

The Hindu Vocab - November 18



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A word has been provided in the following questions. In response to the highlighted words, a pair of words has been given in the options below. Find the pair of words where the first word is an antonym of the given word and the second is the synonym of the given word.

1. Sentiment in stock market in the last one year has been cautious on account of *sluggish* economic growth but the Sensex and Nifty enjoyed a record breaking run till January thanks to outsized gains in a few bluechips.

A Torpid-Lethargic

B Inactive-Leaden

C Languorous-Spirited

D Languid-Slothful

E Brisk-Snappy

Solution

The correct answer is option C, i.e. "Languorous-Spirited"

The given word "Sluggish" means slow-moving or inactivity and the pair given in option 3 seem to be representing the pair of synonym-antonym for the given word as the word "Languorous" seems to be its synonym as it is characterized by tiredness or inactivity, especially of a pleasurable kind and the word "Spirited" depicts a state full of energy, enthusiasm, and determination.

Further, the remaining pairs are representing either a pair synonyms or a pair of antonyms to the given word.

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2. **IMBECILE**

- A Slim-slimy
- B Oblivion-insensible
- C Cretin-Ignoramus
- D Cretin-genius
- E Intelligent-genius

Solution

The correct answer is option D i.e 'Cretin-genius'.

IMBECILE means a stupid person.

Synonyms-credit, ignoramus, nincompoop etc

Antonym-genius, intelligent etc

Meaning of other words:

Slim-gracefully thin, slender, svelte etc

Slimy-slippery, greasy, wet etc

Oblivion-unconsciousness, ignorance etc.

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3. **ODIOUS**

- A Hardship-depression
- B Agreeable-loathsome
- C Abominable-repugnant
- D Pleasant-charming
- E **Appalling-delightful**

Solution

The correct answer is option E i.e 'Appalling-delightful'.

ODIOUS means 'extremely unpleasant'.

Synonym-repugnant, appalling, abominable, loathsome etc

Antonym-delightful, pleasant, agreeable, charming etc

Meaning of other words:

Hardship-distress, deprivation etc

Depression-sadness, misery etc.

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4. CHOLERIC

A Irascible-affable

B Grumpy-cantankerous

C Genial-congenial

D Cordial-peevisish

E Sullen-resentful

Solution

The correct answer is option A i.e 'Irascible-affable'.

CHOLERIC means 'bad-tempered or irritable'.

Synonyms-irascible, grumpy, cantankerous, peevisish etc

Antonyms-affable, good-natured

Meaning of other words:

Sullen- resentful, bad-tempered etc

Cordial-genial, congenial, friendly etc

In the given question a word has been highlighted in the statement. In the options given below, a pair of words has been given. Find the pair of words where the first word is the synonym of the highlighted word whereas the second word is the antonym of the given word.

5. While he presented himself as a godly man, the priest committed several unethical acts that made him an *anathema* to members of his congregation.

A Garrulous-Laconic

B Abhorrent-Innocuous

C Inane-Significant

D Maverick-Conformer

E None of these

Solution

The correct answer is option B i.e., Abhorrent-Innocuous

Abhorrent means inspiring disgust and loathing and innocuous means not harmful or offensive. Here in the sentence anathema means someone that one vehemently dislikes, and abhorrent seems to be a near-synonym of the

word. Hence, the correct answer is option 2.

Meaning of other words:

Maverick-unorthodox person

Conformer-a form of a compound having a particular molecular conformation

Inane-silly

Significant-having a particular meaning or noteworthy

Garrulous-excessively talkative

Laconic-using very few words.

6. Choose the word which is most nearly in same meaning of the word "Paisano" ?

A Suffrage

B Dekko

C Buddy

D Bucko

E None of these

Solution

Paisano - a close friend, esp. one who often acts as a companion. (Brother, bud, buddy, chum)

7. Choose the word which is most nearly in same meaning of the word "Stoicism" ?

- A Edacity
- B Stolidity
- C Stubbornness
- D Capability
- E None of these

Solution

Stoicism - an indifference to pleasure or pain. (Stolidity, stolidness)

8. Choose the word which is most nearly in same meaning of the word "Usurer" ?

A Witch

B Adult

C Frogman

D Loan shark

E None of these

Solution

Usurer - someone who lends money at excessive rates of interest. (Loan shark, moneylender, shylock)

9. Choose the word which is most nearly in same meaning of the word "Ennui" ?

A Proactive

B Stringent

C Illicit

D Tedium

E None of these

Solution

Ennui - the feeling of bored by something tedious. (Boredom, tedium)

10. Choose the word which is most nearly in same meaning of the word "Dovish" ?

A Chromospheric

B Pacifist

C Tricksy

D Knavish

E None of these

Solution

Dovish - Opposed to war. (Pacifist, pacifistic)



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