

The Hindu Vocab - April 8



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

1. Forge

A Form

B Toil

C Bona fide

D Examine

E Establish

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Bona fide.

forge (verb) – to make an illegal copy of something in order to deceive.

Ex: A number of forged works of art have been sold as genuine.

Antonym: genuine, authentic, bona fide.

Synonym: form, create, establish, set up.

Bona fide: real or genuine

Toil: to work very hard or for a long time at something

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

2. Stalemate

A Standstill

B Deadlock

C Impasse

D Acceptance

E Entrenched

Solution

The correct answer is option D, i.e. acceptance.

Stalemate (noun) – a situation in which neither group involved in an argument can win or get an advantage and no action can be taken.

Ex: Tomorrow's meeting between the two leaders is expected to break a diplomatic stalemate that has lasted for ten years.

Antonym: acceptance, rejection, adduct

Synonym: deadlock, impasse, standstill/stand-off.

Acceptance: the act of accepting or being accepted

Entrenched: (of an attitude, habit, or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change; ingrained.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

3. Patrol

A Sentinel

B Self-control

C Neglect

D Watch

E

Frugal

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. neglect.

patrol (verb) – (especially of soldiers or the police) to go around an area or a building to see if there is any trouble or danger; watch/guard an area (over a period of time).

Ex: The whole town is patrolled by police because of the possibility of riots.

Antonym: ignore, neglect, rush.

Synonym: scout, guard, watch, sentinel, safeguarding.

Neglect: to give too little or no attention or care to somebody/something

FRUGAL - Saving or economical as regards money or food.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

4. Unsustainable

A

Preponderance

Demonstrable

B

demonstrable

C

Remarkable

D

Dishonourable

E

Perspicuous

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. demonstrable

unsustainable (adjective) – causing damage to the environment by using more of something than can be replaced naturally.

Ex: They are suffering a serious increase in inflation and an unsustainable boom in house prices.

Antonym: checkable, confirmable, demonstrable, empirical.

Synonym: indefensible, un-defendable, unjustifiable

Demonstrable: clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved.

PERSPICUOUS - Clearly expressed and easily understood / simple / lucid.

PREPONDERANCE - The quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance.

Dishonourable: A dishonourable action causes embarrassment and a loss of people's respect.

Remarkable: unusual or special and therefore surprising and worth mentioning.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

5. Festering

A Simmering

B Brewing

C Cantankerous

D Benevolent

E Indolent

Solution

The correct answer is option E, i.e. indolent

festering (adjective) – become worse/intense; If a bad situation such as an argument festers, it becomes worse because it is being ignored.

Ex: It was better that she expressed her anger rather than let it fester inside her.

Antonym: indolent, painless

Synonym: simmering, fuming, smouldering, brewing

Indolent: showing no real interest or effort.

CANTANKEROUS - Bad-tempered, argumentative.

BENEVOLENT – A person who is serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

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

6. Curtail

A Augment

B Reduce

C Diminish

D Coddle

E Trite

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. augment.

Curtail(verb) – to stop something before it is finished, or to reduce or limit something.

Ex: With all the snow, our daily walks have been severely curtailed.

Antonym: amplify, augment, develop

Synonym: reduce, diminish, decrease.

Augment: to increase the size or value of something by adding something to it.

TRITE - Lacking originality or freshness.

CODDLE - Treat (someone) in an indulgent or overprotective way with too much care and attention.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

7. Watchdog

A Inspector

B Ombudsman

C Observer

D Menace

E Prophylactic

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e. Menace.

watchdog (noun) – a person or organization responsible for making certain that companies obey particular standards and do not act illegally.

Ex: The Countryside Commission was set up as the government's official watchdog on conservation.

Antonym: danger, hazard, menace

Synonym: inspector/supervisor, observer, ombudsman.

Menace: something that is likely to cause harm.

PROPHYLACTIC - Intended to prevent disease.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

8. Scepticism

A Credulous

B Weird

C Freakish

D Doubt

E Wariness

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e. credulous.

scepticism (noun) – an attitude that shows you doubt whether something is true or useful.

Ex: The company's environmental claims have been greeted/regarded/treated with scepticism by conservationists.

Antonym: trustful, trusting, credulous.

Synonym: doubt, suspicion/mistrust, wariness

Credulous: too willing to believe what you are told and so easily deceived

Weird: very strange and unusual, unexpected, or not natural

Freakish: very unusual or unexpected, especially in an unpleasant or strange way

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

9. Conviction

A Sentence

B Banish

C Illicit

D Salient



E

Disbelief

Solution

The correct answer is option E, i.e. disbelief.

conviction (noun) – the fact of officially being found to be guilty of a particular crime, or the act of officially finding someone guilty.

Ex: Since it was her first conviction for stealing, she was given a less severe sentence.

Antonym: distrust, doubt, disbelief.

Synonym: sentence, judgement.

Disbelief: the feeling of not being able to believe that something is true or real

Banish: to send someone away, especially from their country, and not allow them to come back.

SALIENT - Most noticeable or important.

ILLICIT - Forbidden by law, rules, or custom.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

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

10. Plenary

A

Assembly

B

Conference

C

Admire

D

Decamp

E

Conservation

Solution

The correct answer is option C i.e. Admire.

plenary (noun) – having all the members of a group or organization present.

Ex: A plenary session of the UN Security Council.

Antonym: partial, incomplete, restricted.

Synonym: assembly, conference.

Partial: not complete.

DECAMP - Leave a place suddenly or secretly.

CONSERVATION - The action of conserving something.

As the chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word it will be correct.

