

• **Antonyms 1** Level 9

Directions: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. VACATE

- A. abandon
- B. charter
- C. sever
- D. occupy
- E. discharge

2. AMASS

- A. disperse
- B. meld
- C. muster
- D. compile
- E. infuse

3. ENAMOR

- A. entice
- B. enlighten
- C. loathe
- D. subdue
- E. fascinate

4. RENOWN

- A. acclaim
- B. obscurity
- C. villainy
- D. infamy
- E. prestige

5. AMPLIFY

- A. magnify
- B. intensify
- C. allay
- D. withdraw
- E. lessen

6. FESTIVE

- A. serene
- B. hearty
- C. gruesome
- D. jaunty
- E. dreary

7. WAN

- A. pale
- B. drab
- C. anemic
- D. glowing
- E. kaleidoscopic

8. FORGO

- A. despise
- B. revere
- C. indulge
- D. abstain
- E. waive

9. POROUS

- A. fragile
- B. waterproof
- C. consolidated
- D. dense
- E. spongy

10. EXPEND

- A. stash
- B. dispatch
- C. splurge
- D. exhaust
- E. smother

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The word *vacate* means to leave a place that was previously occupied. When you check out of a hotel room, you vacate it. The opposite of vacate is to fill or stay in a space. Because *occupy* means to reside, take over, or fill, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *abandon* means to leave empty or uninhabited. This is synonymous with *vacate*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *charter* means to reserve for private use. This is not the opposite of *vacate*.

(C) is incorrect because *sever* means to put an end to or divide by cutting. This is not the opposite of *vacate*.

(E) is incorrect because *discharge* means to dismiss someone from duty. This is not the opposite of *vacate*.

2) **A**

The word *amass* means to gather together or accumulate over time. For instance, a stamp collector would amass postage stamps. The opposite of amass is to divide or donate. Because *disperse* means to distribute or spread, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *meld* means to blend or combine. This is not the opposite of *amass*.

(C) is incorrect because *muster* means to collect or assemble. This is synonymous with *amass*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *compile* means to collect in order to produce something. This is practically synonymous with *amass*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *infuse* means to fill, soak, or pervade. This is not the opposite of *amass*.

3) **C**

The word *enamor* means to be filled with love for something or someone. Someone might be enamored of a certain city if he or she were infatuated with the city or simply loved being there. The opposite of enamor is to not love. Because *loathe* means to feel intense dislike for, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *entice* means to captivate or attract. This is not the opposite of *enamor*.

(B) is incorrect because *enlighten* means to give greater knowledge. This is not the opposite of *enamor*.

(D) is incorrect because *subdue* means to bring under control. This is not the opposite of *enamor*.

(E) is incorrect because *fascinate* means to captivate or draw intense attention. This is not the opposite of *enamor*.

4) **B**

The word *renown* means fame or being known. A movie star would have great renown. The opposite of renown is being unknown. Because *obscurity* is the state of being unknown or unimportant, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *acclaim* is enthusiastic public praise. This is not the opposite of *renown*.

(C) is incorrect because *villainy* is criminal behavior. This is not the opposite of *renown*, since a criminal could be very well known.

(D) is incorrect because *infamy* is the state of being well known for something bad. This is not the opposite of *renown*, since both words mean being well known.

(E) is incorrect because *prestige* is widespread respect and admiration for someone. This is not the opposite of *renown*.

5) **E**

The word *amplify* means to increase in size or effect. If one turns up the volume on a stereo, he or she is amplifying it. The opposite of amplify is to decrease in size or effect. Because *lessen* means to decrease, choice **(E)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *magnify* means to make something appear larger than it actually is. This is not the opposite of *amplify*.

(B) is incorrect because *intensify* means to increase in degree or strength. This is practically synonymous with *amplify*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *withdraw* means to take back or remove. This is not the opposite of *amplify*, since it does not necessarily refer to a decrease in size or effect.

(D) is incorrect because *petrify* means to scare someone so much that he or she is unable to move. This is not the opposite of *amplify*.

6) **E**

The word *festive* means cheerful or celebratory. A fun party would have a festive atmosphere. The opposite of festive is not cheerful. Because *dreary* means depressing or lifeless, choice **(E)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *serene* means calm or peaceful. This is not the opposite of *festive*.

(B) is incorrect because *hearty* means vigorous and cheerful. This is practically synonymous with *festive*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *gruesome* means causing repulsion or horror. This is not the opposite of *festive*, because it is too extreme in meaning.

(D) is incorrect because *jaunty* means having a lively and cheerful manner. This is practically synonymous with *festive*, not the opposite of it.

7) **D**

The word *wan* means pale and weak. A sickly individual would likely appear wan. The opposite of wan is flush and healthy. Because *glowing* means showing the radiance of health, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *pale* means muted in color. This is synonymous with *wan*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *drab* means dull or cheerless. This is not the opposite of *wan*.

(C) is incorrect because *anemic* means lacking power or colorfulness. This is synonymous with *wan*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *kaleidoscopic* means multicolored or having complex patterns of color. This is not the opposite of *wan*, since being pale is not the opposite of being multicolored.

8) **C**

The word *forgo* means to omit or decline to take. If one skips breakfast, he or she is forgoing a morning meal. The opposite of forgo is to choose to take. Because *indulge* means to allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *despise* means to hate or loathe. This is not the opposite of *forgo*.

(B) is incorrect because *revere* means to admire or feel deep respect. This is not the opposite of *forgo*.

(D) is incorrect because *abstain* means to restrain oneself from taking or doing something. This is practically synonymous with *forgo*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *waive* means to refrain from using. This is synonymous with *forgo*, not the opposite of it.

9) **B**

The word *porous* means having holes through which liquid or air may pass. For example, sponges are porous. The opposite of porous is impervious or lacking in holes for air or water. Because *waterproof* means impervious to water, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *fragile* means breakable or not stable. This is not the opposite of *porous*.

(C) is incorrect because *consolidated* means stronger or more solid. This is not the opposite of *porous*, since being porous and being weak are not synonymous.

(D) is incorrect because *dense* means closely compacted in substance. This is not the opposite of *porous*.

(E) is incorrect because *spongy* means having an open, porous structure. This is synonymous with *porous*, not the opposite of it.

10) **A**

The word *expend* means to spend or use up. When you exercise, you expend energy. The opposite of expend is to save up or store. Because *stash* means to store safely in a specified place, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *dispatch* means to send off to a destination for a purpose. This is not the opposite of any word, including *expend*.

(C) is incorrect because *splurge* means to spend money freely or extravagantly. This is not the opposite of *expend*.

(D) is incorrect because *exhaust* means to tire out. This is practically synonymous with *expend*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *smother* means to suppress, extinguish, or kill. This is not the opposite of *expend*.