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1 Which word is most similar in meaning to “verbose”?

- A. Brief
- B. Concise
- ✓ C. Wordy
- D. Clear

Correct Answer: C

EXPLANATION

“Verbose” means using more words than necessary, which is similar to being “wordy.”

2 Find the synonym of “magnanimous”:

- A. Selfish
- ✓ B. Generous
- C. Arrogant
- D. Indifferent

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

“Magnanimous” refers to someone who is generous and forgiving, especially towards a rival.

3 Choose the antonym of “optimistic”:

- A. Hopeful
- ✓ B. Pessimistic
- C. Sincere
- D. Happy

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

“Optimistic” refers to having a positive outlook, while “pessimistic” is the opposite, referring to a negative outlook.

4 Fill in the blank: “She has a very ____ attitude towards life, always looking on the bright side.”

- A. Pessimistic
- ✓ B. Optimistic
- C. Cynical
- D. Indifferent

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

An “optimistic” attitude is one that is positive and hopeful.

5 Which of the following words means “to make something easier”?

- A. Obfuscate
- ✓ B. Facilitate

C. Complicate

D. Intrigue

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Facilitate” means to make a process or task easier.

6 What is the opposite of “abundant”?

A. Plentiful

✓ **B. Scarce**

C. Overflowing

D. Abundant

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Abundant” means plentiful, while “scarce” means in short supply.

7 Identify the word that is a synonym for “loquacious”:

A. Silent

✓ **B. Chatty**

C. Reserved

D. Shy

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Loquacious” refers to someone who talks a lot, which is similar to being “chatty.”

8 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: “The teacher’s ____ explanation helped the students understand the difficult concept.”

A. Vague

✓ **B. Clear**

C. Abstract

D. Confusing

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

A “clear” explanation is one that is easy to understand.

9 Which word means “unnecessary or excessive”?

A. Essential

✓ **B. Superfluous**

C. Mandatory

D. Critical

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Superfluous” refers to something that is unnecessary or more than what is needed.

10 Fill in the blank: “He was known for his _____ kindness, always helping others without expecting anything in return.”

A. Measured

B. Reluctant

✓ C. Genuine

D. Deceptive

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

“Genuine” refers to something that is sincere and real.

11 Which of the following is the best antonym of “abandon”?

A. Leave

B. Forsake

✓ C. Retain

D. Desert

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

“Abandon” means to leave behind or give up on something, while “retain” means to keep or hold onto something.

12 Which word is most similar in meaning to “bellicose”?

A. Peaceful

✓ B. Aggressive

C. Calm

D. Compassionate

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Bellicose” refers to someone who is inclined to fight or be aggressive.

13 What is the opposite of “magnify”?

A. Expand

B. Enlarge

✓ C. Shrink

D. Increase

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

“Magnify” means to make something appear larger, while “shrink” means to make something smaller.

14 Find the synonym of “cogent”:

A. Weak

✓ B. Forceful

C. Dull

D. Incoherent

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Cogent” refers to an argument or reasoning that is clear, logical, and convincing, similar to being “forceful.”

15 Fill in the blank: “Her _____ voice made the song even more beautiful.”

A. Raspy

✓ **B. Mellifluous**

C. Harsh

D. Monotonous

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Mellifluous” means having a smooth, sweet, and pleasant sound, especially in terms of voice.

16 Which of the following words means “to criticize severely”?

A. Exonerate

✓ **B. Censure**

C. Compliment

D. Commend

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Censure” means to express severe disapproval or criticism of something or someone.

17 Which word is most similar in meaning to “ephemeral”?

A. Eternal

✓ **B. Temporary**

C. Permanent

D. Everlasting

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Ephemeral” refers to something that lasts for a very short time, similar to being “temporary.”

18 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: “The manager gave a _____ explanation of the new policy.”

A. Ambiguous

✓ **B. Clear**

C. Vague

D. Confusing

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

A “clear” explanation means that the policy was explained in an understandable and straightforward manner.

19 Which of the following words means “to make something less intense”?

A. Exacerbate

✓ **B. Dampen**

C. Heighten

D. Intensify

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Dampen” means to make something less intense or to reduce its strength.

20 Find the synonym of “acquiesce”:

A. Resist

✓ **B. Agree**

C. Deny

D. Reject

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Acquiesce” means to accept or agree to something reluctantly, without protest.

21 Which of the following words means “harmless”?

✓ **A. Benign**

B. Malignant

C. Dangerous

D. Hostile

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

“Benign” means harmless or not dangerous, often used to describe a medical condition or personality trait.

22 What is the opposite of “optimistic”?

A. Cheerful

✓ **B. Pessimistic**

C. Hopeful

D. Positive

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Optimistic” refers to a positive outlook, while “pessimistic” refers to a negative outlook.

23 Which word is most similar in meaning to “incongruous”?

A. Consistent

✓ **B. Out of place**

C. Harmonious

D. Balanced

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Incongruous” refers to something that doesn't fit or seems out of place in its context.

24 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: “The movie was so _____ that I couldn't stop crying.”

A. Amusing

✓ **B. Heartbreaking**

C. Boring

D. Dull

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Heartbreaking” describes something that causes deep sorrow or emotional pain.

25 Which of the following words means “to prevent or hinder”?

A. Facilitate

✓ **B. Impede**

C. Encourage

D. Accelerate

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Impede” means to delay or prevent something from happening.

26 Which word is most similar in meaning to “voracious”?

✓ **A. Hungry**

B. Satisfied

C. Calm

D. Indifferent

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

“Voracious” refers to someone who has an insatiable appetite or desire, particularly for food or knowledge.

27 Choose the antonym of “transient”:

A. Temporary

✓ **B. Eternal**

C. Fleeting

D. Brief

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Transient” refers to something short-lived, while “eternal” refers to something lasting forever.

28 What does the word “epitome” mean?

A. A bad example

B. A brief summary

✓ **C. A perfect example**

D. A contradiction

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

“Epitome” refers to a person or thing that is a perfect example of a particular quality or type.

29 Find the synonym of “nefarious”:

A. Good

✓ **B. Evil**

C. Honest

D. Upright

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Nefarious” refers to something or someone that is wicked or villainous.

30 Fill in the blank: “The lawyer made a ____ argument that persuaded the jury to rule in his favor.”

A. Flimsy

B. Weak

✓ **C. Convincing**

D. Incoherent

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

A “convincing” argument is one that is persuasive and likely to make others agree with it.

31 Which word is most similar in meaning to “laconic”?

✓ **A. Brief**

B. Talkative

C. Verbose

D. Detailed

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

“Laconic” refers to speech or writing that is concise and to the point.

32 Which of the following words means “to make a situation worse”?

A. Alleviate

✓ **B. Exacerbate**

C. Improve

D. Relieve

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Exacerbate” means to make a bad situation or problem worse.

33 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: “The child's ____ behavior caused his parents to worry.”

A. Obedient

✓ **B. Disobedient**

C. Careful

D. Polite

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Disobedient” refers to someone who does not follow instructions or rules.

34 What is the opposite of “ardent”?

A. Enthusiastic

✓ **B. Indifferent**

C. Eager

D. Passionate

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Ardent” refers to being passionate or enthusiastic, while “indifferent” means lacking interest or concern.

35 Find the synonym of “equanimity”:

✓ **A. Calmness**

B. Panic

C. Excitement

D. Agitation

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

“Equanimity” refers to mental calmness and composure, especially in difficult situations.

36 Which word is most similar in meaning to “placid”?

✓ **A. Calm**

B. Angry

C. Turbulent

D. Restless

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

“Placid” refers to something that is peaceful or calm, especially in terms of water or temperament.

37 Choose the correct antonym for “infallible”:

A. Flawless

✓ **B. Faulty**

C. Perfect

D. Reliable

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

“Infallible” means incapable of making mistakes or being wrong, while “faulty” means containing errors or imperfections.

38 Which word is most similar in meaning to “ephemeral”?

✓ **A. Short-lived**

B. Eternal

C. Continuous

D. Permanent

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

"Ephemeral" refers to something that lasts for a very short time.

39 Find the synonym of "meticulous":

A. Careless

✓ **B. Careful**

C. Reckless

D. Indifferent

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

"Meticulous" means showing great attention to detail, being very careful and precise.

40 Fill in the blank: "Her _____ attitude made it difficult for others to work with her."

A. Cooperative

✓ **B. Negative**

C. Friendly

D. Agreeable

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

A "negative" attitude is one that is uncooperative or pessimistic, making it harder to work with others.

41 Which word is most similar in meaning to "sublime"?

A. Inferior

B. Ordinary

✓ **C. Exalted**

D. Mediocre

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

"Sublime" refers to something of great beauty or excellence, often awe-inspiring or elevated in nature.

42 Which of the following words means "a temporary stay"?

A. Residence

B. Visit

✓ **C. Sojourn**

D. Settlement

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

"Sojourn" refers to a temporary stay or visit at a place.

43 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: "His _____ response to the situation was appreciated by everyone."

- A. Hasty
- B. Impulsive

✓ C. Thoughtful

- D. Reckless

Correct Answer: C

EXPLANATION

A “thoughtful” response is one that is careful, considerate, and well-planned.

44 What is the opposite of “lenient”?

✓ A. Harsh

- B. Easy
- C. Tolerant
- D. Relaxed

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

“Lenient” refers to being permissive or forgiving, while “harsh” refers to being strict or severe.

45 Which of the following words means “to strengthen or support”?

- A. Undermine

✓ B. Bolster

- C. Weaken
- D. Disrupt

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

“Bolster” means to support or strengthen something, like a position, argument, or structure.



Quantitative Reasoning

Arithmetic, algebra, geometry & word problems

16 Questions

1 If the area of a square is 64 square units, what is the length of each side of the square?

✓ A. 8 units

B. 16 units

C. 32 units

D. 4 units

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

The area of a square is given by the formula $\text{Area} = \text{side}^2$. So, $\text{side} = \sqrt{64} = 8$ units.

2 A car travels 100 kilometers in 2 hours. What is the speed of the car?

✓ A. 50 km/h

B. 100 km/h

C. 150 km/h

D. 200 km/h

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

Speed is calculated as distance divided by time. $\text{Speed} = 100 \div 2 = 50$ km/h.

3 What is the value of x in the equation $2x + 3 = 11$?

✓ A. 4

B. 5

C. 3

D. 2

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

Solving for x : $2x + 3 = 11$, subtract 3 from both sides: $2x = 8$, divide by 2: $x = 4$.

4 A bag contains 3 red balls, 5 blue balls, and 7 green balls. What is the probability of drawing a red ball?

✓ A. 3/15

B. 1/5

C. 3/5

D. 1/3

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

The total number of balls is $3 + 5 + 7 = 15$, and the number of red balls is 3. So, the probability is $3/15 = 1/5$.

5 If the sum of two consecutive integers is 55, what are the integers?

✓ A. 26 and 27

B. 27 and 28

C. 28 and 29

D. 29 and 30

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

Let the integers be x and $x + 1$. Then $x + (x + 1) = 55$, or $2x + 1 = 55$, so $2x = 54$, and $x = 27$. The integers are 26 and 27.

6 What is the sum of the first 10 prime numbers?

A. 129

✓ **B. 120**

C. 110

D. 130

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

The first 10 prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, and 29. Their sum is $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11 + 13 + 17 + 19 + 23 + 29 = 120$.

7 If a triangle has sides of length 3, 4, and 5, what type of triangle is it?

A. Equilateral

B. Isosceles

✓ **C. Right-angled**

D. Scalene

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

This is a Pythagorean triple, meaning it satisfies the Pythagorean theorem $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. In this case, $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$, so it is a right-angled triangle.

8 If $2x - 5 = 9$, what is the value of x ?

✓ **A. 7**

B. 5

C. 2

D. 4

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

Solving for x : $2x - 5 = 9$, add 5 to both sides: $2x = 14$, divide by 2: $x = 7$.

9 What is the median of the following set of numbers: 12, 5, 7, 9, 15?

✓ **A. 9**

B. 7

C. 12

D. 5

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

First, arrange the numbers in ascending order: 5, 7, 9, 12, 15. The middle number is 9, so the median is 9.

10 If a rectangle has a length of 8 meters and a width of 5 meters, what is its perimeter?

A. 13 meters

B. 16 meters

✓ C. 26 meters

D. 40 meters

Correct Answer: C

EXPLANATION

The perimeter of a rectangle is given by the formula $P = 2 \times (\text{length} + \text{width})$. So, $P = 2 \times (8 + 5) = 2 \times 13 = 26$ meters.

11 A train travels 120 kilometers in 2 hours. How far will it travel in 5 hours at the same speed?

A. 200 km

✓ B. 240 km

C. 300 km

D. 400 km

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

The speed of the train is $120 \div 2 = 60$ km/h. In 5 hours, the train will travel $60 \times 5 = 240$ km.

12 What is the square root of 144?

A. 10

✓ B. 12

C. 14

D. 16

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

The square root of 144 is 12 because $12 \times 12 = 144$.

13 Which of the following is the smallest prime number?

A. 1

✓ B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

2 is the smallest prime number because it is divisible only by 1 and itself.

14 If a number is divisible by both 4 and 5, what is the least common multiple (LCM) of 4 and 5?

✓ A. 20

B. 10

C. 15

D. 25

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

The least common multiple of 4 and 5 is 20, as it is the smallest number divisible by both.

15 A man buys an item for Rs. 800 and sells it for Rs. 1000. What is the profit percentage?

A. 10%

B. 15%

✓ C. 20%

D. 25%

Correct Answer: C

EXPLANATION

Profit = Selling Price – Cost Price = 1000 – 800 = 200. Profit Percentage = $(200 \div 800) \times 100 = 25\%$.

16 A man earns Rs. 20,000 per month. He spends 40% of his income on rent and 30% on food. How much does he spend on rent and food combined?

A. Rs. 14,000

✓ B. Rs. 15,000

C. Rs. 13,000

D. Rs. 12,000

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

The total amount spent on rent and food is 40% of Rs. 20,000 plus 30% of Rs. 20,000: $0.40 \times 20,000 + 0.30 \times 20,000 = 8,000 + 6,000 = 15,000$.

1 All roses are flowers. Some flowers fade quickly. Therefore, some roses fade quickly.

A. Valid

✓ B. Invalid

Correct Answer: B

EXPLANATION

The statement doesn't logically imply that some roses fade quickly just because some flowers do. The fact that some flowers fade quickly doesn't necessarily include roses.

2 If all students in a class pass the exam, then every student must study hard. John is a student in the class. Therefore, John must study hard.

✓ A. Valid

B. Invalid

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

If all students in the class pass the exam because they study hard, then John, being a student in that class, must study hard.

3 Some cars are electric. All electric cars are expensive. Therefore, some cars are expensive.

✓ A. Valid

B. Invalid

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

The fact that some cars are electric and all electric cars are expensive means that at least some cars (those that are electric) must be expensive.

4 If it rains, the ground gets wet. The ground is not wet. Therefore, it did not rain.

✓ A. Valid

B. Invalid

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

If the ground does not get wet, it logically follows that it did not rain.

5 All dogs bark. Max is a dog. Therefore, Max barks.

✓ A. Valid

B. Invalid

Correct Answer: A

EXPLANATION

If all dogs bark, and Max is a dog, then Max must bark.

6 If a person is healthy, they exercise regularly. John does not exercise regularly. Therefore, John is not healthy.

✓ A. Valid

B. Invalid

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

If exercise is necessary for good health and John does not exercise, then it follows that John is not healthy.

7 Some birds can fly. All robins are birds. Therefore, all robins can fly.

A. Valid

✓ **B. Invalid**

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

The statement “some birds can fly” does not guarantee that all robins can fly, as some birds, like penguins, cannot.

8 If A is greater than B and B is greater than C, which of the following is true?

A. A is less than C

✓ **B. A is greater than C**

C. A equals C

D. B is equal to C

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

If $A > B$ and $B > C$, it follows that $A > C$.

9 A box contains 5 red balls, 8 blue balls, and 7 green balls. What is the probability of drawing a green ball?

✓ **A. 7/20**

B. 7/25

C. 7/40

D. 1/5

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

The total number of balls is $5 + 8 + 7 = 20$, and the number of green balls is 7. The probability is $7/20$.

10 If all roses are flowers and all flowers need water, then what can we conclude?

A. Roses do not need water

✓ **B. Roses need water**

C. Roses are not flowers

D. None of the above

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

If all flowers need water and roses are flowers, then roses need water.

11 If today is Monday, which of the following must be true?

✓ **A. Yesterday was Sunday**

B. Yesterday was Friday

C. Tomorrow is Wednesday

D. Tomorrow is Tuesday

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

If today is Monday, then yesterday must have been Sunday.

12 In a family of six members, A is the father of B. C is the daughter of B, and D is the brother of C. E is the sister of C. Who is the mother of C?

A. A

✓ B. B

C. D

D. E

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

B is the parent of C referred to in the puzzle, and since C's mother must be a female parent, B is taken to be the mother of C in this question.

13 If all books in the library are organized by subject, and some books are in the history section, which of the following must be true?

A. All history books are in the library

✓ B. Some books are in the history section

C. No books are in the history section

D. All books are organized by title

Correct Answer: **B**

EXPLANATION

The statement says that some books are in the history section, which is directly supported by the information provided.

14 If 3 friends are sitting in a row, and they are sitting in the order of youngest, middle, and oldest, who is in the middle?

A. The youngest

B. The oldest

C. Neither

✓ D. The middle one

Correct Answer: **D**

EXPLANATION

By the given order, the middle friend is in the middle position.

15 If two people can finish a job in 5 days, how many days will it take 4 people to finish the same job, assuming they work at the same rate?

✓ A. 2 days

B. 3 days

C. 5 days

D. 1 day

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

If two people take 5 days, then four people, working at double the rate, would take half the time to finish the job.

16 If a word is coded as "B" for "A," "C" for "B," "D" for "C," then what is the code for the letter "G"?

✓ **A. F**

B. H

C. G

D. I

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

The pattern follows a consistent one-letter shift, so the code given for the letter G is F.

17 In a group of 100 people, 30 speak English, 40 speak French, and 10 speak both. How many people speak only French?

A. 40

B. 30

C. 10

✓ **D. 20**

Correct Answer: **D**

EXPLANATION

Total French speakers are 40, but 10 of them also speak English. Subtracting the overlap gives the number of people who speak only French.

18 If all students pass the exam and John is a student, which of the following is true?

✓ **A. John passes the exam**

B. John fails the exam

C. John may or may not pass

D. None of the above

Correct Answer: **A**

EXPLANATION

If all students pass, then John, being a student, must pass.

19 If the statement “A is greater than B” is true, what can be concluded about the relationship between A and B?

A. A is equal to B

B. A is less than B

✓ **C. A is greater than B**

D. None of the above

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

The statement explicitly states that A is greater than B.

20 If every triangle has three sides, how many sides do 10 triangles have?

A. 10

B. 20

✓ **C. 30**

D. 40

Correct Answer: **C**

EXPLANATION

Each triangle has three sides, so 10 triangles will have $10 \times 3 = 30$ sides in total.



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