

• **Word Definition 3** Level 10

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

1) FEASIBLE

- A. doable
- B. stylish
- C. expensive
- D. unattainable
- E. breakable

2) PREVALENT

- A. warming up
- B. undecided
- C. widespread
- D. avoidable
- E. envious

3) CUMULATIVE

- A. decreasing in severity of pain by adding a soothing agent
- B. adding an additional building to another
- C. floating in air
- D. causing further burdens or labors
- E. increasing in degree by successive additions

4) MISANTHROPIC

- A. being extremely old
- B. disliking humanity
- C. covering up or concealing
- D. being suspicious
- E. decreasing in size

5) COLLEAGUE

- A. a college professor
- B. a contest
- C. a conference
- D. a coworker
- E. a confession

6) FLOURISH

- A. to decide or choose
- B. to decorate or adorn
- C. to cook or bake
- D. to grow or develop
- E. to damage or spoil

7) COUNTERFEIT

- A. beneficially neutral
- B. similarly sized
- C. deceptively imitation
- D. dangerously unbalanced
- E. comparatively inexpensive

8) CRUEL

- A. made up of a mix of ethnicities
- B. willfully causing pain
- C. uncivilized or unworldly
- D. stubbornly disobedient
- E. critically important

9) ZEAL

- A. habitual honesty
- B. tireless effort
- C. a swollen mark
- D. a rigid principle
- E. great enthusiasm

10) EXPERT

- A. having great skill or knowledge
- B. possessing great wealth
- C. needing a great deal of help
- D. earning money for a task
- E. existing in idea only

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

feasible (*adjective*): possible to do easily or conveniently: *While some of the millionaire's bizarre requests were impossible, many of them were actually quite feasible.*

2) **C**

prevalent (*adjective*): widespread in a particular area at a particular time: *Rumors that Darwin recanted his beliefs on his deathbed remain prevalent, even though there is no reason to believe them and no proof that the story is true.*

3) **E**

cumulative (*adjective*): increasing or increased in quantity, degree, or force by successive additions: *Though the latest knee sprain was not in itself disastrous, the cumulative effects of several similar sprains had taken their toll, and the player was forced to retire.*

4) **B**

misanthropic (*adjective*): disliking humankind and avoiding human society: *Rex was as misanthropic as they come, a man so consumed by hatred of humankind that he could not even stand going to the market for fear of having to see another person.*

5) **D**

colleague (*noun*): a person with whom one works: *Most employers want to hire workers who can cooperate easily, since colleagues often work together on important projects.*

6) **D**

flourish (*verb*): to grow or develop in a healthy and vigorous way: *Though Lee Ann struggled at her old school, she has absolutely flourished in her new one, and she grows in confidence each day.*

7) **C**

counterfeit (*adjective*): made in exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention of deception and fraud: *The expert was able to determine that the Shakespeare manuscript was counterfeit; though it looked like it was written by Shakespeare, it was an obvious forgery on closer inspection.*

8) **B**

cruel (*adjective*): willfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no pain or concern for doing so: *It was not until she found his private diary that she realized how cruel she had been, for he loved her even though she had caused him so much pain.*

9) **E**

zeal (*noun*): great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective: *Few were as passionate about women's suffrage as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, whose zeal eventually helped win women the right to vote.*

10) **A**

expert (*adjective*): having comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of a skill or in a particular subject area: *Mr. Suarez was the best piano player in town; indeed he possessed expert skill.*