

VOCABULARY: ANTONYMS

Choose the lettered word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the sentence.

1. His profound interest in the topic was reflected in his preparation before the debate.
A. artificial B. natural C. superficial D. deep
2. Though his rules were rigid, his colleagues respected and loved him.
A. harsh B. adamant C. controlled D. flexible
3. When the news was released, the whole community was in a jubilant mood.
A. jovial B. depressed C. desperate D. passive
4. The miniature copy of the portrait was presented to the Arts Society.
A. minute B. tremendous C. large D. temporary
5. The prefect of the class took a neutral stance in the argument between the two boys.
A. disinterested B. opposed C. unbiased D. partial

VOCABULARY: SYNONYMS

In each of the following sentences select the option which is nearest in meaning to the underlined word.

1. The maximum penalty was imposed on the accused since his confession did not mitigate his guilt.
A. admit B. prove C. lessen D. exonerate
2. The enormous blaze was extinguished within half an hour of the crew's arrival.
A. heightened B. intensified C. showered D. put out
3. The honesty of the entire group of workers caused the supervisor to show his generosity.
A. vigilance B. attitude C. truthfulness D. shrewdness

4. The irate student was rebuked by the teacher for his behaviour at the games.
A. unhappy B. unwilling C. insubordinate D. angry
5. The young man attained great fame in his assiduous quest for knowledge.
A. diligent B. anxious C. stubborn D. careless
6. The Prime Minister called upon the speaker to prorogue parliament until further notice.
A. convene B. request C. postpone D. dissolve
7. The insensitive youth looked at the old man's agony with apathy.
A. emotion B. fury C. calm D. indifference

LANGUAGE STRUCTURE: SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION

Construct the following sentences using the beginning words.

1. The moment the fireman reached the top of the building the steps at the front collapsed.
Begin: No sooner than
2. The view from the hilltop was so beautiful that I admired it until darkness overpowered landscape.
Begin: It was
at that
3. The journey to the caves was long but the fun and excitement made it appear short.
Begin: Although
4. Val completed his project for the examination and then went on a trip to the beach.
Begin: After
5. The roof in the wooden house began to leak heavily when it began to rain.
Begin: No sooner than
6. It was a sunny morning but the children remained indoors viewing television.
Begin: Even though
7. The mother kissed her children, said goodbye and then boarded the aircraft.
Begin: After
8. Before we left the camp we covered the fire with a pile of dirt.
Begin: Leaving
9. The artist was painting a picture and I looked on with great admiration.
Begin: While
10. He dived into the water and caught the drowning man.
Begin: Diving as

USAGE

Some of the following sentences are unacceptable because of inappropriate grammar, idiom or vocabulary. Some sentences are acceptable as they stand. No sentence contains more than one inappropriate element.

Select the one underlined part that you feel is inappropriate and choose the corresponding letter. If the sentence is acceptable as it stands choose NE.

1. The president, as well as his senators, were present at the conference which was held to establish trade relations with neighbouring countries.
A B
C D. NE
2. His knowledge of world history, economics and regional geography are important to his political career.
A B C
D. NE
3. The strikers didn't have nothing to do with the recent damage done to the machine in the supervisor's office.
A B
C D. NE
4. Their parents resent them playing football matches after six in the evening.
A B C D. N
5. The officer thought that he should not of gone to the scene of the murder.
A B C D. N
6. Between you and I the deplorable condition of the roads in the country is the cause of many fatal accidents.
A B C D. N
7. The decision taken at a meeting of the Prime Minister and his cabinet was most unanimous.
A B C D. N
8. The teacher accused the students and I for the damage done to the furniture in the classroom.
A B C D. N
9. Have you spoke to your principal on the formation of the youth club?
A B C D. N
10. The knowledge of the ebb and flow of tides are essential to fishermen.
A B C D. N

LANGUAGE IN USE - REDUNDANCY

Eliminate the redundant words or expressions from the following sentences:

1. The boy's complexion is brown in colour.
2. The scientist is a genius of great talent who makes a valuable contribution to science progress.
3. The spectators at the cricket match were few in number.

4. The girl wears clothes that are too large in size.
5. Young people today make decisions without assistance from anybody else.
6. The basic fundamentals of any subject must be thoroughly understood by students.
7. The roof of the house was triangular in shape.
8. The consensus of opinion favours a new form of Government.
9. When the clerk referred back to her notes she found the information required by the manager.

MECHANICS: The Colon

This is used:

1. To introduce a list of items.
Example: The bag was packed with miscellaneous articles: perfume, powder, toothpaste, vanity cases, cosmetics and cologne.
2. After a verb introducing direct speech.
Example: The boy remarked: "It is time to stop the argument."
3. To divide two main clauses which show sharp contrast.
Example: The boy sang: the girl danced.
4. In a memo of formal communication.
Example: From: To:

Insert Colons in the following sentences:

1. In the market you will buy these vegetables bananas, lettuce, cucumber, bodi, melongene and pumpkin.
2. Students must learn the basic comprehension skills understanding the intention of the writer, the use of literary devices, and the ability to discern inferences and implied meanings in the selection.
3. One thing made him angry the file had been taken out from his drawer and misplaced.
4. I knew that the stranger was an escaped convict he looked at me suspiciously.
5. The chairman's speech began as follows ladies and gentlemen, we are happy to welcome you to share in this memorable occasion.
6. What really happened to the dog was 'this' it ran across the road when the car was in full speed.
7. The applicant was required to have passes in the following subjects: Mathematics, English Geography and Social Studies.
8. The card was addressed To: John From: Lisa.
9. Many people believe in the golden rule; "Speech is silver, Silence is gold."
10. The precept "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is one that all should observe.
11. This is how you start your car you make sure the gears are in neutral and the handbrake is on, then turn the ignition key.