (c) to start; to provoke; to inflame; to incite
- (d) to appeal; to order solemnly

Q5 **v. endorse**

- (a) to bring into being
- (b) to support; to approve of; to recommend; to approve; to sanction
- (c) to gain
- (d) to take place; to come about; to occur

Q6 **v. discomfit**

- (a) to avoid; to ward off; to repulse; to turn away; to evade
- (b) to be violently disturbed; to soak; to rage; to steep
- (c) to satisfy; to calm; to sooth
- (d) to frustrate the expectations of; to perplex; to confuse

Q7 **adj. garish**

- (a) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted
- (b) having to do with verbal communication; artificial eloquence; bombastic
- (c) worthless; unprofitable; unproductive; fruitless; unsuccessful
- (d) gaudy; showy; loud; excessively ornamented; bright

Q8 **adj. biased**

- (a) happening accidentally; by chance
- (b) inactive; changeless; stationary; motionless
- (c) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral
- (d) perfectly clean; correct; pure

Q9 **adj. parsimonious**

- (a) spreading throughout; extending; suffusing
- (b) very frugal; unwilling to spend; economical
- (c) secret; hidden; covert; stealthy; underhand
- (d) rebellious; apt to quarrel; stubborn

Q10 **n. philanthropy**

- (a) group; band; companion; friend
- (b) attack; hostile invasion; raid; entering; infiltration
- (c) person who has occupied an office before another; ancestor
- (d) charity; unselfishness; goodwill toward mankind

Q1 **v. juxtapose**

- (a) to put side-by-side
- (b) to include within a larger group
- (c) to make a journey; to migrate
- (d) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge

Q2 **n. glutton**

- (a) piece of work imitating another in a satirical manner; poor imitation
- (b) vileness; wickedness
- (c) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax
- (d) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater

Q3 **v. reiterate**

- (a) to attack with words; to question the truthfulness or integrity; to challenge
- (b) to make weak; to weaken
- (c) to say again
- (d) to variegate; to make different; to increase the product range of a company; to offer new products

Q4 **adj. truculent**

- (a) probable; feasible; logical; conceivable
- (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric
- (c) starting to grow or develop
- (d) touchable; clear; obvious; substantial; tangible

Q5 **adj. blighted**

- (a) dangerous; harmful; destructive; malignant
- (b) causing frustration or destruction
- (c) without equal; incomparable; matchless
- (d) going beyond what is reasonable; excessive; expensive; disproportionate

Q6 **adj. infamous**

- (a) easy to see; noticeable; obvious
- (b) astonished; amazed; horrified; terrified; appalled
- (c) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd
- (d) having a bad reputation; notorious; deplorable; indecent; villainous

Q7 **n. dilettante**

- (a) thing which is joined together; assemblage
- (b) admirer of the fine arts; dabbler; amateur; nonprofessional
- (c) resoluteness; act of being firm or determined; firmness
- (d) connection; link; contact; conspiracy

Q8 **n. demur**

- (a) act of clarifying; adding details; act of improving; careful planning
- (b) objection; misgiving; hesitation
- (c) state of being the same in power, value, or rank; equality
- (d) rounded, upward-projecting front of a saddle

Q9 **adj. abject**

- (a) sparing in use of food or drinks; satisfied with little; moderate
- (b) rebellious; apt to quarrel; stubborn
- (c) of the worst or lowest degree
- (d) harmful to one's health

Q10 **v. repudiate**

- (a) to destroy completely; to erase
- (b) to obey; yield to; to pay attention; to listen to
- (c) to babble while speaking
- (d) to disown; to deny support for; to reject; to cancel; to refuse

Q1 **v. goad**

- (a) to become semisolid; to cause to thicken; to clot
- (b) to push into action; to urge; to tease; to drive
- (c) to turn to bone; to harden
- (d) to call upon; appeal to; to summon; to implore; to invoke

Q2 **n. caprice**

- (a) official paper containing information; deed; certificate
- (b) sudden, unpredictable or whimsical change; impulse
- (c) natural tendency towards; bias; aptitude; tendency; inclination
- (d) dilemma; state of confusion

Q3 **v. compromise**

- (a) to settle by mutual adjustment
- (b) to improvise; to make it up as you go along
- (c) to babble while speaking
- (d) to occupy the whole of; to infiltrate; to spread out; to penetrate

Q4 **v. cogitate**

- (a) to flood; to overwhelm with a large amount of
- (b) to think hard; to ponder; to meditate; to contemplate; to ruminate
- (c) to sharpen by rubbing; to stimulate; to awaken
- (d) to be an omen of; to signify; to foretell

Q5 **adj. doughty**

- (a) unselfish; generous
- (b) erroneous; not foolproof
- (c) brave and strong; courageous; fearless
- (d) lazy; passive; listless

Q6 **adj. malleable**

- (a) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate
- (b) easy to shape or bend; pliable; flexible; adaptable
- (c) illogical; rambling; disjointed; inconsistent
- (d) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned

Q7 **n. cabal**

- (a) group of people joined by a secret; group of conspirators
- (b) large building
- (c) range or limit of one's abilities; rope or chain used to keep a boat from drifting or an animal from wandering
- (d) small amount

Q8 **v. consort**

- (a) to associate; to join; to be in agreement
- (b) to alleviate; to ease pain but not cure; to make appear less serious; to allay
- (c) to go away hastily or secretly; to hide; to avoid; to evade
- (d) to bring into one's good graces; to attempt to gain favor; act in a pleasant and agreeable manner

Q9 **n. solace**

- (a) person who inflicts just punishment; retribution; rival
- (b) faithfulness; honesty; precision; adherence to detail; loyalty
- (c) imitation
- (d) hope; comfort during a time of grief; consolation; relief

Q10 **n. finesse**

- (a) imitation
- (b) ability to handle situations with skill and diplomacy; grace; delicacy
- (c) believing in personal freedom (favoring reform or progress)
- (d) small, weasel-like mammal

Q1 **v. aver**

- (a) to pretend; to imitate; to fake; to fabricate; to make up
- (b) to relieve; to ease; to make less severe; to calm; to appease
- (c) to affirm as true; to declare
- (d) to crown; to ordain

Q2 **adj. halcyon**

- (a) part of the essential character; intrinsic; inborn; natural
- (b) tranquil; happy; calm; peaceful
- (c) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday
- (d) that which cannot be blotted out or erased; permanent

Q3 **v. ferment**

- (a) to obey; yield to; to pay attention; to listen to
- (b) to excite; to agitate; to inflame
- (c) to appeal; to order solemnly
- (d) to speak in a loud, pompous manner; to rave

Q4 **adj. frivolity**

- (a) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy
- (b) giddiness; lack of seriousness; silliness; flippancy
- (c) having close kinship and appropriateness; related; pertinent; connected; relevant
- (d) terse and full of meaning; concise; succinct

Q5 **n. succor**

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| (a) danger; peril; hazard | (b) aid; assistance; help            |
| (c) ability to speak well | (d) secret cooperation in wrongdoing |

Q6 **adj. untoward**

- (a) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial
- (b) mandatory; necessary; legally or morally binding
- (c) improper; unfortunate; unexpected
- (d) feeling sorry for what one has done; ascetic; repentant

Q7 **n. turbulence**

- (a) strong ill will; enmity; bitterness; hatred; resentment
- (b) cleft; crack
- (c) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance
- (d) beginner; newcomer; novice

Q8 **adj. aghast**

- (a) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory
- (b) carefree; genial; stylish; charming; dashing
- (c) astonished; amazed; horrified; terrified; appalled
- (d) abrupt in manner or speech; curt; rude; unpleasant

Q9 **adj. manifest**

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| (a) obvious; clear; evident | (b) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive          |
| (c) threatening; foreboding | (d) greedy; very desirous; envious; grasping |

Q10 **adj. desultory**

- (a) moving in a random, directionless manner; aimless
- (b) shiny; clear minded
- (c) disobedient to authority; defiant
- (d) carefree; genial; stylish; charming; dashing

# *GMAT Vocabulary*

## Answer Keys

**A1 adj. economical**

definition (d) not wasteful; thrifty; frugal; saving

**A2 v. contest**

definition (c) to attempt to disprove or invalidate; to challenge; to appeal; to fight for

**A3 n. promontory**

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

**A4 n. satire**

definition (d) novel or play that uses humor or irony to expose folly

**A5 v. trek**

definition (a) to make a journey; to migrate

**A6 v. stigmatize**

definition (c) to characterize; to make as disgraceful

**A7 adj. aloof**

definition (b) distant in interest; reserved; cool

**A8 adj. beneficent**

definition (d) conferring benefits; kind; doing good

**A9 n. diffidence**

definition (d) hesitation in asserting oneself; lack of confidence; timidity; shyness

**A10 adj. extraneous**

definition (d) irrelevant; not related; not essential

**A1 adj. plausible**

definition (a) probable; feasible; logical; conceivable

**A2 adj. torpid**

definition (c) being dormant; slow; sluggish; inert; apathetic

**A3 adj. tawdry**

definition (c) tastelessly ornamented; cheap

**A4 adj. atypical**

definition (c) abnormal; unusual; irregular

**A5 adj. cognitive**

definition (c) possessing the power to think or meditate; meditative; capable of perception; aware; perceptive

**A6 adj. baroque**

definition (c) extravagant; ornate; embellished

**A7 adj. reciprocal**

definition (b) mutual; having the same relationship to each other; common; joint

**A8 adj. bellicose**

definition (a) quarrelsome; warlike

**A9 adj. contrite**

definition (c) regretful; sorrowful; having repentance; remorseful; pertinent

**A10 adj. precipitate**

definition (a) happening quickly; rushed; headfirst

A1 **n. oaf**

definition (a) clumsy or dumb person; simpleton

A2 **n. miser**

definition (d) penny pincher; stingy person; scrooge; cheapskate

A3 **n. infamy**

definition (b) bad reputation

A4 **n. egress**

definition (b) way out; exit; going out

A5 **n. thrall**

definition (a) slave

A6 **n. divestiture**

definition (d) being stripped; act of unclothing; deprivation of a right or privilege

A7 **adj. contentious**

definition (d) quarrelsome; controversial; argumentative

A8 **n. depredation**

definition (a) plundering or laying waste; pillaging; ravishing; plundering

A9 **n. travail**

definition (a) very hard work; intense pain or agony; toil

A10 **n. diminutive**

definition (b) small person; word, expressing smallness formed when a suffix is added

**A1 v. disparage**

definition (b) to belittle; undervalue; to discredit; to depreciate

**A2 v. relegate**

definition (c) to banish; to put to a lower position; to demote

**A3 v. meander**

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

**A4 v. conjoin**

definition (d) to combine; to join; to confederate; to merge; to unite

**A5 v. pervade**

definition (b) to occupy the whole of; to infiltrate; to spread out; to penetrate

**A6 v. desist**

definition (d) to stop; to cease

**A7 v. solicit**

definition (d) to ask; to seek; to try to influence another person to commit an illegal act

**A8 v. abscond**

definition (b) to go away hastily or secretly; to hide; to avoid; to evade

**A9 v. impede**

definition (d) to stop the progress of; to obstruct; to delay; to hinder; to prevent

**A10 v. temper**

definition (b) to bring to the proper condition by treatment; to soften; to harden

A1 **adj. copious**

definition (b) abundant; in great quantities; plentiful; bountiful

A2 **adj. rampant**

definition (b) growing unchecked; widespread; prevailing

A3 **n. conundrum**

definition (b) puzzle; riddle; problem

A4 **adj. determinate**

definition (c) definite; fixed; established

A5 **v. reprehend**

definition (b) to reprimand; to find fault with; to admonish; to reprove

A6 **adj. melodious**

definition (c) pleasing to hear

A7 **adj. ascetic**

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

A8 **adj. fickle**

definition (d) changeable; unpredictable; inconstant; inconsistent

A9 **v. wrest**

definition (a) to pull; to force away by a violent twisting; to kink

A10 **adj. adamant**

definition (c) not yielding; firm; steadfast

**A1 adj. unprecedented**

definition (a) unheard of; exceptional; unparalleled

**A2 adj. concise**

definition (c) in few words; brief; condensed; succinct; short yet comprehensive

**A3 adj. indignant**

definition (b) expressing anger to an injustice; irate; resentful

**A4 adj. serrated**

definition (d) having a saw-toothed edge

**A5 adj. inconclusive**

definition (b) not final or of a definite result; unconvincing

**A6 adj. lucent**

definition (d) shining; gleaming

**A7 adj. endemic**

definition (a) native to a particular area; indigenous; local

**A8 adj. didactic**

definition (a) instructive; preachy; educational; tending to lecture others excessively

**A9 adj. mordant**

definition (a) cutting; sarcastic; incisive; sharp

**A10 adj. nascent**

definition (a) starting to grow or develop

**A1 n. recluse**

definition (d) person who lives secluded; loner; hermit

**A2 n. edifice**

definition (b) large building

**A3 n. ideology**

definition (c) speculation; representative way of thinking; philosophy; doctrine

**A4 n. shoal**

definition (b) large group or crowd

**A5 n. diligence**

definition (b) industriousness; hard work; perseverance

**A6 n. calamity**

definition (d) disaster

**A7 n. euphony**

definition (a) pleasant combination of sounds

**A8 n. chaffing**

definition (c) banter; teasing

**A9 n. nostrum**

definition (d) questionable remedy for difficulties; panacea

**A10 n. iota**

definition (d) very small piece; particle; tiny amount

**A1 v. gloat**

definition (a) to brag; to glory over; to feel triumphant; to exult

**A2 v. collaborate**

definition (d) to work together; to cooperate

**A3 v. sanction**

definition (d) to give encouragement; to authorize; to endorse; to approve; to ratify

**A4 v. exculpate**

definition (c) to free from guilt; to declare innocent

**A5 v. gainsay**

definition (b) to speak against; to contradict; to deny; to dispute

**A6 v. amortize**

definition (c) to put money into a fund at fixed intervals

**A7 v. constrain**

definition (c) to force; to compel; to restrain; to coerce; to oblige

**A8 v. assuage**

definition (a) to relieve; to ease; to make less severe; to calm; to appease

**A9 v. fret**

definition (d) to disturb; to irritate; to worry; to erode; to annoy

**A10 v. proliferate**

definition (a) to prosper; to reproduce quickly; to multiply rapidly

A1 **n. atrophy**

definition (d) failure to grow

A2 **n. tyranny**

definition (a) absolute power; autocracy

A3 **adj. prodigious**

definition (a) wonderful; enormous; huge; excellent; great; amazing

A4 **v. foster**

definition (d) to encourage; to nurture; to support; to care for; to raise

A5 **v. inundate**

definition (c) to flood; to overwhelm with a large amount of

A6 **adj. ingenuous**

definition (b) noble; honorable; candid; artless; honest; innocent

A7 **adj. irrational**

definition (b) not logical; senseless; absurd

A8 **v. maculate**

definition (b) to stain; spot; defile; to dirty

A9 **n. rebuff**

definition (c) blunt refusal to offered help; rejection; refusal; snub

A10 **adv. askance**

definition (d) a sideways glance of disapproval

**A1 adj. recondite**

definition (a) hard to understand; concealed; deep; obscure; profound

**A2 adj. bestial**

definition (a) having the qualities of a beast; brutal; barbaric

**A3 adj. hoary**

definition (a) whitened by age; old; ancient

**A4 adj. lecherous**

definition (a) impure in thought and act; lustful

**A5 adj. detached**

definition (a) separated; not interested; standing alone; impartial; aloof

**A6 adj. ominous**

definition (b) threatening; foreboding

**A7 adj. gregarious**

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

**A8 adj. mercenary**

definition (a) working or done for payment only; hired for service

**A9 adj. orthodox**

definition (a) traditional; accepted; conservative

**A10 adj. precarious**

definition (c) depending upon another; risky; uncertain; unstable; unsteady

**A1 n. heresy**

definition (d) opinion contrary to popular belief

**A2 n. turmoil**

definition (d) unrest; agitation; commotion; tumult; uproar

**A3 n. ingenu**

definition (a) unworldly young woman; character of an innocent girl

**A4 n. recidivism**

definition (a) habitual or chronic relapse of criminal or antisocial offenses

**A5 n. aspirant**

definition (a) person who goes after high goals; ambitious person

**A6 n. imputation**

definition (d) charge; act of attributing a fault or misconduct to another

**A7 n. encomium**

definition (d) formal expression of high praise; commendation; eulogy

**A8 n. dais**

definition (c) raised platform at one end of a room; stage

**A9 n. equinox**

definition (c) either of two points on the celestial sphere at which the ecliptic intersects the celestial equator

**A10 n. sarcasm**

definition (a) ironic; bitter humor designed to wound

**A1 v. burlesque**

definition (b) to imitate in a non-serious manner; to mock

**A2 v. scourge**

definition (a) to whip severely; to flog; to lash; to chastise

**A3 v. ossify**

definition (c) to turn to bone; to harden

**A4 v. correlate**

definition (a) to bring into mutual relation; to connect

**A5 v. disentangle**

definition (a) to free from confusion; to extricate; to unknot; to release; to undo

**A6 v. denounce**

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

**A7 v. stymie**

definition (a) to hinder; to obstruct; to impede

**A8 v. indemnify**

definition (d) to insure against; to pay for loss or damage; to reimburse; to compensate

**A9 v. depict**

definition (d) to portray; describe; to characterize; to draw

**A10 v. mire**

definition (c) to cause to get stuck in wet, soggy ground; to muddy

A1 **adj. wily**

definition (a) concealing; sly; cunning; deceptive; tricky

A2 **adj. neutral**

definition (d) impartial; unbiased

A3 **v. obfuscate**

definition (b) to darken; to confuse; to bewilder; to obscure

A4 **n. benefactor**

definition (d) person who helps others; donor; patron; sponsor

A5 **n. spendthrift**

definition (a) person who spends money extravagantly

A6 **adj. mendacious**

definition (c) not truthful; dishonest; lying; deceptive

A7 **n. cohesion**

definition (d) act of holding together; union

A8 **n. innuendo**

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

A9 **v. manifest**

definition (c) to show clearly; to appear; to prove; to reveal

A10 **v. reprobate**

definition (c) to condemn; to reject; to denounce

A1 **adj. luxuriant**

definition (c) rich; magnificent; abundant; growing; richly ornamented

A2 **adj. commodious**

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

A3 **adj. insubordinate**

definition (a) disobedient to authority; defiant

A4 **adj. cognizant**

definition (d) aware of; perceptive

A5 **n. equivocation**

definition (c) purposely misleading statement; prevarication

A6 **adj. regal**

definition (b) royal; grand; majestic

A7 **adj. unique**

definition (a) without equal; incomparable; matchless

A8 **adj. inherent**

definition (b) part of the essential character; intrinsic; inborn; natural

A9 **adj. inclined**

definition (d) apt to; likely; angled; sharp; cutting

A10 **adj. audacious**

definition (c) fearless; bold; impudent

**A1 n. anchorage**

definition (d) something that can be relied on

**A2 n. conclave**

definition (c) any private meeting or closed assembly

**A3 n. quarantine**

definition (d) isolation of a person or persons to prevent the spread of disease; confinement

**A4 n. stupor**

definition (b) stunned or bewildered condition; apathy; shock; daze

**A5 v. rivet**

definition (c) to secure; to hold firmly, as in eyes; to engross; to fascinate

**A6 n. zenith**

definition (a) point directly overhead in the sky; highest point; climax

**A7 n. sedition**

definition (a) revolt; provocation of dissent

**A8 n. sycophant**

definition (b) flatterer

**A9 n. probity**

definition (c) honesty; decency; integrity; uprightness

**A10 n. premise**

definition (a) basis for an argument; presumption; proposition

**A1 v. disseminate**

definition (b) to circulate; to scatter; to disperse; to spread; to distribute

**A2 v. document**

definition (d) to support; to substantiate; to verify; to record for evidence

**A3 v. propagate**

definition (c) to reproduce; to multiply; to proliferate; to extend; to increase

**A4 v. bode**

definition (b) to foretell something; to portend

**A5 v. tantalize**

definition (b) to tempt; to torment

**A6 v. evoke**

definition (b) to call forth; to provoke; to arouse; to summon; to bring out

**A7 v. dissemble**

definition (b) to pretend; to feign; to conceal by pretense

**A8 v. ameliorate**

definition (c) to improve; to make better

**A9 v. flinch**

definition (a) to wince; to drawback; to retreat; to recoil; to shrink

**A10 v. censure**

definition (b) to criticize; disapprove of

A1 **adj. resonant**

definition (b) resounding; re-echoing; reverberating

A2 **adj. fractious**

definition (d) rebellious; apt to quarrel; stubborn

A3 **n. jargon**

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

A4 **v. denigrate**

definition (b) to defame; to blacken; to sully; to belittle; to criticize

A5 **adv. abaft**

definition (d) on; toward the rear of a ship

A6 **n. termagant**

definition (d) constantly quarrelsome woman

A7 **adj. flamboyant**

definition (b) being too showy or ornate; gaudy; flashy

A8 **adj. iniquitous**

definition (c) wicked; unjust

A9 **n. replica**

definition (c) copy; representation; reproduction; duplicate

A10 **n. flux**

definition (b) flow; continual change; fluidity

**A1 adj. incompatible**

definition (a) disagreeing; disharmonious; unsuitable; irreconcilable

**A2 adj. unequivocal**

definition (d) clear and unambiguous; conclusive

**A3 adj. azure**

definition (b) the clear blue color of the sky

**A4 adj. exhaustive**

definition (d) thorough; complete; comprehensive

**A5 adj. sundry**

definition (a) various; miscellaneous; separate; distinct

**A6 adj. fallible**

definition (c) erroneous; not foolproof

**A7 adj. hapless**

definition (c) unlucky; unfortunate; ill-fated

**A8 adj. incredulous**

definition (c) skeptical; disbelieving; doubting

**A9 adj. judicious**

definition (b) wise; prudent; sensible; discreet

**A10 adj. crass**

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

**A1 n. propinquity**

definition (c) closeness in time or place; closeness of relationship; resemblance

**A2 n. obloquy**

definition (b) widespread condemnation; disgrace or infamy resulting from this; public accusation; defamation

**A3 n. oligarchy**

definition (d) form of government in which the supreme power is placed in the hands of a small, exclusive group

**A4 n. antagonism**

definition (d) hostility; opposition; conflict

**A5 n. qualm**

definition (b) sudden feeling of uneasiness or doubt; regret; sorrow

**A6 n. debauchery**

definition (a) indulgence in one's appetites

**A7 n. chagrin**

definition (a) feeling of embarrassment due to failure or disappointment; humiliation

**A8 n. exultation**

definition (b) act of rejoicing; joy; gaiety; glee

**A9 n. mite**

definition (b) very small sum of money; very small creature

**A10 n. antipathy**

definition (b) strong dislike or repugnance; aversion

**A1 v. malign**

definition (c) to speak evil of; to slander

**A2 v. dally**

definition (c) to loiter; to waste time; to trifle; to flirt

**A3 v. abhor**

definition (d) to hate; to dislike; to detest

**A4 v. deter**

definition (d) to prevent; to discourage; to hinder

**A5 v. propitiate**

definition (a) to win the goodwill of; to appease

**A6 v. tarry**

definition (d) to go; to move slowly; to delay

**A7 n. juncture**

definition (b) critical point; crisis; period; joint; connection

**A8 v. macerate**

definition (c) to soften by steeping in liquid; to disintegrate

**A9 v. enfranchise**

definition (a) to free from obligation; to admit to citizenship; to emancipate; to liberate; to free

**A10 v. rectify**

definition (b) to correct; to adjust; to fix

**A1 n. decisiveness**

definition (a) resoluteness; act of being firm or determined; firmness

**A2 v. abdicate**

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

**A3 v. jettison**

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

**A4 v. relinquish**

definition (c) to let go; to abandon; to surrender; to forsake

**A5 adj. odious**

definition (a) hateful; disgusting; detestable

**A6 adj. hefty**

definition (b) heavy; powerful; weighty; big

**A7 v. ostracize**

definition (d) to banish; to exclude

**A8 n. proviso**

definition (a) clause stating a condition or stipulation; restriction

**A9 n. renegade**

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

**A10 v. palliate**

definition (d) to alleviate; to ease pain but not cure; to make appear less serious; to allay

**A1 adj. impervious**

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

**A2 adj. laggard**

definition (d) moving slowly; lazy; sluggish

**A3 adj. fervid**

definition (c) intensely hot; impassioned; passionate

**A4 adj. errant**

definition (d) roving in search of adventure; roving; straying; erring; wandering

**A5 adj. hypocritical**

definition (d) two-faced; deceptive; duplicitous; insincere

**A6 adj. lucid**

definition (a) shiny; clear minded

**A7 adj. raucous**

definition (d) harsh; hoarse; gruff; noisy; rowdy

**A8 adj. improvident**

definition (d) wasteful; careless; not saving up for future needs

**A9 adj. brindled**

definition (b) mixed with a darker color

**A10 adj. malevolent**

definition (a) wishing evil; malicious (opposite: benevolent)

**A1 n. anaphylaxis**

definition (b) allergic reaction; vulnerability

**A2 n. biennial**

definition (c) plant which blooms every two years; event which occurs every two years

**A3 n. pessimism**

definition (c) seeing only the gloomy side; hopelessness; (opposite; optimism)

**A4 n. progeny**

definition (c) children; offspring; outcome

**A5 n. comeliness**

definition (c) beauty; attractiveness in appearance or behavior

**A6 n. hierarchy**

definition (b) system of persons or things arranged according to rank

**A7 n. wrath**

definition (b) violent or unrestrained anger; fury; rage

**A8 n. hyperbole**

definition (d) exaggeration; overstatement

**A9 n. usury**

definition (a) lending of money with an excessively high interest rate

**A10 n. implication**

definition (c) suggestion; inference; connotation; hint

**A1 v. abase**

definition (c) to degrade; to humiliate; to disgrace

**A2 v. extol**

definition (c) to give great praise; to exalt; to laud; to glorify

**A3 v. despoil**

definition (d) to take everything; to plunder; to loot; to pillage; to rob

**A4 v. ruminate**

definition (a) to consider carefully; to think through; to ponder; to chew cud

**A5 v. proselytize**

definition (d) to convert from one belief or religion to another

**A6 v. debase**

definition (b) to make lower in quality; to degrade; to humiliate; to reduce the value of

**A7 v. coddle**

definition (c) to treat with tenderness; to pamper

**A8 v. laud**

definition (b) to commend; to praise

**A9 v. thwart**

definition (b) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose; to frustrate; to foil

**A10 v. implement**

definition (b) to carry into effect; to execute; to perform; to equip with tools

**A1 adj. apposite**

definition (d) suitable; apt; relevant; becoming

**A2 v. rend**

definition (b) to rip or pull from; to split with violence; to disturb with a sharp noise; to tear

**A3 n. harbor**

definition (a) place of safety or shelter; port; refuge; haven

**A4 v. embarkation**

definition (b) act of investing into an enterprise; act of boarding a boat

**A5 n. carte blanche**

definition (a) unlimited authority; freedom of action

**A6 adj. fetid**

definition (c) having a smell of decay; malodorous; smelly; stinky

**A7 n. raconteur**

definition (b) person skilled at telling stories

**A8 n. disarray**

definition (a) state of disorder; mess; lack of order

**A9 adj. mundane**

definition (b) ordinary; commonplace; normal; routine; everyday

**A10 adj. astringent**

definition (b) tightening; stern; severe; harsh; constrictive

**A1 adj. substantive**

definition (a) existing independently of others; a large quantity

**A2 adj. flagrant**

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

**A3 adj. indigenous**

definition (a) native to a region; innate; originating from a place

**A4 adj. prevalent**

definition (a) generally occurring; predominant; widespread

**A5 adj. indulgent**

definition (a) lenient; patient; permissive; tolerant; forbearing

**A6 adj. gnarled**

definition (b) full of knots; twisted

**A7 adj. pertinent**

definition (a) related to the matter at hand; appropriate; relevant

**A8 adj. amiss**

definition (d) wrong; awry; wrongly; mistaken; erroneous

**A9 adj. blatant**

definition (d) crude; vulgar; obtrusive; conspicuous; blunt

**A10 adj. pervasive**

definition (c) spreading throughout; extending; suffusing

A1 **n. troth**

definition (a) belief; faith; fidelity

A2 **n. adage**

definition (d) old saying now accepted as being truthful; proverb

A3 **n. authoritarian**

definition (a) dictator; tyrant; despot

A4 **n. dirge**

definition (b) hymn for a funeral; song or poem expressing lament

A5 **n. trepidation**

definition (b) apprehension; uneasiness

A6 **n. tranquillity**

definition (d) peace; stillness; harmony; calmness

A7 **n. saga**

definition (d) legend; long story of adventure or heroic deed

A8 **n. distention**

definition (c) inflation; extension; swelling; expanding

A9 **n. forbearance**

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

A10 **n. harangue**

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

**A1 v. prevaricate**

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

**A2 v. lament**

definition (d) to mourn; to grieve; to regret

**A3 v. wheedle**

definition (a) to influence; to persuade; to coax

**A4 v. conjure**

definition (c) to call upon; appeal to; to summon; to implore; to invoke

**A5 v. enervate**

definition (b) to weaken; to deprive of nerve or strength

**A6 v. hone**

definition (c) to sharpen; to long or yearn for

**A7 v. allude**

definition (b) to refer indirectly to something; to hint

**A8 v. absolve**

definition (c) to forgive; to acquit; to release

**A9 v. harbor**

definition (b) to give shelter; to protect; to hide; to take shelter; to conceal

**A10 v. accede**

definition (d) to comply with; to consent to; to agree with; to concur

**A1 adj. innocuous**

definition (c) harmless; dull; insipid; uninteresting

**A2 n. materialism**

definition (c) the theory or attitude that physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life

**A3 n. percussion**

definition (b) striking one object against another; rapping

**A4 adj. ambivalent**

definition (a) undecided

**A5 v. parry**

definition (b) to avoid; to ward off; to repulse; to turn away; to evade

**A6 v. subjugate**

definition (a) to dominate; to enslave; to conquer

**A7 n. negligence**

definition (a) carelessness; neglect

**A8 adj. wry**

definition (d) mocking; cynical; crooked; askew

**A9 adj. timorous**

definition (a) lacking courage; timid

**A10 n. dearth**

definition (d) scarcity; shortage; lack

A1 **adj. garbled**

definition (d) mixed up; distorted; confused; falsified

A2 **adj. lurid**

definition (a) glowing through haze; shocking; sensational; appalling; horrible

A3 **adj. acerbic**

definition (b) tasting sour; harsh in language or temper; bitter

A4 **adj. permeable**

definition (c) porous; allowing to pass through; penetrable

A5 **adj. penurious**

definition (c) stingy; miserly; indigent

A6 **adj. rancid**

definition (a) having a bad odor; spoiled; decomposed; musty

A7 **adj. enamored**

definition (c) filled with love and desire; charmed; delighted

A8 **adj. luminous**

definition (c) emitting light; shining; enlightened; intelligent

A9 **adj. recumbent**

definition (c) resting; reclining

A10 **adj. synthetic**

definition (a) not real; rather artificial

**A1 n. collusion**

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

**A2 n. rigor**

definition (d) severity; harshness; strict accuracy

**A3 n. autocracy**

definition (d) absolute monarchy; government where one person holds power; dictatorship; despotism; totalitarianism

**A4 n. altercation**

definition (b) controversy; dispute

**A5 n. conviviality**

definition (a) fondness for festiveness or joviality; festivity; friendliness

**A6 n. frugality**

definition (b) thrift; economical use or expenditure; meanness; stinginess

**A7 n. fetter**

definition (a) chain to bind the feet; shackle; hindrance

**A8 n. mien**

definition (b) appearance; being or manner; bearing

**A9 n. exposition**

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

**A10 n. stigma**

definition (b) mark of disgrace; stain

**A1 v. berate**

definition (d) to scold; to reprove; to reproach; to criticize; to rebuke

**A2 v. invoke**

definition (a) to ask for; to call upon; to request help

**A3 v. advocate**

definition (a) to plead in favor of

**A4 v. knead**

definition (b) to mix; to massage; to shape; to squeeze

**A5 v. rummage**

definition (d) to search thoroughly; to look for diligently

**A6 v. infer**

definition (d) to form an opinion; to conclude; to surmise; to derive

**A7 v. impugn**

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

**A8 v. castigate**

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

**A9 v. obliterate**

definition (d) to destroy completely; to erase

**A10 v. mitigate**

definition (c) to alleviate; to lessen; to soothe; to soften; to appease

**A1 v. beseech**

definition (b) to ask earnestly; to entreat; to plead; to beg

**A2 adj. ignominious**

definition (a) contemptible; degrading; humiliating; base; mean

**A3 adv. amiss**

definition (b) in a defective manner

**A4 v. raze**

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

**A5 v. malingering**

definition (b) to pretend to be ill in order to escape work

**A6 adj. palatial**

definition (c) large and impressive; palace-like; magnificent

**A7 adj. recalcitrant**

definition (d) stubbornly rebellious; disobedient

**A8 n. pittance**

definition (c) small amount

**A9 adj. rudimentary**

definition (a) immature; not fully developed; fundamental

**A10 adj. incorporeal**

definition (b) not consisting of matter; having no material existence; insubstantial

**A1 adj. implacable**

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

**A2 adj. platonic**

definition (b) idealistic; impractical; not amorous not sensual

**A3 adj. indifferent**

definition (a) unconcerned; detached; apathetic

**A4 adj. pallid**

definition (d) pale in color; ashen

**A5 adj. saturnine**

definition (a) gloomy; sluggish

**A6 adj. subliminal**

definition (d) below the level of consciousness

**A7 adj. futile**

definition (c) worthless; unprofitable; unproductive; fruitless; unsuccessful

**A8 adj. ardent**

definition (a) with passionate or intense feelings; fervent; zealous; enthusiastic

**A9 adj. jovial**

definition (c) cheery; playful; convivial; merry

**A10 adj. miscreant**

definition (b) evil

**A1 n. equanimity**

definition (c) quality of remaining calm and undisturbed; composure; emotional stability

**A2 n. astringent**

definition (a) substance that contracts bodily tissues

**A3 n. optimist**

definition (a) person who hopes for the best; sees the good side

**A4 n. utopia**

definition (b) imaginary land with perfect social and political systems

**A5 n. amity**

definition (b) friendly relations; friendship

**A6 n. stamina**

definition (a) endurance

**A7 n. initiate**

definition (a) person who possesses special or secret knowledge

**A8 n. knavery**

definition (c) dishonest act; deception; fraud; villainy

**A9 n. symmetry**

definition (c) correspondence of parts; harmony

**A10 n. pedagogue**

definition (a) teacher; professor; educator

**A1 v. expedite**

definition (b) to hasten the action of; to speed up; to accelerate; to facilitate; to dispatch

**A2 v. undermine**

definition (b) to weaken; to often through subtle means; to subvert; to sabotage

**A3 v. condescend**

definition (b) to come down from one's position or dignity; to lower oneself; to patronize

**A4 v. beget**

definition (b) to bring into being

**A5 v. nullify**

definition (b) to cancel; to invalidate; to annul

**A6 v. suffuse**

definition (a) to overspread

**A7 v. mesmerize**

definition (d) to hypnotize; to fascinate; to induce

**A8 v. diverge**

definition (c) to separate; to split; to branch off from a common point

**A9 v. exonerate**

definition (a) to declare or prove blameless; to absolve; to acquit

**A10 v. consecrate**

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

A1 **adj. sodden**

definition (c) soggy; dull in action as if from alcohol; wet; lumpy; doughy

A2 **adj. striated**

definition (d) having lines or grooves

A3 **adj. enigmatic**

definition (c) baffling; puzzling; mysterious; ambiguous; unclear

A4 **n. quirk**

definition (b) peculiar behavior; startling twist; strange habit

A5 **v. convoke**

definition (a) to call to assemble; to summon

A6 **adj. noisome**

definition (b) harmful to health; having a foul odor; offensive

A7 **adj. salubrious**

definition (d) promoting good health

A8 **n. program**

definition (d) parts of entertainment; plan for dealing with a matter; coded instructions; schedule; agenda

A9 **v. aggrandize**

definition (c) to make more powerful

A10 **n. lament**

definition (b) expression of grief or sorrow; complaint; wailing; mourning

A1 **adj. lewd**

definition (c) lustful; wicked; vulgar; obscene

A2 **adj. tortuous**

definition (d) full of twists and turns; not straight forward; possibly deceitful

A3 **adj. fallacious**

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

A4 **adj. immutable**

definition (d) unchangeable; permanent; changeless

A5 **adj. uniform**

definition (b) never changing; always with the same standard; alike; similar; even

A6 **adj. deciduous**

definition (c) shedding; temporary; of passing interest

A7 **adj. taut**

definition (d) stretched tightly; organized; tense; nervous

A8 **adj. auspicious**

definition (b) being of a good omen; successful; favorable; beneficent

A9 **adj. incoherent**

definition (d) illogical; rambling; disjointed; inconsistent

A10 **adj. dogmatic**

definition (c) opinionated; rigid; authoritative; intolerant

**A1 n. fanatic**

definition (b) enthusiast; extremist; zealot

**A2 n. parsimony**

definition (b) extreme frugality; miserliness; stinginess

**A3 n. realm**

definition (c) area; sphere of activity; domain; region

**A4 n. effluvium**

definition (a) outflow of vapor of invisible particles; noxious odor; exhalation

**A5 n. mentor**

definition (c) teacher; wise and faithful advisor; spiritual instructor

**A6 n. palindrome**

definition (b) word or phrase which reads the same backwards and forwards

**A7 n. paraphernalia**

definition (c) equipment; accessories; tools

**A8 n. homeostasis**

definition (a) maintenance of stability

**A9 n. assay**

definition (a) testing the quality of a substance; test; examine; try; attempt

**A10 n. neologism**

definition (d) giving a new meaning to an old word; new expression

A1 **v. sunder**

definition (b) to break; to split in two; to divide

A2 **v. deride**

definition (b) to laugh at with contempt; to mock; to sneer; to ridicule

A3 **v. lacerate**

definition (b) to tear; mangle; to wound; hurt; to rip

A4 **v. flag**

definition (a) to become weak; to send a message; to signal; to lose energy or momentum

A5 **v. imprecate**

definition (c) to pray for evil; to invoke a curse

A6 **v. dissent**

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

A7 **v. mollify**

definition (b) to soften; to make less intense; to pacify

A8 **v. broach**

definition (d) to introduce into conversation; to open a subject for discussion

A9 **v. fulminate**

definition (b) to blame; to denunciate; to attack strongly; to explode with a loud noise

A10 **v. savor**

definition (a) to receive pleasure from; to enjoy with appreciation; to dwell on with delight

**A1 v. warrant**

definition (a) to justify; to authorize; to permit; to entitle; to empower; to sanction

**A2 adj. grandiose**

definition (d) magnificent; flamboyant; impressive; grand

**A3 n. diatribe**

definition (b) bitter or abusive speech; tirade

**A4 adj. impenitent**

definition (b) without regret, shame, or remorse; unrepentant; hard-hearted; unregretful

**A5 adj. impassive**

definition (c) showing no emotion; stolid; apathetic; calm; relaxed

**A6 adj. perceptive**

definition (d) full of insight; aware; comprehending

**A7 adj. inarticulate**

definition (a) speechless; unable to speak clearly; indistinct; unclear

**A8 n. respite**

definition (b) rest period; temporary delay

**A9 v. teem**

definition (a) to be stocked to overflowing; to pour out; to empty

**A10 v. converge**

definition (a) to move toward one point (opposite: diverge); to come together; to meet; to assemble

**A1 adj. obsolete**

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

**A2 adj. nostalgic**

definition (d) longing for the past; filled with bittersweet memories

**A3 adj. adroit**

definition (a) expert; skillful

**A4 adj. parochial**

definition (d) religious; narrow-minded; provincial

**A5 adj. tedious**

definition (c) wearisome; tiresome; dreary

**A6 adj. repugnant**

definition (a) inconsistent; resistant; contradictory; opposed; averse

**A7 adj. wan**

definition (a) lacking color; sickly pale; exhausted

**A8 adj. anonymous**

definition (b) nameless; unidentified

**A9 adj. ephemeral**

definition (a) very short-lived; lasting only a short time; transitory

**A10 adj. meticulous**

definition (d) exacting; precise; pedantic; cautious concerning minute details

**A1 n. insularity**

definition (c) having the characteristics of an island; narrowness of mind

**A2 n. dither**

definition (b) confused condition; hesitation; vacillation

**A3 n. covenant**

definition (c) binding and solemn agreement; contract; treaty

**A4 n. fervor**

definition (a) passion; intensity of feeling; ardor; eagerness

**A5 n. dissonance**

definition (d) musical discord; disagreement; lack of harmony; inconsistency

**A6 n. nefariousness**

definition (a) being villainous or wicked; evil

**A7 n. impiety**

definition (d) irreverence toward God; lack of respect

**A8 n. epigram**

definition (d) witty or satirical poem or statement; letter; ingenious saying; proverb; phrase

**A9 n. epilogue**

definition (d) closing section of a play or novel providing further comment; speech delivered to the audience after the end of a play

**A10 n. levity**

definition (a) lack of seriousness; instability; frivolity

**A1 v. flout**

definition (b) to mock; to jeer; to show disdain for

**A2 v. precipitate**

definition (a) to cause to happen; to hasten; to urge

**A3 v. enhance**

definition (d) to improve; to compliment; to intensify; to increase; to raise the value of

**A4 v. exhume**

definition (b) to unearth; to reveal

**A5 v. augment**

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

**A6 v. surpass**

definition (b) to go beyond; to excel; to exceed

**A7 v. initiate**

definition (c) to begin; to admit into a group; to start; to bring about; to commence

**A8 v. rant**

definition (c) to speak in a loud, pompous manner; to rave

**A9 v. fathom**

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

**A10 v. disdain**

definition (c) to look down upon; to scorn; to contempt

**A1 n. fledgling**

definition (b) inexperienced person; young bird that cannot fly

**A2 n. misanthrope**

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

**A3 adj. inanimate**

definition (a) spiritless; not animated; not endowed with life; inert; inactive

**A4 adj. emollient**

definition (c) softening or soothing to the skin; having power to soften or relax living tissues

**A5 v. rhapsodize**

definition (d) to speak; to write in a very enthusiastic manner

**A6 adj. shoddy**

definition (a) of inferior quality; cheap; fake; phony

**A7 n. fluency**

definition (c) ability to write easily and expressively; articulateness; eloquence

**A8 adj. ecclesiastic**

definition (d) pertaining or relating to a church

**A9 v. oust**

definition (b) drive out; to eject; to evict

**A10 adj. gullible**

definition (b) easily fooled; naive; credulous

A1 **adj. terse**

definition (d) concise; abrupt; succinct; curt

A2 **adj. choleric**

definition (c) cranky; cantankerous; easily moved to feeling displeasure; irritable

A3 **adj. decorous**

definition (a) showing decorum, propriety or good taste; correct; tasteful

A4 **adj. insipid**

definition (a) uninteresting; boring flat; dull; bland; lifeless

A5 **adj. nefarious**

definition (c) morally bad; vile; wicked

A6 **adj. privy**

definition (a) private; confidential; clandestine; secret

A7 **adj. mercurial**

definition (a) quick; changeable; fickle; mercury

A8 **adj. irreparable**

definition (c) that which cannot be repaired or regained; uncorrectable; irreversible; irremediable

A9 **adj. expedient**

definition (a) convenient in obtaining a result; guided by self-interest; advantageous; beneficial; worthwhile

A10 **adj. noxious**

definition (c) harmful to one's health

**A1 n. parody**

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

**A2 n. eminence**

definition (d) lofty place; superiority; height; elevated rank

**A3 n. charlatan**

definition (a) person who pretends to have knowledge; impostor; fake; quack; fraud

**A4 n. tycoon**

definition (a) wealthy leader

**A5 n. skeptic**

definition (b) doubter

**A6 n. incompetence**

definition (c) failing to meet necessary requirements; lack of ability; inadequacy

**A7 n. altruism**

definition (b) unselfish devotion to the welfare of others; philanthropy

**A8 n. mandate**

definition (b) order; charge; authorization; command

**A9 n. duress**

definition (d) imprisonment; the use of threats; pressure; coercion; intimidation

**A10 n. surmise**

definition (d) guess; assumption; supposition

**A1 v. rout**

definition (c) to dig up; to force out; to defeat; to drive away

**A2 v. provoke**

definition (b) to stir action or feeling; to arouse; to induce; to instigate

**A3 v. skulk**

definition (d) to move secretly; to sneak about

**A4 v. saturate**

definition (a) to soak thoroughly; to drench

**A5 v. inculcate**

definition (b) to impress upon the mind, as by insistent urging; to influence

**A6 v. preclude**

definition (d) to inhibit; to make impossible; to prevent; to eliminate; to remove

**A7 v. coagulate**

definition (c) to become semisolid; to cause to thicken; to clot

**A8 v. emanate**

definition (a) to emit; to flow out from; to emerge; to issue

**A9 v. digress**

definition (d) to stray from the subject; to wander from topic; to deviate from the main point

**A10 v. alleviate**

definition (b) to lessen; to make easier; to allay; to soothe; to relieve

A1 **n. chimera**

definition (a) impossible fancy; wild illusion

A2 **adj. ligneous**

definition (a) having the composition of wood; woody

A3 **v. allure**

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

A4 **v. disperse**

definition (b) to scatter; to separate; to send out

A5 **n. perdition**

definition (c) ruination; purgatory; destruction; hell

A6 **adj. benevolent**

definition (c) kind; generous

A7 **adj. rapacious**

definition (d) using force to take; selfish; greedy; predatory; covetous

A8 **v. abridge**

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

A9 **adj. tepid**

definition (c) lacking warmth or interest; lukewarm

A10 **adv. awry**

definition (a) wrong; askew

**A1 adj. intangible**

definition (a) incapable of being touched; immaterial; hard to grasp; insubstantial; difficult to perceive

**A2 adj. jocund**

definition (b) happy; cheerful; gay; jolly; mirthful

**A3 adj. occult**

definition (a) hidden; beyond human understanding; mystical; supernatural; secret

**A4 adj. impromptu**

definition (a) without preparation; spontaneous

**A5 adj. ribald**

definition (a) vulgar; joking; mocking; offensive; crude

**A6 adj. jeering**

definition (d) abusing vocally; expressing contempt or ridicule; professional vocabulary

**A7 v. stanch**

definition (d) to stop; to check the flow of; to staunch

**A8 adj. scrupulous**

definition (b) honorable; exact; moral; precise; meticulous

**A9 adj. authentic**

definition (a) real; genuine; trustworthy; reliable

**A10 adj. contemporary**

definition (a) living or happening at the same time; modern; current

**A1 n. cessation**

definition (d) ceasing; stopping

**A2 n. consternation**

definition (a) amazement or terror that causes confusion; shock; dismay; alarm

**A3 n. aspersion**

definition (c) slanderous statement; damaging or derogatory criticism; false rumor

**A4 n. fetish**

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

**A5 n. ebullience**

definition (c) overflowing of high spirits; effervescence; exuberance; excitement

**A6 n. levee**

definition (b) landing on the edge of a river or field

**A7 n. clemency**

definition (c) mercy toward an offender; mildness; mercy; grace

**A8 n. surfeit**

definition (a) overindulgence

**A9 n. rout**

definition (b) noisy or disorderly crowd; retreat; terrible defeat

**A10 n. delusion**

definition (b) false belief or opinion; illusion

**A1 v. rampart**

definition (d) to defend; to shield

**A2 v. confound**

definition (b) to lump together, causing confusion; to damn; to amaze; to stun; to confuse

**A3 v. portend**

definition (c) to be an omen of; to signify; to foretell

**A4 v. slander**

definition (a) to defame; to misrepresent maliciously; to vilify; to malign

**A5 v. traduce**

definition (c) to defame; to slander

**A6 v. kindle**

definition (d) to ignite; to arouse; to inspire; to excite

**A7 v. diversify**

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

**A8 v. desecrate**

definition (d) to profane; to violate the sanctity of; to pollute; to defile

**A9 v. placate**

definition (a) to appease; to pacify; to reconcile

**A10 v. prate**

definition (d) to talking foolishly; to chatter; to gab; to babble

A1 **adj. thrifty**

definition (b) frugal; careful with money; economizing

A2 **adj. scanty**

definition (d) inadequate; sparse; meager; deficient

A3 **n. anecdote**

definition (d) short and amusing account of happenings

A4 **adj. disinterested**

definition (c) neutral; unbiased; impartial; indifferent

A5 **n. savant**

definition (a) person who is intelligent; scholar

A6 **n. avarice**

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

A7 **v. assess**

definition (c) to estimate the value of; to appraise; to measure

A8 **adj. furtive**

definition (c) secretive; sly; shifty; stealthy; surreptitious

A9 **n. curb**

definition (a) restraint; framework; raised edge of a sidewalk

A10 **adj. scurrilous**

definition (d) vulgar; crude; obscene

**A1 adj. workaday**

definition (c) commonplace; routine; regular; daily

**A2 adj. limber**

definition (b) agile; flexible; pliant

**A3 adj. exigent**

definition (b) situation calling for immediate attention; needing more than is reasonable; pressing; urgent

**A4 adj. terrestrial**

definition (a) pertaining to the earth

**A5 adj. extricable**

definition (a) capable of being disentangled

**A6 adj. languid**

definition (c) lacking vitality; indifferent; apathetic; sluggish

**A7 adj. haughty**

definition (d) proud of oneself and scornful of others; snobbish; arrogant; disdainful

**A8 adj. trenchant**

definition (a) cutting; keen or incisive words; incisive; forceful

**A9 adj. compliant**

definition (c) complying; obeying; yielding; acquiescent

**A10 adj. susceptible**

definition (b) easily imposed; inclined; prone; vulnerable

**A1 n. prescience**

definition (d) knowing about something before it happens; foresight

**A2 n. schism**

definition (a) division in an organized group; separation into opposing parties

**A3 n. abeyance**

definition (c) state of temporary suspension; inactivity

**A4 n. derision**

definition (d) act of mocking; ridicule; mockery; scorn

**A5 n. solemnity**

definition (d) gravity; sincerity

**A6 n. throe**

definition (a) spasm; pang; agony; suffering

**A7 adj. salient**

definition (a) noticeable; prominent; remarkable

**A8 n. larceny**

definition (a) theft; stealing; robbery

**A9 n. implement**

definition (c) something used in a given activity; piece of equipment

**A10 n. bombast**

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

**A1 v. arrogate**

definition (a) to claim or demand without right

**A2 v. suppress**

definition (c) to bring to an end; to hold back; to stop by force; to crush

**A3 v. deliquesce**

definition (b) to dissolve; to become liquid; to melt

**A4 v. sojourn**

definition (c) to stay temporarily

**A5 v. surmise**

definition (b) to guess; to presume; to assume; to think; to suppose

**A6 v. refute**

definition (a) to challenge; to disprove; to prove false

**A7 v. abrogate**

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

**A8 v. abominate**

definition (c) to loathe; to hate; to detest

**A9 v. deplete**

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

**A10 v. obtrude**

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

**A1 v. parse**

definition (c) to separate (a sentence or word) into parts and describe the function of each

**A2 v. ferret**

definition (b) to force out of hiding; to search for; to discover; to investigate; to worry

**A3 adj. desolate**

definition (d) to be left alone or made lonely; miserable; to neglected; abandoned

**A4 v. rationalize**

definition (b) to offer reasons for; to account for on rational grounds

**A5 n. abnegation**

definition (b) denial

**A6 v. imbue**

definition (a) to soak; to stain; to permeate; to influence strongly; to inspire

**A7 adj. peremptory**

definition (c) barring future action; that cannot be denied, changed, etc.; aggressive

**A8 adj. burly**

definition (c) strong; bulky; stocky; sturdy

**A9 adj. profound**

definition (a) deep; knowledgeable; thorough; intense; serious

**A10 n. anachronism**

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

**A1 adj. beholden**

definition (a) indebted to; obligated

**A2 adj. arrogant**

definition (b) acting superior to others; conceited; proud

**A3 adj. aberrant**

definition (d) abnormal; straying from the normal or usual path; irregular

**A4 adj. abstruse**

definition (c) hard to understand; deep; recondite; ambiguous; obscure

**A5 adj. splenetic**

definition (c) marked by hostility; spiteful; irritable; malicious

**A6 adj. wizened**

definition (d) shriveled; withered; shrunken

**A7 adj. effeminate**

definition (a) having qualities attributed to a woman; delicate; overly feminine

**A8 adj. sectarian**

definition (c) to be narrow minded or limited

**A9 adj. whimsical**

definition (d) fanciful; amusing; capricious

**A10 adj. lax**

definition (c) careless; irresponsible; permissive; slack; lenient

**A1 n. opulence**

definition (a) wealth; fortune; abundance

**A2 n. pariah**

definition (c) outcast; person who is rejected

**A3 n. cloture**

definition (d) parliamentary procedure to end debate and begin to vote; closure

**A4 n. umbrage**

definition (c) offense; resentment; shade

**A5 n. dichotomy**

definition (b) division into two parts or kinds

**A6 n. confluence**

definition (a) thing which is joined together; assemblage

**A7 n. serendipity**

definition (d) apparent aptitude for making fortunate discoveries accidentally

**A8 n. cacophony**

definition (b) harsh, inharmonious collection of sounds; dissonance

**A9 n. nexus**

definition (b) connection; joint; link

**A10 n. discord**

definition (b) disagreement; lack of harmony

**A1 v. supplant**

definition (a) to take the place of; to usurp

**A2 v. batten**

definition (d) to gain

**A3 v. oscillate**

definition (c) to move back and forth; to have a wavering opinion; to vacillate

**A4 v. allocate**

definition (c) to set aside; to designate; to assign

**A5 v. acquiesce**

definition (c) to agree without protest; to accept without question

**A6 v. belittle**

definition (a) to disparage; to depreciate; to scorn; to criticize

**A7 v. expunge**

definition (a) to blot out; to delete; to obliterate; to erase; to strike out

**A8 v. surfeit**

definition (b) to indulge excessively; to gorge

**A9 v. plumb**

definition (b) to solve

**A10 v. nettle**

definition (d) to annoy; to irritate

**A1 n. peccadillo**

definition (c) slight fault or offense; minor sin

**A2 adj. urbane**

definition (c) cultured; suave; courteous; polite

**A3 n. subtlety**

definition (b) propensity of understatement; so slight as to be barely noticeable; elusiveness

**A4 v. mar**

definition (d) to damage; to spoil; to deface

**A5 adj. lambent**

definition (c) traveling gently over surface; flickering; fluttering; playful

**A6 adj. circumspect**

definition (a) careful; cautious; prudent; watchful; guarded

**A7 v. transpire**

definition (a) to take place; to come about; to occur

**A8 adj. bilateral**

definition (b) pertaining to or affecting both sides or two sides; having two sides; reciprocal

**A9 adj. fulsome**

definition (c) disgusting due to excess; crude; repulsive; offensive

**A10 adj. soporific**

definition (b) causing sleep; causing drowsiness

**A1 adj. ingenious**

definition (c) clever; resourceful; talented; inventive

**A2 adj. garrulous**

definition (b) extremely talkative or wordy; loquacious; chatty

**A3 adj. exorbitant**

definition (b) going beyond what is reasonable; excessive; expensive; disproportionate

**A4 adj. slothful**

definition (a) lazy; sluggish; slow

**A5 adj. froward**

definition (b) not willing to yield or comply with what is reasonable; stubborn; contrary

**A6 adj. astute**

definition (d) cunning; sly; crafty; clever; keen

**A7 adj. obtuse**

definition (b) dull; greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees; slow to understand or perceive

**A8 adj. provincial**

definition (a) regional; unsophisticated; narrow-minded

**A9 adj. ambiguous**

definition (a) not clear; uncertain; vague

**A10 adj. impudent**

definition (a) disrespectful and shameless; insolent; cheeky

A1 **n. phobia**

definition (a) morbid fear

A2 **n. temperament**

definition (d) one's customary frame of mind; disposition; nature; character

A3 **n. prattle**

definition (b) childish babble; chatter

A4 **n. autocrat**

definition (d) absolute ruler

A5 **n. melancholy**

definition (a) depression; gloom; sadness

A6 **n. kinship**

definition (a) family relationship; adoption; natural attraction; affinity

A7 **n. ferret**

definition (d) small, weasel-like mammal

A8 **n. homage**

definition (b) honor; respect; esteem; appreciation

A9 **n. precept**

definition (a) rule or direction of moral conduct; order; command; directive

A10 **n. gravity**

definition (a) seriousness; severity

**A1 v. cascade**

definition (b) to rush; to fall; to flow

**A2 v. truncate**

definition (c) to shorten by cutting; to abridge

**A3 v. descant**

definition (c) to sing; to harmonize; to comment broadly

**A4 v. extemporize**

definition (d) to improvise; to make it up as you go along

**A5 v. edify**

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

**A6 v. censor**

definition (d) to examine and delete objectionable material

**A7 v. besmirch**

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

**A8 v. ken**

definition (d) to recognize; to perceive; to grasp; to comprehend

**A9 v. peruse**

definition (a) to read carefully; to study

**A10 v. wither**

definition (c) to wilt; to shrivel; to humiliate; to cut down; to degenerate; to fade

A1 **adj. irascible**

definition (a) prone to anger; short-tempered

A2 **adj. lethargic**

definition (c) lazy; passive; listless

A3 **n. yoke**

definition (a) harness; collar; bond; connection

A4 **adj. recusant**

definition (a) disobedient of authority; noncompliant; unsubmitive

A5 **adj. impartial**

definition (b) unbiased; fair; objective

A6 **adj. opaque**

definition (b) dull; cloudy; non-transparent; frosted (about glass)

A7 **n. metamorphosis**

definition (d) change of form

A8 **adj. sagacious**

definition (a) wise; clever; shrewd

A9 **n. faction**

definition (a) number of people in an organization working for a common cause against the main body; splinter group

A10 **adj. resurgent**

definition (d) rising or tending to rise again; experiencing revival

A1 **adj. pinioned**

definition (b) bound fast

A2 **adj. chary**

definition (a) cautious; being sparing in giving; careful; wary

A3 **adj. eccentric**

definition (d) odd; peculiar; strange; unusual

A4 **adj. fortuitous**

definition (b) happening accidentally; by chance

A5 **adj. incorrigible**

definition (b) unreformable; unchangeable; uncontrollable

A6 **adj. earthy**

definition (c) unrefined; made of earth

A7 **adj. cognate**

definition (d) having the same family; from the same source; similar in nature or form

A8 **adj. insular**

definition (d) having the characteristics of an island; narrow-minded; provincial

A9 **adj. lucrative**

definition (a) profitable; gainful; comprehensible

A10 **adj. penitent**

definition (b) feeling sorry for what one has done; ascetic; repentant

A1 **n. guise**

definition (a) appearance; facade

A2 **n. transmutation**

definition (d) changed form; alternation; change of condition

A3 **n. yore**

definition (b) former period of time

A4 **n. guffaw**

definition (c) boisterous laughter

A5 **n. asperity**

definition (c) harshness; vulgarity

A6 **n. dint**

definition (c) strength; power; depression; dent

A7 **n. accolade**

definition (b) approving or praising mention; award; honor

A8 **n. xenophobia**

definition (a) fear of foreigners or strangers

A9 **n. dictum**

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

A10 **n. conceit**

definition (d) exaggerated personal opinion; arrogance; excessive pride

**A1 v. enfeeble**

definition (a) to make weak; to weaken

**A2 v. modulate**

definition (d) to regulate; to adjust; to vary the pitch; to control

**A3 v. behoove**

definition (b) to be advantageous; to be necessary

**A4 v. gibber**

definition (a) to rapidly speak unintelligibly; to mumble; to stutter; to chatter

**A5 v. comport**

definition (b) to behave in a certain manner

**A6 v. discriminate**

definition (b) to distinguish; to demonstrate bias; to treat differently

**A7 v. cower**

definition (d) to huddle and tremble; to grovel; to shrink; to cringe

**A8 v. deign**

definition (a) to condescend; to stoop; to lower oneself

**A9 v. innovate**

definition (d) to introduce a change; to depart from the old; to bring in something new

**A10 v. render**

definition (c) to deliver; to provide; to give; to depict

A1 **n. solubility**  
definition (c) that can be solved; that can be dissolved

A2 **n. turpitude**  
definition (b) vileness; wickedness

A3 **v. parley**  
definition (b) to speak with another; to discourse

A4 **adj. arduous**  
definition (b) laborious; difficult; strenuous; hard

A5 **adj. opprobrious**  
definition (a) abusive; humiliating; insulting

A6 **adj. ineluctable**  
definition (d) something inevitable; inescapable

A7 **adj. baleful**  
definition (b) harmful; malign; sinister; malicious

A8 **adj. pristine**  
definition (c) primitive; pure; uncorrupted; unpolluted

A9 **n. mercenary**  
definition (a) hired soldier; greedy person

A10 **adj. trite**  
definition (a) commonplace; overused; stale

**A1 adj. minute**

definition (d) extremely small; tiny; trivial; precise; petty

**A2 adj. incessant**

definition (c) constant and unending; unceasing; continuous

**A3 adj. diminutive**

definition (d) smaller than average; minute; tiny

**A4 adj. disheartened**

definition (c) discouraged; dispirited; depressed

**A5 adj. maculate**

definition (b) spotted; blotched; defiled; impure

**A6 adj. agrarian**

definition (a) of the land; agricultural

**A7 adj. quixotic**

definition (a) foolishly idealistic; extravagantly chivalrous; impractical

**A8 adj. objective**

definition (b) open-minded; unbiased; impartial

**A9 adj. extant**

definition (c) existing; refers especially to books or documents

**A10 adj. reticent**

definition (b) silent; reserved; shy; self-restraint

A1 **n. boor**

definition (d) rude person

A2 **n. maverick**

definition (b) person who does not conform to the norm; independent thinker

A3 **n. motility**

definition (a) spontaneous motion; mobility

A4 **n. acrimony**

definition (d) sharpness or bitterness in language or manner; rancor

A5 **adj. moot**

definition (c) subject to or open for discussion or debate

A6 **n. spurn**

definition (c) strong rejection; denigrating attitude

A7 **n. malediction**

definition (c) putting a curse on someone; talking negatively about another; slander

A8 **n. disapprobation**

definition (a) disapproval; condemnation

A9 **n. neophyte**

definition (b) beginner; newcomer; novice

A10 **n. plethora**

definition (a) superabundance

**A1 v. objurgate**

definition (d) to chide vehemently; to reprimand

**A2 v. foray**

definition (d) to raid for spoils; to plunder; to invade; to attack

**A3 v. preponderate**

definition (d) to outweigh; to be superior in amount, weight, etc.; to surpass; to predominate; to control

**A4 v. seethe**

definition (d) to be violently disturbed; to soak; to rage; to steep

**A5 adj. covetous**

definition (b) greedy; very desirous; envious; grasping

**A6 v. indict**

definition (b) to charge with a crime; to criticize; to accuse

**A7 v. commiserate**

definition (d) to show sympathy for; to empathize; to feel sorrow for; to pity

**A8 v. illuminate**

definition (d) to make understandable; to adorn; to explain; to elucidate; to illustrate

**A9 v. salvage**

definition (a) to rescue from loss; to save from destruction

**A10 v. encroach**

definition (c) to trespass; to intrude; to invade; to infringe

A1 **n. cant**

definition (d) insincere or hypocritical statements of high ideals; jargon of a particular group or occupations

A2 **adj. conspicuous**

definition (a) easy to see; noticeable; obvious

A3 **adj. relevant**

definition (d) of concern; significant; pertinent; related

A4 **adj. static**

definition (c) inactive; changeless; stationary; motionless

A5 **n. penchant**

definition (d) liking for; attraction; affinity

A6 **adj. diverse**

definition (a) different; varied

A7 **adj. lascivious**

definition (b) indecent; immoral; lecherous

A8 **n. idiosyncrasy**

definition (a) personal peculiarity; mannerism; eccentricity

A9 **adj. affable**

definition (b) friendly; good-natured; easy to talk to

A10 **v. burnish**

definition (c) to polish by rubbing; to make shiny

**A1 adj. specious**

definition (b) plausible, but deceptive; apparently, but not actually true; superficially attractive

**A2 adj. proverbial**

definition (a) well-known because it is commonly referred to; similar to an adage

**A3 adj. pensive**

definition (d) thoughtful; contemplative; meditative; musing

**A4 adj. connotative**

definition (b) containing associated meanings in addition to the primary one; hinting; implicational; suggestive

**A5 v. embellish**

definition (b) to improve by adding details; to adorn; to decorate; to beautify

**A6 adj. awry**

definition (a) crooked; uneven; unsound; twisted

**A7 adj. facetious**

definition (d) joking in an awkward or improper manner; entertaining amusing

**A8 adj. ethereal**

definition (c) very light; airy; heavenly; not earthly; delicate

**A9 adj. exemplary**

definition (a) outstanding; praiseworthy; serving as a model

**A10 adj. assiduous**

definition (d) carefully attentive; diligent; persistent; hard-working

**A1 n. eradication**

definition (d) act of annihilating, destroying, or erasing; destruction; extermination

**A2 n. churlishness**

definition (c) crude or surly behavior; behavior of a peasant; lack of education

**A3 n. gamut**

definition (d) complete range; any complete musical scale; entire extent of anything

**A4 n. marauder**

definition (c) plunderer; raider; thief

**A5 n. allegory**

definition (d) symbolic description; metaphor

**A6 n. tether**

definition (b) range or limit of one's abilities; rope or chain used to keep a boat from drifting or an animal from wandering

**A7 n. feint**

definition (c) fake show intended to deceive; deception; pretense; diversionary tactic

**A8 n. reproof**

definition (a) rebuke; accusation

**A9 n. welter**

definition (d) confused mass; turmoil; chaos

**A10 n. epicure**

definition (c) person who has good taste in food and drink; gourmet

**A1 v. foist**

definition (b) to falsely; identify as real; to defraud

**A2 v. waive**

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

**A3 v. contravene**

definition (d) to oppose; to contradict; to infringe; to violate; to transgress

**A4 v. debilitate**

definition (c) to enfeeble; to wear out; to weaken; to incapacitate

**A5 v. quaff**

definition (d) to drink quickly

**A6 v. delineate**

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

**A7 v. elucidate**

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

**A8 v. amass**

definition (a) to collect together; to accumulate; to gather

**A9 v. succumb**

definition (a) to give in; to yield; to collapse; to surrender

**A10 v. galvanize**

definition (b) to stimulate as if by electric shock; to startle; to excite; to stimulate

A1 **adj. caustic**

definition (b) eating away at; sarcastic words; corrosive

A2 **v. insinuate**

definition (b) to work into gradually and indirectly; to allude to; to hint; to gain favor through indirect means

A3 **adj. resilient**

definition (d) flexible; capable of withstanding stress; buoyant; elastic

A4 **adj. altruistic**

definition (c) unselfish; generous

A5 **n. resolution**

definition (a) proposal; promise; determination; decision

A6 **adj. jaded**

definition (c) worn-out; fatigued; tired

A7 **adj. biennial**

definition (a) happening every two years

A8 **n. contusion**

definition (a) bruise; injury where the skin is not broken; swelling

A9 **adj. unobtrusive**

definition (c) out of the way; remaining quietly in the background; inconspicuous

A10 **adj. prosaic**

definition (d) tiresome; ordinary; common; tedious; regular; dull

**A1 adj. obligatory**

definition (a) mandatory; necessary; legally or morally binding

**A2 adj. imminent**

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

**A3 adj. taciturn**

definition (c) inclined to silence; speaking little; dour; stern

**A4 adj. dexterous**

definition (c) skillful; quick; deft; adroit; agile

**A5 adj. erroneous**

definition (d) untrue; inaccurate; not correct; wrong; mistaken

**A6 adj. docile**

definition (a) manageable; obedient; gentle; compliant; submissive

**A7 adj. contiguous**

definition (d) touching; adjacent; successive; bordering

**A8 adj. discreet**

definition (b) showing good judgment in conduct; prudent; modest; circumspect; unobtrusive

**A9 adj. pithy**

definition (b) terse and full of meaning; concise; succinct

**A10 adj. obsequious**

definition (a) servilely attentive; servile; fawning

A1 **n. bungler**

definition (c) clumsy person

A2 **n. reverie**

definition (b) an abstracted state of absorption

A3 **n. iconoclast**

definition (c) person who smashes revered images; attacker of cherished beliefs; radical

A4 **n. syllogism**

definition (b) reasoning in order from general to particular

A5 **n. sloth**

definition (c) disinclination to action or labor; laziness

A6 **n. ellipsis**

definition (c) omission of words that would make the meaning clear

A7 **n. labyrinth**

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

A8 **n. soliloquy**

definition (a) talk one has with oneself (esp. on stage)

A9 **n. dogma**

definition (c) collection of beliefs; system of religious laws

A10 **n. cache**

definition (c) stockpile; store; heap; hiding place for goods

**A1 v. coalesce**

definition (d) to grow together; to merge; to unite

**A2 v. remonstrate**

definition (d) to protest; to object to; to prove

**A3 v. emulate**

definition (b) to try to equal or excel; to take after; to imitate; to copy

**A4 v. deliberate**

definition (d) to consider; to ponder; to discuss

**A5 v. cavil**

definition (a) to bicker; to criticize; to complain

**A6 v. decry**

definition (b) to denounce or condemn openly

**A7 v. abandon**

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

**A8 v. obviate**

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

**A9 v. disavow**

definition (b) to deny; to refuse to acknowledge; to disclaim; to reject; to repudiate

**A10 v. accrue**

definition (b) to accumulate; to grow; to compile; to collect; to amass

**A1 adj. rhetorical**

definition (b) having to do with verbal communication; artificial eloquence; bombastic

**A2 adj. ostensible**

definition (a) apparent; obvious; professed to be a certain way

**A3 n. complaisance**

definition (b) quality of being agreeable or eager to please; acquiescence; graciousness

**A4 adj. dowdy**

definition (a) shabby in appearance; untidy; sloppy

**A5 n. parapet**

definition (d) wall for protection; low wall or railing

**A6 n. gaffe**

definition (a) blunder; mistake

**A7 adj. deliberate**

definition (c) intentional; planned; premeditated

**A8 n. menagerie**

definition (d) place to keep or a collection of wild or strange animals; zoo

**A9 n. paradox**

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

**A10 n. goad**

definition (c) driving impulse; something which urges or drives

**A1 adj. roseate**

definition (a) rose-colored; rosy

**A2 adj. eclectic**

definition (b) picking from various possibilities; made up of material from various sources; diverse; heterogeneous

**A3 adj. spurious**

definition (b) not genuine; false; bogus; phony; artificial

**A4 adj. genial**

definition (d) contributing to life; amiable; sociable; merry; friendly

**A5 n. caliber**

definition (c) quality; importance

**A6 adj. immaculate**

definition (a) perfectly clean; correct; pure

**A7 adj. consequential**

definition (c) following as an effect; important; resultant; subsequent

**A8 adj. germane**

definition (d) having close kinship and appropriateness; related; pertinent; connected; relevant

**A9 adj. precocious**

definition (a) developed or matured earlier than usual

**A10 adj. placid**

definition (b) undisturbed and calm; tranquil; quiet; serene

A1 **n. cohort**

definition (c) group; band; companion; friend

A2 **n. charisma**

definition (c) appeal; magnetism; presence; leadership ability

A3 **n. epiphany**

definition (a) appearance of a supernatural being; sudden idea or thought

A4 **n. table**

definition (a) systematic list of details; chart

A5 **n. evasion**

definition (c) avoiding of a duty; avoidance; dodging

A6 **n. coffer**

definition (d) chest where money or valuables are kept; treasury; strongbox

A7 **adj. molten**

definition (b) melted

A8 **n. sanction**

definition (b) act of giving authoritative permission; approve; blockade; penalty

A9 **n. genre**

definition (a) kind; type; category; style

A10 **n. ramification**

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

A1 **n. animosity**

definition (c) feeling of hatred or ill will; resentment

A2 **v. heed**

definition (b) to obey; yield to; to pay attention; to listen to

A3 **adj. hedonistic**

definition (c) living for pleasure

A4 **n. consort**

definition (c) companion; spouse; partner

A5 **v. fester**

definition (d) to become more and more virulent and fixed; to decay

A6 **n. polemicist**

definition (a) person skilled in argument; disputatious person

A7 **v. scrutinize**

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

A8 **v. burgeon**

definition (d) to grow or develop quickly; to blossom; to expand

A9 **v. reproach**

definition (d) to blame and thus make feel ashamed; to rebuke; to accuse

A10 **n. rampart**

definition (b) defense; shield; embankment

**A1 adj. implicit**

definition (c) describing knowledge which resides in people's heads and is not easily written down

**A2 adj. tacit**

definition (b) not voiced or expressed; communicated wordlessly

**A3 adj. equivocal**

definition (c) doubtful; uncertain; questionable; undecided

**A4 adj. derogatory**

definition (d) belittling; uncomplimentary; scornful; disparaging

**A5 adj. licentious**

definition (c) morally lacking in restraint; lascivious

**A6 adj. universal**

definition (c) concerning everyone; existing everywhere; comprehensive; worldwide

**A7 adj. inept**

definition (d) incompetent; clumsy; unskilled; inappropriate

**A8 adj. destitute**

definition (c) poor; poverty-stricken; needy; impoverished

**A9 adj. inaudible**

definition (a) not able to be heard

**A10 adj. inured**

definition (d) accustomed to pain

**A1 n. effrontery**

definition (d) audacious (even arrogant) behavior that you have no right to; impudence; insolence; audacity; nerve

**A2 n. tribute**

definition (a) expression of admiration; gift; levy; compliment

**A3 n. alchemist**

definition (b) person who studies chemistry

**A4 n. perjury**

definition (b) practice of lying under oath

**A5 n. tribunal**

definition (a) place of judgement; court of justice

**A6 n. fissure**

definition (c) cleft; crack

**A7 n. depravity**

definition (b) moral corruption; badness; degeneracy; perversion; immorality

**A8 n. jeopardy**

definition (d) danger; peril; hazard

**A9 n. resignation**

definition (b) quitting; submission; abdication

**A10 n. paean**

definition (c) song of praise or triumph

A1 **v. betroth**

definition (d) to promise or pledge in marriage

A2 **n. incursion**

definition (a) attack; hostile invasion; raid; entering; infiltration

A3 **adj. circumlocutory**

definition (a) roundabout and unnecessarily wordy

A4 **n. deposition**

definition (c) removal from office or power; testimony; dismissal

A5 **n. gourmand**

definition (d) person who eats eagerly; glutton; greedy person

A6 **adj. dauntless**

definition (a) fearless; not discouraged; impossible to frighten; bold; daring

A7 **n. stipend**

definition (d) payment for work done; allowance; salary

A8 **v. chafe**

definition (c) to annoy; to irritate; to wear away; to make sore by rubbing

A9 **n. apathy**

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

A10 **adj. igneous**

definition (c) having the nature of fire; volcanic; fiery

**A1 adj. wanton**

definition (c) unmanageable; unjustifiably malicious; immoral

**A2 adj. prolific**

definition (d) fruitful; plentiful; abundant; productive

**A3 adj. haggard**

definition (b) untamed; having a worn look; tired; gaunt

**A4 adj. disparate**

definition (a) unequal; different; unlike; contrasting

**A5 adj. blasphemous**

definition (b) irreligious; away from acceptable standards; speaking ill of using profane language; irreverent

**A6 adj. notorious**

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

**A7 adj. harmonious**

definition (a) having proportionate and orderly parts; tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement

**A8 adj. squalid**

definition (d) filthy; wretched (from squalor); dirty; miserable

**A9 adj. diffident**

definition (d) timid; lacking self-confidence; shy

**A10 adj. sardonic**

definition (b) having a sarcastic quality; scornful; cynical; derisive

A1 **n. pavilion**  
definition (b) large tent or covered area, usually used for entertainment; booth

A2 **n. arbiter**  
definition (c) person who is authorized to judge or decide

A3 **n. motif**  
definition (c) theme; main idea

A4 **n. adulation**  
definition (c) praise in excess

A5 **n. propensity**  
definition (a) natural tendency towards; bias; aptitude; tendency; inclination

A6 **n. odium**  
definition (b) hate; disgrace from a hateful action; enmity

A7 **n. despotism**  
definition (a) tyranny; absolute power or influence; rule of a despot; dictatorship

A8 **n. recession**  
definition (b) withdrawal; economic downturn; decline

A9 **n. temerity**  
definition (d) foolhardiness; impetuosity; rashness; boldness

A10 **n. perquisite**  
definition (c) extra payment; tip; side income

**A1 n. rebuttal**

definition (a) refutation; opposition; contradiction

**A2 adj. unwonted**

definition (c) unusual; rare; uncommon

**A3 adv. slovenly**

definition (a) sloppy; untidy; careless; unclean

**A4 v. encumber**

definition (b) to hold back; to hinder; to burden; load down; to impede

**A5 adj. intransigent**

definition (a) unyielding; uncompromising

**A6 n. mettle**

definition (b) spirit; courage; ardor

**A7 adj. passive**

definition (b) submissive; unassertive; compliant; indifferent

**A8 n. quagmire**

definition (a) marshy land; mud; difficult situation

**A9 adj. amorphous**

definition (b) with no shape; unorganized; having no determinate form

**A10 n. accomplice**

definition (d) co-conspirator; partner; partner-in-crime

A1 **adj. plumb**

definition (b) perfectly straight down; vertical

A2 **adj. diffuse**

definition (a) spread out; verbose; wordy and disorganized; dispersed; rambling

A3 **adj. fledgling**

definition (c) beginner

A4 **adj. explicit**

definition (d) specific; definite; clear

A5 **adj. magnanimous**

definition (b) forgiving; unselfish

A6 **adj. hackneyed**

definition (c) commonplace; trite; banal; unoriginal

A7 **n. impasse**

definition (d) situation that has no solution or escape; standstill; hang-up; deadlock; dead-end street

A8 **adj. aromatic**

definition (c) having a smell which is sweet or spicy; fragrant

A9 **adj. peripheral**

definition (b) marginal; outer; external

A10 **adj. inadvertent**

definition (b) not on purpose; unintentional; heedless; negligent; accidental

**A1 n. connivance**

definition (d) secret cooperation in wrongdoing

**A2 n. obeisance**

definition (d) gesture of respect or reverence; reverent behavior

**A3 n. catharsis**

definition (b) purging or relieving of the body or soul

**A4 n. bastion**

definition (c) fortress; stronghold; castle

**A5 n. fustian**

definition (d) pompous talk or writing; flowery speech coarse fabric; linen

**A6 n. gauntlet**

definition (b) protective glove

**A7 n. malefactor**

definition (b) evil person; criminal

**A8 n. euphemism**

definition (b) substitution of a milder or socially acceptable word or phrase

**A9 n. cascade**

definition (a) waterfall; pour; waves

**A10 n. epitome**

definition (b) model; typification; embodiment; archetype; exemplar

**A1 adj. arbitrary**

definition (c) based on one's preference or judgment; unrestricted

**A2 adj. flaccid**

definition (b) lacking firmness; loose; limp; drooping; soft

**A3 v. anoint**

definition (d) to crown; to ordain

**A4 n. conglomeration**

definition (b) collection or mixture of various things; aggregate; cluster; mass; assortment

**A5 adj. elusive**

definition (a) hard to catch; difficult to understand or grasp; evasive; tending to escape

**A6 v. bemuse**

definition (d) to preoccupy in thought; to confuse; to baffle

**A7 n. epitaph**

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

**A8 adj. generic**

definition (d) common; general; universal

**A9 n. ennui**

definition (c) boredom; apathy; lethargy; tedium

**A10 v. chastise**

definition (d) to punish; to discipline; to admonish; to criticize harshly

A1 **adj. fatuous**

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

A2 **adj. impeccable**

definition (d) pure; perfect; faultless

A3 **adj. laconic**

definition (b) sparing of words; terse; pithy; concise

A4 **adj. unalloyed**

definition (d) pure; of high quality

A5 **adj. turbid**

definition (b) thick and dense; cloudy; confused; muddy; murky

A6 **adj. gauche**

definition (d) awkward; lacking social grace; crude; tactless; clumsy

A7 **adj. forensic**

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

A8 **adj. amiable**

definition (a) friendly; genial; pleasant

A9 **adj. arcane**

definition (c) obscure; secret; mysterious

A10 **adj. impolitic**

definition (b) unwise; imprudent; not expedient

A1 **n. coda**

definition (d) concluding passage in music

A2 **n. cognate**

definition (b) person related through ancestry; relative; kin

A3 **n. adversary**

definition (a) enemy; foe; opponent; rival

A4 **n. timbre**

definition (b) the quality of sound which distinguishes one from another

A5 **n. mimicry**

definition (b) imitation

A6 **n. burlesque**

definition (a) comical imitation; mockery; caricature

A7 **adj. omniscient**

definition (c) having knowledge of all things

A8 **n. objective**

definition (d) goal; purpose; target; aim

A9 **n. tutelage**

definition (a) condition of being under a guardian or a tutor; guardianship

A10 **n. document**

definition (d) official paper containing information; deed; certificate

A1 **n. allusion**

definition (d) indirect reference (often literary); hint

A2 **n. paradigm**

definition (b) model; prototype; pattern; idea

A3 **adj. indomitable**

definition (c) not easily discouraged or defeated; unconquerable

A4 **n. indigence**

definition (d) poverty

A5 **adj. pied**

definition (d) colored; blotched together; spotted

A6 **n. fidelity**

definition (c) faithfulness; honesty; precision; adherence to detail; loyalty

A7 **adj. immune**

definition (a) exempt from or protected against something; resistant; free; exempt; protected

A8 **adj. trivial**

definition (a) unimportant; small; worthless; minor

A9 **adj. cursory**

definition (c) hasty; slight; brief; perfunctory; superficial

A10 **n. jollity**

definition (c) being fun; festivity; gaiety

**A1 adj. glib**

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

**A2 adj. opalescent**

definition (c) iridescent

**A3 adj. resplendent**

definition (a) dazzling and shining; gleaming; brilliant; dazzling

**A4 adj. egocentric**

definition (b) self-centered; viewing everything in relation to oneself; egoistic; selfish

**A5 adj. obscure**

definition (a) not easily understood; dark; vague

**A6 adj. pejorative**

definition (d) making things worse; villifying; depreciatory

**A7 adj. capricious**

definition (a) changeable; fickle

**A8 adj. palpable**

definition (a) touchable; clear; obvious; substantial; tangible

**A9 adj. tentative**

definition (d) not confirmed; indefinite; temporary; experimental

**A10 adj. novel**

definition (c) new; strange

**A1 n. enigma**

definition (a) mystery; secret; perplexity; puzzle; riddle

**A2 n. remorse**

definition (b) guilt; sorrow; regret

**A3 n. coterie**

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

**A4 n. elaboration**

definition (d) act of clarifying; adding details; act of improving; careful planning

**A5 n. quintessence**

definition (a) pure essence of anything; epitome

**A6 n. pallor**

definition (b) lack of facial color; wanness; paleness

**A7 n. hiatus**

definition (c) interval; break; separation; interruption; opening

**A8 n. abstinence**

definition (d) self-restraint; forbearance; avoidance

**A9 n. hone**

definition (c) something used to sharpen; whetstone

**A10 n. allure**

definition (d) entice; attraction; temptation; glamor

**A1 adj. uncanny**

definition (b) of a strange nature; weird; mysterious

**A2 adj. illusory**

definition (b) unreal; false; deceptive; illusive

**A3 n. catalyst**

definition (b) anything which creates a situation in which change can occur

**A4 adj. arable**

definition (a) suitable (as land) for plowing; cultivatable

**A5 adj. inimical**

definition (d) harmful; hostile; unfriendly

**A6 n. rancor**

definition (d) strong ill will; enmity; bitterness; hatred; resentment

**A7 v. feign**

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

**A8 n. heretic**

definition (c) person who holds opinion contrary to that which is generally accepted

**A9 n. ingratitude**

definition (b) ungratefulness; thanklessness

**A10 v. deprecate**

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

A1 **adj. coy**

definition (b) modest; bashful; pretending shyness to attract; flirtatious; coquettish

A2 **adj. lugubrious**

definition (b) full of sorrow; mournful; melancholic

A3 **adj. traumatic**

definition (d) causing a violent injury

A4 **adj. pagan**

definition (b) polytheistic; hedonistic

A5 **adj. provocative**

definition (a) tempting; irritating; inciting; annoying

A6 **adj. fecund**

definition (b) productive; fruitful; fertile

A7 **adj. insolvent**

definition (a) unable to pay debts; bankrupt

A8 **adj. petulant**

definition (a) peevish; cranky; rude

A9 **adj. dubious**

definition (d) doubtful; uncertain; skeptical; suspicious

A10 **adj. articulate**

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

**A1 n. quiescence**

definition (d) state of being at rest or without motion; restfulness; calmness

**A2 n. effervescence**

definition (c) liveliness; spirit; enthusiasm; bubblyness; gaiety

**A3 n. calumny**

definition (b) slander

**A4 n. stridency**

definition (d) shrillness or harshness of sound

**A5 n. consummation**

definition (d) completion; finish; realization; perfection; culmination

**A6 n. demise**

definition (b) death; decease; coming to an end

**A7 n. eon**

definition (a) indefinitely long period of time; age

**A8 n. miscreant**

definition (b) evil person; villain; rascal

**A9 n. affinity**

definition (b) connection; similarity of structure

**A10 n. advocate**

definition (a) supporter; defender

**A1 n. ascetic**

definition (c) person who leads a simple life of self-denial; recluse; hermit

**A2 n. conciliation**

definition (b) attempt to make friendly or placate; appeasement; compromise

**A3 adj. unfeigned**

definition (b) genuine; real; sincere

**A4 n. spelunker**

definition (a) person who studies caves

**A5 adj. abysmal**

definition (c) very deep; terrible

**A6 n. liberalism**

definition (b) believing in personal freedom (favoring reform or progress)

**A7 n. zephyr**

definition (b) gentle wind; breeze; lightweight fabric

**A8 v. loiter**

definition (c) to spend time aimlessly; to idle

**A9 adj. ornate**

definition (c) flamboyant; flowery; showy

**A10 adj. pellucid**

definition (d) transparent; intelligible; lucid; clear; understandable

**A1 adj. morose**

definition (a) moody; despondent; bitter; irritable

**A2 adj. potable**

definition (b) drinkable

**A3 adj. intractable**

definition (b) stubborn; obstinate; not easily taught or disciplined; inflexible

**A4 adj. deleterious**

definition (c) harmful; hurtful; noxious

**A5 adj. chaste**

definition (c) virtuous; free of obscenity; pure; unaffected; modest

**A6 adj. candid**

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

**A7 adj. captious**

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

**A8 adj. inveterate**

definition (b) deeply rooted; ingrained; firmly established

**A9 adj. sinuous**

definition (d) full of curves; twisting and turning

**A10 adj. sordid**

definition (c) filthy; base; vile; foul; dirty

**A1 n. chicanery**

definition (b) trickery; deception; scheming

**A2 n. nemesis**

definition (c) person who inflicts just punishment; retribution; rival

**A3 n. magnanimity**

definition (b) quality of nobleness of mind; disdain of meanness or revenge; generous and unselfish act

**A4 n. eloquence**

definition (c) ability to speak well

**A5 n. amalgam**

definition (d) mixture or combination (often of metals); alloy

**A6 n. ruffian**

definition (c) tough person; hoodlum; hooligan; bully; thug

**A7 adj. sedulous**

definition (c) working diligently; persistent; diligent; assiduous

**A8 n. defamation**

definition (c) libel; slander; calumny

**A9 n. paucity**

definition (b) scarcity; fewness

**A10 n. fathom**

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

A1 **n. craven**

definition (b) coward; abject person

A2 **adj. lithe**

definition (d) easily bent; pliable; supple; limber

A3 **adj. feasible**

definition (b) reasonable; practical; achievable; likely; possible

A4 **v. muse**

definition (c) to think or speak meditatively; to ponder; to meditate

A5 **n. cataclysm**

definition (c) extreme natural force; catastrophe

A6 **v. ratify**

definition (a) to make valid; to confirm; to approve; to sanction; to authorize

A7 **adj. evanescent**

definition (c) vanishing quickly; dissipating like a vapor; fading; disappearing

A8 **adj. imperious**

definition (a) arrogant; urgent; absolutely necessary

A9 **v. efface**

definition (a) to erase; to make inconspicuous; to destroy; to wipe out

A10 **v. atrophy**

definition (a) to waste away; as from lack of use; to wither

**A1 adj. incognito**

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

**A2 adj. defunct**

definition (a) no longer living or existing; extinct; dead

**A3 adj. livid**

definition (c) discolored, as if bruised; extremely angry; furious

**A4 n. corpulence**

definition (b) obesity; fleshiness; fatness

**A5 n. humility**

definition (c) lack of pride; modesty; humble state; meekness

**A6 adj. rustic**

definition (d) plain and unsophisticated; homely; of or living in the country; provincial

**A7 adj. ostentatious**

definition (d) pretentious; showy; pompous

**A8 adj. prefatory**

definition (b) coming before; serving as an opening statement

**A9 adj. arid**

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

**A10 adj. perfidious**

definition (b) faithless; treacherous; deceitful; adulterous

A1 **n. rabid**

definition (b) disease affecting animals

A2 **n. alacrity**

definition (c) eager readiness; speed

A3 **n. myriad**

definition (d) large number; a lot; innumerable; endless; infinitive

A4 **n. eulogy**

definition (a) words of praise, especially for the dead

A5 **n. lassitude**

definition (d) state of being tired or listless; exhaustion; laziness; weariness

A6 **n. idyll**

definition (b) written piece of work describing a peaceful rural scene

A7 **adj. prodigal**

definition (d) wasteful; lavish; generous; plentiful; abundant

A8 **n. circumlocution**

definition (b) roundabout or indirect way of speaking; verbosity

A9 **n. tumult**

definition (d) noisy commotion; disturbance; confusion; riot

A10 **n. anomaly**

definition (c) oddity; inconsistency; deviation from the norm; exception; deviation

**A1 n. homily**

definition (b) solemn moral talk; sermon; exhortation; lesson

**A2 adj. derisive**

definition (b) showing disrespect or scorn for; contemptible; ridiculous; contemptuous

**A3 n. pique**

definition (a) resentment at being slighted; irritation; grudge

**A4 v. educe**

definition (d) to draw out; to infer from information; to elicit

**A5 adj. irreproachable**

definition (c) without blame or faults

**A6 n. jester**

definition (d) person employed to amuse; joker; prankster; entertainer

**A7 n. laggard**

definition (a) person who has fallen behind; person who moves slowly

**A8 v. codify**

definition (b) to organize laws or rules into a systematic collection; to arrange systematically

**A9 adj. disputatious**

definition (d) argumentative; inclined to disputes; fond of debate

**A10 n. profusion**

definition (c) great wastefulness; large abundance of; excess; squandering; lavishness

**A1 adj. partisan**

definition (c) biased; one-sided

**A2 adj. flippant**

definition (a) talkative; disrespectful; careless; disdainful

**A3 adj. exotic**

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

**A4 adj. obstinate**

definition (b) inflexible; stubborn

**A5 adj. narcissistic**

definition (d) egotistical; self-centered; excessive interest in ones appearance, comfort, abilities, etc.

**A6 adj. sporadic**

definition (a) rarely occurring or appearing; intermittent; occasional; irregular; infrequent

**A7 adj. bereft**

definition (d) deprived of; in a sad manner; hurt by someone's death

**A8 adj. intrepid**

definition (c) fearless; bold; courageous; brave

**A9 adj. maudlin**

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

**A10 adj. somber**

definition (a) dark and depressing; gloomy; glum; mournful; sad

**A1 n. effigy**

definition (b) image or likeness of a person; sculpted likeness

**A2 n. accretion**

definition (b) growth by addition; growing together by parts; expansion

**A3 n. presage**

definition (a) omen; foreshadowing characteristic; portent

**A4 n. amendment**

definition (b) positive change

**A5 n. upshot**

definition (c) final act or result; effect; consequence

**A6 n. bauble**

definition (d) showy yet useless thing

**A7 n. panegyric**

definition (d) high praise; commendation

**A8 n. potable**

definition (b) beverage that is drinkable

**A9 n. fealty**

definition (a) faithfulness; loyalty

**A10 n. elegy**

definition (d) poem of lament and praise for the dead; dirge

**A1 v. intercede**

definition (b) to plead on behalf of another; to mediate; to arbitrate; to intervene

**A2 adj. apocryphal**

definition (c) counterfeit; of doubtful authorship or authenticity

**A3 n. hubris**

definition (d) overbearing pride or presumption; egotism; arrogance

**A4 adj. nugatory**

definition (c) trifling; futile; insignificant; void; invalid

**A5 n. usurpation**

definition (b) art of taking something for oneself; seizure

**A6 n. partisan**

definition (b) supporter; follower; guerrilla fighter

**A7 adj. craven**

definition (a) cowardly; fearful

**A8 v. waft**

definition (b) to move gently by wind; to breeze; to carry in the air

**A9 n. zealot**

definition (d) believer; enthusiast; fan; radical

**A10 adj. incommodious**

definition (a) inconvenient; uncomfortable

**A1 adj. meander**

definition (a) winding; wandering aimlessly

**A2 adj. coherent**

definition (a) sticking together; connected; logical; consistent

**A3 adj. replete**

definition (b) well supplied; full; brimming; crowded

**A4 adj. devoid**

definition (c) lacking; empty

**A5 adj. knotty**

definition (c) puzzling; hard to explain

**A6 adj. brusque**

definition (a) abrupt in manner or speech; curt; rude; unpleasant

**A7 adj. impecunious**

definition (a) poor; having no money

**A8 adj. apprehensive**

definition (d) fearful; aware; conscious; worried; concerned

**A9 adj. discrete**

definition (d) separate; individual

**A10 adj. incidental**

definition (c) extraneous; unexpected; nonessential; minor; secondary

A1 **n. hybrid**

definition (b) anything of mixed origin; crossbreed

A2 **v. cajole**

definition (d) to coax with insincere talk

A3 **adj. colloquial**

definition (d) having to do with conversation; informal speech

A4 **v. cherish**

definition (c) to feel love for; to care for; to treasure

A5 **v. appease**

definition (a) to satisfy; to calm; to sooth

A6 **n. deference**

definition (c) courteous respect for; honor; esteem; reverence

A7 **n. stanza**

definition (c) group of lines in a poem having a definite pattern

A8 **adj. tenacious**

definition (c) holding; persistent; consistent

A9 **adj. superficial**

definition (d) on the surface; narrow minded; lacking depth

A10 **v. saunter**

definition (c) to walk at a leisurely pace; to stroll; to meander

**A1 adj. redolent**

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

**A2 adj. nebulous**

definition (a) unclear; hazy; vague

**A3 adj. adverse**

definition (d) negative; hostile; antagonistic; inimical

**A4 adj. austere**

definition (b) having a stern look; having strict self-discipline; rigid; ascetic; modest

**A5 adj. suppliant**

definition (b) asking earnestly and submissively

**A6 adj. indecipherable**

definition (c) illegible; incomprehensible

**A7 adj. quiescent**

definition (a) inactive; at rest; peaceful; motionless; quiet

**A8 adj. surreptitious**

definition (a) done secretly; clandestine

**A9 adj. suave**

definition (c) effortlessly gracious; courteous; smooth; sophisticated

**A10 adj. acrid**

definition (b) sharp; bitter; foul smelling; irritating

**A1 n. archetype**

definition (d) original pattern or model

**A2 v. adjure**

definition (d) to appeal; to order solemnly

**A3 adv. indubitably**

definition (c) unquestionably; surely; obviously

**A4 adj. uncouth**

definition (c) uncultured; crude; clumsy

**A5 n. debacle**

definition (b) disaster; collapse; havoc; defeat; devastation

**A6 v. attenuate**

definition (a) to thin out; to weaken in intensity; to decrease

**A7 v. demur**

definition (a) to protest; to object; to hesitate

**A8 n. figment**

definition (a) something made up in the mind; imaginary story; notion

**A9 adj. inevitable**

definition (c) sure to happen; unavoidable; certain; inescapable

**A10 adj. comprehensive**

definition (c) all-inclusive; complete; thorough; extensive; large in scope

A1 **adj. banal**  
definition (c) trite; without freshness or originality; commonplace; stale; usual

A2 **adj. wretched**  
definition (c) miserable; unhappy; causing distress; pitiable; vile

A3 **adj. problematic**  
definition (d) being hard to deal with; unsolved situation; troublesome

A4 **adj. ignoble**  
definition (b) ordinary; dishonorable; not noble

A5 **adj. sedentary**  
definition (d) characterized by sitting; remaining in one locality; inactive

A6 **adj. pedantic**  
definition (c) emphasizing minutiae or form in scholarship or teaching; strict; meticulous

A7 **adj. painstaking**  
definition (c) thorough; careful; precise; meticulous; diligent

A8 **adj. culpable**  
definition (b) deserving blame; guilty

A9 **adj. nautical**  
definition (b) of the sea; having to do with sailors, ships or navigation

A10 **adj. phlegmatic**  
definition (d) without emotion or interest; sluggish and dull; indifferent; slow

A1 **adj. pragmatic**

definition (c) matter-of-fact; practical

A2 **n. citadel**

definition (d) fortress set up high to defend a city; stronghold

A3 **adj. contumacious**

definition (a) resisting authority; rebellious; headstrong

A4 **adj. qualified**

definition (b) experienced; indefinite; competent

A5 **adj. stolid**

definition (d) showing little emotion; stupid; impassive

A6 **v. whet**

definition (c) to sharpen by rubbing; to stimulate; to awaken

A7 **n. libertine**

definition (d) person who indulges his desires without restraint; lecherous person

A8 **adj. intermittent**

definition (b) periodic; occasional; sporadic

A9 **adj. salutatory**

definition (d) of or containing greetings

A10 **adj. bucolic**

definition (b) having to do with shepherds or the country; rural

A1 **adj. quaint**

definition (d) old-fashioned; unusual; odd; strange

A2 **adj. pedestrian**

definition (c) mediocre; ordinary

A3 **adj. cacophonous**

definition (c) sounding jarring; discordant

A4 **adj. adept**

definition (a) skilled; practiced; proficient

A5 **adj. callow**

definition (d) young; immature; inexperienced

A6 **adj. staid**

definition (b) marked by self-control; settled; sober

A7 **adj. dissonant**

definition (c) not in harmony; in disagreement; inconsistent

A8 **adj. discerning**

definition (c) having good judgment; wise; discriminating; perceptive; shrewd

A9 **adj. incisive**

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

A10 **adj. ponderous**

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

**A1 n. doggerel**

definition (a) verse characterized by forced rhyme and meter; poorly written poetry

**A2 adj. tenuous**

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

**A3 adj. strident**

definition (a) creaking; harsh; grating

**A4 v. sequester**

definition (a) to separate; to segregate; to seclude; to set apart

**A5 adj. unpretentious**

definition (b) simple; plain; modest

**A6 v. execute**

definition (c) to put to death; to kill; to carry out; to fulfill

**A7 v. revile**

definition (b) to be abusive in speech; to disparage; to deride

**A8 adj. authoritarian**

definition (c) acting as a dictator; demanding obedience

**A9 n. analogy**

definition (d) similarity; correlation; parallelism; comparability

**A10 v. dither**

definition (a) to act indecisively; to tremble; to vacillate

**A1 adj. distant**

definition (a) having separations; far off; reserved; unfriendly; remote; aloof

**A2 adj. inchoate**

definition (a) not yet fully formed; rudimentary; unorganized; incomplete

**A3 adj. august**

definition (d) imposing; magnificent; grand

**A4 adj. compatible**

definition (d) in agreement with; harmonious

**A5 adj. ethnic**

definition (a) pertaining to races or peoples and their origin classification, or characteristics

**A6 adj. minatory**

definition (d) threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments; menacing

**A7 adj. tractable**

definition (b) easily managed; obedient

**A8 adj. blithe**

definition (c) happy; cheery; merry; carefree

**A9 adj. conciliatory**

definition (b) making or willing to make concessions; appeasing; pacifying

**A10 adj. provident**

definition (d) prudent; economical; careful; frugal

**A1 n. itinerary**

definition (d) travel plan; schedule; course; record of a journey

**A2 adj. estimable**

definition (b) deserving respect; determinable; calculable

**A3 v. lambaste**

definition (a) to scold or beat harshly; to rebuke strongly

**A4 n. renaissance**

definition (d) new life; rebirth; revival

**A5 n. repast**

definition (b) food that is eaten; meal

**A6 adj. cloying**

definition (d) too sugary; too sentimental or flattering

**A7 adj. steadfast**

definition (b) loyal; consistent; persistent

**A8 v. wane**

definition (d) to gradually become less; to grow dim; to decline; to subside; to diminish

**A9 adj. subsidiary**

definition (a) giving a service; being in a subordinate position; supplementary; auxiliary

**A10 adj. petty**

definition (b) unimportant; of subordinate standing; small; insignificant

**A1 adj. servile**

definition (b) slavish; groveling; subservient; submissive; subject

**A2 adj. stoic**

definition (d) detached; unruffled; calm; austere indifference to joy, grief, pleasure or pain

**A3 adj. clandestine**

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

**A4 adj. doting**

definition (b) excessively fond of; adoring

**A5 adj. sovereign**

definition (d) superior; independent; self-governing

**A6 adj. loquacious**

definition (c) very talkative; garrulous; wordy

**A7 adj. effusive**

definition (d) pouring out or forth; overflowing; unrestrained; exuberant

**A8 adj. indelible**

definition (c) that which cannot be blotted out or erased; permanent

**A9 adj. baneful**

definition (b) deadly; causing distress or death; destructive

**A10 adj. pernicious**

definition (a) dangerous; harmful; destructive; malignant

**A1 adj. dispassionate**

definition (a) lack of feeling; impartial; calm; unbiased

**A2 v. stoke**

definition (d) to feed fuel to, especially a fire

**A3 n. canard**

definition (d) false statement; rumor; hoax

**A4 v. hamper**

definition (b) to interfere with; to hinder; to delay; to impede

**A5 v. refurbish**

definition (d) to make new; to renovate

**A6 n. pommel**

definition (d) rounded, upward-projecting front of a saddle

**A7 adj. conventional**

definition (b) traditional; common; routine; customary; formal

**A8 n. alchemy**

definition (d) any mysterious change of substance or nature

**A9 n. quandary**

definition (b) dilemma; state of confusion

**A10 adj. superfluous**

definition (b) unnecessary; extra; redundant

A1 **adj. winsome**

definition (d) charming; sweetly attractive; handsome

A2 **adj. fraught**

definition (b) loaded; charged

A3 **adj. inert**

definition (d) not reacting chemically; inactive; sedentary; neutral; inanimate

A4 **adj. fastidious**

definition (b) difficult to please; dainty; choosy; critical

A5 **n. curmudgeon**

definition (a) ill-tempered person; stingy unpleasant person

A6 **adj. malign**

definition (b) having an evil disposition toward others; harmful; evil (opposite: benign)

A7 **adj. formidable**

definition (c) something which causes dread or fear; difficult; intimidating; awesome; frightening

A8 **adj. ubiquitous**

definition (c) omnipresent; present everywhere

A9 **adj. sumptuous**

definition (d) involving great expense; luxurious

A10 **adj. erratic**

definition (c) unpredictable; irregular; unsettled

A1 **n. liaison**

definition (c) connection; link; contact; conspiracy

A2 **v. swathe**

definition (b) to wrap around something; to envelop; to enclose

A3 **n. parity**

definition (c) state of being the same in power, value, or rank; equality

A4 **n. tenet**

definition (c) principle accepted as authoritative; belief

A5 **n. brevity**

definition (d) briefness; shortness; conciseness

A6 **adj. debonair**

definition (d) carefree; genial; stylish; charming; dashing

A7 **adj. benign**

definition (b) mild; harmless; favorable; gentle; compassionate

A8 **adj. ungainly**

definition (c) clumsy and unattractive; awkward

A9 **adj. potent**

definition (b) having great power or physical strength; influential; virile

A10 **v. pique**

definition (a) to provoke; to irritate; to offend

**A1 adj. sanguine**

definition (c) optimistic; cheerful; red; confident

**A2 adj. illusive**

definition (a) deceiving; misleading; unreal; false; deceptive

**A3 adj. perfunctory**

definition (c) done in a routine, mechanical way; without interest; superficial; careless

**A4 adj. indolent**

definition (c) lazy; inactive; sluggish; slow

**A5 adj. approbatory**

definition (b) approving; sanctioning; praising; commending

**A6 adj. fervent**

definition (d) passionate; intense; enthusiastic; ardent

**A7 adj. aesthetic**

definition (a) of beauty; pertaining to taste in art and beauty

**A8 adj. cogent**

definition (a) having the power to influence or convince; persuasive; influential

**A9 adj. lustrous**

definition (a) bright; radiant; shining; splendid; shiny

**A10 adj. toxic**

definition (a) poisonous; noxious

**A1 v. affiliate**

definition (b) to connect; to associate with; to accept as a member

**A2 n. facsimile**

definition (c) copy; reproduction; replica

**A3 adj. pecuniary**

definition (b) pertaining to money; financial

**A4 v. lunge**

definition (c) to move suddenly

**A5 n. decadence**

definition (a) decline in morals or art; decay; deterioration; falling into corruption

**A6 n. predecessor**

definition (b) person who has occupied an office before another; ancestor

**A7 v. abjure**

definition (c) to give up

**A8 n. disdain**

definition (d) intense dislike; scorn; contempt

**A9 n. phenomenon**

definition (b) exceptional person; unusual occurrence

**A10 adj. munificent**

definition (c) giving generously; lavish

A1 **adj. shady**

definition (d) disreputable; obscure; indistinct

A2 **adj. superlative**

definition (d) of the highest kind or degree

A3 **adj. dank**

definition (a) damp and chilly; clammy and wet; moist

A4 **n. duplicity**

definition (b) deception

A5 **n. retroaction**

definition (c) reverse action; law which takes effect on a past date

A6 **adj. disingenuous**

definition (d) not frank or candid; deceptively simple; hypercritical; false; truthful

A7 **adj. aseptic**

definition (d) germ free; uninfected

A8 **adj. finite**

definition (c) measurable; limited; not everlasting; having limitations or bounds

A9 **adj. recluse**

definition (c) solitary; alone

A10 **adj. apocalyptic**

definition (a) prophetic of devastation or ultimate doom

A1 **adj. obdurate**

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

A2 **adj. erudite**

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

A3 **adj. unruly**

definition (a) not submitting to discipline; rebellious; disobedient; unmanageable

A4 **v. chortle**

definition (c) to make a gleeful, chuckling sound; to laugh loudly

A5 **adj. addled**

definition (b) rotten; spoiled; confused

A6 **adj. haphazard**

definition (d) disorganized; irregular; random

A7 **adj. rabid**

definition (c) infected with rabies; extreme fanatical

A8 **adj. abstemious**

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

A9 **v. condone**

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

A10 **adj. mellifluous**

definition (b) having a sweet sound

A1 **adj. abrupt**

definition (a) happening or ending unexpectedly

A2 **adj. communal**

definition (c) shared or common ownership; public

A3 **adj. perpetual**

definition (a) never ceasing; continuous; eternal

A4 **adj. dormant**

definition (b) as if asleep; inert; sluggish; inactive

A5 **adj. wooden**

definition (b) expressionless; dull; inflexible; stiff; blunt

A6 **adj. polemic**

definition (b) controversial; argumentative; contentious

A7 **adj. esoteric**

definition (a) understood by only a chosen few; confidential; private

A8 **adj. plenary**

definition (a) full; entire; complete; whole

A9 **adj. ceremonious**

definition (a) very formal; proper

A10 **adj. meretricious**

definition (c) deceptive beauty; alluring by attractive appearance; lewd

A1 **adj. ulterior**

definition (c) buried; concealed; undisclosed; hidden

A2 **n. latency**

definition (a) period of inactivity

A3 **n. breadth**

definition (b) distance from one side to another; width

A4 **v. adulterate**

definition (a) to corrupt; to debase; to make impure

A5 **n. connoisseur**

definition (b) expert; authority (usually refers to a wine or food expert)

A6 **n. din**

definition (d) noise which is loud and continuous; ruckus; loud racket

A7 **adj. hypothetical**

definition (c) assumed; uncertain; conjectural; supposed; theoretical

A8 **adj. innate**

definition (d) natural; inborn; inherent

A9 **v. amalgamate**

definition (a) to mix; to merge; to combine; to unite

A10 **v. spurn**

definition (a) to push away; to repel; to reject

**A1 v. corroborate**

definition (c) to confirm the validity; to certify; to reinforce

**A2 adj. tensile**

definition (a) undergoing or exerting tension

**A3 v. discourse**

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

**A4 adj. tumid**

definition (a) swollen; pompous; puffy

**A5 n. contempt**

definition (d) scorn; disrespect; disdain

**A6 v. litigate**

definition (a) to involve a lawsuit; to dispute legally

**A7 v. articulate**

definition (c) to utter or speak clearly and distinctly

**A8 v. facilitate**

definition (a) to make easier; to simplify; to expedite; to assist forward; to promote

**A9 n. protocol**

definition (a) original draft or record of a document; rules of behavior

**A10 n. anarchist**

definition (a) person who believes that a formal government is unnecessary

**A1 n. fortitude**

definition (c) firm courage; strength; bravery; courage; endurance

**A2 n. disparity**

definition (a) difference in form, character or degree; inequality

**A3 adj. complacent**

definition (a) indifferent; submissive; nonchalant; self-satisfied; at ease

**A4 v. transmute**

definition (b) to transform

**A5 n. kith**

definition (a) relatives and acquaintances; family members

**A6 adj. prescriptive**

definition (c) done by custom; unbending

**A7 n. guile**

definition (d) slyness; deceit; fraud; cunning; trickery

**A8 v. prattle**

definition (a) to babble while speaking

**A9 v. ingratiate**

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

**A10 adj. pious**

definition (c) religious; devout; dedicated; orthodox

**A1 adj. plaintive**

definition (a) mournful; sad; moving

**A2 n. cynic**

definition (a) person who believes that others are motivated entirely by selfishness; pessimist

**A3 v. gerrymander**

definition (b) to gain advantage by manipulating unfairly; to falsify; to pervert; to distort

**A4 n. acclaim**

definition (d) loud approval; applause; praise

**A5 v. abbreviate**

definition (a) to shorten; to reduce in length compress; to diminish; to make brief

**A6 adj. redundant**

definition (d) wordy; repetitive; unnecessary; superfluous; plentiful

**A7 n. ken**

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

**A8 adj. malicious**

definition (d) spiteful; vindictive

**A9 v. garner**

definition (c) to gather up and store; to collect; to accumulate; to store

**A10 v. harangue**

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

**A1 adj. reverent**

definition (d) respectful; feeling or showing deep love, respect, or awe

**A2 adj. deferential**

definition (b) yielding to the opinion of another; showing honor; respectful

**A3 v. engender**

definition (b) to bring about; to bring forth; to cause; to produce; to generate

**A4 n. artifice**

definition (b) skill in a craft; expertise

**A5 adj. inquisitive**

definition (d) eager to ask questions in order to learn; nosy; curious; prying

**A6 v. retract**

definition (b) to draw; to take back; to cancel; to annul

**A7 adj. bumptious**

definition (a) arrogant; pushy; self-assertive

**A8 v. impale**

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

**A9 v. concede**

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

**A10 adj. stagnant**

definition (b) motionless; uncirculating; still; inactive

**A1 adj. impetuous**

definition (d) moving with great force; done with little thought; reckless; impulsive; hasty

**A2 n. abandon**

definition (a) freedom; impetuosity; enthusiasm

**A3 adj. imperturbable**

definition (c) calm; not easily excited; composed

**A4 adj. frenetic**

definition (a) frenzied; wild; crazy

**A5 adj. bombastic**

definition (b) pompous; wordy; turgid; inflated; exaggerated

**A6 adj. sapid**

definition (b) having a pleasant taste; flavorful

**A7 adj. succinct**

definition (a) clearly stated; characterized by conciseness; short and to the point

**A8 adj. fundamental**

definition (a) basic; necessary; essential; elemental

**A9 adj. ironic**

definition (c) contradictory; inconsistent; sarcastic

**A10 v. wreak**

definition (c) to give vent; to inflict; to perform

A1 **v. eschew**

definition (a) to shun; to avoid; to keep away from

A2 **v. subsume**

definition (b) to include within a larger group

A3 **n. censure**

definition (c) disapproval; expression of disapproval; criticism

A4 **v. instigate**

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

A5 **v. endorse**

definition (b) to support; to approve of; to recommend; to approve; to sanction

A6 **v. discomfit**

definition (d) to frustrate the expectations of; to perplex; to confuse

A7 **adj. garish**

definition (d) gaudy; showy; loud; excessively ornamented; bright

A8 **adj. biased**

definition (c) prejudiced; influenced; not neutral

A9 **adj. parsimonious**

definition (b) very frugal; unwilling to spend; economical

A10 **n. philanthropy**

definition (d) charity; unselfishness; goodwill toward mankind

**A1 v. juxtapose**

definition (a) to put side-by-side

**A2 n. glutton**

definition (d) person who eats and drinks to excess; overeater

**A3 v. reiterate**

definition (c) to say again

**A4 adj. truculent**

definition (b) fierce; savage; cruel; destructive; harsh; barbaric

**A5 adj. blighted**

definition (b) causing frustration or destruction

**A6 adj. infamous**

definition (d) having a bad reputation; notorious; deplorable; indecent; villainous

**A7 n. dilettante**

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

**A8 n. demur**

definition (b) objection; misgiving; hesitation

**A9 adj. abject**

definition (c) of the worst or lowest degree

**A10 v. repudiate**

definition (d) to disown; to deny support for; to reject; to cancel; to refuse

A1 **v. goad**

definition (b) to push into action; to urge; to tease; to drive

A2 **n. caprice**

definition (b) sudden, unpredictable or whimsical change; impulse

A3 **v. compromise**

definition (a) to settle by mutual adjustment

A4 **v. cogitate**

definition (b) to think hard; to ponder; to meditate; to contemplate; to ruminate

A5 **adj. doughty**

definition (c) brave and strong; courageous; fearless

A6 **adj. malleable**

definition (b) easy to shape or bend; pliable; flexible; adaptable

A7 **n. cabal**

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

A8 **v. consort**

definition (a) to associate; to join; to be in agreement

A9 **n. solace**

definition (d) hope; comfort during a time of grief; consolation; relief

A10 **n. finesse**

definition (b) ability to handle situations with skill and diplomacy; grace; delicacy

A1 **v. aver**

definition (c) to affirm as true; to declare

A2 **adj. halcyon**

definition (b) tranquil; happy; calm; peaceful

A3 **v. ferment**

definition (b) to excite; to agitate; to inflame

A4 **adj. frivolity**

definition (b) giddiness; lack of seriousness; silliness; flippancy

A5 **n. succor**

definition (b) aid; assistance; help

A6 **adj. untoward**

definition (c) improper; unfortunate; unexpected

A7 **n. turbulence**

definition (c) condition of being physically agitated; disturbance

A8 **adj. aghast**

definition (c) astonished; amazed; horrified; terrified; appalled

A9 **adj. manifest**

definition (a) obvious; clear; evident

A10 **adj. desultory**

definition (a) moving in a random, directionless manner; aimless