• Sentence Completion 1  Level 5

Directions: Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. This spinach omelet makes for _______ breakfast; it has the vegetables and protein needed for a healthy diet.
   A. a delicious
   B. a filling
   C. a fortunate
   D. an edible
   E. a nutritious

2. Jerry’s grandfather's house is full of _______ technology such as rotary-dial phones and other devices that are no longer in use.
   A. prehistoric
   B. obsolete
   C. current
   D. broken
   E. advanced

3. My younger brother constantly misbehaves and is always causing ______.
   A. hostility
   B. generosity
   C. violence
   D. courtesy
   E. mischief

4. The teacher only has one copy of the worksheet right now, so she is going to _______ it and give the new copy to her student.
   A. translate
   B. multiply
   C. duplicate
   D. plagiarize
   E. expand

5. Montero was _______ about the upcoming investigation, and he was only made more _______ by the newspaper accounts of it.
   A. upset … easygoing
   B. angry … frightened
   C. relaxed … stressed
   D. anxious … nervous
   E. aggressive … calm

6. Almost no one actually believes that the god Zeus lives on top of Mount Olympus; most people understand that this is just a _______, not a reality.
   A. poem
   B. lyric
   C. myth
   D. sonnet
   E. counterfeit

7. The carpenter ant is _______ critter and is not at all _______.
   A. an immense … gigantic
   B. an industrious … lazy
   C. a stupid … ignorant
   D. an active … energetic
   E. a tireless … hardworking

8. The attorney suggested that the witness's testimony was _______ because the witness was a known liar.
   A. sincere
   B. amazing
   C. insane
   D. unreliable
   E. innocent
Answers and Explanations

1) E
The main clue in this question is the semicolon ( ; ), which links clauses that have similar meanings. This means that there is a logical relationship between a characteristic of the “spinach omelet” and the fact that it has the nutrients needed for a “healthy diet.” The missing word must make this connection. Because nutritious means nourishing or full of vitamins and minerals, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because delicious means very pleasant to taste. The prompt does not state or hint at how the omelet tastes, since it only describes the fact that it has vegetables and proteins.

(B) is incorrect because filling means leaving one feeling full or satisfied. The prompt does not state or hint at whether the omelet will leave one feeling full, since it only describes the fact that it has vegetables and proteins.

(C) is incorrect because fortunate means lucky. This word is not usually used to describe food. Furthermore, it does not relate to the fact that the omelet has “vegetables and protein needed for a healthy diet.”

(D) is incorrect because edible means able to be eaten. This word describes all food in general, so it is not specific enough to work in context. Furthermore, it does not relate to the clue about nutrients or being “healthy.”

2) B
The main clue in this question is the phrase “such as rotary-dial phones and other devices that are no longer in use.” This phrase, like the missing word, describes the type of “technology” found in the grandfather’s house, so the technology in question must have been “no longer in use.” Because obsolete means out of date or no longer used, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because prehistoric means relating to the period before written records existed. This does not work in context because it is too extreme. The prompt implies that Jerry’s grandfather’s house has old technology, but not technology that existed in the time of dinosaurs.

(C) is incorrect because current means belonging to the present time. It would not be logical to say that Jerry’s grandfather’s house was full of current technology and then give examples of technology that is no longer in use.

(D) is incorrect because broken means damaged or no longer in working order. The prompt implies that Jerry’s grandfather owned out-of-date technology, but it does not state that said technology was damaged.

(E) is incorrect because advanced means far ahead in development or progress. This is the opposite of the type of technology Jerry’s grandfather had in his house if the technology he had was “no longer in use.”

3) E
The main clue in this question is the word “and,” which is used to link two parts of a sentence that state similar information. In this sentence, the fact the younger brother “constantly misbehaves” is related to what he “is always causing.” One who misbehaves would be likely to cause misbehavior. Because mischief means playful misbehavior or troublemaking, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because hostility is unfriendliness or animosity. One shows hostility to an enemy, but the prompt does not imply that the younger brother even has any enemies, so this choice is not supported by the prompt.

(B) is incorrect because generosity is willingness to give or help others. There is no clear relationship between misbehaving and being generous, so this choice does not make logical sense.

(C) is incorrect because violence is physical behavior intended to hurt or harm someone else. While misbehaving could involve violence, nothing in the prompt implies that the younger brother was violent, so this choice is not supported by the prompt.

(D) is incorrect because courtesy is politeness and respect toward others. A misbehaving younger brother would not be likely to cause courtesy, so this choice does not work.

4) C
The main clue in this question is the word “so,” which links two ideas that logically progress from one another. This means that there is a logical relationship between the fact that “the teacher only has one copy of the worksheet” and what she will do to that worksheet. The question says that she will give a “new copy” to her student, so the correct choice must imply that she will make a new copy. Duplicate means to double or make a copy of something, so choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because translate means to change something from one language to another. The prompt only refers to the fact that the teacher will make a “new copy” of the worksheet for her student, not that she will change the language of it.

(B) is incorrect because multiply means to increase in number. This does not work because multiplying something is not the same as copying it.
(D) is incorrect because plagiarize means to copy something and present it as one’s own work without giving credit to the original author. This does not work because making a copy is not the same as plagiarizing, since one can copy something and correctly give credit to its originator.

(E) is incorrect because expand means to make something wider or larger. The prompt only refers to the fact that the teacher will make a “new copy” of the worksheet for her student and does not imply that she will make the copy larger or smaller.

5) D
The main clue in this question is the word “and,” which is used to link two parts of a sentence that provide similar information. This means that both parts of this sentence must state the same thing. Additionally, the question states that the carpenter ant “was only made more” whatever he was to begin with, so the correct choice will provide two words with similar meanings. Because industrious means having great energy, while lazy means unwilling to work or use energy, making them opposites of each other, therefore choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. Tireless means having great energy, while hardworking means tending to work with energy and commitment. These words are not opposites of each other.

(B) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of words with similar meanings. Immense means very large, while gigantic also means very large. These words have similar meanings then, not opposite meanings.

(C) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Stupid means not smart, while ignorant means lacking knowledge. These words have very similar meanings, not opposite meanings.

(D) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Active means engaging in physical pursuits, while energetic means full of energy or liveliness. These words are not opposites of each other.

(E) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Reliable means not reliable or trustworthy, choice (D) is correct.

6) C
The main clue in this question is the semicolon (;), which links clauses that have similar meanings. This means that there is a logical relationship between what “almost no one” believes about Zeus and what “most people understand” about his story. Additionally, the question provides an additional clue in the phrase “not a reality,” which expands on what the missing word says. The missing word must refer to something that is not a reality then. A myth is a belief or story from a particular culture that is not factually true, so choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a poem is a type of writing that emphasizes feeling and emotion. A poem has no clear relationship to “reality,” and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a poem.

(B) is incorrect because a lyric is a line from a song or a poetic type of writing. A lyric has no clear relationship to “reality,” and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a poem or lyric.

(D) is incorrect because a sonnet is a type of poem with fourteen lines. A sonnet has no clear relationship to “reality,” and the prompt does not suggest that the story of Zeus is a sonnet.

(E) is incorrect because a counterfeit is a forgery of something. This does not work, because even though a counterfeit is not real, it is presented as though it is real. The prompt implies that the story of Zeus is widely known not to be real, so it would not make sense to suggest it has been passed off as a reality.

7) B
The main clue in this question is the word “and,” which is used to link two parts of a sentence that state similar information. This means that what is before and after the and in this prompt state similar things about the carpenter ant. However, the second missing word is preceded by the modifying phrase “not at all” which means the correct choice will actually provide a pair of words with opposite meanings. Industrious means hardworking and lazy means unwilling to work or use energy, making them opposites of each other. Therefore, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Immense means very large, while gigantic also means very large. These words have similar meanings then, not opposite meanings.

(C) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Stupid means not smart, while ignorant means lacking knowledge. These words have very similar meanings, not opposite meanings.

(D) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Active means engaging in physical pursuits, while energetic means full of energy or liveliness. These words are not opposites of each other.

(E) is incorrect because it does not provide a pair of opposites. Reliable means not reliable or trustworthy, choice (D) is correct.
(A) is incorrect because *sincere* means honest and trustworthy. This is the opposite of a correct answer, since a “known liar” would not be likely to provide sincere testimony.

(B) is incorrect because *amazing* means wonderful or surprising. This does not imply that the witness is unable to give accurate, trustworthy testimony, since there is no relationship between being amazing and being “a known liar.”

(C) is incorrect because *insane* means crazy or not of sound mind. Although this correctly implies that the witness is not giving accurate, trustworthy testimony, it incorrectly implies that the witness is not sane. The prompt does not state that the witness was mentally or psychologically disturbed, since being “a known liar” is not the same as being mentally ill.

(E) is incorrect because *innocent* means free of guilt or blame. Lying on the witness stand is a serious crime, so the attorney would not be likely to call the testimony of “a known liar” innocent.