

The Hindu Vocab - August 12



Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

1. **PECULIAR**

A Usual

B Quiet

C Strange

D Sacred

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **PECULIAR** means "unusual or strange".

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

Usual- happening or used most often.

Quiet- with very little or no noise.

Strange- unusual or unexpected.

Sacred- too important and special to be changed or harmed.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

2. **RELUCTANT**

A Unenthusiastic

B Opposed

C Unwilling

D **Willing**

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- RELUCTANT means "not wanting to do something because you are not sure it is the right thing to do".

- For example:- The committee seemed strangely reluctant to hold the auction.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Willing- happy to do something; having no reason for not doing something.
2. Unenthusiastic- not having or showing enthusiasm.
3. Unwilling- not wanting to do something but often forced to do it by other people.
4. Opposed- disagreeing with a plan, action, etc.; believing that something is wrong.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

3. **RATIONAL**

A Impatient

B Conscious

C Illogical

D Polite

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- RATIONAL means "(used about a person) able to use logical thought rather than emotions to make decisions".

- For example:- It all seemed quite rational to me.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Illogical- not sensible or reasonable.
2. Impatient- not able to stay calm and wait for somebody/something; easily annoyed by somebody/something that seems slow.
3. Conscious- able to see, hear, feel, etc. things; awake.
4. Polite- having good manners and showing respect for others.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

4. **GENUINE**

A Thankful

B Fake

C Unhealthy

D Original

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Fake.

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **GENUINE** means "real; true".

- For example:- He has always shown a genuine concern for poor people.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Fake- a work of art, etc. that seems to be real or genuine but is not.
2. Thankful- pleased and grateful.
3. Unhealthy- not having or showing good health.
4. Original- first; earliest (before any changes or developments).

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

5. **COMMENCE**

A Start

B Pause

C Close

D Clamp

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **COMMENCE** means "to start or begin".

- For example:- Work will commence on the new building immediately.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Start- to begin doing something.
2. Pause- a short period of time during which somebody stops talking or stops what he/she is doing.
3. Close- to shut.
4. Clamp- a tool that you use for holding two things together very tightly.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

6. **EXPAND**

A Collect

B Deposit

C Express

D Contract

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **EXPAND** means "to become or to make something bigger".

• For example:- Plans to expand the company have been constantly thwarted.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Collect- to bring a number of things together.
2. Deposit- to put something down somewhere.
3. Express- to show something such as a feeling or an opinion by words or actions.
4. Contract- a written legal agreement.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

7. **PAUCITY**

A Scarcity

B Surplus

C Availability

D Shortage

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Surplus.

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **PAUCITY** means "less than enough of something; too little".

• For example:- A difficulty has been in the paucity of examples, more due to the neglect of collectors than the rarity of specimens.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Scarcity- a gap between limited resources and theoretically limitless wants.
2. Surplus- an amount that is extra or more than you need.
3. Availability- the state of being available.
4. Shortage- a situation where there is not enough of something.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

8. **LOGICAL**

A Practical

B **Contradictory**

C Sensible

D Useful

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Contradictory.

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **LOGICAL** means "seeming natural, reasonable or sensible".

- For example:- She wasn't able to give me a logical explanation for her behaviour.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Practical- concerned with actually doing something rather than with ideas or thought.
2. Contradictory- being opposite to or not matching something else.
3. Sensible- (used about people and their behaviour) able to make good judgements based on reason and experience; practical.
4. Useful- having some practical use; helpful.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

9. **BENIGN**

A Hostile

B Amiable

C Mild

D Genial

E None of these

Solution

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

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- **BENIGN** means "(used about people) kind or gentle".

- For example:- Their whole business was to hunt through the older authorities in search of being decisions.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Hostile- having very strong feelings against somebody/something.
2. Amiable- friendly and pleasant.
3. Mild- not strong; not very bad.
4. Genial- (used about a person) pleasant and friendly.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the given word.

10. **CRITICIZE**

A Condemn

B Commend

C Censure

D Respect

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e. Commend.

- In the given question, we need to select the **ANTONYM** of the given word.
- A word that has the exact opposite meaning of another word is its antonym.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given word:-

- CRITICIZE means "to say what is bad or wrong with somebody/something".

- For example:- The doctor was criticized for not sending the patient to the hospital.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

1. Condemn- to say strongly that you think somebody/something is very bad or wrong.
2. Commend- to say officially that somebody/something is very good.
3. Censure- to tell somebody, in a strong and formal way, that he/she has done something wrong.
4. Respect- the feeling that you have when you admire or have a high opinion of somebody/something.

The chosen option expresses the opposite meaning of the given word hence, it will be the correct choice.

