

• **Word Definition 1** Level 9

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

1) SUAVE

- A. charming
- B. upsetting
- C. uncivilized
- D. memorable

6) NUMEROUS

- A. many
- B. large
- C. small
- D. few

2) MAR

- A. to silence
- B. to imagine
- C. to punish
- D. to disfigure

7) NURTURE

- A. to be critical of
- B. to be devoted to
- C. to take care of
- D. to believe in

3) ECCENTRIC

- A. chilling
- B. spoken
- C. clever
- D. odd

8) REFUTE

- A. to awaken from sleep
- B. to consider carefully
- C. to submit for inspection
- D. to prove wrong

4) GUILE

- A. honesty
- B. slyness
- C. speed
- D. intelligence

9) ADVOCATE

- A. to demand
- B. to sell
- C. to deface
- D. to support

5) IMPAIR

- A. to worsen
- B. to accelerate
- C. to disconnect
- D. to organize

10) DEEM

- A. to insert
- B. to lend
- C. to deny
- D. to consider

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

suave (adjective): charming, confident, and elegant: *James Bond is usually portrayed as a suave, sophisticated man.*

2) **D**

mar (verb): to damage in appearance or to disfigure: *His expensive suit was marred by the cat's scratches, which left tiny rips and tears all over the fabric.*

3) **D**

eccentric (adjective): odd: *Belle's father was an eccentric old man who devoted most of his time to developing his unusual inventions.*

4) **B**

guile (noun): slyness: *I detected a certain guile in the salesman's tone of voice, so I decided not to buy the car from him and instead try to find an honest salesman.*

5) **A**

impair (verb): to worsen: *Smoking and drinking have harmful effects that can greatly impair one's health.*

6) **A**

numerous (adjective): many: *The children gave their parents an extensive list detailing the numerous reasons why they deserve to have a puppy as a pet.*

7) **C**

nurture (verb): to take care of: *I left my job for two months in order to nurture my newborn baby; fortunately, my boss knew how important it is to take care of an infant, so he was happy to hold my job for me in my absence.*

8) **D**

refute (verb): to prove wrong: *Although Bohr's model of the atom is still taught in schools as an example of how electrons move, it was actually refuted many decades ago and is no longer used by scientists.*

9) **D**

advocate (verb): to support: *The congressman advocates stricter gun laws, but his opponent instead supports existing laws.*

10) **D**

deem (verb): to consider: *I didn't deem it wise to sneak out of my parents' house after midnight—I could have gotten into way too much trouble if I'd been caught—yet I foolishly did not take my own advice and am now grounded.*