

• **Word Definition 1** Level 11

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

**1) AMBIGUITY**

- A. amateur or beginner status
- B. uncertainty of meaning in language
- C. the state of being undecided
- D. largeness in size or import
- E. the character and atmosphere of a place

**2) PRUDENT**

- A. intelligent
- B. pure
- C. lustful
- D. obedient
- E. cautious

**3) JUDICIOUS**

- A. showing good judgment
- B. having strong feelings
- C. practicing the law
- D. being equitable and fair
- E. acting in haste

**4) SUPERFLUOUS**

- A. lubricated or containing enough liquid
- B. behaving as though one thinks he/she is superior
- C. more than is necessary
- D. shallow or lacking depth
- E. more important than or taking the place of something else

**5) FRUGAL**

- A. natural
- B. sugary
- C. lively
- D. economical
- E. exotic

**6) TENACIOUS**

- A. destructive or harmful
- B. stretched tight and rigid
- C. occupied as a rental
- D. showing gentleness
- E. unwilling to give up

**7) IMPUTE**

- A. to blame or attribute
- B. to seize or take custody
- C. to share or communicate
- D. to welcome or host
- E. to stab or pierce

**8) HAUGHTY**

- A. mentally anguished
- B. arrogantly superior
- C. modestly understated
- D. charmingly polite
- E. nobly aristocratic

**9) CLAIRVOYANT**

- A. a person who oversees a trek or journey
- B. a person who sings songs and lyrical poems for nobility
- C. a person who enjoys watching other people without their knowledge
- D. a person who claims to be able to predict the future
- E. a person who is known for being naturally and impressively talented

**10) ANACHRONISM**

- A. something that runs behind schedule
- B. something that lacks a purpose or use
- C. something that is out of place in time
- D. something that serves as an abbreviation or something else
- E. something that is beneficial to consume

## Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

**ambiguity** (*noun*): uncertainty or inexactness of meaning in language: *The lawyers carefully crafted the language of the agreement so as to avoid any ambiguities or misunderstandings.*

2) **E**

**prudent** (*adjective*): acting with or showing care and thought for the future: *Lisa encouraged both her children to save money and be prudent about their futures.*

3) **A**

**judicious** (*adjective*): with good judgment: *Yoda encouraged Luke to be more judicious; he especially cautioned Luke to not do anything rashly or out of anger.*

4) **C**

**superfluous** (*adjective*): unnecessary, especially through being more than is needed or is enough: *One way to detect a liar is to look for superfluous information; liars often falsely believe that adding more information than someone asked for makes a lie seem more realistic, when in fact it has the opposite effect.*

5) **D**

**frugal** (*adjective*): sparing or economical with regard to money or food: *During the Great Depression, families had to learn to live with a much more frugal lifestyle, since so few people had money to spend.*

6) **E**

**tenacious** (*adjective*): not readily relinquishing a position, principle, or course of action: *Martin Luther King was tenacious on the subject of civil rights, and he would not give up his fight or change his stance even when jailed.*

7) **A**

**impute** (*verb*): to represent something as being done, caused by, or possessed by someone: *Many atrocities have been imputed to the Nazis, and deservedly so: they slaughtered millions of people.*

8) **B**

**haughty** (*adjective*): arrogantly superior and disdainful: *As a young man, George Amberson is as haughty as they come, but as the novel progresses, he learns to be less arrogant and snobbish.*

9) **D**

**clairvoyant** (*noun*): a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact: *While Nostradamus is probably the most well-known clairvoyant, there are several other famous psychics, including Edgar Cayce and Derek Acorah.*

10) **C**

**anachronism** (*noun*): a thing belonging or appropriate to a period or place other than the one in which it exists, especially something that appears to be noticeably old-fashioned: *The film contained several intentional anachronisms; for instance, even though the film takes place in 2012 and shows modern conveniences, the children have an old-fashioned record player and wear clothing that looks to be from the 1920s.*