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(1) Pick up the correct Antonyms for the given word.

**OBSCURE**

- [A] Implicit
- [B] Obnoxious
- [C] Explicit
- [D] Pedantic

**Answer : [C]**

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(2) Pick up the correct Antonyms for the given word.

**GRACEFUL**

- [A] Rough
- [B] Expert
- [C] Miserable
- [D] Awkward

**Answer : [D]**

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(3) Pick up the correct Antonyms for the given word.

**PERTINENT**

- [A] Irrational
- [B] Irregular
- [C] Insistent
- [D] Irrelevant

**Answer : [D]**

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(4) Pick up the correct Antonyms of the Underlined word.

I abhor the ideas he sometimes expresses

- [A] admire
- [B] respect
- [C] applaud
- [D] appreciate

**Answer : [A]**

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(5) Pick up the correct Antonyms of the Underlined word.

The officer asked the clerk to expedite the matter.

- [A] postpone
- [B] defer
- [C] adjourn
- [D] delay

**Answer : [D]**

(6) Pick up the correct Antonyms of the Underlined word.

He is extremely intelligent but proud.

- [A] dull
- [B] weak
- [C] ignorant
- [D] simple

Answer : [A]

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(7) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

He sold his house for a song.

- [A] at a reasonable price
- [B] at a discount
- [C] very cheaply
- [D] at a premium

Answer : [C]

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(8) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for, surely what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

- [A] What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman
- [B] Goose and the gander eat the same sauce
- [C] Both goose and gander should be equally treated
- [D] The principle of equal treatment should be implemented

Answer : [A]

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(9) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

Don't thrust your nose into my affairs.

- [A] Advise me about
- [B] Be in opposition
- [C] Deal with
- [D] Meddle officiously in

Answer : [D]

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(10) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

Some people now wonder whether we just pay lip-service or genuinely subscribe to democracy.

- [A] pay oral tribute
- [B] attach no value
- [C] remain indifferent

[D] show only outward respect

Answer : [D]

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(11) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

The rebels held out for about a month

- [A] waited
- [B] retreated
- [C] bargained
- [D] resisted

Answer : [D]

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(12) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

The recent film "Secular India" has tried to keep the pot of Muslim women's Bill boiling

- [A] Earning enough to keep body and soul together
- [B] Keep a controversy alive
- [C] Boil the bill
- [D] Boil something in a pot

Answer : [B]

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(13) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

In spite of the efforts of all peace loving people, world peace is still a far cry.

- [A] an impracticable idea
- [B] an abstract idea
- [C] out of reach
- [D] a long way off

Answer : [D]

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(14) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

There is no hard and fast rule regarding this subject.

- [A] rule that is difficult
- [B] rule that is fat changing
- [C] rule that cannot be broken or modified
- [D] rule that can be broken or modified

Answer : [C]

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(15) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.

Madhuri might scream blue murder, but I feel Deepali should get the promotion since she is better qualified for the job.

- [A] Someone has been murdered with some blue liquid

[B] Someone is being murdered and has become blue

[C] Suffer from persecution complex

[D] Make a great deal of noise and object vehemently

**Answer : [D]**

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**(16) Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Underlined idiom/phrase.**

**My car broke down on way to the railway station.**

[A] stopped

[B] met with an accident

[C] ran out of petrol

[D] failed to work

**Answer : [A]**

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**(17)**

S<sub>1</sub>: The Hound of Baskervilles was feared by the people of the area.

P: Some people spoke of seeing a huge, shadowy form a Hound at midnight on the moor.

Q: But they spoke of it in tones of horror.

R: Nobody had actually seen the hound.

S: This shadowy form did not reveal any details about the animal.

S<sub>6</sub>: The Hound of Baskervilles remains an unsolved mystery.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

[A] SPQR

[B] SPRQ

[C] PSRQ

[D] PQRS

**Answer : [C]**

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**(18)**

S<sub>1</sub>: For decades, American society has been calling a melting pot

P: Differences remained - in appearance, mannerisms, customs, speech, religion and more.

Q: The term has long been a cliché and half-truth.

R: But homogenisation was never achieved.

S: Yes, immigrants from diverse cultures and traditions did cast off vestiges of their native lands and become almost imperceptibly woven in to the American fabric.

S<sub>6</sub>: In recent years, such differences accentuated by the arrival of immigrants from Asia and other parts of the world in the United States - have become something to celebrate and to nurture.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

[A] QRSP

[B] SQRP

[C] SQPR

[D] QSRP

**Answer : [B]**

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**(19)**

S<sub>1</sub>: As a dramatist Rabindranath was not what might be called a success.

P : His dramas were moulded on the lines of the traditional Indian village dramas than the dramas of modern world.

Q : His plays were more a catalogue of ideas than a vehicle of the expression of action.

R : Actually the drama has always been the life of Indian people, as it deals with legends of gods and goddesses.

S : Although in his short stories and novels he was able to create living and well defined characters, he did not seem to be able to do so in dramas

S<sub>6</sub>: Therefor, drama forms the essential part of the traditional Indian Culture.

**The Proper sequence should be:**

[A] SRQP

[B] QPSR

[C] QSPR

[D] RSQP

**Answer : [C]**

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**(20) Choose the correct combination of the given words.**

1. not 2. Hari 3. away

4. run 5. did

[A] 13542

[B] 35412

[C] 52431

[D] 25143

[E] 21345

**Answer : [D]**

**Explanation:** "Hari did not run away."

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