

• **Antonyms 3** Level 5

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

1. FATIGUE

- A. liveliness
- B. exhaustion
- C. weakness
- D. excitement

2. EXHIBIT

- A. conceal
- B. uncover
- C. distort
- D. display

3. MYTH

- A. story
- B. epic
- C. invention
- D. truth

4. IMPRESSIVE

- A. dull
- B. insignificant
- C. towering
- D. majestic

5. AVAILABLE

- A. acceptable
- B. accessible
- C. absent
- D. attainable

6. SQUASH

- A. spurt
- B. expand
- C. hydrate
- D. squeeze

7. SUMMIT

- A. bottom
- B. boundary
- C. endpoint
- D. peak

8. TAUNT

- A. ridicule
- B. gratify
- C. abuse
- D. compliment

9. PERISH

- A. crumble
- B. revive
- C. construct
- D. destroy

10. INDUSTRIOUS

- A. tireless
- B. eager
- C. idle
- D. awkward

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

The word *fatigue* means extreme tiredness. Someone might experience fatigue after working hard for a long time. The opposite of fatigue is energy. Because *liveliness* is energy, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *exhaustion* is extreme tiredness. This is the same as *fatigue*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *weakness* is a lack of strength. This is not the opposite of *fatigue*.

(D) is incorrect because *excitement* is a feeling of enthusiasm. This is not the opposite of *fatigue*, because fatigue is not the same as boredom.

2) **A**

The word *exhibit* means to showcase or display. When a museum exhibits a work of art, it displays it for museum visitors to see. The opposite of exhibit is to hide. Because *conceal* means to hide or prevent from being seen, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *uncover* means to remove a cover or mask from something so that it can be seen. This is almost the same as *exhibit*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *distort* means to twist out of shape. This is not the opposite of *exhibit*, because distorting something does not make it invisible.

(D) is incorrect because *display* means to show. This is the same as *exhibit*, not the opposite of it.

3) **D**

The word *myth* means a widely held but false belief. A myth is a story that is not factual. The opposite of myth is a fact. Because a *truth* is a fact, **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *story* is an account told for entertainment. This is not the opposite of *myth*, because a story can be either factual or fictional.

(B) is incorrect because an *epic* is a very long story. This is not the opposite of *myth*, because an epic can be either factual or fictional.

(C) is incorrect because an *invention* is something that is created. This is not the opposite of *myth*, because an invention is not the same as a fact.

4) **B**

The word *impressive* means grand, imposing, or awesome. Something is impressive if it causes someone to be in awe. The opposite of impressive is unimportant or unremarkable. Because *insignificant* means unimportant, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *dull* means boring. This is not the opposite of *impressive*, because impressive is not the same as exciting.

(C) is incorrect because *towering* means extremely tall. This is almost the same as *impressive*, since a towering structure could be impressive.

(D) is incorrect because *majestic* means grand or extremely beautiful. This is almost the same as *impressive*, not the opposite of it.

5) **C**

The word *available* means able to be used or obtained. For instance, food is usually available at a restaurant. The opposite of available is not present or unable to be used or obtained easily. Because *absent* means not present or not available, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *acceptable* means able to be agreed on. This is not the opposite of *available*.

(B) is incorrect because *accessible* means able to be easily obtained or used. This is the same as *available*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *attainable* means able to be reached or achieved. This is not the opposite of *available*.

6) **B**

The word *squash* means to crush or squeeze something so that it becomes flatter or smaller. One might kill a spider by squashing it with a magazine. The opposite of squash is to increase in size. Because *expand* means to grow or increase in size, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *spurt* means to gush out in a stream. This is not the opposite of *squash*.

(C) is incorrect because *hydrate* means to cause to absorb water. This is not the opposite of *squash*.

(D) is incorrect because *squeeze* means to firmly press something. This is almost the same as *squash*, not the opposite of it.

7) **A**

The word *summit* means the top or peak of something. The highest point of a mountain is called its summit. The opposite of summit is the low point of something. Because a *bottom* is the lowest point or part of something, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a *boundary* is a line that marks the limits of an area. This is not the opposite of *summit*, because a boundary can be the lowest or highest point of something.

(C) is incorrect because an *endpoint* is the final stage of a process. This is not the opposite of *summit*, because a summit is not the beginning of something.

(D) is incorrect because a *peak* is the top of something. This is the same as *summit*, not the opposite of it.

8) **D**

The word *taunt* means to provoke or challenge someone with an insult. When a child makes fun of someone else in order to start a fight, the child is taunting him or her. The opposite of taunt is to praise. Because *compliment* means to flatter, praise, or congratulate, choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *ridicule* means to mock or insult someone. This is almost the same as *taunt*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *gratify* means to give someone pleasure. This is not the opposite of *taunt*, since gratifying is not the same as praising.

(C) is incorrect because *abuse* means to treat with cruelty. This is almost the same as *taunt*, not the opposite of it.

9) **B**

The word *perish* means to suffer ruin or destruction. A person who dies in a shipwreck has perished in the wreck. The opposite of perish is to save or recover from ruin. Because *revive* means to restore to life or give new strength or energy, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *crumble* means to break apart into small fragments. This is not the opposite of *perish*.

(C) is incorrect because *construct* means to build or erect. This is not the opposite of *perish*, because perishing is not the same as destroying.

(D) is incorrect because *destroy* means to cause the ruin of something. This is not the opposite of *perish*.

10) **C**

The word *industrious* means hardworking. Somebody who works without tiring would be described as industrious. The opposite of industrious is lazy. Because *idle* means lazy or not working, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *tireless* means showing great effort or work. This is the same as *industrious*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *eager* means wanting to do something very much. This is not the opposite of *industrious*.

(D) is incorrect because *awkward* means causing difficulty or discomfort. This is not the opposite of *industrious*.