

• **Antonyms 1** Level 10

Directions: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. UNAPPROACHABLE

- A. casual
- B. impenetrable
- C. unclear
- D. withdrawn
- E. accessible

2. INSERT

- A. adhere
- B. admit
- C. extract
- D. boost
- E. embed

3. EVERYDAY

- A. eerie
- B. unruly
- C. routine
- D. tedious
- E. familiar

4. DEMOLISH

- A. raze
- B. impair
- C. generate
- D. elevate
- E. endorse

5. UNSETTLED

- A. vague
- B. indeterminate
- C. straightforward
- D. accurate
- E. conclusive

6. CEREMONIOUS

- A. momentous
- B. stately
- C. proper
- D. informal
- E. offensive

7. UNKNOWN

- A. celebrated
- B. secret
- C. exotic
- D. successful
- E. irrelevant

8. MINIMUM

- A. valley
- B. median
- C. apex
- D. mean
- E. floor

9. FORTIFY

- A. dispute
- B. alarm
- C. support
- D. sap
- E. intensify

10. BIASED

- A. inclined
- B. disastrous
- C. neutral
- D. unfair
- E. injurious

Answers and Explanations

1) **E**

The word *unapproachable* means unreachable or impossible to get near. A person can be unapproachable if he or she is distant, cold, or standoffish. The opposite of unapproachable is approachable. Because *accessible* means easy to approach, choice **(E)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *casual* means informal. This is not the opposite of *unapproachable*.

(B) is incorrect because *impenetrable* means inaccessible or impossible to enter. This is practically synonymous with *unapproachable*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *unclear* means vague or uneasily understood. This is not the opposite of *unapproachable*.

(D) is incorrect because *withdrawn* means shy. This is not the opposite of *unapproachable*.

2) **C**

The word *insert* means to put or place inside. If one inserts a letter into an envelope, he or she is adding that letter to the envelope. The opposite of insert is to take out or remove. Because *extract* means to take out or remove, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *adhere* means to stay attached. This is not the opposite of *insert*.

(B) is incorrect because *admit* means to allow in. This is nearly synonymous with *insert*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *boost* means to advance or promote. This is not the opposite of *insert*.

(E) is incorrect because *embed* means to fix into a surrounding area or mass. This is not the opposite of *insert*.

3) **A**

The word *everyday* means ordinary or commonplace. An everyday occurrence is something that happens regularly. The opposite of everyday is uncommon or strange. Because *eerie* means weird or unusual, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *unruly* means disobedient. This is not the opposite of *everyday*.

(C) is incorrect because *routine* means commonplace. This is synonymous with *everyday*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *tedious* means boring or tiring. This is not the opposite of *everyday*.

(E) is incorrect because *familiar* means commonly known or seen. This is not the opposite of *everyday*.

4) **C**

The word *demolish* means destroy or ruin. When someone demolishes a building, he or she eliminates it. The opposite of demolish is produce or build. Because *generate* means bring into existence or create, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *raze* means destroy completely or tear down. This is synonymous with *demolish*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *impair* means make something worse or weaken its power. This is not the opposite of *demolish*.

(D) is incorrect because *elevate* means raise to a higher position. This is not the opposite of *demolish*.

(E) is incorrect because *endorse* means approve or support. This is not the opposite of *demolish*.

5) **E**

The word *unsettled* means undetermined or undecided. For example, an unsettled dispute would be one that is ongoing or that cannot be decided. The opposite of unsettled is settled or decided. Because *conclusive* means decisive or convincing, choice **(E)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *vague* means not clearly expressed. This is practically synonymous with *unsettled*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *indeterminate* means indefinite or uncertain. This is synonymous with *unsettled*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *straightforward* means direct. This is not the opposite of *unsettled*.

(D) is incorrect because *accurate* means precise or exact. This is not the opposite of *unsettled*.

6) **D**

The word *ceremonious* means formal or elaborately polite. For example, a ceremonious occasion would be one that strictly follows the rules of polite society. The opposite of ceremonious is not formal. Because *informal* means casual or not formal, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *momentous* means of great significance. This is not the opposite of *ceremonious*.

(B) is incorrect because *stately* means majestic or extremely elegant. This is not the opposite of *ceremonious*.

(C) is incorrect because *proper* means conforming to standard behavior or politeness. This is synonymous with *ceremonious*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *offensive* means insulting. This is not the opposite of *ceremonious*.

7) **A**

The word *unknown* means not famous or not widely known. For example, an unknown singer would be someone who has not yet been discovered by a talent agent or who has not reached a wide audience. The opposite of unknown is famous. Because *celebrated* means famous or well known, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *secret* means hidden or obscure. This is practically synonymous with *unknown*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *exotic* means unusual or strange in appearance or effect. This is not the opposite of *unknown*.

(D) is incorrect because *successful* means having obtained wealth or position. This is not the opposite of *unknown*.

(E) is incorrect because *irrelevant* means not applicable or important to the matter at hand. This is not the opposite of *unknown*.

8) **C**

The word *minimum* means the least amount possible. The minimum is the low point of something. The opposite of minimum is maximum. Because an *apex* is the top point of a mountain or the maximum point of anything, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *valley* is any low point. This is synonymous with *minimum*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because a *median* is the middle point of something. This is not the opposite of *minimum*.

(D) is incorrect because a *mean* is the mathematical average or something that is midway between two extremes. This is not the opposite of *minimum*.

(E) is incorrect because a *floor* is the base or foundation of something. This is not the opposite of *minimum*.

9) **D**

The word *fortify* means strengthen or protect. For example, to fortify a castle's defenses, one might add an outer wall or moat. The opposite of fortify is weaken. Because *sap* means weaken or undermine, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *dispute* means argue. This is not the opposite of *fortify*.

(B) is incorrect because *alarm* means make fearful or cause distress. This is not the opposite of *fortify*.

(C) is incorrect because *support* means aid or help. This is practically synonymous with *fortify*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *intensify* means heighten in power. This is practically synonymous with *fortify*, not the opposite of it.

10) **C**

The word *biased* means prejudiced or having a tendency to favor one thing over another. A biased judge, for example, is someone who cannot make a fair decision based on facts alone because he or she is partial to one side before hearing the facts. The opposite of biased is unbiased or impartial. Because *neutral* means not aligned with any particular side or opinion, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *inclined* means of a mind or having a tendency toward something. This is not the opposite of *biased*.

(B) is incorrect because *disastrous* means causing great harm. This is not the opposite of *biased*.

(D) is incorrect because *unfair* means not fair or unjust. This is not the opposite of *biased*.

(E) is incorrect because *injurious* means harmful. This is not the opposite of *biased*.