### Antonyms 1 Level 3

**Directions:** Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. **CLING**
   - A. detach
   - B. clutch
   - C. hug
   - D. slice

2. **CONTAIN**
   - A. exclude
   - B. accept
   - C. unite
   - D. remove

3. **PREVENT**
   - A. avoid
   - B. interrupt
   - C. stop
   - D. cause

4. **COMMON**
   - A. standard
   - B. unusual
   - C. scary
   - D. super

5. **SCHEDULED**
   - A. assigned
   - B. prepared
   - C. unplanned
   - D. late

6. **ARCTIC**
   - A. chilly
   - B. tropical
   - C. frozen
   - D. melted

7. **PREDATOR**
   - A. prey
   - B. buyer
   - C. hunter
   - D. farmer

8. **CLEVER**
   - A. splendid
   - B. smart
   - C. sassy
   - D. stupid

9. **CONSIDER**
   - A. think
   - B. ignore
   - C. finish
   - D. study

10. **ATTRACT**
    - A. depend
    - B. delight
    - C. disgust
    - D. disable
Answers and Explanations

1) A
The word *cling* means to hold on tightly. A piece of tape could cling your arm. The opposite of cling is to separate from or let go. Because *detach* means to remove or separate from, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *clutch* means to hold or grasp eagerly. This is almost the same as *cling*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *hug* means to hold tightly. This is almost the same as *cling*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *slice* means to cut into smaller pieces. This is not the opposite of *cling*, since separating is not the same as cutting.

2) A
The word *contain* means to include or have something inside. For example, a box of cereal contains cereal. The opposite of contain is to keep something outside. Because *exclude* means to keep something out of a place, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *accept* means to agree to receive something. This is almost the same as *contain*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *unite* means to join as one. This is not the opposite of *contain*.

(D) is incorrect because *remove* means to take something away from the position it is in. This is not the opposite of *contain*, since something can be removed without ever being contained inside of something.

3) D
The word *prevent* means to keep something from happening. You wear a helmet when riding a bike to prevent a head injury. The opposite of prevent is to make something happen. Because *cause* means to make something happen, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *avoid* means to stop oneself from doing something. This is almost the same as *prevent*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *interrupt* means to stop something from continuing. This is almost the same as *prevent*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *stop* means to cause an action to come to an end. This is almost the same as *prevent*, not the opposite of it.

4) B
The word *common* means ordinary or occurring often. Going to school might be a common activity for you, since you go to school most days. The opposite of common is unusual, rare, or uncommon. Because *unusual* means not common or ordinary, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *standard* means typical or ordinary. This is almost the same as *common*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *scary* means frightening. This is not the opposite of *common*, since something can be unusual without being scary.

(D) is incorrect because *super* means very good. This is not the opposite of *common*, since common does not mean very bad.

5) C
The word *scheduled* means planned. If a meeting is scheduled for the afternoon, then that meeting is supposed to happen in the afternoon. The opposite of scheduled is unscheduled or not planned. Because *unplanned* means not planned or scheduled, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *assigned* means designed for a specific duty or purpose. This is not the opposite of *scheduled*.

(B) is incorrect because *prepared* means made ready for use. This is not the opposite of *scheduled*.

(D) is incorrect because *late* means not done on time. This is not the opposite of *scheduled*, because scheduled is not the same as on time.

6) B
The word *arctic* means relating to a very cold climate like that found at the North or South Pole. For example, most of Alaska has an arctic climate. The opposite of arctic is relating to a warm climate. Because *tropical* means relating to a hot and humid climate, choice (B) is correct.
(A) is incorrect because chilly means cold. This is almost the same as arctic, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because frozen means turned to ice. This is almost the same as arctic, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because melted means turned to water. This is not the opposite of arctic, because melted is not the same as hot or warm.

7) A
The word predator means an animal that hunts or preys on other animals. For example, a lion is a predator because it hunts and eats other animals for food. The opposite of predator is an animal that is hunted. Because prey is an animal that is hunted and eaten by another animal, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a buyer is someone who purchases something. This is not the opposite of predator, because a predator is not the same as a seller.

(C) is incorrect because a hunter is a person or animal that chases and kills an animal for food. This is almost the same as predator, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because a farmer is a person who grows crops or animals for food or money. This is not the opposite of predator, because a farmer is not hunted.

8) D
The word clever means smart or intelligent. A clever remark is one that is insightful or smart. The opposite of clever is unintelligent or dumb. Because stupid means unintelligent or dumb, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because splendid means magnificent or very impressive. This is not the opposite of clever.

(B) is incorrect because smart means intelligent. This is the same as clever, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because sassy means sarcastic, cheeky, or saucy. This is not the opposite of clever.

9) B
The word consider means to think about carefully. To make a good decision, one should consider all the possible consequences of the decision. The opposite of consider is to fail to consider or fail to think about. Because ignore means to fail to consider or fail to think about, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because think means to actively put one’s mind toward something. This is the same as consider, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because finish means to complete or end something. This is not the opposite of consider.

(D) is incorrect because study means to devote time and attention to gaining knowledge. This is almost the same as consider, not the opposite of it.

10) C
The word attract means to cause someone to have a liking or interest in something. For example, the smell of a fresh-baked pie might attract a hungry person to the kitchen. The opposite of attract is to cause someone to dislike something. Because disgust means to repulse or cause someone to feel disapproval of something, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because depend means to rely on. This is not the opposite of attract.

(B) is incorrect because delight means to please greatly. This is almost the same as attract, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because disable means to incapacitate or make less capable or powerful. This is not the opposite of attract.