

Synonyms and Antonyms

Exercises

EXERCISE 1

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30): Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

SYNONYMS

1. INITIATE

(a) Enlighten	(b) Begin
(c) Guide	(d) Lead
2. STROLL

(a) Exercise	(b) Jogging
(c) A ride	(d) A walk
3. LANGUID

(a) Absent minded	(b) Negligent
(c) Sluggish	(d) Thoughtless
4. CRASS

(a) Casual	(b) Coarse
(c) Stupid	(d) Sterile
5. COLLUSION

(a) A conflict	(b) A secret agreement
(c) A consultation	(d) A misunderstanding
6. HESITANT

(a) Antagonistic	(b) Grumbling
(c) Contradict	(d) Undecided
7. DECEPTIVE

(a) Disagreeable	(b) Misleading
(c) Mistake	(d) Debatable
8. HANDY

(a) Intact	(b) Accessible
(c) Supportive	(d) Handful
9. INNOCUOUS

(a) Harmless	(b) Benevolent
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10. SLOTHFUL

(a) Fraught with risk	(b) Lazy
(c) Revengeful	(d) Lenient
11. AFFINITY

(a) Admiration	(b) Adoration
(c) Respect	(d) Intimacy
12. IGNOMINY

(a) Condemnation	(b) Disgrace
(c) Failure	(d) Criticism
13. ALLEVIATE

(a) Eradicate	(b) Remove
(c) Understand	(d) Lessen
14. APPRAISAL

(a) Estimation	(b) Enlightenment
(c) Appropriation	(d) Application
15. INDOMITABLE

(a) Extraordinary	(b) Uncontrollable
(c) Dominating	(d) Unyielding
16. PERPETUAL

(a) Constant	(b) Real
(c) Mistaken	(d) Painful
17. ASSENT

(a) Despatch	(b) Climb
(c) Flavour	(d) Agreement
18. DEFIANCE

(a) Attack	(b) Disobedience
(c) Protection	(d) Shyness
19. GARISH

(a) Beautifully decorated	(b) Boldly arranged
(c) Unpleasantly gaudy	(d) Carefully prepared

20. STRINGENT
 (a) Tense (b) String
 (c) Strict (d) Causing to shrink
21. ABJURE
 (a) Relinquish (b) Recant
 (c) Retract (d) Renounce
22. JEALOUS
 (a) Envious (b) Unhappy
 (c) Regretful (d) Remorse
23. WEARY
 (a) Careless (b) Shivering
 (c) Troubled (d) Weak
24. PLAUSIBLE
 (a) Pleasing to the taste (b) Seemingly True
 (c) Manageable (d) Cannot be proved
25. CONTENDING
 (a) Competing (b) Antagonising
 (c) Fighting (d) Warning
26. ACCOLADE
 (a) Wish (b) Congratulate
 (c) Comment (d) Award
27. SALUBRIOUS
 (a) Convenient (b) Warm
 (c) Healthy (d) Chilly
28. SEQUEL
 (a) Ending (b) Beginning
 (c) Continuation (d) Similarity
29. INDIFFERENT
 (a) Dissimilar (b) Various
 (c) Interference (d) Unconcerned
30. CONDEMN
 (a) Censure (b) Despair
 (c) Kill (d) Hit

Directions (Q. Nos. 31-60): Each of the following items consists of a word or group of words in capital letters, followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is furthest in meaning to the word or group of words in capital letters.

ANTONYMS

31. PARSIMONIOUS
 (a) Partisan (b) Permissible
 (c) Revealing (d) Extravagant
32. EPHEMERAL
 (a) Mysterious (b) Impolite
 (c) Long-lasting (d) Exciting
33. VOLITION
 (a) Pretext (b) Unwillingness
 (c) Compliance (d) Interlude

34. COPIOUS
 (a) Imitable (b) Unprecedented
 (c) Shaky (d) Shortage
35. ARDUOUS
 (a) Facile (b) Influential
 (c) Deplorable (d) Tenuous
36. DEFERENTIAL
 (a) Discount (b) Disrespectful
 (c) Preconception (d) Acute
37. FELICITOUS
 (a) Unfriendly (b) Uneasy
 (c) Unheard of (d) Inappropriate
38. ABSOLVE
 (a) To remember someone fondly
 (b) To imitate someone
 (c) To pretend
 (d) To declare some one guilty
39. PAROCHIAL
 (a) Open-minded (b) Temporary
 (c) Irrelevant (d) Disinclination
40. PROCRASTINATE
 (a) To be prompt (b) To adjudicate
 (c) To teach (d) To help others
41. PROCLIVITY
 (a) Speed (b) Weakness
 (c) Disgust (d) Disinclination
42. OUTLANDISH
 (a) Modern (b) Moderate
 (c) Disrespectful (d) Coward
43. SUPPLICATE
 (a) Short of supply (b) To be arrogant
 (c) To be tolerant (d) To fall on lean days
44. TERSE
 (a) Detailed (b) Nasty
 (c) Advanced (d) Impure
45. CELERITY
 (a) Lack of wisdom (b) Silence
 (c) Victory (d) Sluggishness
46. FORBID
 (a) Forgive (b) Allow
 (c) Refuse (d) Deprive
47. AMBIGUOUS
 (a) Definite (b) Constant
 (c) Shapeless (d) Determined
48. COUNTERFEIT
 (a) Destructive (b) Genuine
 (c) Affirm (d) Harmonies
49. FUSION
 (a) Melting (b) Fixture
 (c) Amendment (d) Separation

50. ESCALATE
 (a) Bring down (b) Isolate
 (c) Slope down (d) Reject
51. TERMINATE
 (a) Imitate (b) Interrupt
 (c) Initiate (d) Examine
52. GRAVITATE
 (a) Meditate (b) Become serious
 (c) Deteriorate (d) Retreat
53. FRESH
 (a) Laden (b) Soft
 (c) Sour (d) Stale
54. DENY
 (a) Accept (b) Accuse
 (c) Curse (d) Except
55. CHEERFUL
 (a) Sad (b) Happy
 (c) Expensive (d) Careless
56. AFFLUENCE
 (a) Continuance (b) Poverty
 (c) Diffidence (d) Insurance
57. TIMID
 (a) Bold (b) Bashful
 (c) Nervous (d) Soft
58. CREATE
 (a) Destroy (b) Envy
 (c) Satisfy (d) Begin
59. REVELATION
 (a) Rejection (b) Elimination
 (c) Concealment (d) Introduction
60. MASTER
 (c) Companion (b) Follower
 (c) Slave (d) Boss
3. FACADE
 (a) Front of a building (b) Haughtiness
 (c) Complexity (d) Hypocrisy
4. PALL
 (a) To anger (b) To frighten
 (c) To become boring (d) To darken
5. FRAIL
 (a) Unhealthy (b) Weak
 (c) Ugly (d) Tender
6. HOBNOB
 (a) Nagging (b) Friendly chat
 (c) Quarrel (d) Pestering manner
7. DILLY DALLYING
 (a) Quarrelling (b) Arguing with each other
 (c) Waiting for orders (d) Wasting time
8. COMMISERATION
 (a) Sympathy (b) Simplification
 (c) Slip of tongue (d) Arrogance
9. CONGENITAL
 (a) Compulsory (b) Dating from birth
 (c) Official (d) Pertaining to commerce
10. REPRISAL
 (a) Surprise (b) Award
 (c) Revision (d) Retaliation
11. AMBIGUOUS
 (a) Contrasting (b) Connivance
 (c) Vague (d) Wilful
12. ELUCIDATE
 (a) Clarify (b) Calculate
 (c) Summarise (d) Update
13. MONOTONOUS
 (a) Dreary (b) Dreadful
 (c) Single-minded (d) Monologue
14. ASPIRE
 (a) Breathe (b) Stairs
 (c) Hope for (d) Thorn
15. INSIPID
 (a) Clever (b) Lazy
 (c) Dull (d) Lean
16. CONTRIVED
 (a) Devised (b) Defaced
 (c) Defected (d) Deferred
17. DEFT
 (a) Dangerous and swift
 (b) Defiant
 (c) Skilful and quick
 (d) Slow and steady

EXERCISE 2

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30): Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

SYNONYMS

1. DEFECT
 (a) Loss (b) Harm
 (c) Shortcoming (d) Delicate
2. TRANSGRESS
 (a) To convert
 (b) To insult
 (c) To violate
 (d) To hand over possession to another

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18. DEPLORE
 (a) Lose heart (b) Entreat
 (c) Regret (c) malign
19. MOTIVATION
 (a) Inducement (b) Emotion
 (c) Ambition (d) Incitement
20. RESIDUE
 (a) Remainder (b) Nothing
 (c) Recede (d) Little
21. GLEAN
 (a) To groom (b) To gather bit by bit
 (c) To discover (d) To polish
22. TACTILE
 (a) Considerate
 (b) Strong
 (c) Sharp
 (d) Pertaining to the organs of touch
23. USURP
 (a) To climb upon
 (b) to yield
 (c) To seize power or position illegally
 (d) To demand unlawfully high interest on a loan
24. TACTFUL
 (a) Diplomatic (b) Indifferent
 (c) Intelligent (d) Deceitful
25. VORACIOUS
 (a) Very bad (b) Insatiable
 (c) Stingy (d) Malicious
26. STRUCTURE
 (a) Strictness (b) Stinging
 (c) Arrangement (d) Censure
27. OUTLAST
 (a) To come to an end
 (b) To fight till the end
 (c) To made a last attempt
 (d) To endure longer than
28. INTERREGNUM
 (a) Pause (b) Interference
 (c) Intrusion (d) Prevention
29. DEMOLISH
 (a) Abolish (b) Overthrow
 (c) Destroy (d) Overturn
30. ANALOGOUS
 (a) Unsuitable (b) Uncritical
 (c) Similar (d) Disproportionate

Directions (Q. Nos. 31-60): Each of the following items consists of a word or group of words in capital letters, followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is furthest in meaning to the word or group of words in capital letters.

ANTONYMS

31. HERETICAL
 (a) Pious (b) Orthodox
 (c) Superstitious (d) Outdated
32. IMPUDENT
 (a) Brave (b) Gentle
 (c) Polite (d) Boisterous
33. INFERNAL
 (a) Paradisiac (b) Majestic
 (c) Peaceful (d) Graceful
34. VERDANT
 (a) Dry (b) Green
 (c) Beautiful (d) Water-logged
35. TEMPORAL
 (a) Serious (b) Political
 (c) Eternal (d) Divine
36. OSTENTATION
 (a) Miserliness (b) Simplicity
 (c) Purity (d) Innocence
37. LOFTY
 (a) Mean (b) Glorious
 (c) Envious (d) Devilish
38. LOQUACIOUS
 (a) Flamboyant (b) Silent
 (c) Dispirited (d) Dumb
39. DILAPIDATED
 (a) Costly (b) Well-furnished
 (c) Broken-down (d) Renovated
40. ABHORRENCE
 (a) Admiration (b) Abomination
 (c) Repulsion (d) Acceptance
41. ENIGMATIC
 (a) Lethargic (b) Unambiguous
 (c) Wrangling (d) Obscure
42. AMENABLE
 (a) Obedient (b) Diplomatic
 (c) Stubborn (d) Answerable
43. SCRUPULOUS
 (a) Lax (b) Shameful
 (c) Awful (d) Pitiful
44. LAUDATORY
 (a) Laughable (b) Derogatory
 (c) Abusive (d) Detriment
45. PERTINENT
 (a) Eloquent (b) Distant
 (c) Relevant (d) Irrelevant
46. EVASIVE
 (a) Unreliable (b) Tricky
 (c) Straightforward (d) Elusive

47. NADIR
 (a) Zenith (b) Climax
 (c) Peak (d) The lowest point
48. EXONERATED
 (a) Implicated (b) Criticised
 (c) Condemned (d) Convicted
49. INSUPERABLE
 (a) Predictable (b) Surmountable
 (c) Countable (d) Unendurable
50. PUERILE
 (a) Fresh (b) Suspenseful
 (c) Matured thinking (d) Easily attainable
51. IGNOMINY
 (a) Entrance (b) Activity
 (c) Eligibility (d) Honour
52. PENURIOUS
 (a) Timid
 (b) Without any perforation
 (c) Affluent
 (d) Inescapable
53. SCURRILOUS
 (a) Scandalous (b) Admiration
 (c) Primary (d) Opposition
54. ENNUI
 (a) Poverty (b) Shortage
 (c) Excitement (d) Fearlessness
55. SLAPDASH
 (a) Careful (b) Violent
 (c) Pervasive (d) Scarce
56. CHIMERICAL
 (a) Complement (b) Feasible
 (c) Hypercritical (d) Spurious
57. VENERATION
 (a) Embezzlement (b) Awe
 (c) Disrespect (d) Far-sighted
58. INVECTIVE
 (a) Adjective
 (b) Polite language
 (c) Pertaining to legal matters
 (d) Brief
59. ACERBIC
 (a) The accused (b) Polite
 (c) Unpleasant (d) Improbable
60. ASCETIC
 (a) Ardent
 (b) Indulging in pleasures
 (c) Careless
 (d) Patriotic

EXERCISE 3

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30): Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

SYNONYMS

- CELERITY
 (a) Grace (b) Fame
 (c) Slipperiness (d) Speed
- QUAGMIRE
 (a) Rugged cliff (b) Lacking in morals
 (c) Quizzical (d) Whirlpool
- FRUGAL
 (a) Quiet (b) Economical
 (c) Shy (d) Generous
- DUBIOUS
 (a) Dismal (b) Doubtful
 (c) Derogatory (d) Devilish
- ECCENTRIC
 (a) Destructive (b) Deceitful
 (c) Conformist (d) Unconventional
- CONTRADICT
 (a) Request politely (b) Deny emphatically
 (c) Talk abusively (d) Contempt
- OBEISANCE
 (a) Pilgrimage (b) Homage
 (c) Subjugation (d) Obligation
- PROPRIETY
 (a) Rightness (b) Brand name
 (c) Cultivate land (d) Market share
- CAVIL
 (a) To play (b) To complain
 (c) To prepare (d) To cut a joke
- EXQUISITE
 (a) Highly refined (b) Too costly
 (c) Extemporaneous (d) Exotic
- WRESTED
 (a) Took by force (b) Took away easily
 (c) Lost narrowly (d) Won easily
- EXPOSTULATED
 (a) Requested
 (b) Quarreled ferociously
 (c) Remonstrated
 (d) Appealed with good reason
- DISPARATE
 (a) Different (b) Contrary
 (c) Incongruous (d) Unequal

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14. PANDEMONIUM
 (a) Violence
 (b) Quarrel
 (c) Wild and noisy disorder
 (d) Verbal exchange
15. AFFLICTION
 (a) Problem (b) Hardship
 (c) Plight (d) Distress
16. CREDITABLE
 (a) Able to lend money
 (b) Bringing praise
 (c) Able to repay a loan
 (d) Fit to be believed
17. SALIENT
 (a) Most important (b) Salt-like taste
 (c) Pleasing (d) Satisfactory
18. FRAGILE
 (a) Soft (b) Smooth
 (c) Flexible (d) Easily broken
19. BANAL
 (a) Hostile (b) Common place
 (c) Forbidden (d) Genial
20. RETICENCE
 (a) Modesty (b) Caution
 (c) Cognizance (d) Tendency to keep silent
21. PREMONITION
 (a) Sadness (b) Strength
 (c) Warning (d) Advice
22. GENIAL
 (a) Generous (b) Wonderful
 (c) Liberal (d) Friendly and cheerful
23. REVAMP
 (a) Retreat (b) Reconstruct
 (c) Retrial (d) Retrace
24. RESCIND
 (a) Reunite (b) Repeal
 (c) Reserve (d) Reproach
25. PALPABLE
 (a) Obvious (b) Immense
 (c) Sufficient (d) Hidden
26. LAID-BACK
 (a) Lie in wait (b) Sorry state
 (c) Lame (d) Easy-going
27. SAUNTERING
 (a) Jogging (b) Brisk walking
 (c) Travelling (d) Strolling
28. RESTIVE
 (a) Impatient (b) Inactive
 (c) Lonely (d) Peaceful

29. PREPOSTEROUS
 (a) Incredible (b) Outrageous
 (c) Astonishing (d) Exorbitant
30. EFFRONTERY
 (a) Affirmation (b) Commentary
 (c) Rudeness (d) Compliance

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ANTONYMS

31. GENEROUS
 (a) Stingy (b) Uncharitable
 (c) Selfish (d) Ignoble
32. RELUCTANCE
 (a) Enjoyment (b) Eagerness
 (c) Hesitation (d) Unwillingness
33. ENRICH
 (a) Improve (b) Increase
 (c) Involve (d) Impoverish
34. LETHARGIC
 (a) Aggressive (b) Dull
 (c) Active (d) Hungry
35. ABSURD
 (a) Interesting (b) Sensible
 (c) Impartial (d) Ridiculous
36. FICTITIOUS
 (a) Common (b) Factual
 (c) Real (d) Genuine
37. EXTRAVAGANT
 (a) Sensible (b) Economical
 (c) Careful (d) Balanced
38. COMPLACENT
 (a) Discontented (b) Self-satisfied
 (c) Curious (d) Militant
39. HAZARDOUS
 (a) Convenient (b) Wrong
 (c) Risky (d) Safe
40. LAUDABLE
 (a) Unpleasant (b) Condemnable
 (c) Impolite (d) Repulsive
41. AFFLUENT
 (a) Poor (b) Ordinary
 (c) Infamous (d) Backward
42. MALICE
 (a) Sympathy (b) Goodwill
 (c) Friendship (d) Attraction

43. TANGENTIALLY
 (a) Parthy (b) Forcefully
 (c) Candidly (d) Fitfully
44. ESCALATING
 (a) Falling (b) Fixed
 (c) Fluctuating (d) Reasonable
45. INERT
 (a) Active (b) Lazy
 (c) Strong (d) Resolute
46. VICIOUS
 (a) Godly (b) Sublime
 (c) Virtuous (d) Friendly
47. EXOTIC
 (a) Wonderful (b) Cosmopolitan
 (c) Irrelevant (d) Common
48. INCREDIBLE
 (a) Credible (b) Fantastic
 (c) Probable (d) Believable
49. REVELATION
 (a) Rejection (b) Elimination
 (c) Concealment (d) Introduction
50. FUTILE
 (a) Useful (b) Waste
 (c) Expensive (d) Cheap
51. METICULOUS
 (a) Haphazard (b) Random
 (c) Ridiculous (d) Shabby
52. VARIOUS
 (a) Separate (b) Identical
 (c) Distinct (d) Similar
53. ACCELERATED
 (a) Recorded (b) Retarded
 (c) Reviewed (d) Restored
54. LUGUBRIOUS
 (a) Hopeful (b) Helpful
 (c) Reassuring (d) Happy
55. COMPULSORY
 (a) Contrary (b) Obligatory
 (c) Conditional (d) Optional
56. AQUITTED
 (a) Held guilty (b) Betrayed
 (c) Involved (d) Offended
57. SECURE
 (a) Rigid (b) Precarious
 (c) Static (d) Secondary
58. COARSE
 (a) Delicate (b) Rough
 (c) Painful (d) Harsh

59. RECESSION
 (a) Education (b) Inflation
 (c) Poverty (d) Computerisation
60. CONCEDED
 (a) Admitted (b) Accepted
 (c) Denied (d) Concealed

EXERCISE 4

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30): Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

SYNONYMS

- The decision to drop the atom bomb on Hiroshima was a **GRAVE ONE**.
 (a) serious (b) momentous
 (c) instinctive (d) impulsive
- A scientist generally carries out his investigations **EMPIRICALLY**.
 (a) by intuitively
 (b) by verbally
 (c) by through written communication
 (d) by observation and experiment
- Very few of our batsmen have any real **CONSISTENCY**.
 (a) constancy (b) competence
 (c) permanence (d) uniformity
- He has an **ELECTRIFYING** presence.
 (a) attractive (b) fearsome
 (c) exciting (d) disturbing
- For better health we must **REFRAIN** from smoking.
 (a) dissuade (b) desist
 (c) prevent (d) curb
- He is employed in an **ORDINANCE** factory.
 (a) orthodox
 (b) arms and ammunition
 (c) electrical and electronic
 (d) ordinary and common
- He is a **SYCOPHANT** who tries to win over politicians.
 (a) a psychologist
 (b) an opportunist
 (c) an unscrupulous man
 (d) a flatterer
- I cannot believe in the **VERACITY** of his statement.
 (a) truth (b) usefulness
 (c) sincerity (d) falsity
- I never believed that it was the **AUTHENTIC** signature of the Prime Minister.
 (a) hand-written (b) genuine
 (c) proper (d) authoritative

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10. Valiant Vicky used to **BOAST** of his bravery to his beloved wife.
 (a) cry (b) abuse
 (c) hate (d) brag
11. I can no longer be satisfied with **FICTITIOUS** good conduct.
 (a) based on facts
 (b) based on imagination
 (c) based on works of fiction
 (d) based on feudal ties
12. **MASS MURDER** is very often a result of communal frenzy.
 (a) patricide (b) fratricide
 (c) regicide (d) genocide
13. The boy said that pain had **ABATED**.
 (a) Reduced (b) Vanished
 (c) Increased (d) Stabilised
14. The volcano on this island is **DORMANT**.
 (a) Cold (b) Inactive
 (c) Dangerous (d) Old
15. The youth was **BEFOGGED** when he was interrogated loudly by the Police Inspector.
 (a) Terrified (b) Panicky
 (c) Surprised (d) Puzzled
16. The **ENORMITY** of the population problem is irksome.
 (a) Intensity (b) Vastness
 (c) Cruelty (d) Fragility
17. He is very **OBLIGING** by nature.
 (a) Helpful (b) Nice
 (c) Thankful (d) Compelling
18. Many of his acquaintances avoid him because he is so **GARRULOUS**.
 (a) Unreasonable (b) Talkative
 (c) Quarrelsome (d) Proud
19. We should always try to maintain and promote communal **AMITY**.
 (a) Bondage (b) Contention
 (c) Friendship (d) Understanding
20. Divine grace is truly **INEFFABLE**.
 (a) That which cannot be rubbed out.
 (b) Incapable of being understood.
 (c) That which is too great to be expressed in words.
 (d) Too powerful to be defeated.
21. Democracy is not the standardising of everyone so as to **OBLITERATE** all peculiarity.
 (a) Demolish (b) Extinguish
 (c) Erase (d) Change
22. We saw a **SCINTILLATING** fireworks display.
 (a) Fascinating (b) Unforgettable
 (c) Beautiful (d) Sparking
23. Sympathetic criticism has a **SALUTARY** effect.
 (a) Premature (b) Beneficial
 (c) Terrible (d) Disastrous
24. After his father's death, he became **INSOLVENT**.
 (a) Rich (b) Poor
 (c) Bankrupt (d) Nonchalant
25. He was a **CHARISMATIC** leader.
 (a) Exceptionally fascinating
 (b) Particularly popular
 (c) Compulsively pleasant
 (d) Strangely haunting
26. The song had a **SOPORIFIC** effect on the child.
 (a) Soothing (b) Terrific
 (c) Supreme (d) Sleep-inducing
27. Very few people are **IMPERVIOUS** to criticism.
 (a) Impenetrable (b) Unaffected
 (c) Unstoppable (d) Unmindful
28. He was **ENGROSSED** in writing a story.
 (a) Absolved (b) Absorbed
 (c) Interested (d) Engaged
29. He always has a very **PRAGMATIC** approach to life.
 (a) Practical (b) Proficient
 (c) Potent (d) Patronising
30. He fell into an **ABYSS** of despair.
 (a) Well (b) Deep pit
 (c) Sea (d) Hollow
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- ANTONYMS**
31. He **FELL FOUL OF ME** when I asked him to apologise to his teacher.
 (a) quarrelled with me
 (b) attacked me
 (c) made friends with me
 (d) showed appreciation for me
32. The outcome of his mission was more **REWARDING** than he had expected.
 (a) lucrative (b) disappointing
 (c) thrilling (d) nail-biting
33. He wanted to **INAUGURATE** the project right on schedule.
 (a) terminate (b) inculcate
 (c) facilitate (d) ameliorate

34. They decided to **EMBELLISH** the dress with imported ribbons.
 (a) dishonour (b) demolish
 (c) spoil (d) suffice
35. He **OFTEN** went to the theatre.
 (a) seldom (b) rarely
 (c) sometimes (d) occasionally
36. He is **FRUGAL** in his spending.
 (a) economical (b) extravagant
 (c) miserly (d) greedy
37. The students expected an **EMINENT** scientist to inaugurate the programme.
 (a) illustrious (b) notorious
 (c) intelligent (d) unknown
38. Some of their customs are **BARBAROUS**.
 (a) civilised (b) modern
 (c) polite (d) praiseworthy
39. He was deeply **DEPRESSED** over the news.
 (a) satisfied (b) elated
 (c) impressed (d) affected
40. Though he had lost the battle, he decided not to **YIELD TO** the enemy.
 (a) submit to (b) persuade
 (c) resist (d) seek terms with
41. Because of the failure of the monsoon, there was **PAUCITY** of foodgrains.
 (a) overflow (b) in flow
 (c) plenty (d) glut
42. The evidence against the accused is **CONCLUSIVE**.
 (a) powerful (b) indecisive
 (c) exclusive (d) partial
43. His partners felt that it was a **VIALE** business proposition.
 (a) enviable (b) unenviable
 (c) inviolable (d) impracticable
44. The usual **ADULATION** of officers must end.
 (a) back-biting (b) condemnation
 (c) flattery (d) praise
45. The officer **EXAGGERATED** the damage caused by the rowdies.
 (a) Underwrote (b) Condemned
 (c) Ignored (d) Underestimate
46. The speaker was unable to **PACIFY** the crowd.
 (a) Excite (b) Antagonise
 (c) Threaten (d) Challenge
47. They are going to **EMBARK UPON** a mountaineering expedition.
 (a) launch (b) analyse
 (c) break off (d) conclude
48. There has been a gradual **FALLING OFF** in the quality of articles manufactured locally.
 (a) shrinkage (b) erosion
 (c) improvement (d) descent
49. The man at the gate had a **FORBIDDING** appearance.
 (a) handsome (b) lenient
 (c) filthy (d) mild
50. This is a **TRIVIAL** matter.
 (a) important (b) small
 (c) easy (d) difficult
51. Poisonous gases emitted from factories **CONTAMINATE** the air we breathe in.
 (a) sanctify (b) invigorate
 (c) taint (d) purify
52. **RECKLESS** driving causes accidents.
 (a) careful (b) slow
 (c) good (d) correct
53. John is always **SHABBILY** dressed.
 (a) Decently (b) Beautify
 (c) Extravagantly (d) Scantily
54. Many people suffer because of **PRIDE**.
 (a) Lowliness (b) Submission
 (c) Humility (d) Obedience
55. Her illness **ENERVATED** the whole family.
 (a) Enhanced (b) Exhausted
 (c) Weakened (d) Energised
56. These people are sunk in abysmal ignorance and their illiteracy is simply **COLOSSAL**.
 (a) Intolerable (b) Huge
 (c) Small (d) Silly
57. His **CANDID** remarks impressed the authorities.
 (a) Blunt (b) Guarded
 (c) Sincere (d) Unconventional
58. **ADVERSITY** teaches man to be humble and self reliant.
 (a) Sincerity (b) Animosity
 (c) Curiosity (d) Prosperity
59. It is easy to understand his **FUZZY** thoughts.
 (a) Misty (b) Vague
 (c) Clear (d) Useful
60. A small **ALTERCATION** between the children started off a riot.
 (a) Quarrel (b) Friendly discussion
 (c) Contest (d) Race

EXERCISE 5

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30): Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

SYNONYMS

1. Stellar grouping tend to be **UNLIMITED**.
(a) Lengthy (b) Heavenly
(c) Huge (d) Infinite
2. One who rules with unlimited power is called a **DICTATOR**.
(a) Anarchist (b) Autocrat
(c) Egoist (d) Sychophant
3. The article was so well written that it **MERITED** careful study.
(a) deserved (b) encouraged
(c) prompted (d) supported
4. Please do not **INTERFERE** with my work.
(a) meddle (b) help
(c) object (d) copy
5. This job is very **TEDIOUS**.
(a) tiresome (b) dull
(c) interesting (d) exciting
6. She **TAKES AFTER** her mother.
(a) follows (b) comes after
(c) resembles (d) imitates
7. He is very intelligent, but **ILL-FAVOURED** by nature.
(a) unlucky (b) weak in health
(c) short-tempered (d) ugly
8. Devotees believe that **GOD DWELLS** in their heart.
(a) Lives (b) Insists
(c) Travels (d) Enters
9. Not everyone can **RESPOND TO** a difficult question quickly.
(a) Discuss (b) Argue
(c) Answer (d) Deny
10. All these items have been **MARKED DOWN**.
(a) Reserved (b) Packed up
(c) Reduced in price (d) Entered
11. How can you have the **EFFRONTERY** to ask for another loan?
(a) Right (b) Impudence
(c) Heart (d) Courage
12. There was a **DEVASTATING** attack on his work.
(a) Terrible (b) Casual
(c) Unethical (d) Motivated
13. The two **EXECUTIONERS** approached the tree with a red mark on its side.
(a) executive engineers
(b) explorers
(c) experimenters
(d) those who inflict capital punishment
14. The **MAIDEN SPEECH** of the young member of the Lok Sabha was very much appreciated by the people.
(a) farewell speech (b) short speech
(c) first speech (d) speech about women
15. The sage did not want to be bothered with **MUNDANE** concerns.
(a) worldly (b) meaningless
(c) trivial (d) superfluous
16. Mountaineering in bad weather is **DANGEROUS**.
(a) Threatening (b) Shaky
(c) Perilous (d) Slippery
17. The committee conduct an **EXHAUSTIVE** inquiry.
(a) Time-consuming (b) Complicated
(c) Renewed (d) Thorough
18. He is just **LAYING UP** a lot of trouble for himself.
(a) Clearing (b) Accumulating
(c) Accepting (d) Removing
19. He fought the demon with all his **MIGHT**.
(a) Heaviness (b) Strength
(c) Density (d) Popularity
20. She is a woman of **STERLING** qualities.
(a) interesting (b) admirable
(c) irritating (d) exciting
21. Although the boys in his class were naughty, he never resorted to **CORPORAL** punishment.
(a) harsh (b) physical
(c) unjust (d) general
22. He wanted to **MITIGATE** his burdens.
(a) lessen (b) increase
(c) postpone (d) leave
23. She adjusted quite well with her husband's **IDIOSYNCRASIES**.
(a) peculiar habits (b) bad habits
(c) weaknesses (d) stupid manners
24. People thronged to pay **HOMAGE** to the departed leader.
(a) humility (b) tribute
(c) obedience (d) allegiance
25. He kept his eyes peeled and his ears pricked for some important **CLUE**.
(a) hint (b) inkling
(c) intimation (d) signal
26. The spectators looked at the batsman in **AMAZEMENT** when he hit sixer after sixer.
(a) shock (b) wonder
(c) surprise (d) suspicion
27. He was not ready with his **ANNUAL** accounts.
(a) Yearly (b) Important
(c) Monthly (d) Permanent

28. Society cannot depend upon a **FANATIC** for guidance.
 (a) Optimist (b) Martyr
 (c) Bigot (d) Anarchist
29. A busy person cannot waste his time on **TRIVIAL** issues.
 (a) Unimportant (b) Rude
 (c) Crude (d) Tribal
30. The Deputy Inspector General made a **PERFUNCTORY** inspection of the police station.
 (a) thorough and complete
 (b) superficial
 (c) done as a routine but without interest
 (d) intensive

Directions (Q. Nos. 31-60): Each of the following items consists of a word or group of words in capital letters, followed by four alternatives. Select the alternative that is furthest in meaning to the word or group of words in capital letters.

ANTONYMS

31. Kapil's bowling yesterday proved very **COSTLY**.
 (a) economical (b) frugal
 (c) thrifty (d) expensive
32. I cannot see much **LIKENESS** between the two boys.
 (a) enmity (b) hatred
 (c) difference (d) dislike
33. I am still **DUBIOUS** about that plan.
 (a) certain (b) doubtful
 (c) docile (d) faithful
34. The wise say that life is meant not merely to **ACCUMULATE** wealth but for self-realisation.
 (a) amass (b) produce
 (c) scatter (d) gather
35. He will never **TURN DOWN** your request.
 (a) turn up (b) turn over
 (c) reject (d) accept
36. Real happiness does not lie in **MATERIAL** possessions alone.
 (a) physical (b) essential
 (c) spiritual (d) manual
37. I was upset by his **HOSTILE** attitude.
 (a) friendly (b) negative
 (c) positive (d) inimical
38. Ashoka was a **MAGNANIMOUS** king.
 (a) small (b) petty
 (c) kind (d) majestic
39. Mala is always **DEFIANT** in her behaviour.
 (a) obedient (b) rebellious
 (c) meek (d) friendly
40. I find his views **REPUGNANT**.
 (a) amiable (b) repulsive
 (c) amoral (d) apolitical
41. Everybody called it a **LAVISH** party.
 (a) big (b) wasteful
 (c) frugal (d) expensive
42. Popular fiction in a sense has **ENRICHED** world literature.
 (a) devalued (b) undervalued
 (c) depreciated (d) impoverished
43. He **CONCEALED** his thoughts very clearly.
 (a) Emphasised (b) Expressed
 (c) Affirmed (d) Revealed
44. The speaker was irritated with his **PUERILE** questions.
 (a) impertinent (b) serious
 (c) inane (d) irrelevant
45. It was a baseless rumour that **TRIGGERED** riots and arson at an unprecedented scale throughout the country.
 (a) choked (b) tapered off
 (c) diluted (d) ignited
46. Their careers followed a **PARALLEL** path.
 (a) divergent (b) difficult
 (c) similar (d) dissimilar
47. The old man **MANIFESTED** his greed at the sight of a huge amount of money.
 (a) displayed (b) concealed
 (c) suppressed (d) marked
48. The fallen trees **BLOCKED** our passage freedom from the woods.
 (a) facilitated (b) started
 (c) checked (d) promoted
49. His officer was a very **STRICT** person.
 (a) Pleasant (b) Open hearted
 (c) Lenient (d) Indifferent
50. **SERVITUDE** is not helpful for mental growth.
 (a) Disservice (b) Retirement
 (c) Freedom (d) Termination
51. His attitude to poor people is **DEPLORABLE**.
 (a) Commendable (b) Miserable
 (c) Equitable (d) Desirable
52. The guest made **DEROGATORY** remarks about the food he was served.
 (a) Interesting (b) Complimentary
 (c) Unnecessary (d) Cheerful
53. There is an **OBSCURE** cave on the other side of the hill.
 (a) well-known (b) infamous
 (c) notorious (d) admired

Synonyms and Antonyms

54. Her **IMPETUOUS** behaviour was attributed to her upbringing.
 (a) rash (b) poised
 (c) sluggish (d) aggressive
55. All these measures will **AUGMENT** employment.
 (a) diminish (b) circumscribe
 (c) restrain (d) constrain
56. The two friends were **DISTINCT** in everything; dress manners, hair-style and food-habits.
 (a) opposite (b) different
 (c) uniform (d) similar
57. He has an **AVERSION** to milk.
 (a) Dear (b) Loving
 (c) Liking (d) Pet
58. The **PAUCITY** of good teachers is the chief reason for the present condition of these schools.
 (a) Presence (b) Surplus
 (c) Appointment (d) Retention
59. Don't you think his account of things was **MONOTONOUS**?
 (a) Agreeable (b) Acceptable
 (c) Varied (d) Indecent
60. **SPURIOUS** drugs can prove to be fatal.
 (a) Virtuous (b) Inferior
 (c) Genuine (d) Contemptuous

ANSWERS

Exercise 1

1.	(b)	2.	(d)	3.	(c)	4.	(c)	5.	(b)	6.	(d)	7.	(b)	8.	(b)	9.	(a)	10.	(b)
11.	(d)	12.	(b)	13.	(d)	14.	(a)	15.	(d)	16.	(a)	17.	(d)	18.	(b)	19.	(c)	20.	(c)
21.	(d)	22.	(a)	23.	(d)	24.	(b)	25.	(a)	26.	(d)	27.	(c)	28.	(c)	29.	(d)	30.	(a)
31.	(d)	32.	(d)	33.	(b)	34.	(d)	35.	(a)	36.	(b)	37.	(d)	38.	(d)	39.	(a)	40.	(a)
41.	(d)	42.	(a)	43.	(b)	44.	(a)	45.	(d)	46.	(b)	47.	(a)	48.	(b)	49.	(d)	50.	(a)
51.	(c)	52.	(c)	53.	(d)	54.	(a)	55.	(a)	56.	(b)	57.	(a)	58.	(a)	59.	(c)	60.	(c)

Exercise 2

1.	(c)	2.	(c)	3.	(a)	4.	(c)	5.	(b)	6.	(b)	7.	(d)	8.	(a)	9.	(b)	10.	(d)
11.	(c)	12.	(a)	13.	(a)	14.	(c)	15.	(c)	16.	(a)	17.	(c)	18.	(c)	19.	(a)	20.	(a)
21.	(b)	22.	(d)	23.	(c)	24.	(a)	25.	(b)	26.	(c)	27.	(d)	28.	(a)	29.	(c)	30.	(c)
31.	(b)	32.	(c)	33.	(a)	34.	(a)	35.	(d)	36.	(b)	37.	(a)	38.	(b)	39.	(d)	40.	(a)
41.	(b)	42.	(c)	43.	(a)	44.	(b)	45.	(d)	46.	(c)	47.	(a)	48.	(d)	49.	(b)	50.	(c)
51.	(d)	52.	(c)	53.	(b)	54.	(c)	55.	(a)	56.	(b)	57.	(c)	58.	(b)	59.	(b)	60.	(b)

Exercise 3

1.	(d)	2.	(d)	3.	(b)	4.	(b)	5.	(d)	6.	(b)	7.	(b)	8.	(a)	9.	(b)	10.	(a)
11.	(a)	12.	(c)	13.	(a)	14.	(c)	15.	(d)	16.	(b)	17.	(a)	18.	(d)	19.	(b)	20.	(d)
21.	(c)	22.	(d)	23.	(b)	24.	(b)	25.	(a)	26.	(d)	27.	(d)	28.	(a)	29.	(b)	30.	(c)
31.	(a)	32.	(b)	33.	(d)	34.	(c)	35.	(b)	36.	(c)	37.	(b)	38.	(a)	39.	(d)	40.	(b)
41.	(a)	42.	(b)	43.	(c)	44.	(a)	45.	(a)	46.	(c)	47.	(d)	48.	(a)	49.	(c)	50.	(a)
51.	(a)	52.	(b)	53.	(b)	54.	(d)	55.	(d)	56.	(a)	57.	(b)	58.	(a)	59.	(b)	60.	(c)

Exercise 4

1.	(a)	2.	(d)	3.	(c)	4.	(c)	5.	(b)	6.	(b)	7.	(d)	8.	(a)	9.	(b)	10.	(d)
11.	(c)	12.	(d)	13.	(a)	14.	(b)	15.	(d)	16.	(b)	17.	(a)	18.	(b)	19.	(c)	20.	(c)
21.	(a)	22.	(d)	23.	(b)	24.	(c)	25.	(a)	26.	(d)	27.	(b)	28.	(b)	29.	(a)	30.	(c)
31.	(c)	32.	(b)	33.	(a)	34.	(c)	35.	(b)	36.	(b)	37.	(d)	38.	(a)	39.	(b)	40.	(c)
41.	(c)	42.	(b)	43.	(d)	44.	(b)	45.	(d)	46.	(a)	47.	(d)	48.	(c)	49.	(d)	50.	(a)
51.	(d)	52.	(a)	53.	(a)	54.	(c)	55.	(d)	56.	(c)	57.	(b)	58.	(d)	59.	(c)	60.	(b)

Exercise 5

1.	(d)	2.	(b)	3.	(a)	4.	(a)	5.	(a)	6.	(c)	7.	(d)	8.	(a)	9.	(c)	10.	(c)
11.	(b)	12.	(a)	13.	(d)	14.	(c)	15.	(a)	16.	(c)	17.	(d)	18.	(b)	19.	(b)	20.	(b)
21.	(b)	22.	(a)	23.	(a)	24.	(b)	25.	(a)	26.	(c)	27.	(a)	28.	(c)	29.	(a)	30.	(c)
31.	(a)	32.	(c)	33.	(a)	34.	(c)	35.	(d)	36.	(c)	37.	(a)	38.	(b)	39.	(a)	40.	(c)
41.	(c)	42.	(d)	43.	(b)	44.	(b)	45.	(b)	46.	(c)	47.	(b)	48.	(a)	49.	(c)	50.	(c)
51.	(a)	52.	(b)	53.	(a)	54.	(b)	55.	(a)	56.	(b)	57.	(c)	58.	(b)	59.	(c)	60.	(b)

Previous Year Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-40): In each of the following questions, choose the alternative which is similar in learning to the underlined word in the sentence.

SYNONYMS

- Hospitality is a virtue for which the natives of the east in general are highly admired. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 - Duty of a doctor
 - Generosity shown to guests
 - Cleanliness in hospitals
 - Kindness
- House rent in cities like Mumbai or Delhi has risen to astronomical figures beyond the reach of even high salaried people. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 - exorbitant
 - commercial
 - planetary
 - illogical
- Appropriate technology holds the key to a nation's development. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 - Modern
 - Suitable
 - Effective
 - Growing
- He was enamoured of his own golden voice. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 - very fond of
 - concerned with
 - obsessed with
 - imbued with
- Some journalists are guilty of indulging in yellow journalism. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 - misrepresentation
 - vulgarization
 - sensational reporting
 - loud gestures
- It is unwise to sever diplomatic relations with a neighbouring country over small matters. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 - engage
 - estrangle
 - cut off
 - twist
- Bad tendencies are to be countered by good ones until all that is evil disappears. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 - opposed
 - balanced
 - reduced
 - by passed
- The police fired indiscriminately at the crowd, killing many innocent women and children. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 - continuously
 - without distinguishing
 - foolishly
 - rapidly
- Businessman who lack acumen cannot be expected to be very successful. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 - fairness
 - sharpness
 - boldness
 - righteousness
- His candid opinions have won him many friends. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
 - kind
 - courteous
 - generous
 - frank
- The discussion was wound up after a long and fruitful exchange of view. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - postponed
 - cut short
 - interrupted
 - concluded
- He was fully alive to the need for making adjustments. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - concerned about
 - worried about
 - aware of
 - indifferent about
- The police officer tried to intimidate the witness but in vain. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - inform
 - reward
 - frighten
 - persuade
- We must adopt drastic measures to control population growth. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - simple
 - dramatic
 - realistic
 - severe
- He is extremely meticulous in his approach. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - simple
 - careful
 - fair
 - reasonable
- The experts' minute examination brought to light some important clues. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 - quick
 - detailed
 - superficial
 - prolonged

Synonyms and Antonyms

17. The decision the of Union Government to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act has been welcomed by all. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) suppress (b) amend
 (c) cancel (d) withhold
18. This is his maiden appearance on the screen. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) first (b) last
 (c) girlish (d) shy
19. At the end of the marathon everybody was exhausted. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) weakened (b) honoured
 (c) satisfied (d) tired
20. He gave me a counterfeit coin. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
 (a) rare (b) fake
 (c) unmaturred (d) inferior
21. Suddenly there was a bright flash, followed by a deafening explosion. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) dangerous (b) terrifying
 (c) mild (d) very loud
22. He showed exemplary courage during the crisis. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) usual (b) durable
 (c) commendable (d) some
23. When the new teacher entered the classroom, he found the pupils restive. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) at rest (b) idle
 (c) quiet (d) impatient
24. There is no dearth of talent in this country.
 (a) scarcity (b) availability
 (c) plenty (d) absence
25. The servants retired to their quarters. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) entered (b) went away
 (c) ran away (d) mobilised
26. The navy gave tactical support to the marines. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) sensitive (b) strategic
 (c) immediate (d) expert
27. A genius tends to deviate from the routine way of thinking. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) dispute (b) disagree
 (c) distinguish (d) differ
28. He was greatly debilitated by an attack of influenza. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) depressed (b) weakened
 (c) worried (d) defeated
29. His efforts at helping the poor are laudable. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) welcome (b) sincere
 (c) good (d) praiseworthy
30. His conduct brought him reproach from all quarters. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) rebuke (b) sympathy
 (c) indifference (d) remorse
31. I do not want you to lead a life of sycophancy as you did during the foreign rule. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) admiration (b) love
 (c) appreciation (d) flattery
32. In India, it has become easy to attack cultural artefacts these days. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) beckon (b) assault
 (c) belch (d) appreciate
33. A local court granted bail to the criminal on Thursday. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) confessed (b) donated
 (c) allowed (d) yielded
34. The judge told that he would analyze the evidence and then deliver the verdict. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) liberate (b) vaguely
 (c) individually (d) steadily
35. The growth and development of the peasant movement was indissolubly linked with the national struggle for freedom. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) firmly (b) vaguely
 (c) individually (d) steadily
36. Weather conditions have been improving over the past few days. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) mending (b) amending
 (c) becoming better (d) advancing
37. The confusion on the interlocutor's fare was gratifying. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) government officer (b) party worker
 (c) dialogist (d) revolutionary
38. He spends his money lavishly. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) hesitatingly (b) generously
 (c) foolishly (d) carefully
39. The government's new policies will come into force from the next fiscal year. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) calendar (b) academic
 (c) financial (d) leap
40. Abundant food was available for the soldiers in the mess. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
 (a) little (b) plentiful
 (c) delicious (d) wholesome
41. The Industrial Revolution saw a massive rise in the population of Europe. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) enormous (b) erroneous
 (c) hazardous (d) perilous
42. I had some deepest convictions reflected in my work. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) ideas and opinions (b) firm beliefs
 (c) prejudices (d) biases
43. This boy is very timid. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) courageous (b) shy
 (c) clever (d) dull
44. My friend is as stubborn as a mule. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) observant (b) obnoxious
 (c) obstinate (d) corpulent

45. His behaviour was deliberately provocative.
[NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
(a) exciting desire (b) infuriating
(c) pitiable (d) creating frustration
46. Some people complain when they encounter a small misfortune in the course of their thoroughly happy life.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) run into (b) run away
(c) run down (d) run with
47. This world is full of miseries. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) indifferent love
(b) perfect happiness
(c) great suffering
(d) moderate sympathies
48. A glance at a beautiful object gives us delight.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) wisdom (b) happiness
(c) purity (d) peace
49. Suddenly, the sky was darkened by a gigantic bird.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) winged (b) small
(c) tiny (d) enormous
50. To abolish poverty would be to destroy the soil upon which mankind produces the virtues conducive to higher civilization.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) detest (b) eradicate
(c) nurture (d) assimilate
51. It is terrible for people to die of starvation.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) starch (b) staple
(c) plenty (d) hunger
52. The university has constituted a grievance redressal committee to look into the matter.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) depression (b) complaint
(c) abrasion (d) gratefulness
53. Rakesh delivered a slanderous speech.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) abusive (b) praiseworthy
(c) moderate (d) inspiring
54. The Arabs who are not in the cities live in the desert throughout the year, shifting from one oasis to another.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) sandbank (b) mound
(c) dune (d) spring
55. The various facets of life can be found reflected in a large city.
[NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
(a) several (b) similar
(c) valuable (d) singular
56. He is always anxious. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) worried (b) dispassionate
(c) sluggish (d) torpid
57. The poems of Kabir are ecstatic in nature.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) efficacious (b) eerie
(c) rapturous (d) reverential
58. Ravi loves seclusion. Therefore, he lives in the mountains.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) nature (b) scripture
(c) seafaring (d) solitariness
59. Hitler was a despot. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) conservative (b) dictator
(c) passionate (d) monstrous
60. The imagery used in the poem is vivid.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) lively (b) inert
(c) ebullient (d) caustic
61. A human being is always vulnerable to other human beings.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) resilient (b) elastic
(c) defenceless (d) crude
62. His language is political and vitriolic.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) imaginative (b) sprightly
(c) vivacious (d) abusive
63. The Managing Director of the company declared that he is broke and there is a need to seek support from the government.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) bankrupt (b) rich
(c) making profit (d) having liabilities
64. He loves doing nasty things. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) nice (b) fastidious
(c) foul (d) finicky
65. He could not muster courage to speak the truth before his friend.
[NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
(a) injure (b) spoil
(c) gather (d) maim
66. She got the divorce within no time.
[NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) detachment (b) breaking down
(c) annulment (d) punishment
67. He was known for his gentle disposition.
[NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) harmful (b) amiable
(c) cunning (d) adjusting
68. The harder we kick, the better the ball bounces back.
[NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) recoils (b) deflates
(c) inflates (d) ascends
69. I plan and execute. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) desire (b) debate
(c) accomplish (d) discard
70. He listened to me with equanimity.
[NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) carelessly (b) excitedly
(c) patiently (d) half-heartedly
71. The whole thing was a fruitless exercise.
[NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
(a) costly (b) pointless
(c) indecisive (d) successful

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72. He was too cunning for her. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
 (a) capable (b) fit
 (c) intelligent (d) dodgy
73. This decision is crucial for me. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
 (a) momentous (b) natural
 (c) primitive (d) inept
74. The media went into a frenzy about the case. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
 (a) silent (b) creative
 (c) berserk (d) wrong
75. He has been yearning to go home. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-A]
 (a) declining (b) demanding
 (c) begging (d) hankering
76. Her smile was contagious. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) arrogant (b) disrespectful
 (c) sarcastic (d) catching
77. Her dynamic nature impressed everyone. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) enduring (b) attentive
 (c) evolutionary (d) jealous
78. She was lamenting her destiny. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) celebrating (b) bemoaning
 (c) blaming (d) making
79. Under his leadership the company grew in an organic manner. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) natural (b) speedy
 (c) unusual (d) disciplined
80. His charm lies in his oratory. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) deceit (b) eloquence
 (c) looks (d) nobility
81. She is a patron of art and culture. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) entrepreneur (b) admirer
 (c) critique (d) backer
82. Arrogance is a hallmark of his nature. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) concern (b) unpretentiousness
 (c) conceit (d) simplicity
83. She undertook a reconnaissance of the entire issue. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) revaluation (b) ratification
 (c) investigation (d) regularisation
84. My daughter is my replica. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) pride (b) clone
 (c) love (d) original
85. The sardonic nature of her stories made her stand out among the contemporary writers. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) compassionate (b) insightful
 (c) mocking (d) comic
86. He is essentially a lowbrow person. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) coarse (b) proud
 (c) passionate (d) pathetic
87. His nostalgia is deep. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) excitement (b) longing
 (c) happiness (d) ability
88. His truancy is detrimental. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) loyalty (b) integrity
 (c) honesty (d) absenteeism
89. He is a maleficent person. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) generous (b) cunning
 (c) criminal (d) friendly
90. His solemnity is celebrated. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) greed (b) desire
 (c) trust (d) dignity
91. His bounty is limitless. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) benevolence (b) gallantry
 (c) nepotism (d) chivalry
92. The Holocaust was experienced by millions. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) celebration (b) destruction
 (c) construction (d) beautiful
93. His aversion is known to all. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) hospitality (b) hostility
 (c) humility (d) humbleness
94. To be able to decipher something is wonderful. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) decode (b) encode
 (c) simulate (d) animate
95. It is the opportune time to think about investment in the real estate sector. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) honorary (b) appropriate
 (c) difficult (d) unsuitable
96. After a good meal, it is important to pay a compliment to the chef. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) tip (b) praise
 (c) admonish (d) revile
97. His work is laudable. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) praiseworthy (b) laughable
 (c) bold (d) loud
98. Raj is a competent carpenter. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) capable (b) exceptional
 (c) inadequate (d) clumsy
99. He is diligent in submitting assignments. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) dilly-dallying (b) procrastinating
 (c) intelligent (d) conscientious
100. He appears to be reticent. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) expansive (b) jolly
 (c) silent (d) withdrawn
101. He is always joyful. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) cheerful (b) callous
 (c) garrulous (d) credulous
102. Mohan remains morose these days. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) introspective (b) generous
 (c) chirpy (d) sullen

103. He was a reluctant learner. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) enthusiastic (b) eager
 (c) unwilling (d) fearful
104. Amit is optimistic about the prospects of his investments. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) pessimistic (b) uncaring
 (c) carefree (d) sanguine
105. Sachin is very cooperative by nature. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) complaisant (b) covert
 (c) complacent (d) conniving
106. Ravi told his friend that he had no intention to malign him. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) benign (b) slander
 (c) praise (d) greet
107. Sheela appeared to be vexed. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) clear (b) calm
 (c) displeased (d) uncomplicated
108. Do not hold any preconception about people. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) notion (b) experiment
 (c) great idea (d) conceit
109. All mortal elements are impermanent. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) temporal (b) immortal
 (c) never-ending (d) divinely
110. The itinerary of the group's visit to the hills was given to everyone. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) invitation (b) information
 (c) schedule (d) names
111. The effort was to harness the power of nature. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) abuse (b) benefit
 (c) apply (d) control
112. The fickle nature of humans is at times the cause of great innovations. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) vacillating (b) consistent
 (c) strong (d) wily
113. The flood situation during the monsoon this year was calamitous. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) abundance (b) catastrophic
 (c) encouraging (d) welcome
114. He was appointed as the honorary member of the team. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) paid (b) invited
 (c) accepted (d) unpaid
115. The church decided to excommunicate him for his actions. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) admit (b) reward
 (c) expel (d) promote

ANTONYMS

Directions: In each of the following questions, choose the alternative which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

116. He handled the machine with deft fingers. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) delicate (b) sturdy
 (c) quick (d) clumsy
117. I was deeply affected by his urbane behaviour [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) rural (b) rude
 (c) irrational (d) indifferent
118. His timidity proved costly. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) arrogance (b) boldness
 (c) skilfulness (d) cunning
119. Arrangements were made to handle the mammoth gathering tactfully. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) significant (b) small
 (c) unruly (d) noisy
120. He was engrossed in his work when I walked in. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (b) inattentive (a) occupied
 (c) engaged (d) absent
121. The culprit was sentenced by the Court. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) acquitted (b) punished
 (c) relieved (d) pardoned
122. Thrifty as he is, he can well afford to live within his means. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) careless (b) instinctive
 (c) sentimental (d) extravagant
123. Do not give him a responsible job, he is immature. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) thoughtful (b) cautious
 (c) calculating (d) seasoned
124. These are the main points of the preceding paragraph. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) following (b) previous
 (c) first (d) last
125. He made a shrewd guess. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) clever (b) wild
 (c) incorrect (d) discriminating
126. He is suffering from a severe cough. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
 (a) violent (b) mild
 (c) bad (d) continuous
127. Cumulatively, the effect of these drugs is quite bad. [NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
 (a) individually (b) Obviously
 (c) Clearly (d) unnoticeable
128. He was conspicuous because of his colourful shirt. [NDA-I 2016, Set-A]

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- (a) charming (b) ugly
(c) small (d) unnoticeable
129. He hates these continual arguments with his friend.
[NDA-I 2016, Set-A]
(a) repeated (b) irrational
(c) occasional (d) regular
130. I was prepared to show my hand provided he agreed to do the same.
[NDA-II 2016, Set-A]
(a) to yield (b) to shake hands
(c) to conceal my plan (d) to lose my ground
131. Akbar the great was a sagacious ruler.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) haughty (b) cunning
(c) rude (d) unwise
132. My mother has for the last two run down.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) morbid (b) energetic
(c) exhausted (d) emotional
133. The President condemned the act of violence during the celebration of the festival. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) reason (b) instigation
(c) restraint (d) sobriety
134. The students made a generous contribution to the flood relief fund [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
(a) niggardly (b) selfish
(c) spendthrift (d) indecent
135. He was just idle by temperament.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) employed (b) occupied
(c) industrious (d) happy
136. Most of the decisions taken by the officer were unjust.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) serious (b) lenient
(c) correct (d) imbecile
137. He is a loving father and takes great delight in his children.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) revolt (b) dissatisfaction
(c) enjoyment (d) disgust
138. He was quite concerned about his son's career.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) unrelated (b) indifferent
(c) dispassionate (d) carefree
139. They are confident of success. [NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) imprudent (b) impatient
(c) diffident (d) reluctant
140. We carried on the search for the missing person.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) delayed (b) reconsidered
(c) broke up (d) called off
141. This T.V. has many indigenous components.
[NDA-II 2017, Set-A]
(a) Indian (b) foreign
(c) unnatural (d) disaster
142. My first lecture in the classroom was a fiasco.
[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
(a) success (b) joy
(c) fun (d) disaster
143. It was indeed arduous to cross streets in New York.
[NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
(a) pleasant (b) effortless
(c) interesting (d) risky
144. Unlike his brother, he is affable. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
(a) reserved (b) gullible
(c) irritable (d) lovable
145. The birth of his child decidedly proved to be an auspicious event in his life. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
(a) precious (b) ominous
(c) useless (d) unforgettable
146. The witness corroborated word for word the statement of the victim. [NDA-I 2017, Set-A]
(a) accepted (b) confirmed
(c) denied (d) repeated
147. The country's economy must be geared to wartime requirements. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) subordinated to (b) related to
(c) adjusted to (d) unlinked to
148. Why does fire attract insects? [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) discharge (b) destroy
(c) repel (d) remove
149. The party was excellent, and I would like to thank all the people concerned. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) cared (b) attentive
(c) dependable (d) uninvolved
150. He is very serious by temperament.
[NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) grave (b) trivial
(c) sober (d) stupid
151. There are a few miscellaneous items to discuss in this meeting. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) pure (b) mixed
(c) homogeneous (d) discordant
152. Due to the postal strike, the outgoing mail got delayed. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) urgent (b) incoming
(c) ordinary (d) speedy
153. He had a fine ear for music. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) small (b) close
(c) coarse (d) smooth
154. There is no likeness between him and his brother.
[NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) unlikeliness (b) unlikelihood
(c) dissimilarity (d) disaffinity
155. Cultural diversity in the working place is good for business. [NDA-I 2018, Set-A]
(a) uniformity (b) conformity
(c) identity (d) similarly
156. The company was liquidated within five years.
(a) bankrupt (b) closed down
(c) flourishing (d) privatised

157. Too many cooks spoil the broth. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) tarnish (b) wreck
 (c) embellish (d) upset
158. He is biased against the students from cities. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) open (b) prejudiced
 (c) liked (d) impartial
159. It is easy to be an orthodox. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) idolatrous (b) intelligent
 (c) malignant (d) heterodox
160. Permit me to present you with a book. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) allow (b) enclose
 (c) prohibit (d) persuade
161. None but the brave deserves the fair. [NDA-II 2018, Set-A]
 (a) ugly person (b) coward
 (c) jealous person (d) weak person
162. Ramesh is a very dubious character. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) shady (b) suspicious
 (c) trustworthy (d) doubtful
163. Do not indulge in unmindful activities, please. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) vigilant (b) careless
 (c) stupid (d) fatuous
164. He is suffering from a curable disease. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) remediable (b) treatable
 (c) terminal (d) operable
165. He was born on a very auspicious day. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) propitious (b) fortunate
 (c) ominous (d) opportune
166. He has deeper hostility towards Mohan. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) animosity (b) belligerence
 (c) malice (d) friendship
167. His life is rather monotonous. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) exciting (b) dreary
 (c) tedious (d) uneventful
168. Macbeth is a morally repulsive character. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) abominable (b) attractive
 (c) obnoxious (d) ugly
169. The serene beauty of Kashmir had a soothing effect on his mind. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) placid (b) pleasing
 (c) tranquil (d) turbulent
170. Life is transient in nature. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) brief (b) momentary
 (c) eternal (d) short-lived
171. Sohan is a vain person. [NDA-I 2019, Set-A]
 (a) modest (b) arrogant
 (c) conceited (d) proud
172. His conversations are always absurd. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) farcical (b) foolish
 (c) preposterous (d) rational
173. The politician was a dissident. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) agitator (b) rebel
 (c) conformist (d) revolutionary
174. He wrote an incisive article on corruption in politics. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) vague (b) penetrating
 (c) trenchant (d) precise
175. Rakesh is an eccentric prodigal. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) extravagant (b) profligate
 (c) wasteful (d) thrifty
176. Friendship is always reciprocal. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) mutual (b) one-sided
 (c) shared (d) corresponding
177. The debate was highly stimulating. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) arousing (b) invigorating
 (c) boring (d) stirring
178. Malaria is a widespread disease. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) endemic (b) pervasive
 (c) common (d) rare
179. The bill received a vehement resistance from the opposition party in the Parliament. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) animated (b) apathetic
 (c) fervent (d) vigorous
180. He has been obstinate since his childhood. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) stubborn (b) dogged
 (c) amenable (d) rigid
181. Mahatma Gandhi was one of the most prominent leaders of his times. [NDA-II 2019, Set-A]
 (a) renowned (b) distinguishable
 (c) eminent (d) unknown
182. He nodded absently throughout the meeting. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) capably (b) alertly
 (c) agitatedly (d) dreamily
183. I fully believe that the cornerstone of good policy is an electorate that is educated on the national issues. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) cerebral (b) enlightened
 (c) ignorant (d) erudite
184. For important medical decisions, even finding a doctor you trust is not enough. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) significant (b) trivial
 (c) Basic (d) probable
185. Planets move in their orbits. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) push (b) rotate
 (c) stall (d) flow

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186. Temperature is a measure of internal energy of an object and is frequently expressed by physicists in units of Kelvin. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) found (b) told
 (c) distributed (d) concealed
187. People argue about why Venus is so much warmer than the Earth. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) friendlier (b) colder
 (c) wilder (d) heavier
188. Scientists are concerned whether the oceans and land biosphere will take up as much carbon in the future as they presently do. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) worried (b) indifferent
 (c) curious (d) puzzled
189. The biggest debate among scientists today is about cloud feedback. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) contend (b) moot
 (c) wrangle (d) agreement
190. The Earth's climate sensitivity conventionally defined as the equilibrium temperature increase caused by a doubling of carbon dioxide. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) imperviousness (b) willingness
 (c) responsiveness (d) closeness
191. The oceans carry a huge amount of heat from the tropics to the high latitudes. [NDA-I, II 2020, Set-B]
 (a) significant (b) major
 (c) tiny (d) dormant
192. He found her extremely attractive and charming. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) unnatural (b) modern
 (c) repulsive (d) disapproving
193. The sky is boundless. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) high (b) vast
 (c) unnatural (d) modern
194. The sky is clear today. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) bright (b) opaque
 (c) cloudless (d) blue
195. I have a fascination for deep waters. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) dark (b) light
 (c) dangerous (d) shallow
196. My boss has been too generous. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) stingy (b) rough
 (c) evil (d) hostile
197. Spring is a time of plenty. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) ugliness (b) scarcity
 (c) roughness (d) dryness
198. He is an industrious workman. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) active (b) productive
 (c) lazy (d) disloyal
199. Plants grow in abundance here. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) shrivel (b) stretch
 (c) spread (d) enlarge
200. She rarely comes here. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) seldom (b) never
 (c) always (d) frequently
201. She is a rather crooked woman. [NDA-I 2021, Set-A]
 (a) polite (b) generous
 (c) straightforward (d) happy
202. His opinion is lopsided. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) partial (b) crooked
 (c) unequal (d) balanced
203. His work is praiseworthy. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) admirable (b) condemnable
 (c) commendable (d) creditable
204. His deeds had retrograde results. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) progressive (b) condemnable
 (c) commendable (d) creditable
205. He always offers palatable solutions. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) acceptable (b) agreeable
 (c) unacceptable (d) pleasant
206. His views on the subject are microscopic. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) broad-based (b) minute
 (c) precise (d) fine
207. He is always obdurate in his behaviour towards other people. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) flexible (b) callous
 (c) insensible (d) obnoxious
208. Mohan always had profound respect for [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) deep (b) extreme
 (c) sincere (d) superficial
209. We were living in turbulent times. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) destructive (b) unstable
 (c) calm (d) stormy
210. Amit is a dogmatic person. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) assertive (b) amenable
 (c) bold (d) rigid
211. Sachin is very fickle in his behaviour. [NDA-II 2021, Set-A]
 (a) stable (b) capricious
 (c) mercurial (d) vacillating
212. He is essentially a crude person. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) coarse (b) refined
 (c) eager (d) balanced
213. His confidence is high. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) diffidence (b) eagerness
 (c) steadfastness (d) endurance
214. His integrity is noticed. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) skilfulness (b) ability
 (c) dependability (d) dishonesty

215. She is a benevolent individual. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) clever (b) muddled
 (c) malevolent (d) ambivalent
216. His sartorial manner is judged. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) unstylish (b) uncompromising
 (c) common (d) crude
217. This piece of art is authentic. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) genuine (b) expensive
 (c) rare (d) fake
218. The deluge affected the population.
 [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) cloudburst (b) drought
 (c) deforestation (d) drizzle
219. His dedication is known to all. [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) clarity (b) hostility
 (c) apathy (d) anger
220. His perspicacity was remarkable.
 [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) smartness (b) dullness
 (c) dedication (d) deviousness
221. He has a penchant for spicy food.
 [NDA-I 2022, Set-A]
 (a) tendency (b) affinity
 (c) fear (d) dislike
222. Human craving for comfort leads to anxiety.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) like (b) dislike
 (c) discomfort (d) complacency
223. His writings on the subject are obscure.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) murky (b) vague
 (c) obvious (d) uncertain
224. The achievements of the team have been monumental in the last ten years. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) enormous (b) memorable
 (c) striking (d) Unimpressive
225. His frail appearance was considered a merit.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) weak (b) delicate
 (c) sturdy (d) big
226. The novel depicts the hapless status of certain sections of society. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) wretched (b) miserable
 (c) rural (d) fortunate
227. Her ideas have always been eccentric.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) special (b) strange
 (c) normal (d) local
228. The land appears to be parched. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) dry (b) desiccated
 (c) wet (d) scorched
229. The newly made road was smooth.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) rutted (b) dangerous
 (c) winding (d) silken
230. Plenitude is one major cause environmental degradation. [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) abundance (b) insufficiency
 (c) ample (d) plethora
231. The scholar quoted irrefutable evidence for her thesis.
 [NDA-II 2022, Set-A]
 (a) overwhelming (b) undeniable
 (c) certain (d) questionable

