

# The Hindu Vocab - October 14



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

1. **PREPOSTEROUS**

**A** Reasonable

**B** Bizarre

**C** Amiable

**D** Bulk

**E** None of these

**Solution**

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

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

1. Preposterous- silly; ridiculous; not to be taken seriously.
2. Reasonable- fair, practical and sensible.
3. Bizarre- very strange or unusual.
4. Amiable- friendly and pleasant.

5. Bulk- the main part of something; most of something.

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

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

2. **OPULENT**

- A Affluent
- B Destitute
- C Turbid
- D Discretionary
- E None of these

**Solution**

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

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

1. Opulent- made or decorated with expensive materials.
2. Affluent- having a lot of money.
3. Destitute- without any money, food or a home.
4. Turbid- (of a liquid) cloudy, opaque, or thick with suspended matter.

5. Discretionary- available for use at the discretion of the user;  
discretionary.

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

3. Which of the following is the **SYNONYM** of the word '**EXACERBATION**' ?

**A** Negotiation

**B** Arbitration

**C** Augmentation

**D** Pondering

**E** None of these

### **Solution**

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

The given passage is talking about E-learning in India.

The meaning of the given word 'exacerbation' is 'the process of making a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse.'

The word 'augmentation' is the synonym of the word as it means 'the action or process of making or becoming greater in size or amount.'

The meanings of the other words:

negotiation: discussion aimed at reaching an agreement.

arbitration: the use of an arbitrator to settle a dispute.

pondering: think about (something) carefully.

Hence, option C is correct.

4. Which of the following is the ANTONYM of the word 'PERTINENT' ?

- A Apposite
- B Inappropriate
- C Admissible
- D Relatable
- E None of these

### Solution

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

The given passage is talking about E-learning in India.

The meaning of the given word 'pertinent' is 'relevant or applicable to a particular matter; apposite'.

The word 'inappropriate' is the antonym of the word as it means 'not suitable or proper in the circumstances.'

The meanings of the other words:



apposite: apt in the circumstances or in relation to something.

admissible: acceptable or valid.

relatable: able to be related to something else.

Hence, option B is correct.

In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with one word highlighted. From the given options, identify the word which expresses the OPPOSITE meaning to the highlighted word.

5. When the *unscrupulous* insurance salesman sold me the policy, he did not tell me it would not be active for six months.

**A** Conscientious

**B** Treacherous

**C** Devious

**D** Sneaky

**E** None of these

### Solution

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

The meaning of the word unscrupulous is 'having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair.'

'conscientious' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.'

The meanings of the other words:

treacherous: guilty of or involving betrayal or deception.

devious: showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.

sneaky: furtive; cunning.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

In the question below, a word is given followed by three sentences. Find out the sentences in which the given word suits the best. If none of the sentences look appropriate as per the word, mark your answer as "All are correct".

6. **CLANDESTINE.**

I. Leaks have exposed some of the agency's most *clandestine* intelligence-gathering operations.

II. The first responders have *clandestine*, making them well-suited to deal with emergency situations.

III. We hear little of the island under the Empire, except as a granary and as remarkable for its un-healthiness and the *clandestine* of its brigands.

**A** Only I

**B** Only II

**C** Only III

**D** Both I and II

**E** All are correct

## **Solution**

The correct answer is option A i.e. Only I.

The word "Clandestine" means kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit.

In this regard, only sentence I seem to be coherent with the word and its influence in the sentence.

The sentence does not fit with the highlighted word as the sentence's tone is positive, the more suitable word is "commend" which means praise formally or officially.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the question below, a word is given followed by three sentences. Find out the sentences in which the given word suits the best. If none of the sentences look appropriate as per the word, mark your answer as "All are correct".

## 7. AMBIGUITY

I. Where the words are not clear, other factors can be taken into account to resolve the *ambiguity*.

II. Amanda had the *ambiguity* to show up to the party, despite the fact that she was not invited.

III. Speakers of English were asked to judge the *ambiguity* of the grammar.

A Only II

B Only III

C Both I and II

D Both I and III

E All are correct

**Solution**

The correct answer is option D i.e. Both I and III.

The word "ambiguity" means the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.

In this regard, sentences I and III seem to be coherent with the word and its influence in the sentence.

Sentence II does not fit with the highlighted word as the sentence's tone is different from the word, the more suitable word is "audacity" which means a willingness to take bold risks.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**In the question below, a word is given followed by three sentences. Find out the sentences in which the given word suits the best. If none of the sentences look appropriate as per the word, mark your answer as "All are correct".**

**8. DISPARAGING**

**I. It is, in any case, unfair to decide questions by *disparaging* terms and to argue as if the whole choice were between materialistic or idealistic monism, leaving realism out of court.**

**II. Despite a hostile reception and *disparaging* remarks from sections of the Scottish press, the nationalist campaign could be right on target.**

**III. Some children are trained earlier, and some, after enduring the *disparaging* looks of others, are fully potty trained at a later age.**

**A** Only II

**B** Only I

**C** Only III

**D** Both II and III

**E** All are correct



## **Solution**

The correct answer is option E i.e. All are correct.

The word "disparaging" means expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory.

All the sentences seem to be coherent to the word.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the question below, a word is given followed by three sentences. Find out the sentences in which the given word suits the best. If none of the sentences look appropriate as per the word, mark your answer as "All are correct".

9. VILIFY.

I. Why are people so quick to *vilify* those on the "other side" of the issue—and why do we even think in terms of sides?

II. Only those who hold such a ridiculously pedantic view could *vilify* the Irish rebellion by calling it monstrous.

III. Wherever the cake is the main product, the expression will *vilify* itself as the most advantageous process.

A Only I

B Only II

C Both I and II

D Both II and III

E None of these

**Solution**

The correct answer is option C i.e. Both I and II.

The word "Vilify" means to speak or write about in an abusively disparaging (derogatory) manner.

In this regard, sentences I and II seem to be coherent with the word and its influence in the sentence.

The last sentence does not fit with the highlighted word as the sentence's tone is positive, the more suitable word is "commend" which means praise formally or officially.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with one word highlighted. From the given options, identify the word which expresses the **SYNONYM** of the highlighted word.

10. Judicial reforms, if taken seriously, *expeditious* and effective justice can see the light of day.

**A** Alacritous

**B** Sluggish

**C** Inefficient

**D** Pragmatic

**E** None of these

### Solution

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

The meaning of the word *expeditious* is 'done with speed and efficiency.'

'Alacritous' is the synonym of the given word as it means 'brisk or lively.'

The meanings of the other words:

sluggish: slow-moving or inactive.

inefficient: not achieving maximum productivity

pragmatic: dealing with things sensibly and realistically.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.



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