

• **Word Definition 2** Level 10

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

**1) FERVOR**

- A. an attitude of approval
- B. a passionate feeling
- C. an inflated temperature
- D. a disagreement
- E. an extension or elongation

**2) SAVAGE**

- A. needing rescue or aid
- B. hearty and strong
- C. angry and annoyed
- D. salty or spicy in taste
- E. cruel and vicious

**3) CHRONIC**

- A. colorful
- B. celebrated
- C. constant
- D. connected
- E. concealed

**4) TRAUMA**

- A. a sensation of losing control
- B. a difficult task to overcome
- C. a feeling of certainty
- D. a deeply distressing experience
- E. a source of minor irritation

**5) PHILANTHROPY**

- A. charity
- B. adultery
- C. music
- D. ambition
- E. inventiveness

**6) CRYPTIC**

- A. sincere
- B. argumentative
- C. no longer living
- D. buried
- E. mysterious

**7) CONSTITUENTS**

- A. permanent members of a religious organization or group
- B. voting members of a community represented by someone
- C. people who advise important people
- D. educators, especially those who teach in colleges and universities
- E. people taking part in a challenge or competition

**8) DEFILE**

- A. to store away
- B. to deceive
- C. to spoil
- D. to delay
- E. to disorganize

**9) CYNICAL**

- A. distrustful of humanity
- B. kind and pleasant
- C. difficult to understand
- D. free of deceit
- E. immoral or wicked

**10) ANNIHILATE**

- A. to add to something larger
- B. to irritate someone
- C. to add explanatory notes
- D. to completely destroy
- E. to damage in appearance

## Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

**fervor** (*noun*): an intense and passionate feeling: *Few people had as much fervor for cooking as Julia Child did, and she shared her passion with millions of television viewers.*

2) **E**

**savage** (*adjective*): aggressively cruel and vicious: *The movie depicted savage acts of violence, and critics remarked that these acts were so vicious that the film was hard to watch.*

3) **C**

**chronic** (*adjective*): persisting for a long time or constantly recurring: *Ashleigh has had chronic knee pain since tearing her ACL last month, and even after taking painkillers, her pain has not gone away.*

4) **D**

**trauma** (*noun*): a deeply distressing or disturbing experience: *The trauma of combat can be too much for many soldiers, and many come home suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder because of how distressing war is.*

5) **A**

**philanthropy** (*noun*): the desire to promote the welfare of others, usually expressed by the generous donation of money to good causes: *At the end of his life, John D. Rockefeller became committed to philanthropy, and he donated most of his considerable wealth to various charities.*

6) **E**

**cryptic** (*adjective*): having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure: *The police believed the Zodiac Killer was leaving cryptic clues for them in the newspaper, but several of the clues so were confusing and mysterious that the police really had no idea what they meant.*

7) **B**

**constituents** (*noun*): voting members of a community or organization who have the power to appoint or elect someone: *The senator promised he would work hard even those who did not vote for him, saying that his constituents were all Oregonians.*

8) **C**

**defile** (*verb*): to sully, mar, or spoil: *Priscilla was fined for defiling the library book; when she checked it out, it was practically new, but when she returned it, pages were stained with coffee, and the cover had fallen off.*

9) **A**

**cynical** (*adjective*): distrustful of human sincerity or integrity: *As he grew older, Edward became increasingly cynical, and as a senior citizen, he was so mistrustful of humanity that he became something of a recluse.*

10) **D**

**annihilate** (*verb*): to destroy completely: *The missile annihilated the entire building, leaving only ruins and a cloud of smoke.*