

The Hindu Vocab - December 3



Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

1. VENERABLE

A Reliable

B Valuable

C Esteemed

D Redeemed

E Unimpressive

Solution

The correct answer is **option C** i.e. Esteemed.

VENERABLE: accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character.

Esteemed: respect and admire.

Ex: It was sacrilege to think of changing such old, venerable things.

Reliable: consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted.

Valuable: a thing that is of great worth, especially a small item of personal property.

Redeemed: compensate for the faults or bad aspects of (something).

Analyzing the above meaning it is evident that **Esteemed** is synonymous to **VENERABLE**.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

2. Subjugate

A Loss

B Crush

C Conquer

D Liberate

E None of the above

Solution

The correct answer is **option C**, i.e. Conquer.

The word "**Subjugate**" means put down by force or intimidation.

Conquer means to gain or acquire by force of arms.

Loss means the state of no longer having something or not having as much as before; the act of losing something.

Crush means to break something into very small pieces or a powder.

Liberate means to free (something, such as a country) from domination by a foreign power.

From the meaning of the words, we can infer that '**Conquer**' is the correct synonym of the word '**Subjugate**'.

Hence, option C is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

3. ENGULF

A Uncover

B Dry

C Inundate

D Neglect

E Tired

Solution

The correct answer is **option C** i.e. inundate

Meaning of the given word 'engulf' is powerfully affecting (someone); overwhelm.

1. **uncover**: not to cover
2. **dry**: free from moisture or liquid; not wet or moist.
3. **inundate**: overwhelm (someone) with things or people to be dealt with.
4. **neglect**: fail to care for properly.

From the meaning of the words, we can infer that '**inundate**' is the correct synonym of the word '**engulf**'.

Hence, option C is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

4. **STERN**

A Mellow

B Shrewd

C Proud

D Strict

E

None of these

Solution

The correct answer is **option D** I.e. strict.

Stern - (of a person or their manner) serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of authority and exercise of discipline.

Strict - demanding that rules concerning behaviour are obeyed and observed.

Mellow - (especially of a sound, flavour, or colour) pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness.

Proud - having or showing a high or excessively high opinion of oneself or one's importance.

Shrewd - having or showing sharp powers of judgement; astute.

As the chosen word best expresses the meaning of the given word this will be our correct answer.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

5. **Austere**

A

Genial

B

Stern

C Advent

D Confide

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is **option B** i.e. Stern.

The meaning of the given word 'austere' is severe or strict in manner or attitude.

The word that fits best as its synonym is 'stern'.

Genial: friendly and cheerful.

Stern: serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of authority and exercise of discipline.

Advent: the arrival of a notable person or thing.

Confide: trust (someone) enough to tell them of a secret or private matter.

Hence, option B is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

6. Decree

A Precept

B Intimation

C Proclaim

D Dubious

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is **option A** i.e. Precept.

The meaning of the given word 'decree' is an official order that has the force of law.

Precept: a general rule intended to regulate behaviour or thought.

Intimation: an indication or hint.

Proclaim: announce officially or publicly.

Dubious: feeling doubt about something.

The word that fits best as the synonym of the given word is '**precept**'.

Hence, option A is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

7. Atrocious

A Abominable

B Enterprising

C Animated

D Boisterous

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is **option A** i.e. abominable

The meaning of the given word 'atrocious' is something of a very poor quality; extremely bad or unpleasant.

1. **abominable**: very bad; terrible.
2. **enterprising**: having or showing initiative and resourcefulness.
3. **animated**: full of life or excitement; lively.
4. **boisterous**: noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

The word abominable seems to be the correct synonym of the given word.

Hence, option A is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

8. COMPLACENT

A Amicable

B Discontent

C Smug

D Aggressive

E Dissatisfied

Solution

The correct answer is **option C** i.e. Smug.

1. **Complacent**- Showing smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
2. **Amicable**- Characterised by friendliness and absence of discord.
3. **Discontent**- Dissatisfaction with one's circumstances; lack of contentment.
4. **Smug**- Having or showing excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements.

5. **Aggressive**- Ready or likely to fight or argue.

As the chosen option expresses the same meaning as the given word it will be correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

9. **Instigate**

A Suggest

B Halt

C Bridle

D Curb

E Actuate

Solution

The correct answer is **option E** i.e. Actuate.

The meaning of the given word "**instigate**" is to bring about or initiate (an action or event).

Suggest: put forward for consideration.

Actuate: cause (someone) to act in a particular way; motivate.

Halt: bring or come to an abrupt stop.

Bridle: show one's resentment or anger, especially by throwing up one's head and drawing in one's chin.

Curb: a check or restraint on something.

Since 'Actuate' holds the same meaning as 'Instigate', the chosen option is correct.

Find the word which is the synonym of the given word.

10. **Viability**

A Impracticable

B Feasible

C Ambiguous

D Subtle

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is **option B** i.e. feasible.

The meaning of the given word 'viability' is the ability to work successfully.

impracticable: impossible in practice to do or carry out.

feasible: possible to do easily or conveniently.

ambiguous: not clear or decided.

subtle: so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe.

The word that fits best as the synonym of the given word is '**feasible**'.

Hence, option B is correct.

