

• **Word Definition 2** Level 4

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

1) TRIM

- A. to cut off a small part
- B. to speak very quietly
- C. to stop for a short time
- D. to divide equally

6) BENEFIT

- A. something needing help
- B. something twisted
- C. something gained
- D. something harmful

2) STEADY

- A. ugly or unattractive
- B. soft or comfortable
- C. difficult or challenging
- D. regular or even

7) ESSENTIAL

- A. very expensive
- B. very dangerous
- C. very strong
- D. very important

3) DOUBTFUL

- A. very clean
- B. probably not true
- C. very quiet
- D. not exciting

8) PLEAD

- A. to speak loudly
- B. to beg desperately
- C. to reach a conclusion
- D. to give instructions

4) MEETING

- A. a coming together of two people
- B. a large amount of money
- C. an action that is well planned
- D. a raise in the temperature

9) DELAY

- A. to wake up from sleep
- B. to make something larger
- C. to subtract something
- D. to make something late

5) ALERT

- A. very visible or seeable
- B. quick to notice something
- C. not yet fully grown
- D. different from something else

10) ABSENT

- A. missing
- B. dangerous
- C. good-looking
- D. hardworking

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

trim (*verb*): to cut off a small part: *I didn't want a full haircut; I only wanted the barber to trim my bangs.*

2) **D**

steady (*adjective*): regular and even without change: *Kelly has been working as a teacher for 27 years, and she is unlikely to move from her steady career in the near future.*

3) **B**

doubtful (*adjective*): probably not true: *Since there is a 90 percent chance of rain tomorrow, it is doubtful that we will have our picnic outside.*

4) **A**

meeting (*noun*): a coming together of two or more people: *During our first meeting, Trish seemed a little rude, but she has been polite every time I've seen her since then.*

5) **B**

alert (*adjective*): quick to notice any unusual or dangerous things: *The guards remained alert throughout the night, and they were ready to jump at the first sign of danger.*

6) **C**

benefit (*noun*): something gained or earned from something: *One of the benefits of being a member of the club is that you get discounts on plane tickets, so joining the club is clearly a good idea.*

7) **D**

essential (*adjective*): very important: *In order to become a master violinist, it is essential to practice every day, because you cannot be good at playing music if you don't practice.*

8) **B**

plead (*verb*): to beg desperately: *Ruth pleaded with her parents to let her go to the dance, but they refused to give in to her begging.*

9) **D**

delay (*verb*): to make something late or slow: *Bad weather delayed my flight, so I got in to Chicago later than planned.*

10) **A**

absent (*adjective*): missing; not present: *Tucker has been absent from school for six days, and now he has to make up all the work he has missed.*