

• **Antonyms 1** Level 4

**Directions:** Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. LAST

- A. early
- B. closing
- C. ending
- D. primary

2. DISTRESS

- A. headache
- B. pleasure
- C. luck
- D. suffering

3. CAPTIVITY

- A. slavery
- B. permission
- C. freedom
- D. limitation

4. CRAFTY

- A. honest
- B. bright
- C. deceitful
- D. scientific

5. RESIST

- A. adjust
- B. remain
- C. decline
- D. yield

6. REVEAL

- A. develop
- B. showcase
- C. cover
- D. thwart

7. SURVIVE

- A. recover
- B. expire
- C. withstand
- D. flee

8. DETEST

- A. adore
- B. withhold
- C. injure
- D. assist

9. CAREFREE

- A. easygoing
- B. worried
- C. relaxed
- D. cautious

10. BICKER

- A. debate
- B. surrender
- C. concur
- D. hassle

## Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The word *last* means coming after all others in time or order. The final test of the year is the last one you take at school. The opposite of last is first. Because *primary* means first in order or importance, choice **(D)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *early* means happening before the expected time. This is not the opposite of *last*, because something that happens early might not happen first over all.

**(B)** is incorrect because *closing* means final. This is the same as *last*, not the opposite of it.

**(C)** is incorrect because *ending* means final. This is the same as *last*, not the opposite of it.

2) **B**

The word *distress* means worry, sorrow, or pain. Someone who has been hurt or injured might feel distress. The opposite of distress is ease, happiness, or satisfaction. Because *pleasure* is a feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment, choice **(B)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because a *headache* is a continuous pain in the head. This is a form of *distress*, not the opposite of it.

**(C)** is incorrect because *luck* is success or failure brought on by chance. This is not the opposite of *distress*, because luck can be good or bad.

**(D)** is incorrect because *suffering* is the state of undergoing pain or hardship. This is almost the same as *distress*, not the opposite of it.

3) **C**

The word *captivity* means the condition of being imprisoned or confined. A criminal who is in captivity is not free to roam the streets. The opposite of captivity is the condition of being free or not being imprisoned. Because *freedom* is the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved, choice **(C)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *slavery* is the state of being the property of another person. This is a form of *captivity*, not the opposite of it.

**(B)** is incorrect because *permission* is consent or authorization to do something. This is not the opposite of *captivity*, because if one needs permission to do something, he or she is not completely free.

**(D)** is incorrect because a *limitation* is a restriction of any kind. This is not the opposite of *captivity*.

4) **A**

The word *crafty* means clever or skilled at achieving one's aims by indirect or dishonest methods. A person who uses schemes and lies to get something he or she wants would be described as crafty. The opposite of crafty is forthright, sincere, or free of deceit. Because *honest* means forthright or free of deceit, choice **(A)** is correct.

**(B)** is incorrect because *bright* means well-lit or intelligent. This is not the opposite of *crafty*, since crafty is not the same as dark or dumb.

**(C)** is incorrect because *deceitful* means guilty of misleading others. This is almost the same as *crafty*, not the opposite of it.

**(D)** is incorrect because *scientific* means characterized by the methods of science or the study of the natural world. This is not the opposite of *crafty*.

5) **D**

The word *resist* means to struggle against someone or something. If someone resists temptation, he or she is struggling against a desire to do something bad. The opposite of resist is to give way to pressure or stop struggling against something. Because *yield* means to give way to pressure, choice **(D)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *adjust* means to alter or move something slightly. This is not the opposite of *resist*.

**(B)** is incorrect because *remain* means to stay in place. This is not the opposite of *resist*, since resisting is not the same as moving.

**(C)** is incorrect because *decline* means to politely refuse. This is almost the same as *resist*, not the opposite of it.

6) **C**

The word *reveal* means to cause or allow something to be seen. When a mask is taken off someone, his or her face is revealed. The opposite of reveal is to hide or mask. Because *cover* means to put something in front of or on top of something in order to hide or conceal it, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *develop* means to grow. This is not the opposite of *reveal*.

(B) is incorrect because *showcase* means to display or exhibit. This is almost the same as *reveal*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *thwart* means to prevent someone from accomplishing something. This is not the opposite of *reveal*, because revealing is not the same as encouraging or easing.

7) **B**

The word *survive* means to continue to live or exist. Someone who has survived a fire has lived through one. The opposite of survive is to die or cease to exist. Because *expire* means to come to an end or die, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *recover* means to regain full health or strength. This is almost the same as *survive*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *withstand* means to remain undefeated by something. This is almost the same as *survive*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *flee* means to leave. This is not the opposite of *survive*, because surviving is not the same as staying in one place.

8) **A**

The word *detest* means to hate. If one detests green beans, then he or she really dislikes them. The opposite of *detest* is to love. Because *adore* means to love and respect, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *withhold* means to hold back or refuse to give something to someone. This is not the opposite of *detest*.

(C) is incorrect because *injure* means to harm or cause physical pain. This is not the opposite of *detest*.

(D) is incorrect because *assist* means to help someone out. This is not the opposite of *detest*, since detesting is not the same thing as refusing to help.

9) **B**

The word *carefree* means easygoing or free from stress. Someone might be carefree while on a relaxing vacation. The opposite of carefree is stressed or anxious. Because *worried* means anxious, troubled, or stressed, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *easygoing* means relaxed or calm. This is the same as *carefree*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *relaxed* means free from tension and anxiety. This is the same as *carefree*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *cautious* means careful. This is not the opposite of *carefree*, because carefree is not the same as careless.

10) **C**

The word *bicker* means to argue about unimportant matters. Siblings might bicker about unimportant things such as who gets to sit in which car seat. The opposite of bicker is to have the same opinion about something and avoid arguing. Because *concur* means to agree or have the same opinion, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *debate* means to argue about something. This is almost the same as *bicker*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *surrender* means to stop fighting and submit to an opponent. This is not the opposite of *bicker*, because surrendering is not the same as agreeing and bickering is not the same as fighting.

(D) is incorrect because *hassle* means to harass or bother. This is not the opposite of *bicker*.