

• **Antonyms 1** Level 7

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

1. COUNTERFEIT

- A. unmarked
- B. assumed
- C. fraudulent
- D. genuine
- E. specific

2. ABRUPT

- A. hurried
- B. impulsive
- C. methodical
- D. reluctant
- E. gradual

3. BYSTANDER

- A. participant
- B. detective
- C. colleague
- D. pedestrian
- E. witness

4. INFAMOUS

- A. sincere
- B. glorious
- C. notorious
- D. outrageous
- E. innocent

5. GRIM

- A. meek
- B. grave
- C. lighthearted
- D. hopeful
- E. passionate

6. FRUITLESS

- A. useless
- B. futile
- C. purposeful
- D. mirthful
- E. profitable

7. MURKY

- A. luminous
- B. charitable
- C. smoky
- D. miserable
- E. upright

8. UTMOST

- A. remotest
- B. minimal
- C. supreme
- D. limitless
- E. mediocre

9. COW

- A. condense
- B. chill
- C. comfort
- D. startle
- E. elate

10. LAVISH

- A. unsightly
- B. petite
- C. awful
- D. economical
- E. grand

Answers and Explanations

1) **D**

The word *counterfeit* means forged or not genuine. Counterfeit money is fake currency that is designed to look exactly like real money. The opposite of counterfeit is real or authentic. Because *genuine* means real or authentic, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *unmarked* means not noticeable or not having a visible mark. This is not the opposite of *counterfeit*, since counterfeit is not synonymous with marked.

(B) is incorrect because *assumed* means pretended or fictitious. This is practically synonymous with *counterfeit*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *fraudulent* means marked by deception or fraud. This is practically synonymous with *counterfeit*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *specific* means clearly defined or identified. This is not the opposite of *counterfeit*.

2) **E**

The word *abrupt* means sudden and unexpected. A boxing match might come to an abrupt end if one boxer knocks out the other boxer in the first round. The opposite of abrupt is slow or expected. Because *gradual* means progressing slowly or by degrees, choice **(E)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *hurried* means rushed. This is not the opposite of *abrupt*.

(B) is incorrect because *impulsive* means acting or done without forethought. This is not the opposite of *abrupt*.

(C) is incorrect because *methodical* means done according to a systematic procedure. This is not the opposite of *abrupt*, because methodical is not synonymous with slow.

(D) is incorrect because *reluctant* means hesitant. This is not the opposite of *abrupt*.

3) **A**

The word *bystander* means a person who is at an event but does not take part in it. For instance, someone who witnesses a traffic accident but is not a driver of any of the vehicles involved in the accident is a bystander. The opposite of bystander is someone who takes part in an event or incident. Because a *participant* is a person who takes part in something, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because a *detective* is a person who investigates and solves crimes. This is not the opposite of *bystander*.

(C) is incorrect because a *colleague* is a coworker. This is not the opposite of a *bystander*, since a coworker does not necessarily partake in an event or incident outside of work.

(D) is incorrect because a *pedestrian* is a person walking a road in a developed area. This is not the opposite of *bystander*, since a pedestrian does not necessarily take part in an event or incident, unless the incident involves walking.

(E) is incorrect because a witness is someone who sees an event or incident take place. This is practically synonymous with *bystander*, not the opposite of it.

4) **B**

The word *infamous* means well known for a bad quality or deed. For example, Bonnie and Clyde were infamous for robbing banks. The opposite of infamous is famous for a good deed. Because *glorious* means worthy of admiration and fame, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *sincere* means genuine. This is not the opposite of *infamous*.

(C) is incorrect because *notorious* means famous for a bad quality or deed. This is synonymous with *infamous*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *outrageous* means shockingly bad. This is practically synonymous with *infamous*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *innocent* means not guilty of a crime or offense. This is not the opposite of *infamous*, because one who is innocent is not necessarily well known.

5) **C**

The word *grim* means having a somber, gloomy, or morbid air. Someone at a funeral would likely have a grim expression. The opposite of grim is cheery or joyous. Because *lighthearted* means cheerful and carefree, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *meek* means quiet and submissive. This is not the opposite of *grim*.

(B) is incorrect because *grave* means serious or alarming. This is not the opposite of *grim*.

(D) is incorrect because *hopeful* means feeling optimism about the future. This is not the opposite of *grim*, because *grim* is not synonymous with pessimistic.

(E) is incorrect because *passionate* means having strong feeling or emotion. This is not the opposite of *grim*.

6) E

The word *fruitless* means unproductive or useless. If one fails to achieve a goal, then his or her efforts to achieve the goal are fruitless. The opposite of fruitless is fruitful, useful, or productive. Because *profitable* means beneficial or useful, choice (E) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *useless* means not achieving the desired outcome. This is synonymous with *fruitless*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *futile* means useless or pointless. This is synonymous with *fruitless*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *purposeful* means having a reason to do something. This is not the opposite of *fruitless*, because having a purpose and fulfilling a purpose are not the same thing.

(D) is incorrect because *mirthful* means merry or amusing. This is not the opposite of *fruitless*.

7) A

The word *murky* means dark and not clear. The water of a polluted river would be described as murky, since one cannot see through it. The opposite of murky is bright or clear. Because *luminous* means bright or shining, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *charitable* means generous. This is not the opposite of *murky*.

(C) is incorrect because *smoky* means full of smoke or haze. This is not the opposite of *murky*.

(D) is incorrect because *miserable* means very sad or depressed. This is not the opposite of *murky*.

(E) is incorrect because *upright* means strictly moral or honest. This is not the opposite of *murky*, since murky is not synonymous with immoral.

8) B

The word *utmost* means most extreme or greatest. If one takes the utmost care of something, then he or she is taking the most care possible. The opposite of utmost is least. Because *minimal* means the lowest amount possible, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *remotest* means most isolated. This is not the opposite of *utmost*.

(C) is incorrect because *supreme* means very great or intense. This is practically synonymous with *utmost*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *limitless* means having no extremes or boundaries. This is not the opposite of *utmost*, since being at the extreme is not the opposite of lacking an extreme.

(E) is incorrect because *mediocre* means average or of moderate quality. This is not the opposite of *utmost*, since mediocre is not synonymous with least.

9) C

The word *cow* means to frighten with threats. When one intimidates another, he or she crows the other person. The opposite of cow is to calm or make someone not be frightened. Because *comfort* means to make someone feel at ease, choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *condense* means to make more compact or denser. This is not the opposite of *cow*.

(B) is incorrect because *chill* means to make cold or chilly. This is not the opposite of *cow*.

(D) is incorrect because *startle* means to frighten or shock. This is nearly synonymous with *cow*, not the opposite of it.

(E) is incorrect because *elate* means to make someone very happy. This is not the opposite of *cow*, since frighten is not synonymous with depress or sadden.

10) D

The word *lavish* means luxurious and extravagant. A lavish dinner party would cost a lot of money and serve many fancy, expensive foods. The opposite of lavish is affordable or lacking in luxury. Because *economical* means not extravagant, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *unsightly* means unattractive. This is not the opposite of *lavish*, because lavish is not synonymous with attractive.

(B) is incorrect because *petite* means small. This is not the opposite of *lavish*, because lavish is not synonymous with large.

(C) is incorrect because *awful* means terrible or very bad. This is not the opposite of *lavish*, because lavish is not synonymous with very good.

(E) is incorrect because *grand* means magnificent in appearance or luxury. This is practically synonymous with *lavish*, not the opposite of it.