• Antonyms 2 Level 3

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

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Answers and Explanations

1)  A
The word brief means lasting for a short time. A quick dip in the pool would be a brief swim. The opposite of brief is lasting a great amount of time. Because long means lasting a great amount of time, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because stable means not likely to change. This is not the opposite of brief, because brief is not the same as changing or unstable.

(C) is incorrect because strong means having great power or force. This is not the opposite of brief, because brief is not the same as weak.

(D) is incorrect because short means lasting a small amount of time. This is the same as brief, not the opposite of it.

2)  B
The word blindness means the inability to see. One who does not have sight is experiencing blindness. The opposite of blindness is the ability to see. Because vision is the ability to see, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a handicap is a condition that restricts a person’s ability to function. Blindness is a type of handicap, so handicap is not the opposite of blindness.

(C) is incorrect because scent is the ability to smell. This is not the opposite of blindness, because being able to smell is not the opposite of being unable to see.

(D) is incorrect because alertness is the quality of being awake or quick to notice something. This is not the opposite of blindness, because one could be both blind and alert at the same time.

3)  C
The word unlike means different from or not similar to. For example, two dogs that look nothing like each other are unlike each other. The opposite of unlike is alike. Because similar means alike or resembling without being identical, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because different means not the same as each other. This is the same as unlike, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because reverse means going in the opposite direction or backwards. This is not the opposite of unlike.

(D) is incorrect because separate means distinct or apart. This is not the opposite of unlike, because unlike does not mean together or united.

4)  D
The word fan means a person who admires or likes something. For example, a baseball fan is someone who enjoys watching baseball games. The opposite of a fan is a person who dislikes or expresses disapproval for something or someone. Because a critic is a person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something or someone, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a performer is someone who entertains an audience. This is not the opposite of fan, since a performer can also be a fan. For example, an actor might also be a fan of a more famous actor.

(B) is incorrect because a friend is a person who supports another person or cause. This is almost the same as fan, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because a follower is a person who is devoted to particular cause, activity, or person. This is almost the same as fan, not the opposite of it.

5)  B
The word ambitious means having a strong desire to succeed. A hardworking person who wants to move ahead in life is ambitious. The opposite of ambitious is unwilling to work or lacking a desire to succeed. Because lazy means unwilling to work or lacking in motivation, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because hopeful means feeling optimism about the future. This is not the opposite of ambitious.

(C) is incorrect because aimless means without purpose. This is not the opposite of ambitious, because ambitious is not the same as purposeful.

(D) is incorrect because spirited means full of life. This is not the opposite of ambitious.

6)  D
The word *origin* means the source of something. For instance, the origin of a word is the language in which it is first used. The opposite of origin is the end of something’s existence or travels. Because a *destination* is an end goal or final stop, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *reason* is a cause or explanation for an action. This is not the opposite of *origin*.

(B) is incorrect because a *detour* is a long or roundabout route. This is not the opposite of *origin*.

(C) is incorrect because an *understanding* is the mental comprehension of something. This is not the opposite of *origin*.

7)  B
The word *certain* means known for sure. If one is certain about something, then he or she has no doubts about it. The opposite of certain is uncertain or full of doubt. Because *unsure* means not certain or known for sure, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *convinced* means made to believe in the truth of something. This is almost the same as *certain*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *calm* means not nervous or angry. This is not the opposite of *certain*.

(D) is incorrect because *false* means not true. This is not the opposite of *certain*, since being untrue is not the same as knowing for sure.

8)  C
The word *dark* means with little or no light. When it is night, it is dark outside. The opposite of dark is well lit. Because *brilliant* means very bright, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *shady* means poorly lit or in the shade. This is almost the same as *dark*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *dim* means not shining brightly or clearly. This is almost the same as *dark*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *colorful* means having many and varied colors. This is not the opposite of *dark*, because colorful is not the same as well lit.

9)  A
The word *methodical* means done by a systematic or established procedure. When someone follows a step-by-step procedure, he or she is being methodical. The opposite of methodical is done without a method or organization. Because *random* means done without a method, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *orderly* means neatly arranged. This is almost the same as *methodical*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *organized* means structured. This is almost the same as *methodical*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *crazy* means insane or not mentally sound. This is not the opposite of *methodical*, because methodical is not the same as sane.

10)  C
The word *opponent* means someone who competes against someone else in a contest or game. The team that plays against your team in a sport is your opponent. The opposite of an opponent is someone who competes alongside someone else or someone who helps out someone else. Because an *ally* is a person or group that helps or cooperates with another in a particular activity, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because an *observer* is someone who watches something. This is not the opposite of *opponent*.

(B) is incorrect because an *enemy* is a person who is actively hostile or opposed to someone or something. This is the same as *opponent*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because a *rival* is a person competing against another for the same goal. This is almost the same as *opponent*, not the opposite of it.