

• **Word Definition 2** Level 11

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

1) BENEVOLENT

- A. talkative
- B. kindly
- C. private
- D. favorable
- E. powerful

2) DIVERGENT

- A. becoming less advanced
- B. unspoiled or brand new
- C. developing in different directions
- D. splitting in two or more parts
- E. very loving or loyal to a person or cause

3) NONCHALANT

- A. calm or indifferent
- B. difficult or hard
- C. anxious or uncomfortable
- D. beautiful or charming
- E. unintelligent or dimwitted

4) OSTENTATIOUS

- A. excluded
- B. arty
- C. hardened
- D. showy
- E. monastic

5) SUPPRESS

- A. to add an extra element to something
- B. to absorb something in something else
- C. to forcibly put an end to something
- D. to supersede and then replace something
- E. to bury a thought and hide it from oneself

6) TRANSIENT

- A. existing in a place between two larger spaces
- B. involving a violation of socially accepted boundaries
- C. staying or working in a place for only a short time
- D. moving or able to be moved or carried
- E. going beyond the range of known limits

7) WARY

- A. tired or fatigued
- B. cautious or hesitant
- C. gray-haired or aged
- D. icy or frigid
- E. aggressive or combative

8) VENERABLE

- A. possibly corrupt or corruptible
- B. certainly true or provable
- C. slightly broken or inoperable
- D. clearly defined or expressible
- E. greatly respected or respectable

9) EXEMPLARY

- A. serving as a summary for a text
- B. representing the best of its kind
- C. suggesting a point of exit in the theater
- D. free from obligation or liability
- E. having the power to put plans into effect

10) AESTHETIC

- A. concerned with beauty and appearance
- B. characterized by severe self-discipline
- C. committed to scholarly learning
- D. reminiscent of past themes
- E. strong, physically fit, and active

Answers and Explanations

1) **B**

benevolent (*adjective*): well-meaning, kindly, or charitable: *The nightclub manager prided himself on being a benevolent boss, and he was always willing to listen to any employee complaints and help any way that he could.*

2) **C**

divergent (*adjective*): tending to be different or develop in different directions: *The two brothers had the same upbringing but took divergent paths at adolescence, one becoming a cop, the other a criminal.*

3) **A**

nonchalant (*adjective*): feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed, or not displaying interest, enthusiasm, or anxiety: *The student's lack of interest in the class was evidenced by her nonchalant body language and blasé attitude.*

4) **D**

ostentatious (*adjective*): characterized by vulgar or pretentious display: *While many old palaces such as Versailles were elegantly gaudy, imitation palaces built by 21st century moguls are typically just ostentatious and lack any elegance or dignity.*

5) **C**

suppress (*verb*): to forcibly put an end to something: *While Charles I's army was able to suppress rebellions in Scotland and Ireland, it was unable to put down the large army the Parliament formed, which allowed Oliver Cromwell to take over England.*

6) **C**

transient (*adjective*): staying or working in a place for only a short time: *Restaurants are notorious for having high turnover in their workforce, as most restaurant workers are transient employees.*

7) **B**

wary (*adjective*): feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems: *Ever fearful of snakes, Dr. Jones was wary of entering the snake-riddled ancient tomb.*

8) **E**

venerable (*adjective*): accorded or deserving of a great deal of respect because of age, wisdom, or character: *Few people are as venerable as Nobel Peace Prize recipients, for they are among a select few who have truly made the world a better place.*

9) **B**

exemplary (*adjective*): serving as a desirable model or representing the best of its kind: *The valedictorian of a graduating class is typically the student who has done the most exemplary job in the class; usually, he or she has the highest grade point average.*

10) **A**

aesthetic (*adjective*): concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty: *While there is more to art than its aesthetic qualities, it is true that most art historically has shown an artist's appreciation of beauty.*