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1. 'Murky'.

- (a) Radiant
- (b) Loyal
- (c) Bleak
- (d) Distant

Ans: 1

Sol:

Murky: dark and gloomy, especially due to thick mist.
Radiant: sending out light; shining or glowing brightly.
Hence, 'radiant' is the correct antonym of 'murky'.

2. 'Noxious'.

- (a) Obliterate
- (b) Baneful
- (c) Salubrious
- (d) Colossal

Ans: 3

Sol:

Noxious: harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant.
Salubrious: health-giving; healthy.
Option(c) is the correct choice for antonym.
Obliterate: destroy utterly; wipe out.
Baneful: harmful or destructive.
Colossal: extremely large or great.

3. 'Spurious'.

- (a) Original
- (b) Scanty
- (c) Love
- (d) Relief

Ans: 1

Sol:

Spurious: not being what it purports to be; false or fake.
So, 'Original' is the correct antonym of 'spurious'.

4. Slow-witted

- a. induce
- b. acute
- c. encumbrance
- d. shackle

Ans. b

Sol:



'Acute' is the correct antonym of 'slow-witted'.

Slow-witted (adj.) = slow to understand, think, or learn; stupid; not clever and therefore slow to notice or understand things

Acute (adj.) = sharp; shrewd; used to describe intelligence, senses, etc. that are very good, accurate, and able to notice very small differences (An acute pain or illness is one that quickly becomes very severe)

Shackle (v/n) = If you are shackled by something, it prevents you from doing what you want to do
Induce (v) = to persuade someone to do something; to cause something to happen; to use a drug to make a pregnant woman start giving birth

Encumbrance (n/v) = something that makes it difficult for you to do something

5. Deferential

- a. churlish
- b. disingenuous
- c. edify
- d. nostalgia

Ans. a

Sol:

'Churlish' is the correct antonym of 'deferential'.

Deferential (adj.) = polite and showing respect

Churlish (adj.) = rude, unfriendly, and unpleasant

Nostalgia (n) = a feeling of pleasure and also slight sadness when you think about things that happened in the past

Edify (v) = to improve someone's mind

Disingenuous (adj.) = (of a person or their behaviour) slightly dishonest, or not speaking the complete truth

6. Babble

- a. exasperate
- b. laconic
- c. flotsam
- d. cantankerous

Ans. b

Sol:

'Laconic' is the correct antonym of 'babble'.

Babble (v/n) = to talk rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way

Laconic (adj.) = (of a person, speech, or style of writing) using very few words

Exasperate (v) = to annoy thoroughly; to make very angry; to make someone very annoyed, usually when they can do nothing to solve a problem

Cantankerous (adj.) = arguing and complaining a lot

Flotsam (n) = anything or anyone that is not wanted or not considered to be important or useful

7. Reasonable



- a. inchoate
- b. insipid
- c. inordinate
- d. obsequious

Ans. c

Sol:

'Inordinate' is the correct antonym of 'reasonable'.

Reasonable (adj.) = as much as is appropriate or fair; moderate

Inordinate (adj.) = excessive; unreasonable; much more than usual or expected

Inchoate (adj.) = only recently or partly formed, or not completely developed or clear

Inspid (adj.) = not having a strong taste or character, or having no interest or energy

Obsequious (adj.) = too eager to praise or obey someone

8. Dulcet
- a. fend off
 - b. degenerate
 - c. strident
 - d. explicit

Ans. c

Sol:

'Strident' is the correct antonym of 'dulcet'.

Dulcet (adj.) = (especially of sound) sweet and soothing (often used ironically)

Strident (adj.) = (of a sound) loud and harsh; grating; expressing or expressed in forceful language that does not try to avoid upsetting other people

Degenerate (adj./n/v) = to break down; to deteriorate; to become worse in quality

Explicit (adj./n) = clear and exact; stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

Fend off (p.v) = to push or send away an attacker or other unwanted person

9. Cheerful
- a. tenacious
 - b. precarious
 - c. lugubrious
 - d. perilous

Ans. c

Sol:

'Lugubrious' is the correct antonym of 'cheerful'.

Cheerful (adj.) = joyful; noticeably happy and optimistic

Lugubrious (adj.) = sad and serious

Tenacious (adj.) = holding tightly onto something, or keeping an opinion in a determined way

Precarious (adj.) = in a dangerous state because of not being safe or not being held in place firmly; a precarious situation is likely to get worse

Perilous (adj.) = extremely dangerous



10. Compliant
a. stubborn
b. inveterate
c. intransigent
d. matriculate

Ans. a

Sol:

'Stubborn' is the correct antonym of 'compliant'.

Compliant (adj.) = disposed to agree with others or obey rules, especially to an excessive degree; acquiescent

Stubborn (adj.) = a stubborn person is determined to do what he or she wants and refuses to do anything else

Inveterate (adj.) = having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change

Intransigent (adj./n) = unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something

Matriculate (v) = be enrolled at a college or university

11. Tranquil
a. obstreperous
b. obsequious
c. onerous
d. ostensible

Ans. a

Sol:

'Obstreperous' is the correct antonym of 'tranquil'.

Tranquil (adj.) = calm and peaceful and without noise, violence, worry, etc.

Obstreperous (adj.) = difficult to deal with and noisy

Obsequious (adj.) = subservient; too eager to praise or obey someone

Ostensible (adj.) = appearing or claiming to be one thing when it is really something else

Onerous (adj.) = difficult to do or needing a lot of effort

12. Upright
a. reprobate
b. rescind
c. semaphore
d. solicitous

Ans. a

Sol:

'Reprobate' is the correct antonym of 'upright'.

Upright (adj./adv.n) = honest, responsible, moral; principled

Reprobate (n/v/adj.) = an unprincipled person; a person of bad character and habits



Rescind (v) = to make a law, agreement, order, or decision no longer have any (legal) power
Semaphore (n/v) = a system of communication using two flags held in your hands that are moved into different positions to represent different letters, numbers, or symbols
Solicitous (adj.) = showing care and helpful attention to someone

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