

• **Word Definition 1** Level 10

Directions: Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

1) CATER

- A. to resist authority
- B. to dig a hole
- C. to feast
- D. to try to satisfy
- E. to carry on wheels

2) ACCENTUATE

- A. to make more noticeable
- B. to express approval
- C. to suggest doubt
- D. to elevate in height
- E. to hit with force

3) ILLICIT

- A. invisible
- B. lessened
- C. forbidden
- D. special
- E. unclear

4) COMMOTION

- A. a state of authority
- B. a state of honoring or praising
- C. a state of unconsciousness
- D. a state of disturbance
- E. a state of discussion or debate

5) COVERT

- A. secret
- B. protected
- C. shifted
- D. jealous
- E. altered

6) VIGOROUS

- A. important and necessary
- B. shaking and quivering
- C. alert and watchful
- D. harmful and dangerous
- E. strong and energetic

7) ARISTOCRATIC

- A. halted
- B. noble
- C. lighthearted
- D. spacious
- E. pompous

8) OBSCENE

- A. self-evident and apparent
- B. compulsive and uncontrollable
- C. considered offensive and immoral
- D. extremely old and out of use
- E. not clearly expressed or understood

9) PESSIMISTIC

- A. tending to believe that the worst will happen
- B. tending to only travel in a group of people
- C. tending to dwell on or obsess over the past
- D. tending to be overly trustful or gullible
- E. tending to accept what happens without resistance

10) DRENCH

- A. to clean
- B. to disappoint
- C. to enliven
- D. to weaken
- E. to soak

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

cater (*verb*): to try to satisfy a particular need or demand: *A good assistant will cater to his or her boss's every demand, always attempting to grant any request.*

2) **A**

accentuate (*verb*): to make more noticeable or prominent: *Afraid that the restaurant's sign was not easy to see, the manager decided to accentuate it with neon lights.*

3) **C**

eccentric (*adjective*): odd: *Belle's father was an eccentric old man who devoted most of his time to developing his unusual inventions.*

4) **D**

commotion (*noun*): a state of confused and noisy disturbance: *A commotion broke out in the hallway, and all the students rushed out to see what triggered the disturbance.*

5) **A**

covert (*adjective*): not openly acknowledged or displayed: *Spies excel at covert operations, and a good spy can go an entire lifetime without anyone ever knowing he or she was a secret agent.*

6) **E**

vigorous (*adjective*): strong, healthy, and full of energy: *Like most professional athletes, Muhammad Ali remained vigorous for his entire career and continues to be strong and active in retirement.*

7) **B**

aristocratic (*adjective*): distinguished in manners or bearing: *Throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the aristocratic class in France largely dictated fashions, and most in the world sought to dress like the flamboyant French nobility.*

8) **C**

obscene (*adjective*): considered offensive, disgusting, or indecent by accepted standards of morality and decency: *Henry Miller's Tropic of Cancer was considered too obscene to be published in the United States, but those who were not easily offended would often by copies printed in France.*

9) **A**

pessimistic (*adjective*): tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen: *While no one should be completely optimistic, no one should ever be completely pessimistic either; it is better to be someplace in the middle, anticipating both good and bad outcomes.*

10) **E**

drench (*verb*): to make thoroughly wet or soaked: *The rain fell so heavily that everything outside became completely drenched.*