

• **Antonyms 2** Level 3

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

1. BRIEF

- A. long
- B. stable
- C. strong
- D. short

2. BLINDNESS

- A. handicap
- B. vision
- C. scent
- D. alertness

3. UNLIKE

- A. different
- B. reverse
- C. similar
- D. separate

4. FAN

- A. performer
- B. friend
- C. follower
- D. critic

5. AMBITIOUS

- A. hopeful
- B. lazy
- C. aimless
- D. spirited

6. ORIGIN

- A. reason
- B. detour
- C. understanding
- D. destination

7. CERTAIN

- A. convinced
- B. unsure
- C. calm
- D. false

8. DARK

- A. shady
- B. dim
- C. brilliant
- D. colorful

9. METHODICAL

- A. random
- B. orderly
- C. organized
- D. crazy

10. OPPONENT

- A. observer
- B. enemy
- C. ally
- D. rival

Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

The word *brief* means lasting for a short time. A quick dip in the pool would be a brief swim. The opposite of brief is lasting a great amount of time. Because *long* means lasting a great amount of time, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *stable* means not likely to change. This is not the opposite of *brief*, because brief is not the same as changing or unstable.

(C) is incorrect because *strong* means having great power or force. This is not the opposite of *brief*, because brief is not the same as weak.

(D) is incorrect because *short* means lasting a small amount of time. This is the same as *brief*, not the opposite of it.

2) **B**

The word *blindness* means the inability to see. One who does not have sight is experiencing blindness. The opposite of blindness is the ability to see. Because *vision* is the ability to see, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *handicap* is a condition that restricts a person's ability to function. *Blindness* is a type of handicap, so handicap is not the opposite of blindness.

(C) is incorrect because *scent* is the ability to smell. This is not the opposite of *blindness*, because being able to smell is not the opposite of being unable to see.

(D) is incorrect because *alertness* is the quality of being awake or quick to notice something. This is not the opposite of *blindness*, because one could be both blind and alert at the same time.

3) **C**

The word *unlike* means different from or not similar to. For example, two dogs that look nothing like each other are unlike each other. The opposite of unlike is alike. Because *similar* means alike or resembling without being identical, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *different* means not the same as each other. This is the same as *unlike*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *reverse* means going in the opposite direction or backwards. This is not the opposite of *unlike*.

(D) is incorrect because *separate* means distinct or apart. This is not the opposite of *unlike*, because unlike does not mean together or united.

4) **D**

The word *fan* means a person who admires or likes something. For example, a baseball fan is someone who enjoys watching baseball games. The opposite of a fan is a person who dislikes or expresses disapproval for something or someone. Because a *critic* is a person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something or someone, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *performer* is someone who entertains an audience. This is not the opposite of *fan*, since a performer can also be a fan. For example, an actor might also be a fan of a more famous actor.

(B) is incorrect because a *friend* is a person who supports another person or cause. This is almost the same as *fan*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because a *follower* is a person who is devoted to particular cause, activity, or person. This is almost the same as *fan*, not the opposite of it.

5) **B**

The word *ambitious* means having a strong desire to succeed. A hardworking person who wants to move ahead in life is ambitious. The opposite of ambitious is unwilling to work or lacking a desire to succeed. Because *lazy* means unwilling to work or lacking in motivation, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *hopeful* means feeling optimism about the future. This is not the opposite of *ambitious*.

(C) is incorrect because *aimless* means without purpose. This is not the opposite of *ambitious*, because ambitious is not the same as purposeful.

(D) is incorrect because *spirited* means full of life. This is not the opposite of *ambitious*.

6) **D**

The word *origin* means the source of something. For instance, the origin of a word is the language in which it is first used. The opposite of origin is the end of something's existence or travels. Because a *destination* is an end goal or final stop, choice **(D)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a *reason* is a cause or explanation for an action. This is not the opposite of *origin*.

(B) is incorrect because a *detour* is a long or roundabout route. This is not the opposite of *origin*.

(C) is incorrect because an *understanding* is the mental comprehension of something. This is not the opposite of origin.

7) **B**

The word *certain* means known for sure. If one is certain about something, then he or she has no doubts about it. The opposite of certain is uncertain or full of doubt. Because *unsure* means not certain or known for sure, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *convinced* means made to believe in the truth of something. This is almost the same as *certain*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *calm* means not nervous or angry. This is not the opposite of *certain*.

(D) is incorrect because *false* means not true. This is not the opposite of *certain*, since being untrue is not the same as knowing for sure.

8) **C**

The word *dark* means with little or no light. When it is night, it is dark outside. The opposite of dark is well lit. Because *brilliant* means very bright, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *shady* means poorly lit or in the shade. This is almost the same as *dark*, not the opposite of it.

(B) is incorrect because *dim* means not shining brightly or clearly. This is almost the same as *dark*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *colorful* means having many and varied colors. This is not the opposite of *dark*, because colorful is not the same as well lit.

9) **A**

The word *methodical* means done by a systematic or established procedure. When someone follows a step-by-step procedure, he or she is being methodical. The opposite of methodical is done without a method or organization. Because *random* means done without a method, choice **(A)** is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *orderly* means neatly arranged. This is almost the same as *methodical*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *organized* means structured. This is almost the same as *methodical*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because *crazy* means insane or not mentally sound. This is not the opposite of *methodical*, because methodical is not the same as sane.

10) **C**

The word *opponent* means someone who competes against someone else in a contest or game. The team that plays against your team in a sport is your opponent. The opposite of an opponent is someone who competes alongside someone else or someone who helps out someone else. Because an *ally* is a person or group that helps or cooperates with another in a particular activity, choice **(C)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because an *observer* is someone who watches something. This is not the opposite of *opponent*.

(B) is incorrect because an *enemy* is a person who is actively hostile or opposed to someone or something. This is the same as *opponent*, not the opposite of it.

(D) is incorrect because a *rival* is a person competing against another for the same goal. This is almost the same as *opponent*, not the opposite of it.