

• **Word Definition 3** Level 9

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) NOTION

- A. an idea
- B. a district
- C. a career
- D. an emotion

6) CONDONE

- A. to adapt for one's own use
- B. to accelerate in pace
- C. to treat as acceptable
- D. to worsen in condition

2) INADVERTENT

- A. organized
- B. uncommon
- C. accidental
- D. enraged

7) SLOTHFUL

- A. painful
- B. useful
- C. lazy
- D. relaxing

3) PACIFY

- A. to inspire
- B. to involve
- C. to defeat
- D. to calm

8) BRILLIANT

- A. giving off bright light
- B. becoming aware of
- C. giving to a charity
- D. being in the process of learning

4) DIVERSION

- A. a split in something
- B. a lie
- C. a piece of clothing
- D. a detour

9) PRECEDE

- A. to capture
- B. to come closer
- C. to come before
- D. to quote

5) SOLICIT

- A. to bury
- B. to request
- C. to place
- D. to result

10) OVERT

- A. private
- B. obvious
- C. disloyal
- D. unimportant

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

notion (noun): an idea: *I don't know where my girlfriend got the notion that I was didn't like her mother, because that belief is just not true.*

2) **C**

inadvertent (adjective): accidental: *Breaking the dish was an inadvertent action; I didn't mean to do it.*

3) **D**

pacify (verb): to claim: *In order to pacify his angry critics from the south, the king promised to send extra troops to protect them from their enemies.*

4) **D**

diversion (noun): an instance of turning something aside from its path or course: *I tried to stay focused on my homework and avoid diversions, but I ended up distracted when my friend texted me.*

5) **B**

solicit (verb): to request: *Every Christmas, volunteers for the Salvation Army solicit donations outside the grocery store, and I always try to give a little money whenever I am asked.*

6) **C**

condone (verb): to treat as acceptable: *Since most of the university's professors are male, students are accusing the university of condoning sexism; they argue that its policies seem to favor men over women, even if that was not the original intention.*

7) **C**

slothful (adjective): lazy: *Slothful students who don't do their homework tend to have lower grades than the hardworking students who do every assignment.*

8) **A**

brilliant (adjective): giving off bright light: *As a child, I was fascinated by the brilliant fireflies that would flash their lights so brightly as they flew through the warm summer night.*

9) **C**

precede (verb): to come before: *During the talent show, I took the stage to sing my song at 8 PM, and I was preceded at 7:50 by a girl who danced ballet.*

10) **B**

overt (adjective): obvious: *The hidden tension between the two students turned into overt dislike when they found themselves competing in the student council elections.*