

# Antonyms

**Directions :** Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters, followed by four words. Select the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. INORDINATE
  - (a) Distant
  - (b) Facile
  - (c) Moderate
  - (d) Attractive [2006-I]
2. REDOUBTABLE
  - (a) Truthful
  - (b) Crafty
  - (c) Widely travelled
  - (d) Ordinary [2006-I]
3. CONSANGUINE
  - (a) Of different kind
  - (b) Invisible
  - (c) Urbane
  - (d) Untenanted [2006-I]
4. ON THE BLINK
  - (a) Apologetically
  - (b) Blindly [2006-I]
  - (c) Legally
  - (d) In working order
5. PREDILECTION
  - (a) Analogy
  - (b) Anticlimax
  - (c) Antipathy
  - (d) Argument [2006-I]
6. SENILE
  - (a) Suspicious
  - (b) Mentally alert
  - (c) Corrupt
  - (d) Affluent [2006-I]
7. BLITHESOME
  - (a) Graceful
  - (b) Sullen
  - (c) Adventurous
  - (d) Mammoth [2006-I]
8. ADULATION
  - (a) Confusion
  - (b) Inertia [2006-I]
  - (c) Consolidation
  - (d) Condemnation
9. PREPOSSESSING
  - (a) Incredible
  - (b) Arousing envy
  - (c) Unattractive
  - (d) Recent [2006-I]
10. REPUDIATE
  - (a) Explain
  - (b) Criticize
  - (c) Accept
  - (d) Weaken [2006-II]
11. GIMCRACK
  - (a) Notorious
  - (b) Outstanding
  - (c) Humour
  - (d) Inccorrigible[2006-III]
12. LACONIC
  - (a) Voluble
  - (b) Jealous
  - (c) Exhausted
  - (d) Timid [2006-II]
13. STOICAL
  - (a) Urbane
  - (b) Flinching
  - (c) Worldly
  - (d) Hostile [2006-II]
14. DISPARAGE
  - (a) To cause ambiguity
  - (b) To add to onfusion
  - (c) To spread rumours
  - (d) To adulate [2006-II]
15. SWINGEING
  - (a) Tactful
  - (b) Extremely hot weather
  - (c) Little in amount
  - (d) Hindrance [2006-III]
16. RICKETY
  - (a) Stable
  - (b) Humid
  - (c) Rollicking
  - (d) Pleasing [2006-III]
17. PINNACLE
  - (a) Discipline
  - (b) Lowest point
  - (c) Delightful
  - (d) Comfort [2006-II]
18. PROTRACT
  - (a) Not to display
  - (b) To indulge in extravagance
  - (c) Not to be careful about future
  - (d) To cut short [2007-I]
19. DEBILITATE
  - (a) To argue
  - (b) To strengthen
  - (c) To guess
  - (d) To conspire [2007-I]
20. PERTINACIOUS
  - (a) Irretrievable
  - (b) Insipid
  - (c) Irresolute
  - (d) Reproof [2007-I]
21. IMPECUNIOUSNESS
  - (a) Smoothness
  - (b) Carefree nature
  - (c) Affluence
  - (d) Stability [2007-I]
22. INIMICAL
  - (a) Supportive
  - (b) Inquisitive
  - (c) Lack-lustre
  - (d) Coarse [2007-I]
23. SCINTILLA
  - (a) Unscientific
  - (b) Huge quantity
  - (c) Mealy-mouthed
  - (d) Unpromising[2007-I]
24. KNAVE
  - (a) Honest
  - (b) Ignorant
  - (c) Timid
  - (d) Belligerent [2007-I]
25. APOCRYPHAL
  - (a) Confusing
  - (b) Modern [2007-I]
  - (c) True
  - (d) Unsophisticated
26. SAGACIOUS
  - (a) Timid
  - (b) Lacking sense of enterprise
  - (c) Financially poor
  - (d) Showing poor judgement [2007-II]
27. CANTANKEROUS
  - (a) Convivial
  - (b) Pliable
  - (c) Pessimistic
  - (d) Bold [2007-III]
28. GARRULOUS
  - (a) Tiresome
  - (b) Harsh
  - (c) Light
  - (d) Quiet [2007-III]
29. PROFANE
  - (a) Sacred
  - (b) Artless

30. ABSTRUSE (c) Rigid (d) Aspersion [2007-II] (c) Thalamus (d) Clear [2008-II]  
 31. ABHORRENT (a) Crazy (b) Calm (a) Attractive (b) Colourful  
 (c) Obvious (d) Boundless [2007-II] (c) Unattractive (d) Striking [2008-II]  
 32. IMPERTINENT (a) Terse (b) Attractive (a) Extinguished (b) Reduced  
 (c) Mature (d) Usual [2007-II] (c) Weakened (d) Ignited [2008-II]  
 33. EVANESCENT (a) Polite (b) Perturbing (a) Trivial (b) Peripheral  
 (c) Curious (d) Steady [2007-II] (c) Optional (d) Superficial [2008-II]  
 34. IMBROGLIO (a) Scanty (b) Lasting (a) Education (b) Laziness  
 (c) Anguish (d) Scattered [2007-II] (c) Wealth (d) Ignorance [2008-II]  
 (a) Pleasant situation (b) Breed  
 (b) Critical (d) Promote [2009-I]  
 (c) Ambiguity  
 (d) Amnesty [2007-II]  
 35. SINGULAR (a) Utilize (b) Alert  
 (a) Nearby (b) Ordinary (c) Support (d) Neglect [2009-I]  
 (c) Wide (d) Modern [2008-I]  
 36. RECLUSE (a) Demolition (b) Aversion  
 (a) Criminal (b) Wise (c) Beneficial (d) Bad [2009-I]  
 (c) Gregarious (d) Timid [2008-I]  
 37. BENOSLOUCH (a) Bleak (b) Blunt  
 (a) Inefficient (b) Honest (c) Bright (d) Blond [2009-I]  
 (c) Saintly (d) Well-known [2008-I]  
 38. OPPROBRIUM (a) Censure (b) Approve  
 (a) Very easy (b) Suspenseful (c) Recommend (d) Praise [2009-I]  
 (c) Modern (d) Praise [2008-I]  
 39. SOLICITOUS (a) Avoiding (b) Anxious  
 (a) Mild (b) Showing no concern for (c) Refuse (d) Eager [2009-I]  
 (c) Grateful  
 (d) Cheerful [2008-I]  
 40. UNDERDURESS (a) Complicated (b) Simple  
 (a) Dry (b) Volition [2008-I] (c) Colourful (d) Good [2009-I]  
 (c) Affluence (d) Lack of commitment  
 41. LACONIC (a) Pompous (b) Luxury  
 (a) Sullen (b) Handsome (c) Follow (d) Argue [2009-I]  
 (c) Verbose (d) Sharp memory  
 42. SLOTHFUL (a) Reluctant (b) Unwilling  
 (a) Credulous (b) Highly skilled (c) Enthusiastic (d) Excited [2009-II]  
 (c) Without resources (d) Sprightly [2008-I]  
 43. EPHEMERAL (a) SCARCITY (a) Plenty (b) Prosperity  
 (a) Temporal (b) Stable (c) Facility (d) Simplicity [2009-III]  
 (c) Permanent (d) Earthly  
 44. OBLIGATORY (a) THICK SKINNED (a) Thankless (b) Sensitive  
 (a) Doubtful (b) Voluntary (c) Pliant (d) Resolute [2009-III]  
 (c) Sincerely (d) Faithfully [2008-III]  
 45. CIRCUMSPECT (a) BLEAK (a) Bright (b) Confusing  
 (a) Careless (b) Pusillanimous (c) Uncertain (d) Great [2009-III]  
 (c) Reticent (d) Hostile [2008-II]  
 46. OBSCURE (a) STERN (a) Violent (b) Generous  
 (a) Suitable (b) Apt (c) Mild (d) Forgiving [2009-III]

65. SUPERFICIAL  
 (a) Profound (b) Difficult  
 (c) Secretive (d) Mystical [2009-II]
66. ELEGANCE  
 (a) Balance (b) Indelicacy  
 (c) Clumsiness (d) Savagery [2009-II]
67. COARSE  
 (a) Pleasing (b) Rude  
 (c) Polished (d) Soft [2009-II]
- DIRECTIONS (Q. 68-131):** Each of the following items consists of a sentence followed by four words. Select the antonym of the word (occurring in the sentence in capital letters) as per the context.
68. He is a man of EXTRAVAGANT habits.  
 (a) Sensible (b) Careful  
 (c) Economical (d) Balanced [2010-I]
69. They employ only DILIGENT workers.  
 (a) Unskilled (b) Lazy  
 (c) Careless (d) Idle [2010-I]
70. His success in the preliminary examination made him COMPLACENT.  
 (a) Discontented (b) Self-satisfied  
 (c) Curious (d) Militant [2010-I]
71. In this competition, he has become the VICTOR.  
 (a) Beaten (b) Frustrated  
 (c) Disappointed (d) Vanquished [2010-I]
72. His behaviour at social gatherings is LAUDABLE.  
 (a) Condemnable (b) Impolite  
 (c) Unpleasant (d) Repulsive [2010-I]
73. The characters in this story are not all FICTITIOUS.  
 (a) Common (b) Factual  
 (c) Real (d) Genuine [2010-I]
74. The RELUCTANCE of the officer was obvious.  
 (a) Eagerness (b) Hesitation [2010-I]  
 (c) Enjoyment (d) Unwillingness
75. He is a GENEROUS man.  
 (a) Stingy (b) Uncharitable  
 (c) Selfish (d) Ignoble [2010-I]
76. What the critic said about this new book was ABSURD ?  
 (a) Interesting (b) Impartial [2010-II]  
 (c) Sensible (d) Ridiculous
77. The issue raised in the form can be IGNORED.  
 (a) Removed (b) Considered  
 (c) Set aside (d) Debated [2010-II]
78. After swallowing the frog had become LETHARGIC.  
 (a) Aggressive (b) Dull  
 (c) Active (d) Hungry [2010-II]
79. For the first time I saw him speaking RUDELY to her  
 (a) Softly (b) Gently  
 (c) Politely (d) Slowly [2010-II]
80. Dust storms and polluted rivers have made it HAZARDOUS to breathe the air and drink the water.  
 (a) Convenient (b) Risky  
 (c) Wrong (d) Safe [2010-II]
81. Only hard work can ENRICH our country.  
 (a) Impoverish (b) Improve  
 (c) Increase (d) Involve [2010-II]
82. All care is FUTILE in a cureless case.  
 (a) Waste (b) Expensive  
 (c) Useful (d) Cheap [2010-II]
83. REVELATION of facts became very easy when I investigated the case.  
 (a) Rejection (b) Elimination  
 (c) Concealment (d) Introduction [2011-I]
84. The story you have just told is INCREDIBLE.  
 (a) Credible (b) Fantastic  
 (c) Probable (d) Believable [2011-I]
85. His assignments have taken him to many EXOTIC locations around the world.  
 (a) Wonderful (b) Cosmopolitan  
 (c) Irrelevant (d) Common [2011-I]
86. He has given up his VICIOUS habits.  
 (a) Godly (b) Virtuous  
 (c) Sublime (d) Friendly [2011-I]
87. The doctor found the patient INERT.  
 (a) Active (b) Lazy  
 (c) Strong (d) Resolute [2011-I]
88. The issue was raised TANGENTIALLY in the negotiations.  
 (a) Partly (b) Forcefully  
 (c) Candidly (d) Fitfully [2011-I]
89. ESCALATING prices are causing hardship to the poor.  
 (a) Fixed (b) Fluctuating  
 (c) Falling (d) Reasonable [2011-I]
90. I have MALICE towards none.  
 (a) Sympathy (b) Goodwill  
 (c) Friendship (d) Attraction [2011-I]
91. The boy comes of an AFFLUENT family.  
 (a) Poor (b) Ordinary  
 (c) Infamous (d) Backward [2011-I]
92. A few heavenly talents DARKEN the world in each generation.  
 (a) brighten (b) please  
 (c) enlighten (d) glamorize [2011-II]
93. An ICY reception greeted the arrivals.  
 (a) hostile (b) warm  
 (c) pleasing (d) strange [2011-II]
94. The young athlete is ENERGETIC enough to run ten thousand meters at a stretch.  
 (a) inactive (b) dull  
 (c) gloomy (d) lethargic [2011-II]
95. He has a SECURE position in the entrance

- examination.
- (a) rigid (b) precarious  
(c) static (d) secondary [2011-III]
96. The accused was ACQUITTED of the charge.  
(a) held guilty (b) betrayed  
(c) involved (d) offended [2011-III]
97. It is COMPULSORY that all members of the board be present at the meeting.  
(a) optional (b) contrary  
(c) obligatory (d) conditional [2011-III]
98. Events ultimately led to LUGUBRIOUS ending.  
(a) happy (b) hopeful  
(c) helpful (d) reassuring [2011-III]
99. He ACCELERATED the speed of his car.  
(a) retarded (b) reviewed  
(c) recorded (d) restored [2011-III]
100. The criminal was known to the police by VARIOUS names.  
(a) separate (b) distinct  
(c) identical (d) similar [2011-III]
101. The police praised the METICULOUS arrangements made by the organizers to receive the guest at the airport  
(a) haphazard (b) random  
(c) ridiculous (d) shabby [2011-III]
102. The COMPLAINANT was not supportive of providing all facts in the court.  
(a) Defendant (b) Advocate  
(c) Indulgence (d) Servant [2012-I]
103. Living in a SOLITARY place brings in some kind of satisfaction.  
(a) Limited (b) Exotic  
(c) Healthy (d) Populous [2012-I]
104. They spent a DISTURBED night after hearing the tragic news.  
(a) Restless (b) Sleepless  
(c) Mournful (d) Peaceful [2012-I]
105. We have CREATED a beautiful new house from out of the old ruin.  
(a) Destroyed (b) Built  
(c) Constructed (d) Planned [2012-I]
106. A large number of designer clothes are REVOLTING.  
(a) Inviting (b) Beautiful  
(c) Fashionable (d) Delightful [2012-I]
107. Though they are twins, they look very DIFFERENT.  
(a) Regular (b) Same  
(c) Similar (d) Uniform [2012-I]
108. RECESSION is a major cause of unemployment.  
(a) Education (b) Inflation [2012-I]  
(c) Poverty (d) Computerization
109. He finally CONCEDED that he was involved in smuggling.  
(a) Admitted (b) Accepted  
(c) Denied (d) Concealed [2012-I]
110. The accused emphatically DENIED the charge in the court.  
(a) Accepted (b) Agreed  
(c) Asserted (d) Affirmed [2012-I]
111. This cloth is a COARSE of touch.  
(a) Delicate (b) Rough  
(c) Painful (d) Harsh [2012-I]
112. A small ALTERCATION between the children started off a riot.  
(a) quarrel (b) friendly discussion  
(c) contest (d) race [2012-III]
113. He agreed reluctantly to sign the form but looked ILL AT EASE.  
(a) embarrassed (b) comfortable  
(c) welcome (d) easy [2012-III]
114. My mother has been working hard for the last two weeks and she feels RUN DOWN.  
(a) energetic (b) cold  
(c) emotional (d) morbid [2012-III]
115. The three states signed a pact to have COLLECTIVE economy.  
(a) distributive (b) disintegrative  
(c) individual (d) divided [2012-III]
116. He was deeply hurt by her CURT rer  
(a) abrupt (b) shor.  
(c) expansive (d) di rude [2012-III]
117. He was asked to ACCELERATE the pace of work.  
(a) check (b) Control  
(c) slacken (d) Supervise [2012-III]
118. The child was ABDUCTED when he was going to school.  
(a) seized (b) set free  
(c) kidnapped (d) ransomed [2012-III]
119. The baby has a very DELICATE body.  
(a) crude (b) strong  
(c) hard (d) bony [2012-III]
120. The government has ENHANCED the tuition fees in schools and colleges.  
(a) magnified (b) aggravated  
(c) decreased (d) augmented [2012-III]
121. He aims at PERFECTION in whatever job he undertakes.  
(a) deficiency (b) immaturity [2012-III]  
(c) badness (d) completeness
122. Her illness ENERVATED the whole family.  
(a) Enhanced (b) Exhausted  
(c) Weakened (d) Energized [2013-I]
123. The teacher INSERTED another picture to illustrate the point.  
(a) Deducted (b) Added  
(c) Removed (d) Reclined [2013-I]
124. The committee rejected his LUDICROUS proposal.

- (a) Absurd (b) Reasonable (a) Decent (b) Genuine  
 (c) Farcical (d) Stupid [2013-I] (c) Excellent (d) Adorable [2013-I]
125. Children ADORE the cricket players.  
 (a) Discuss (b) Condemn  
 (c) Benefit (d) Check [2013-I]
126. These people are sunk in abysmal ignorance and their illiteracy is simply COLOSSAL.  
 (a) Intolerable (b) Huge  
 (c) Small (d) Silly [2013-I]
127. Previously per capita income used to INCREASE by seven rupees per year.  
 (a) Dwindle (b) Diminish  
 (c) Mitigate (d) Profit [2013-I]
128. In the modern times, we find that most social relationships are rather ARTIFICIAL.
129. Social LIBERTY may be instrumental in the emotional growth of a person.  
 (a) Constraint (b) Slavery  
 (c) Compulsion (d) Obligation [2013-I]
130. Education is most ESSENTIAL for the all-round development of a person.  
 (a) Unimportant (b) Disdainful  
 (c) Customary (d) Redundant [2013-I]
131. He was extremely MODEST in company,  
 (a) Curious (b) Virtuous  
 (c) Unassuming (d) Immodest [2013-I]

### ANSWER KEY

1	(c)	12	(a)	23	(b)	34	(a)	45	(a)	56	(d)	67	(d)	78	(c)	89	(c)	100	(d)	111	(a)	122	(d)
2	(d)	13	(d)	24	(a)	35	(b)	46	(d)	57	(b)	68	(c)	79	(c)	90	(b)	101	(a)	112	(b)	123	(c)
3	(a)	14	(a)	25	(c)	36	(c)	47	(a)	58	(b)	69	(b)	80	(d)	91	(a)	102	(a)	113	(b)	124	(b)
4	(d)	15	(c)	26	(d)	37	(a)	48	(a)	59	(b)	70	(a)	81	(a)	92	(a)	103	(d)	114	(a)	125	(b)
5	(c)	16	(a)	27	(a)	38	(d)	49	(a)	60	(c)	71	(d)	82	(c)	93	(b)	104	(d)	115	(c)	126	(c)
6	(b)	17	(b)	28	(a)	39	(b)	50	(c)	61	(a)	72	(a)	83	(c)	94	(d)	105	(a)	116	(c)	127	(b)
7	(b)	18	(d)	29	(a)	40	(b)	51	(d)	62	(b)	73	(c)	84	(a)	95	(b)	106	(d)	117	(c)	128	(b)
8	(a)	19	(b)	30	(a)	41	(c)	52	(c)	63	(a)	74	(a)	85	(d)	96	(a)	107	(c)	118	(b)	129	(b)
9	(c)	20	(b)	31	(b)	42	(d)	53	(c)	64	(d)	75	(b)	86	(b)	97	(a)	108	(b)	119	(b)	130	(a)
10	(b)	21	(c)	32	(a)	43	(c)	54	(b)	65	(a)	76	(c)	87	(a)	98	(a)	109	(c)	120	(c)	131	(d)
11	(b)	22	(a)	33	(b)	44	(b)	55	(d)	66	(a)	77	(b)	88	(c)	99	(a)	110	(d)	121	(a)		

# Hints & Solutions

- (c) The word 'Inordinate' means 'not within proper or reasonable limits, immoderate' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'moderate' which is option (c), therefore, (c) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Distant - for off or apart in space; Facile - easy; Attractive - having the quality of attracting.
- (d) The word 'Redoubtable' means 'commanding or evoking respect reverence or the like', which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'ordinary' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer.
- (a) The word 'consanguine' means 'having the same ancestry or descent' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'of different kind' which is option (a), therefore, (a) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Invisible - not perceptible by the eye; Urbane - reflecting elegance; Untenanted - not based or occupied by a tenant.
- (d) The phrase 'on the blink' means 'not in proper working order; in need of repair' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'in working order' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer. The other 3 answer choices have following meanings: Apologetically - sorry; regretful; Blindly - with out seeing; Legally - lawful, permitted by law.
- (c) The word 'Predilection' means 'a tendency to think favourably of something in particular; partiality; leaving which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'Antipathy' which means 'a natural, basic, or habitual repugnance; aversion' which is option (c), therefore, (c) is the correct answer.
- (b) The word 'senile' means 'relating to or exhibiting memory loss or mental impairment associated with ageing' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'mentally alert' which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer. The

other 3 answer choices have following meanings : Suspicious - questionable; Corrupt - decayed, crooked; Affluent - wealthy.

7. (b) The word 'Blithesome' means 'light hearted; merry; cheerful' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'sullen' which means 'gloomy or dismal', morose' which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer. The other 3 answer choices have following meanings: graceful - elegance of form; adventurous - hazardous; Mammoth - immensely large.
8. (a) The word 'Adulation' means 'to show excessive admiration or devotion to ; flatter or admire servilely' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'condemnation' which means 'an expression of strong disapproval' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer.
9. (c) The word 'Prepossessing' means 'that impresses favourably engaging or attractive' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'unattractive' which is option (c) therefore, (c) is the correct answer.
10. (b) The word 'Repudiate' means to cast off or disown' which is nearest opposite in meaning 'accept' which is option (c), therefore, (c) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Explain - to make known in detail; Criticize -to censure or find fault with; Weaken - to make weak.
11. (b) The word 'Gimcrack' means showy but useless which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'outstanding', which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Notorious - widely and unfavourably known; Humour - Put into a mood; Incurable - bad beyond connection or reform.
12. (a) The word 'Laconic' means 'expressing much in few words, concise' which is nearest opposite in meaning to voluble' which means garrulous or articulate.
13. (d) The word 'stoical' means impassive or in different' which is nearest opposite in meaning to hostile which means 'warm or affectionate' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meanings: Urbane - reflecting elegance; Worldly - experienced, sophisticated; Flinching - shrinking or recoiling.
14. (a) The word 'Disparage' means 'to ridicule, mark or demean which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'adulate' which means 'to show excessive admiration or devotion to flatter admire servilely' which is option (d), therefore, (d) is the correct answer.
15. (c) The word 'swingeing' means 'enormous or thumping' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'little in amount which is option (c), therefore, (c) is the correct answer.
16. (a) The word 'Rickety' means likely to fail or collapse, shaky' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'stable' which is option (a), therefore (a) is the correct answer. The other 3 words have following meaning: Humid - noticeably moist; Rollicking - carefree and joyous; Pleasing-charming.
17. (b) The word 'Pinnacle' means 'the highest to culminating point' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'lowest point' which is option (b), therefore, (b) is the correct answer.
18. (d) The word 'protract' means 'to draw out or lengthen' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'cut short'. So, (d) is the correct answer.
19. (b) The word 'debilitate' means 'to make weak or feeble' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'to strengthen'. So, (b) is the correct answer. The other three a-nsver choices have following meanings: To argue - to present reasons for or against things; To guess - to estimate; To conspire - to plot.
20. (b) The word 'pertinacious' means 'stubborn or perversely persistent' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'insipid' which means 'without' distinctive, interesting or stimulating qualities". The other three words have following meanings : Irretrievable - irreparable; Irresolute - doubtful; Reproof - the act of reproving.
21. (c) The word 'impecuniousness' means 'poverty-stricken' which is nearest opposite in meaning to word 'affluence' which means 'abundance of money'. Therefore, (c) is the correct answer. The other three word have following meanings: Smoothness - not rough; Carefree nature - fun loving; Stability - firmness in position.
22. (a) The word 'Inimical' means 'unfriendly hostile' which is nearest opposite in meaning to word 'supportive', so (a) is the correct answer. The other three words have following meanings: Inquisitive - inappropriately curious; Coarse - lacking in fitness or delicacy of texture.
23. (b) The word 'scintillo' means 'a minute particle' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'huge quantity'. Therefore, (b)

- is the correct answer. The other three words have following meanings: Unscientific - not employed in science; Mealy-mouthed - excessive delicacy or hypocrisy; Unpromising - unlikely to be favourable or successful.
24. (a) The word 'Kanve' means a 'dishonest person' which is nearest opposite in meaning to word honest. Therefore, (a) is the correct answer. The other three words have following meanings: Ignorant - lacking in knowledge or training; Timid - lacking in self - assurance; Belligerent - warlike.
  25. (c) The 'Apocryphal' means 'of doubtful authorship and authenticity' which is nearest opposite in meaning to 'true' which is option (c). Therefore, (c) is the correct answer. The other three words have following meanings: Confusing - causing confusion; Modern - not ancient or remote; Unsophisticated - simple artless.
  26. (d) Sagacious means 'shrewd, keen practical sense or a person who can give right judgement'. Option 'd' is completely opposite to sagacious so that would be the right antonym of this word.
  27. (a) Cantankerous means ill-tempered and quarrelsome'. Whereas option 'a' convivial means 'cheerful' so that would be the right antonym of cantankerous.
  28. (a) Garrulous means 'excessively talkative in a rambling, *round about manner, especially about critical issues* and trivial issues'.
  29. (a) Profane means 'unholy, not devoted to holy or religious purposes'. So option 'a' sacred would be the right antonym of this word.
  30. (a) Abstruse means 'difficult to understand, obsolete, secret or hidden'.
  31. (b) Abhorrent means 'detestable, utterly opposed and also remote in character'. So option 'b' would be the right antonym of this word.
  32. (a) Impertinent means 'bold and disrespectful, insolently rude'. So the option 'a' would be the correct antonym.
  33. (b) Evanescent means 'disagreement or a misunderstanding. It also means a confused heap'.
  34. (a) Imbroglio means 'a fight or misunderstanding'. So option 'a' would be the right option of this word.
  35. (b) Singular means 'extraordinary, remarkable or exceptional'. So the antonym of singular would be 'ordinary' Other antonyms : normal, regular, usual
  36. (c) Recluse means 'a person who does not want social contact or withdrawn from society; seeking solitude'. So 'Gregarious' would be the right antonym of word Recluse. Gregarious means, sociable.
  37. (a) Be no slouch means 'being very good at doing something'. So 'inefficient' would be the right antonym.
  38. (d) Opprobrium means 'infamy, the disgrace or the reproach incurred by conduct considered outrageously shameful'. So well know would be the right antonym.
  39. (b) Solicitous means 'worried'. So showing no concern for would be the right antonym.
  40. (b) Under duress means 'doing something under pressure or unwillingly'. Whereas 'violation' means 'power to choose freely' so option 'b' would be the right antonym.
  41. (c) Laconic means 'short, to the point, concise or expressing much in few words', whereas 'verbose' means 'wordy, or using or containing a great and usually an excessive number of words'. So, option 'c' would be the right antonym.
  42. (d) Slothful means 'Sluggardly, indolent and lazy' whereas 'sprightly' means 'lively, vivacious or gay'. So option 'd' would be the right antonym.
  43. (c) The word 'ephemeral' means transitory, temporary and the word which is opposite to it would be permanent.
  44. (b) The word 'obligatory' means compulsory, mandatory, required whose opposite is optional or voluntary.
  45. (a) The word 'circumspect' means wary, cautious, alert whose opposite is careless.
  46. (d) The word 'obscure' means unclear whose opposite is clear.
  47. (a) The word 'repulsive' means repellent, nasty whose opposite is attractive.
  48. (a) The word 'kindled' means ignited, awakened whose opposite is extinguished.
  49. (a) The word 'vital' means essential, urgent while trivial means insignificant.
  50. (c) The word 'penury' means extreme poverty or beggary whose opposite is wealth.
  51. (d) The word 'inhibit' means hinder, hold back whose opposite word is encourage or promote.
  52. (c) The word 'exploit' means treat unfairly, utilize, misuse or take advantage of which is opposite in meaning to support.
  53. (c) The word 'detrimental' means harmful, damaging, bad, destructive etc. which is opposite in meaning to *beneficial*.
  54. (b) The word 'sharp' means razor-edged, fierce, shrill etc. which is opposite in meaning to *blunt*.

55. (d) The word 'condemn' means censure, criticize, blame etc. which is opposite in meaning to *praise*.
56. (d) The word 'reluctant' means timid, resistant, opposed etc. which is opposite in meaning to *eager*.
57. (b) The word 'intricate' means complex, complicated, twisted etc. which is opposite in meaning to *simple*.
58. (b) The word 'penury' means miserly, poverty-stricken etc. which is opposite to *luxury* in meaning.
59. (b) The word 'expostulate' means disagree, argue, protest, raise objections etc. Hence, *agree* is the most suitable word.
60. (c) The word 'reluctant' means timid, unenthusiastic, hesitant, unwilling etc. Hence, 'enthusiastic' is the correct answer which is opposite in meaning to it.
61. (a) The word 'scarcity' means shortage, lack, paucity, meagreness, dearth etc. Its opposite word is 'plenty' in the given options.
62. (b) The word 'thick skinned' means not easily upset by criticism or unkind comments. Hence its opposite word will be 'sensitive'.
63. (a) The word 'bleak' means bare, exposed, denuded, dim etc which is quite opposite in meaning to 'bright'.
64. (d) The word 'stern' means serious, austere, unforgiving, harsh etc. Its opposite word will be 'forgiving'.
65. (a) The word 'superficial' means shallow, casual, hasty, trivial, silly, inane etc. which is opposite in meaning to 'profound'.
66. (a) The word 'elegance' means grace, stylishness, charm, cleverness which is opposite in meaning to 'balance'.
67. (d) The word 'coarse' means ugly, rough, ill-mannered, rude, crude etc. which is opposite in meaning to 'soft' from the given options.
68. (c) The word 'extravagant' means prodigal, lavish, costly etc. which is opposite in meaning to the word 'economical'.
69. (b) The word 'diligent' means industrious, hard-working, rigorous etc. which is opposite in meaning to the word 'lazy'.
70. (a) The word 'complacent' means smug, self-satisfied, proud etc. Its opposite word is 'discontented' from the given options.
71. (d) The word 'victor' means champion, winner etc. which is opposite in meaning to 'vanquished'.
72. (a) The word 'laudable' means worthy, commendable. Thus, 'condemnable' is the right answer.
73. (c) The word 'fictitious' means fake, spurious etc. Its opposite word will be genuine or real.
74. (a) The word 'reluctance' means timid, unwilling, curious etc. Hence eagerness is the opposite word.
75. (b) The word 'generous' means liberal, charitable, benevolent etc. Hence, uncharitable is the opposite word.
76. (c) Absurd is meaningless/irrational/incongruous /out of place. Proper opposite is Sensible, (a) And (b) are not right. Ridiculous can be synonym but the antonym.
77. (b) Ignored is to overlook /to avoid /not considered/set aside. If something is ignored then it can be removed. So 'remove' gives the same sense as 'ignored'.
78. (c) Lethargic is slow/lazy/inactive/dull. Active is antonym. Aggressive is second best option. Hungry is to make a guessing student go on sense of the sentence and deviate from the right answer.
79. (c) Rude is unrefined/rough/being impolite/uncouth/ discourteous. 'Softly' is a quality of politeness but is only a second best option not the best one.
80. (d) Hazardous is harmful/perilous/marked by danger/risky; opposite for it is 'safe'. Other options are not confusing so it is easy to answer.
81. (a) Enrich is making richer /more valuable' more meaningful/more nourished. The opposite of this word is to make poor - impoverished.
82. (c) Futile means useless/of no value. Option (c) is the right antonym for it. Waste is synonym. Expensive article can be of use or of no use. If something is cheap it does not mean that it is useless or futile.
83. (c) Reveal means to expose or to bring out the truth. Other words which are similar in meaning are Debunk, Spill the beans or disclose. From the options Concealment which means to hide is clear choice as opposite. Other options are not relevant.
84. (a) Credible is loyal or believable or something in which faith can be reposed. Incredible is just opposite of the word. Although from the options Believable is close but not the best one to choose. If credible is not in the options then this is the best among the rest.
85. (d) Exotic as used in context gives a sense that locations discussed should be excited or enjoyable or wonderful. So option (a) can be a synonym but not antonym. Cosmopolitan means free from



- prejudices/national ideas etc. This does not suit the context of sentence. Irrelevant places are not travelled for assignments. This is called Option method - trying each and every option for the context. But if you know the meaning of the word Exotic which means foreign/ exciting/ not native/ not common then you can directly answer the question.
86. (b) Vicious means grossly immoral. This word carries with it a negative sense. Evil/ spiteful/ill-will /malicious are all synonym for it. Now look for the most opposite of the word from the given options. Godly can be opposite. Virtuous means full of virtues (good habits). Sublime is a positive word which means prime/of good quality. Have you ever heard "Sachin has passed his sublime form?" Friendly can be antonym. It is clear that fight is between the friendly and virtuous but friendly is just a subset of virtuous qualities.
87. (a) Inert is without motion. From the options active is clear choice. As Lazy is similar in meaning. While Resolute (Firm) is irrelevant in context. Strong does not mean activeness or motion. He has very strong emotions for her.
88. (c) Recall 'tangent to the circle' from the mathematics - 'a line touching the circumference of the circle'. So tangentially here means just touching or superficially discussed. Now something candidly done is opposite to something done superficially.
89. (c) Although an escalator can go up and down but the meaning of the word 'escalate' in English is 'to rise'. So don't confuse it with 'fluctuating' - going up and down. Option (c) gives the right answer in the context of the passage.
90. (b) Malice and goodwill are sheer opposite of each other. Goodwill leads to friendship so can be considered as second step after goodwill (not having malice) but not the direct opposite.
91. (a) Affluent is extra rich. If richness is a scale then Affluent is on one end and poor is on the other. Ordinary lies in between the two. Backwardness is just the result of poorness. So 'poor' is the best option.
92. (a) Darken is to blemish/to mar and to defame (figuratively). See the usage - 'You have darkened the luminous record of our ancestors'.
93. (b) Ice is synonym of cold relationship and opposite is warmth in relationship. Expression 'break the ice' indicates starting of long pending relationships. See the use - India and Pakistan should break the ice and take the unprecedented (not taken before) measures.
94. (d) Energetic is full of activity and lethargic means inactivity/slowness/ laziness/ dull. Gloomy is sadness.
95. (b) Here secure means to make safe and precarious is having a sense of insecurity. So it can be a proper antonym for the word from the available options.
96. (a) Acquit is to make free from the charge/to exonerate/to vindicate/to hold innocent and opposite of acquit is 'to held guilty'.
97. (a) Difference of Compulsory subjects and Optional subjects lies in the independence to make choices. Compulsory -no choice; Optional - choice available.
98. (a) Lugubrious is disappointment/ gloomy/ blue feelings/ sad - opposite is cheerful/ happy/ chirping feelings.
99. (a) Role of accelerated is to increase the rate. Retard is to decrease.
100. (d) 'Various' word derives from the variety. Variety is range of choices and similarity is opposite of it.
101. (a) Meticulous is perfect/precise/ excellent/ orderly. Haphazard is disorderly and not in a definite pattern. So these two words are antonym of each other.
102. (a) Complainant means plaintiff, petitioner, appellant, litigant so its antonyms can be defendant.
103. (d) Solitary means private, lonely, introvert and single so its antonym can be populous and sociable.
104. (d) Disturbed means troubled, bothered, anxious, worried and distressed so its antonym can be peaceful, and unconcerned.
105. (a) Created means built, constructed, planned and formed so its antonym can be destroyed and demolished.
106. (d) Revolting means disgusting, repulsive, horrendous, awful so its antonym can be delightful, pleasant, charming, wonderful and amusing.
107. (c) Different means dissimilar, diverse, unlike, unusual so its antonym can be similar, alike, parallel, analogous, related and akin.
108. (b) Recession means depression, slump, downturn, collapse, decline so its antonym can be inflation, boom, rise increase.
109. (c) Conceded means approve, accepted, passed, agreed so its antonym can be

- denied, deprive, starve, unused, shorn of.
110. (d) Denied means deprive, starve, unused, shorn of so its antonym can be affirmed, avowed, confirmed, declared, stated.
111. (a) Coarse means rough, hard, uncouth, crude, loutish so its antonym can be delicate, smooth, polite, fragile, flimsy, subtle.
112. (b) Altercation means argument, squabble, dispute or clash so its antonym can be friendly discussion, agreement or responsive approach.
113. (b) ILL AT EASE means easiness, comfortable or straightforwardness so its antonym can be difficulty, obscurity, trouble or intricacy.
114. (a) Run down means lack of spirit or energy so its antonym can be energetic, lively, vigorous, bouncy.
115. (c) Collective means together, mutually, group, joint or cooperative so its antonym can be individual, single or alone.
116. (c) Curt means abrupt, brisk, rude or terse so its antonym can be expansive, generous, friendly, liberal or magnanimous.
117. (c) Accelerate means speed up, hurry, hasten or step up so its antonym can be slacken, loosen or relax.
118. (b) Abducted means kidnap, snatch or seize so its antonym can be set free, release or freedom.
119. (b) Delicate means pampered, subtle, faint or elusive so its antonym can be strong, overpowering or sturdy.
120. (c) Enhanced means increase, augment, boost or amplify so its antonym can be decreased, reduce or lessen.
121. (a) Perfection means excellence, precision, aptness or accomplishment so deficiency, shortage, deficit, paucity or scarcity.
122. (d) Energized. Enervated means lethargic, indolent, and languid so its antonym can be energized or enthusiastic.
123. (c) Removed. Inserted means to put into so its antonym can be removed or detached.
124. (b) Reasonable. Ludicrous means absurd, ridiculous and farcical so its antonym can be reasonable or justifiable.
125. (b) Condemn. Adore means esteem, respect and admire so its antonym can be disapprove, criticize, revile, attack or condemn.
126. (c) Small. Colossal means huge, massive, immense and gigantic so its antonym can be small, tiny or meager.
127. (b) Diminish. Increases means augment, boost, amplify, enlarge and enhance so its antonym can be reduce, lessen, weaken, shrink or ebb.
128. (b) Genuine. Artificial means false, fake, simulated and imitation so its antonym can be authentic, indisputable, real, actual or valid.
129. (b) Slavery. Liberty means freedom, emancipation, independence and liberation so its antonym can be suppression, prison or slavery.
130. (a) Unimportant. Essential means necessary, vital, important, crucial and indispensable so its antonym can be insignificant, inconsequential, trifling or irrelevant.
131. (d) Immodest. Modest means humble, reserved, reticent and diffident so its antonym can be boastful, arrogant or conceited.