

The Hindu Vocab - October 21



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

1. **The attack on Colonial Pipelines disrupted fuel supplies and caused a *surge* in gas prices in some parts of the country.**

A Amplify

B Slump

C Exasperate

D Ruffle

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word surge is 'a sudden large increase, typically a temporary one.' 'slump' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'a sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something.'

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

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

2. While India's core crisis today is vaccine shortage, and data on hesitancy is *inadequate*, it would be a mistake to ignore the role of the latter as supplies shore up.

A Scant

B Meagre

C Bountiful

D Exiguous

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word inadequate is 'lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose.'

'bountiful' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'large in quantity; abundant.'

Hence, option 3 is the correct answer.

The meanings of the other words:

scant: barely sufficient or adequate.

meagre: lacking in quantity or quality.

exiguous: very small in size or amount.

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

3. Because the huge storm is expected to produce a *prolific* amount of snow, government offices and schools are being closed.

A Abundant

B Paucity

C Insignificant

D Hazardous

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word 'prolific' is 'plentiful'.

'abundant' is the synonym of the given word as it means 'existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.'

The meanings of the other words:

paucity: the presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts.

insignificant: too small or unimportant to be worth consideration.

hazardous: risky; dangerous.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

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.

4. There are two types of people who donate to charity at the cash register: those *with a benevolent* heart and those with a guilty conscience.

A Philanthropic

B Altruistic

C Spiteful

D Considerate

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word 'benevolent' is 'well-meaning and kindly.'

'spiteful' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'showing or caused by malice; cruel'.

The meanings of the other words:

philanthropic: seeking to promote the welfare of others;

altruistic: showing a disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish.

considerate: careful not to inconvenience or harm others.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

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

5. The vote is to be held in *abeyance* until all committee members are present.

A Suspension

B Progress

C Respite

D Deferment

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word *abeyance* is 'a state of temporary disuse or suspension.'

The word 'progress' is the antonym of the given word as it means 'forward or onward movement towards a destination.'

The meanings of the other words:

suspension: the action of suspending someone or something or the condition of being suspended.

respite: a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.

deferment: postponement

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

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

6. The motivational speaker led Harry to believe that he could *surmount* any personal issues.

A Abandon

B Relinquish

C Subdue

D Compliance

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the word 'surmount' is 'overcome (a difficulty or obstacle).'

The word 'subdue' is the synonym of the given word as it means 'overcome or quieten something, or bring under control'.

The meanings of the other words:

abandon: condemn someone or something.

relinquish: voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.

compliance: the action or fact of agreeing with a wish or command.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

In the question given below, a word has been highlighted in the statement followed by 5 different options where each option comprises a word except the last one as "None of these". Find the correct option that has the synonym of the highlighted word.

7. They obviously sensed that it would be *perilous* to tease Brandon.

A Menacing

B Safe

C Innocuous

D Harmless

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the given word "perilous" is involving potential loss or injury.

The word to be representing the synonym is 'menacing ' because it has the same meaning as the word given in the question.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

Meaning of the words:

Menacing: involving potential loss or injury.

Innocuous: not causing or being capable of causing injury or hurt.

Harmless: not causing or being capable of causing injury or hurt.

Safe: not exposed to the threat of loss or injury.

In the question given below, a word has been highlighted in the statement followed by 5 different options where each option comprises a word except the last one as "None of these". Find the correct option that has the synonym of the highlighted word.

8. Heavy or regular drug use may be a symptom of a deeper *malaise*.

A Soundness

B Malady

C Stamina

D Healing

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the given word "malaise" is the condition of not being in good health.

The word to be representing the synonym is 'Malady ' because it has the same meaning as the word given in the question.

Meaning of the words:

Malady: an abnormal state that disrupts a plant's or animal's normal bodily functioning.

Soundness: the condition of being sound in body.

Stamina: great physical or mental strength that allows you to continue doing something for a long time.

Healing: the process or period of gradually regaining one's health and strength.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the question given below, a word has been highlighted in the statement followed by 5 different options where each option comprises a word except the last one as "None of these". Find the correct option that has the synonym of the highlighted word.

9. Hasselt is best known for its great septennial *fete* held on the day of Assumption, August 15th.

A Slight

B Reprobate

C Shindig

D Censure

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the given word "fete" is a social gathering.

The word to be representing the synonym is 'Shindig' because it has the same meaning as the word given in the question.

Meaning of the words:

Shindig: a social gathering.

Reprobate: to be unwilling to grant.

Shindig: to cause hurt feelings or deep resentment in.

Censure: to express public or formal disapproval of.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

In the question given below, a word has been highlighted in the statement followed by 5 different options where each option comprises a word except the last one as "None of these". Find the correct option that has the synonym of the highlighted word.

10. Chances are, he won't even remember what all the *ruckus* was about a few hours later.

A Peace

B Brawl

C Quietude

D Hush

E None of these

Solution

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

The meaning of the given word "ruckus" is a state of noisy, confused activity.

The word to be representing the synonym is 'Brawl' because it has the same meaning as the word given.

Meaning of the words:

Brawl: a rough or noisy fight or quarrel.

Peace: a state without war.

Hush: a state of freedom from storm or disturbance.

Quietude: a state of freedom from storm or disturbance.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.



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