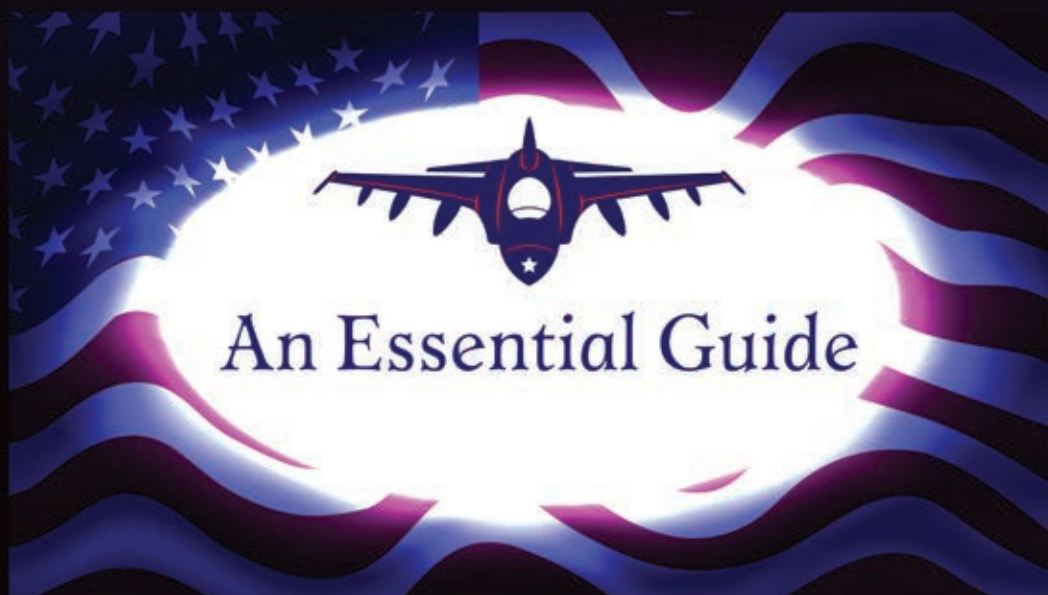


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## **An Essential Guide**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Embarking on the journey to join the United States Air Force is a commendable decision, filled with pride and responsibility. A pivotal step in this journey is the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), a comprehensive multi-aptitude test that assesses your abilities and helps determine your suitability for an officer role in the Air Force. To excel in this test, a strong vocabulary is not just beneficial; it's essential. This guide, specifically designed for AFOQT aspirants, aims to expand your lexical horizons and equip you with a robust vocabulary that can be a decisive factor in your success.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF VOCABULARY IN THE AFOQT**

The AFOQT is designed to evaluate your knowledge and understanding across various domains, with a significant emphasis on language proficiency. A rich vocabulary is the cornerstone of effective communication and comprehension skills, which are pivotal in various sections of the AFOQT, such as Word Knowledge and Verbal Analogies. These sections test your ability to understand and apply language, making vocabulary knowledge a critical component of the test.

Moreover, in a military setting, clear and precise communication can be crucial. A strong command of language not only aids in understanding and conveying complex instructions but also in interpreting information accurately under pressure. Thus, expanding your vocabulary is not just about passing a test; it's about preparing for real-world challenges in a military environment.

### **What This Guide Offers**

Our comprehensive guide dives deep into the realm of vocabulary, offering you an extensive list of words, their meanings, synonyms, and usage in context. This is not just a list to memorize but a tool to understand how language works. By learning words in context and understanding their synonyms, you'll be able to better grasp nuances in meaning, which is invaluable in the AFOQT's language-based sections.

In this book, you will find words, many of which are uncommonly used, listed in alphabetical order, accompanied by up to four hypothetical answers to test your knowledge. At the end of each chapter, you will find the correct answers along with a list of the chapter's words, complete with a key to their meanings and synonyms.

Happy studying!

## A

### 1. Antediluvian

- A. Relating to the future or forecasting
- B. Involving the use of high technology
- C. Pertaining to outer space
- D. Of or belonging to the time before the biblical Flood

### 2. Aphorism

- A. A false or mistaken idea
- B. An obscure or difficult problem
- C. A pithy observation that contains a general truth
- D. An ancient ritual or ceremony

### 3. Apocryphal

- A. Highly controversial or debated
- B. Of doubtful authenticity, although widely circulated as being true
- C. Involving complex scientific theories
- D. Ancient and no longer in use

### 4. Arcadian

- A. Characterized by a sophisticated urban atmosphere
- B. Idyllically innocent, simple, or untroubled
- C. Related to architectural design
- D. Involving conflict or struggle

### 5. Argute

- A. Clumsy or awkward
- B. Extremely bright or colorful
- C. Shrewd or cleverly insightful
- D. Pertaining to musical harmony

### 6. Ascetic

- A. Relating to luxury or indulgence
- B. Practicing strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline
- C. Fond of company; sociable

D. Exhibiting artistic or musical talent

7. Assiduous

- A. Showing great care, attention, and effort
- B. Acting with impulsiveness and without forethought
- C. Displaying a lack of interest or concern
- D. Known for taking risks

8. Astraphobia

- A. Fear of stars and celestial space
- B. Fear of being alone or isolated
- C. Fear of thunder and lightning
- D. Fear of heights or depth

9. Ataraxia

- A. A state of frenzied excitement or wild enthusiasm
- B. A state of agitation or nervousness
- C. A state of serene calmness
- D. A strong desire or inclination

10. Aubade

- A. A mournful poem or piece of music
- B. A morning love song or a song or poem about lovers separating at dawn
- C. A dance celebrating harvest
- D. A dramatic and intense instrumental piece

11. Auroral

- A. Relating to the region or time of twilight
- B. Pertaining to the wind or air
- C. Relating to the dawn or resembling the dawn
- D. Connected with the ocean or sea

12. Autodidact

- A. A person who is professionally trained in a specific field
- B. A person who is highly disorganized

- C. A person who has learned a subject without the benefit of a teacher or formal education; a self-taught person
- D. A person known for having multiple skills or talents

13. Axiomatic

- A. Requiring proof or evidence
- B. Self-evident or unquestionable
- C. Inconsistent or variable
- D. Relating to moral or ethical considerations

14. Azimuth

- A. A type of mineral or gemstone
- B. The angle measured clockwise from a north base line in surveying and navigation
- C. A small, secluded valley
- D. A historical or ancient writing system

15. Anfractuous

- A. Direct and straightforward
- B. Sinuous or circuitous; winding or twisting
- C. Extremely steep or precipitous
- D. Lacking in energy or vitality



## **Correct Answers A**

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. B
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. C
10. B
11. C
12. C
13. B
14. B
15. B

## **A. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Antediluvian - Ridiculously old-fashioned. Synonyms: Outdated, Ancient, Archaic.
2. Aphorism - A pithy observation that contains a general truth. Synonyms: Maxim, Adage, Saying.
3. Apocryphal - Of doubtful authenticity, although widely circulated as being true. Synonyms: Unverified, Questionable, Dubious.
4. Arcadian - Idyllically innocent, simple, or untroubled. Synonyms: Peaceful, Serene, Pastoral.
5. Argute - Shrewd; cleverly insightful. Synonyms: Sharp, Intelligent, Keen.
6. Ascetic - Practicing strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline. Synonyms: Austere, Monastic, Spartan.
7. Assiduous - Showing great care and perseverance. Synonyms: Diligent, Meticulous, Thorough.
8. Astraphobia - An abnormal fear of thunder and lightning. Synonyms: Brontophobia, Tonitrophobia.
9. Ataraxia - A state of serene calmness. Synonyms: Tranquility, Peacefulness, Serenity.
10. Aubade - A poem or piece of music appropriate to the dawn or early morning. Synonyms: Morning Serenade, Dawn Song.
11. Auroral - Pertaining to or resembling the dawn; rosy. Synonyms: Dawn-like, Rosy, Early Morning.
12. Autodidact - A self-taught person. Synonyms: Self-Learner, Self-Educated.
13. Axiomatic - Self-evident or unquestionable. Synonyms: Accepted, Undeniable, Self-Evident.
14. Azimuth - The direction of a celestial object from the observer, expressed as an angular distance. Synonyms: Direction, Bearing, Course.
15. Anfractuous - Full of windings and intricate turnings. Synonyms: Winding, Twisting, Serpentine.

## **B**

### 1. Bumptious

- A. Self-assertive or proud to an irritating degree
- B. Extremely cautious or careful
- C. Showing a lack of confidence
- D. Having a strong, unpleasant odor

### 2. Burgeon

- A. To decrease rapidly in size or amount
- B. To remain stagnant or unchanged
- C. To begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish
- D. To disintegrate or fall apart

### 3. Butyraceous

- A. Resembling, containing, or having the qualities of butter
- B. Having a rough or coarse texture
- C. Pertaining to a liquid or fluid state
- D. Relating to the properties of metals

### 4. Bivouac

- A. A temporary camp without tents or cover, used especially by soldiers or mountaineers
- B. A type of ancient fortification
- C. A traditional celebration or festival
- D. A small, secluded cottage in the woods

### 5. Boondoggle

- A. A project that is considered a useless waste of both time and money, yet is often continued due to extraneous policy motivations
- B. A type of fast-paced dance
- C. A method of solving complex mathematical problems
- D. An ancient form of writing

### 6. Brachylogy

- A. A style of writing that involves lengthy and detailed descriptions
- B. A form of speech or writing that is short, concise, and abrupt
- C. A technique used in painting to create depth

D. A method of silent film storytelling

7. Bathymetry

A. The study of weather patterns and climate change

B. The art of designing public baths and pools

C. The study of therapeutic bathing

D. The measurement of depth of water in oceans, seas, or lakes

8. Blandishment

A. A process in metallurgy to purify ores

B. The act of coaxing someone through kind words or flattery

C. A medieval form of punishment

D. The study of different plant species

9. Bonhomie

A. A term used in architecture for a specific style of building

B. A method of cooking involving slow roasting

C. A type of rare mineral found in volcanic areas

D. Good-natured easy friendliness; geniality

10. Bromide

A. A trite and unoriginal idea or remark, typically intended to soothe or placate

B. A rare chemical element used in advanced technologies

C. A historical term for a type of ancient manuscript

D. A method used in photography during the early 20th century

11. Buccaneer

A. A pirate, originally off the Spanish-American coasts

B. A type of ancient warship

C. A skilled horse rider in medieval tournaments

D. A craftsman who specializes in metalwork

12. Balustrade

A. A type of ancient column used in Greek architecture

B. A series of pillars or columns supporting a roof

- C. A railing supported by balusters, especially one forming an ornamental parapet to a balcony, bridge, or terrace
- D. A method used in constructing medieval castles

13. Bathykolpian

- A. Relating to deep-sea exploration and marine life
- B. Descriptive of deep and broad chested
- C. Pertaining to the study of underwater ecosystems
- D. A term used in ancient Greek architecture

14. Biblioclasm

- A. The practice of destroying, often ceremoniously, books or other written material
- B. A method of bookbinding used in the Renaissance
- C. The study of rare and ancient books
- D. A type of script used in medieval manuscripts

15. Breviloquent

- A. Inclined to speak at great lengths on various topics
- B. Having a voice of low pitch or volume
- C. Speaking or expressed in a concise or terse style; using brevity of speech
- D. A term used in poetry to describe a specific meter

## **Correct Answers B**

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. B
9. D
10. A
11. A
12. C
13. B
14. A
15. C

## **B. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Bumptious - Self-assertive or proud to an irritating degree. Synonyms: Overbearing, Arrogant, Presumptuous.
2. Burgeon - Begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish. Synonyms: Expand, Thrive, Prosper.
3. Butyraceous - Of the nature of, resembling, or containing butter. Synonyms: Buttery, Creamy, Rich.
4. Bivouac - A temporary camp without tents or cover. Synonyms: Camp, Encampment, Outpost.
5. Boondoggle - Work or activity that is wasteful or pointless but gives the appearance of having value. Synonyms: Waste, Unnecessary Task, Fruitless Activity.
6. Brachylogy - Conciseness or brevity in speech or writing. Synonyms: Conciseness, Laconism, Terseness.
7. Bathymetry - The measurement of the depth of water in oceans, seas, or lakes. Synonyms: Oceanography, Depth Measurement.
8. Blandishment - Flattering or pleasing statements or actions used to persuade someone gently to do something. Synonyms: Flattery, Sweet-talk, Coaxing.
9. Bonhomie - Cheerful friendliness; geniality. Synonyms: Affability, Warmth, Conviviality.
10. Bromide - A trite and unoriginal idea or remark, typically intended to soothe or placate. Synonyms: Cliché, Platitude, Truism.
11. Buccaneer - A pirate, especially one who preyed on ships during the 17th and 18th centuries. Synonyms: Pirate, Freebooter, Marauder.
12. Balustrade - A railing supported by balusters, especially one forming an ornamental parapet to a balcony, bridge, or terrace. Synonyms: Railing, Parapet, Handrail.
13. Bathykolpian - Having a deep bosom. Synonyms: Full-breasted, Deep-bosomed.
14. Biblioclasm - The practice of destroying, often ceremoniously, books or other written material and media. Synonyms: Book Burning, Literary Destruction.
15. Breviloquent - Expressing much in few words; concise in speech. Synonyms: Concise, Laconic, Succinct.

## C

### 1. Coruscate

- A. To emit vivid flashes of light; sparkle
- B. A method of fortification in medieval castles
- C. The process of coral formation in marine biology
- D. A style of calligraphy developed in the Renaissance

### 2. Crepuscular

- A. Related to the art of creating detailed maps
- B. Pertaining to or resembling twilight; active during twilight
- C. A type of ancient Greek column
- D. Referring to the act of storytelling in traditional cultures

### 3. Cynosure

- A. A traditional method of navigation using the stars
- B. A type of ancient currency used in trade
- C. The process of creating frescoes in Renaissance art
- D. A person or thing that is the center of attention or admiration

### 4. Concupiscence

- A. Strong sexual desire; lust
- B. The process of making pottery in ancient civilizations
- C. A term used in medieval literature to describe heroic journeys
- D. A style of music composition used in the Baroque period

### 5. Caducous

- A. Falling off easily or before the usual time—used of parts of a plant (such as petals, leaves, or fruit)
- B. A method of calculating time in ancient cultures
- C. A traditional form of storytelling in African cultures
- D. The practice of using cadence in music composition

### 6. Calumny

- A. A musical instrument used in classical orchestras
- B. The making of false and defamatory statements about someone
- C. A small, round shield used in ancient times
- D. The act of calculating astronomical positions



7. Cantankerous

- A. Bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative
- B. A method of weaving intricate patterns in cloth
- C. A style of architecture featuring cantilevered structures
- D. The study of ancient texts and manuscripts

8. Capitulate

- A. The act of drawing detailed maps
- B. Cease to resist an opponent; surrender
- C. The process of forming a head-like structure in botany
- D. A style of public speaking in ancient Rome

9. Castigate

- A. A method of casting metal in ancient times
- B. The act of building castles during the medieval period
- C. To reprimand someone severely
- D. A type of dance popular in the Renaissance

10. Cataclysm

- A. A large-scale and violent event in the natural world
- B. A type of ancient sculpture technique
- C. A method of solving complex mathematical problems
- D. The practice of celestial navigation in ancient seafaring

11. Choleric

- A. A style of painting that uses bright, primary colors
- B. The study of the properties of metals in chemistry
- C. A method of building using interlocking wooden beams
- D. Bad-tempered or irritable

12. Circuitous

- A. An ancient form of writing using symbols
- B. (Of a route or journey) longer than the most direct way
- C. Pertaining to the circuits in electronic devices
- D. The art of ornamental handwriting

13. Clamorous

- A. Making a loud and confused noise
- B. A style of architecture characterized by ornate details
- C. A form of classical music with complex harmonies
- D. An ancient method of communication using flags

14. Cogent

- A. (Of an argument or case) clear, logical, and convincing
- B. A traditional method of gemstone cutting
- C. The act of coiling ropes on sailing ships
- D. A style of sculpture using abstract forms

15. Compendious

- A. A method of compounding chemicals in ancient alchemy
- B. The practice of composing lengthy epic poems
- C. Containing or presenting the essential facts of something in a comprehensive but concise way
- D. A type of medieval manuscript with detailed illustrations

## **Correct Answers C**

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. A
11. D
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. C

## **C. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Coruscate - To give off or reflect light in bright beams or flashes; sparkle. Synonyms: Sparkle, Shimmer, Twinkle.
2. Crepuscular - Of, resembling, or relating to twilight. Synonyms: Twilight, Dusky, Dim.
3. Cynosure - A person or thing that is the center of attention or admiration. Synonyms: Center of Attention, Focus, Spotlight.
4. Concupiscence - Strong sexual desire; lust. Synonyms: Lustfulness, Libido, Passion.
5. Caducous - Tending to fall off (as in leaves). Synonyms: Shedding, Deciduous, Fleeting.
6. Calumny - The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation. Synonyms: Slander, Defamation, Libel.
7. Cantankerous - Bad-tempered, argumentative, and uncooperative. Synonyms: Grumpy, Cranky, Irritable.
8. Capitulate - Cease to resist an opponent; surrender. Synonyms: Surrender, Yield, Submit.
9. Castigate - Reprimand (someone) severely. Synonyms: Scold, Chastise, Criticize.
10. Cataclysm - A large-scale and violent event in the natural world. Synonyms: Disaster, Calamity, Catastrophe.
11. Choleric - Bad-tempered or irritable. Synonyms: Irritable, Angry, Hot-tempered.
12. Circuitous - Longer than the most direct way. Synonyms: Indirect, Roundabout, Winding.
13. Clamorous - Making a loud and confused noise. Synonyms: Noisy, Vociferous, Boisterous.
14. Cogent - Clear, logical, and convincing. Synonyms: Persuasive, Compelling, Convincing.
15. Compendious - Containing or presenting the essential facts of something in a comprehensive but concise way. Synonyms: Succinct, Concise, Brief.

## **D**

### 1. Dolose

- A. Crafty or deceitful
- B. A term used in geology to describe a type of rock formation
- C. The process of removing impurities from gold ore
- D. A form of ancient Greek poetry

### 2. Draff

- A. A type of lightweight fabric used in medieval clothing
- B. Dregs or refuse, especially from brewing
- C. An old form of currency used in Eastern Europe
- D. A small, handheld tool used in carpentry

### 3. Dulcet

- A. A type of medicinal herb used in the Middle Ages
- B. The quality of being durable and strong
- C. Sweet and soothing, often used to describe sounds
- D. A method of painting using only primary colors

### 4. Dystopia

- A. An imagined state or society in which there is great suffering or injustice
- B. A type of government practiced in ancient city-states
- C. A device used in navigation during the Age of Exploration
- D. A form of dramatic performance originating in France

### 5. Dyspeptic

- A. Relating to or suffering from indigestion or irritability
- B. A style of architecture characterized by asymmetry and complexity
- C. An old method of printing books using wooden blocks
- D. A term used in botany to describe a plant that grows in dry conditions

### 6. Dactylography

- A. The study of ancient Greek and Roman architecture
- B. A method of creating maps using aerial photography

- C. The process of fingerprint analysis
- D. The art of creating sculptures with clay

7. Demesne

- A. A technique used in medieval swordsmanship
- B. A form of ancient Greek democracy
- C. The legally owned land of a lord or noble, especially in feudal times
- D. A type of decorative embroidery popular in the 16th century

8. Demitasse

- A. An ancient coin used in Mesopotamia
- B. A type of lightweight fabric used in ballet costumes
- C. A musical instrument from the Renaissance period
- D. A small cup used to serve espresso or strong black coffee

9. Denouement

- A. The final resolution or clarification of a plot in a play, novel, etc.
- B. A method of fortifying medieval castles
- C. A dance form originating in Eastern Europe
- D. An ancient method of divination using animal bones

10. Depurate

- A. To purify or cleanse, especially from impurities or moral corruption
- B. The process of estimating the age of an artifact
- C. A type of decorative motif used in Gothic architecture
- D. An ancient Roman military formation

11. Desiccate

- A. To divide land into administrative districts
- B. A technique in painting using only shades of blue
- C. To remove the moisture from, typically in order to preserve
- D. A method of communication used in ancient civilizations

12. Dichotomy

- A. A division or contrast between two things that are entirely different
- B. A form of government practiced in ancient Egypt
- C. The study of insects in an ecological context
- D. A type of ancient Roman chariot used in racing

13. Dipsomania

- A. An insatiable craving for sweet foods
- B. A medical condition characterized by an intense thirst for water
- C. An extreme fondness for poetry and literature
- D. An uncontrollable urge to drink alcohol

14. Disquisition

- A. A formal and systematic exposition in writing of the principles of a subject
- B. A style of architecture characterized by large, open spaces
- C. The process of dividing power among different branches of government
- D. A type of musical composition popular in the Baroque period

15. Draconian

- A. Relating to or characteristic of dragons or dragon-like creatures
- B. Extremely harsh and severe, often relating to laws or discipline
- C. A type of ancient Greek pottery decorated with mythological scenes

## **Correct Answers D**

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. D
9. A
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. D
14. A
15. B



## **D. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Dolose - Deceitful; dishonest. Synonyms: Crafty, Cunning.
2. Draff - Dregs or refuse; the remnants of brewing or distillation. Synonyms: Waste, Residue.
3. Dulcet - Sweet and soothing (often used ironically). Synonyms: Melodious, Harmonious.
4. Dystopia - An imagined state or society in which there is great suffering or injustice. Synonyms: Nightmare World, Hell.
5. Dyspeptic - Of or having indigestion or consequent irritability or depression. Synonyms: Grumpy, Irritable.
6. Dactylography - The study of fingerprints. Synonyms: Fingerprint Analysis, Fingerprinting.
7. Demesne - Land attached to a manor and retained for the owner's own use. Synonyms: Estate, Domain.
8. Demitasse - A small coffee cup. Synonyms: Espresso Cup, Miniature Cup.
9. Denouement - The final resolution of a plot in a novel or play. Synonyms: Conclusion, Finale.
10. Depurate - To purify or cleanse. Synonyms: Cleanse, Refine.
11. Desiccate - To remove the moisture from something. Synonyms: Dry Out, Dehydrate.
12. Dichotomy - A division into two mutually exclusive, opposed, or contradictory groups. Synonyms: Contrast, Split.
13. Dipsomania - An uncontrollable craving for alcoholic liquors. Synonyms: Alcoholism, Drunkenness.
14. Disquisition - A long or elaborate essay or discussion on a particular subject. Synonyms: Treatise, Dissertation.
15. Draconian - Excessively harsh and severe. Synonyms: Harsh, Strict.

## **E**

### **1. Equanimity**

- A. A type of medieval armor
- B. The quality of being able to speak multiple languages
- C. Mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation
- D. A term used in astronomy to describe the balance of planetary movements

### **2. Eristic**

- A. Relating to or characterized by debate or argument, often of a deliberately contentious nature
- B. A type of fabric used in ancient Egyptian clothing
- C. The science of measuring land elevation
- D. A form of ancient Roman poetry

### **3. Esoteric**

- A. Relating to the public speaking techniques used in ancient Greece
- B. A type of legal document used in medieval England
- C. The study of esophagus diseases
- D. Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest

### **4. Etiolate**

- A. An ancient method of fortification
- B. To cause (a plant) to whiten or grow pale by excluding light
- C. A technique used in Renaissance painting
- D. A method of treating waterborne diseases

### **5. Euphony**

- A. The quality of being pleasing to the ear, especially through a harmonious combination of words
- B. A type of dance popular in the Elizabethan era
- C. The study of European history
- D. A method of encryption used in the Middle Ages

6. Evanescent

- A. Emitting light without appreciable heat
- B. Soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing
- C. Relating to or denoting a long poem or saga
- D. A method used in the study of ecology

7. Exculpate

- A. To show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing
- B. To make something more complex or less understandable
- C. An ancient method of calculating time
- D. A term used in poetry to describe a specific meter

8. Execrable

- A. Deserving to be executed
- B. Extremely good or outstanding
- C. Extremely bad or unpleasant
- D. A legal term for transferring property

9. Exiguous

- A. Very large or extensive
- B. Extremely detailed and precise
- C. Very small or insufficient in quantity or amount
- D. Pertaining to existential philosophy

10. Expatiate

- A. To speak or write at length or in detail
- B. To leave one's native country to live elsewhere
- C. A method used in ancient architecture
- D. A type of painting style that focuses on landscapes

11. Extemporize

- A. To explain or theorize with excessive complexity
- B. To compose, perform, or produce something such as music or a speech without preparation; improvise
- C. To remove impurities or unwanted elements from a substance
- D. An ancient method of storytelling

12. Extricate

- A. To free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty
- B. To mix or combine various elements
- C. A method used in the extraction of minerals
- D. To move in an exaggerated or affected manner

13. Exuberant

- A. Characterized by a reserved or calm temperament
- B. Filled with or characterized by a lively energy and excitement
- C. A technique used in classical music composition
- D. Pertaining to the study of extraterrestrial phenomena

14. Exude

- A. To discharge (moisture or a smell) slowly and steadily
- B. To expand or increase rapidly
- C. A method used in traditional sculpting
- D. To study or examine something in great detail

15. Exultant

- A. Extremely disappointed or disillusioned
- B. Triumphant and joyful
- C. A type of legal document used in international law
- D. Pertaining to the study of extinct languages

## **Correct Answers E**

1. C
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. C
10. A
11. B
12. A
13. B
14. A
15. B

## **E. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Equanimity - Mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation. Synonyms: Composure, Serenity.
2. Eristic - Characterized by or aiming at dispute or controversy. Synonyms: Argumentative, Controversial.
3. Esoteric - Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest. Synonyms: Obscure, Abstract.
4. Etiolate - To make (a plant) pale and drawn out due to a lack of light. Synonyms: Blanch, Fade.
5. Euphony - The quality of being pleasing to the ear. Synonyms: Melodiousness, Harmony.
6. Evanescent - Soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing. Synonyms: Fleeting, Vanishing.
7. Exculpate - Show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing. Synonyms: Acquit, Exonerate.
8. Execrable - Extremely bad or unpleasant. Synonyms: Abhorrent, Detestable.
9. Exiguous - Very small in size or amount. Synonyms: Meager, Scanty.
10. Expatiate - Speak or write at length or in detail. Synonyms: Elaborate, Expound.
11. Extemporize - Compose, perform, or produce something such as music or a speech without preparation; improvise. Synonyms: Improvise, Ad-lib.
12. Extricate - Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty. Synonyms: Disentangle, Release.
13. Exuberant - Filled with or characterized by a lively energy and excitement. Synonyms: Ebullient, Joyful.
14. Exude - Discharge (moisture or a smell) slowly and steadily. Synonyms: Emit, Ooze.
15. Exultant - Triumphantly happy. Synonyms: Jubilant, Euphoric.

## **F**

### **1. Fulgent**

- B. Marked by a lack of clarity or precision
- C. Having a rough or uneven surface
- D. Extremely poor or destitute
- D. Shining brightly; radiant

### **2. Furtive**

- A. Attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt or a belief that discovery would lead to trouble; secretive
- B. Marked by freedom and openness
- C. Expressing a large amount or generous quality
- D. Fond of company; sociable

### **3. Fusillade**

- A. A spirited or lively dance
- B. A series of shots fired or missiles thrown all at the same time or in quick succession
- C. A formal agreement or treaty
- D. A prolonged debate or discussion

### **4. Fustian**

- A. Pompous or pretentious speech or writing
- B. Characterized by quiet and cautiousness
- C. Relating to an idyllic rural life
- D. Marked by simplicity and modesty

### **5. Futile**

- A. Capable of producing great results
- B. Involving complex procedures or techniques
- C. Incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
- D. Showing a high level of skill or expertise

### **6. Feculent**

- A. Having a pleasantly sharp taste
- B. Filled with or characterized by dirt, sediment, or waste matter
- C. Capable of producing great abundance

D. Relating to or resembling a bird

7. Febrile

A. Having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit

B. Relating to or characterized by fever; feverish

C. Moving in a slow, fluid manner

D. Marked by peace and prosperity

8. Felicific

A. Causing or tending to cause happiness

B. Showing a lack of respect or seriousness

C. Extremely delicate and light in a way that seems too perfect for this world

D. Relating to the science of genetics

9. Fenestration

A. The arrangement of windows and doors on the elevations of a building

B. The process of purifying a liquid by boiling it and condensing its vapors

C. The act of making something more beautiful by adding decorative elements

D. A philosophy that emphasizes the absurdity of human existence

10. Fescennine

A. Showing an excessive or slavish admiration or flattery

B. Pertaining to the natural environment or wildlife

C. Characterized by bold or insolent humor

D. Involving the use of advanced technology

11. Fiduciary

A. Relating to a legal duty to act solely in another party's interests

B. Characterized by a love of home and domesticity

C. Relating to the art or practice of public speaking

D. Having an inclination to argue or debate

12. Filigree



- A. A dramatic, unexpected event or piece of news
- B. Ornamental work of fine (typically gold or silver) wire formed into delicate tracery
- C. The study of family histories and the tracing of lineages
- D. An intense and irrational fear of a specific object, activity, or situation

13. Florilegium

- A. A collection of literary or artistic pieces; an anthology
- B. A small, informal gathering for conversation
- C. The arrangement of flowers in a particular style or pattern
- D. A philosophical movement emphasizing personal freedom and choice

14. Floruit

- A. A state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty
- B. A ceremony involving the presentation of flags
- C. The period during which a person, school, movement, etc., was at its peak or most influential
- D. An approach that emphasizes practical and functional elements

15. Frangible

- A. Easily broken; fragile
- B. Capable of being bent or flexed; pliable
- C. Having a rough, uneven surface
- D. Displaying a diverse range of ideas or artistic styles

## **Correct Answers F**

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. A

## **F. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Fulgent - Shining brightly; radiant. Synonyms: Gleaming, Luminous.
2. Furtive - Attempting to avoid notice or attention, typically because of guilt. Synonyms: Secretive, Covert.
3. Fusillade - A series of shots fired or missiles thrown all at the same time or in quick succession. Synonyms: Barrage, Salvo.
4. Fustian - Pompous or pretentious speech or writing. Synonyms: Bombast, Grandiloquence.
5. Futile - Incapable of producing any useful result; pointless. Synonyms: Ineffective, Worthless.
6. Feculent - Foul with impurities; dirty. Synonyms: Polluted, Contaminated.
7. Febrile - Having or showing the symptoms of a fever. Synonyms: Feverish, Ill.
8. Felicific - Causing or intended to cause happiness. Synonyms: Pleasing, Delightful.
9. Fenestration - The arrangement of windows in a building. Synonyms: Windowing, Aperture.
10. Fescennine - Scandalous; licentious. Synonyms: Obscene, Lewd.
11. Fiduciary - Involving trust, especially with regard to the relationship between a trustee and a beneficiary. Synonyms: Trustworthy, Reliable.
12. Filigree - Ornamental work of fine (typically gold or silver) wire formed into delicate tracery. Synonyms: Lacework, Scrollwork.
13. Florilegium - A collection of literary extracts; anthology. Synonyms: Compendium, Digest.
14. Floruit - The period during which a person, school, movement, etc., was at its height of influence. Synonyms: Heyday, Prime.
15. Frangible - Fragile; easily broken. Synonyms: Brittle, Delicate.

## G

### 1. Grimalkin

- A. A very old or old-fashioned woman or witch
- B. An old or mature female cat
- C. A small, mischievous creature in folklore
- D. A melodious, harmonious sound

### 2. Grisaille

- A. A style of monochromatic painting in shades of gray
- B. A humorous or satirical imitation of a serious piece of literature or writing
- C. A compound that changes color in the presence of an acid or a base
- D. A building, especially a large and stately one, housing a tomb or tombs

### 3. Grotesque

- A. Exhibiting a sudden, violent change in direction
- B. Of or relating to the earth or its inhabitants
- C. A statement or proposition that, despite sound reasoning from acceptable premises, leads to a conclusion that seems senseless
- D. Comically or repulsively ugly or distorted

### 4. Guile

- A. A severe, often devastating and unpredictable illness
- B. A traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people
- C. The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; resilience
- D. Sly or cunning intelligence

### 5. Gumption

- A. Shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness
- B. A large, densely packed crowd of people or animals
- C. The point on the celestial sphere directly below an observer
- D. A technique in which a wire or needle is used to add wool or other fibers to a textile

6. Gustatory

- A. Inclined to fight or be aggressive
- B. Relating to the sense of taste
- C. Capable of floating in water
- D. Characterized by great energy and liveliness

7. Gyroscopic

- A. Producing a soft, dim light
- B. Pertaining to or resembling a gyroscope; stabilizing using rotation
- C. Sudden and dramatic; emphatic
- D. Showing a strong dislike or prejudice against foreign people

8. Gadabout

- A. A person who travels or moves about for pleasure
- B. A small, decorative object of little value
- C. A tool used for cutting or shaping wood
- D. A state of deep unconsciousness for a prolonged or indefinite period

9. Gainsay

- A. To embellish or exaggerate a description
- B. To join or unite the pieces of
- C. To deny or contradict a fact or statement
- D. To cause to become less severe or intense

10. Galvanize

- A. To surround or enclose completely
- B. To make holy or sacred
- C. To startle into sudden activity; stimulate
- D. To bring into a state of great tension, excitement, or activity

11. Gambit

- A. A device that measures or records something
- B. A remark intended to start a conversation or make a telling point
- C. A mythical creature, typically represented as a horse with a single, spiraled horn

D. A large, imposing building

12. Gamut

A. An underground chamber or vault

B. The complete range or scope of something

C. A journey, especially a long or meandering one

D. A sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government

13. Gargoylesque

A. Relating to or resembling a gargoyle; grotesquely carved

B. Of or relating to the structure of the earth's crust and the large-scale processes that take place within it

C. Excessively concerned with minor details or rules; over-scrupulous

D. Having the power to heal or cure

14. Gauche

A. Relating to marriage or the wedding ceremony

B. Exhibiting a fawning attentiveness

C. Consisting of a very great, but indefinite, number

D. Lacking ease or grace; socially awkward

15. Gelignite

A. A high explosive consisting of gelatinized nitroglycerin

B. A transparent, flexible, waterproof material

C. A method of printing from a plane surface

D. A dense, heavy, and relatively soft type of rock

## **Correct Answers G**

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. C
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. A

## **G. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Grimalkin - An old female cat; an ill-tempered old woman. Synonyms: Cat, Crone.
2. Grisaille - A painting done in neutral shades of gray to simulate the look of sculpture. Synonyms: Monochrome, Gray-scale.
3. Grotesque - Comically or repulsively ugly or distorted. Synonyms: Bizarre, Outlandish.
4. Guile - Sly or cunning intelligence. Synonyms: Craftiness, Deviousness.
5. Gumption - Shrewd or spirited initiative and resourcefulness. Synonyms: Resourcefulness, Initiative.
6. Gustatory - Relating to the sense of taste. Synonyms: Tasting, Flavorful.
7. Gyroscopic - Relating to or employing a gyroscope or gyro stabilizer. Synonyms: Stabilizing, Rotational.
8. Gadabout - A person who travels often or to many different places for pleasure. Synonyms: Wanderer, Roamer.
9. Gainsay - Deny or contradict (a fact or statement). Synonyms: Dispute, Oppose.
10. Galvanize - Shock or excite (someone) into taking action. Synonyms: Stimulate, Motivate.
11. Gambit - A device, action, or opening remark, typically one entailing a degree of risk, that is calculated to gain an advantage. Synonyms: Strategy, Ploy.
12. Gamut - The complete range or scope of something. Synonyms: Spectrum, Range.
13. Gargoylesque - Resembling a gargoyle; grotesquely or comically distorted. Synonyms: Grotesque, Bizarre.
14. Gauche - Lacking ease or grace; unsophisticated and socially awkward. Synonyms: Awkward, Clumsy.
15. Gelignite - A type of explosive. Synonyms: Dynamite, TNT.



## **H**

### 1. Hue

- A. A musical sound that is pleasant to hear
- B. A shade or color
- C. A large gathering of people, typically for a protest
- D. A system of rules and standards used to control an area or people

### 2. Hullabaloo

- A. A commotion; a fuss
- B. A type of dance popular in the 1960s
- C. A small, rural village
- D. A traditional type of storytelling

### 3. Humdrum

- A. Lacking excitement or variety; boringly monotonous
- B. Extremely dangerous or risky
- C. Showing a great degree of skill and flair
- D. Pertaining to the middle class or bourgeoisie

### 4. Hybridize

- A. To purify or refine a substance
- B. To cause to combine and form a hybrid
- C. To calculate the numerical value of an expression
- D. To decorate with intricate patterns

### 5. Hygge

- A. A Danish and Norwegian word for a mood of coziness and comfortable conviviality
- B. A traditional Japanese art form using paper folding
- C. A technique in photography for adjusting the light exposure
- D. A genre of music originating from the Caribbean

### 6. Hyperbole

- A. A method of surgical operation
- B. Deliberate exaggeration not meant to be taken literally
- C. A type of poetic meter
- D. A rare mineral found in volcanic areas

7. Hypnagogic

- A. A form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme ruler
- B. A medical condition related to the liver
- C. Relating to the transitional state from wakefulness to sleep
- D. Pertaining to the study of ancient scripts

8. Hypothecate

- A. To formally accuse someone of a crime
- B. To invent or concoct a story or plan
- C. To pledge property as security for a debt, without giving up possession of it
- D. To infuse an object with magical properties

9. Hagiologic

- A. Relating to the study of saints
- B. Pertaining to the preservation of old buildings and artifacts
- C. Describing a medical procedure involving the lungs
- D. Involving the study of various types of soil

10. Halitosis

- A. A rare gemstone used in making jewelry
- B. A form of government ruled by a king or queen
- C. Chronic bad breath
- D. A kind of telescope used for stargazing

11. Haplography

- A. The accidental omission of a letter or letters in writing or copying
- B. The study of population dynamics
- C. A type of ancient writing system using symbols
- D. The art of landscape gardening

12. Haruspex

- A. A type of fabric with a shiny surface
- B. An ancient tool used for measuring time

- C. A musical instrument similar to a harp
- D. A person who practiced divination in ancient Rome

13. Hebetude

- A. A type of fabric made from silk and wool
- B. The process of fermenting grapes into wine
- C. A mathematical theorem about angles and triangles
- D. A state of dullness or lethargy

14. Heliolatriy

- A. The worship of the sun
- B. The study of genetic inheritance
- C. A form of poetry that originated in Greece
- D. The construction of buildings using sustainable methods

15. Hemidemisemiquaver

- A. A type of bird found in tropical climates
- B. A musical note that is one sixty-fourth the length of a whole note
- C. A geometric shape with multiple sides
- D. A legal term used in international treaties

## **Correct Answers H**

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. C
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. D
13. D
14. A
15. B

## **H. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Hue - A color or shade. Synonyms: Color, Tone.
2. Hullabaloo - A commotion; a fuss. Synonyms: Uproar, Furore.
3. Humdrum - Lacking excitement or variety; boringly monotonous. Synonyms: Monotonous, Dull.
4. Hybridize - To cause to produce hybrids; to produce by cross-breeding. Synonyms: Crossbreed, Mix.
5. Hygge - A quality of coziness and comfortable conviviality that engenders a feeling of contentment or well-being. Synonyms: Coziness, Comfort.
6. Hyperbole - Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. Synonyms: Exaggeration, Overstatement.
7. Hypnagogic - Relating to the state immediately before falling asleep. Synonyms: Sleep-inducing, Drowsy.
8. Hypothecate - Pledge (assets) as security for a loan, without transferring possession. Synonyms: Pledge, Mortgage.
9. Hagiologic - Pertaining to the literature or the study of saints. Synonyms: Sanctified, Devotional.
10. Halitosis - Technical term for bad breath. Synonyms: Bad breath, Oral malodor.
11. Haplography - The inadvertent writing or typing of a word, letter, or phrase only once, though meant to be duplicated. Synonyms: Omission, Error.
12. Haruspex - A religious official in ancient Rome who interpreted omens by inspecting the entrails of sacrificial animals. Synonyms: Seer, Diviner.
13. Hebetude - The state of being dull or lethargic. Synonyms: Lethargy, Stupor.
14. Heliolatriy - Sun worship. Synonyms: Sun adoration, Solar devotion.
15. Hemidemisemiquaver - A sixty-fourth note in music. Synonyms: Semiquaver, Musical note.

# I

## 1. Inexorable

- A. Impossible to stop or prevent
- B. Referring to the latest technology
- C. A type of rare mineral
- D. Involving the use of irony or sarcasm

## 2. Ingratiate

- A. To register for a course or class
- B. A method of cooking using low heat
- C. To bring oneself into favor with someone by flattering or trying to please them
- D. To invent a new word or phrase

## 3. Inimitable

- A. Incapable of being imitated or copied; surpassing imitation
- B. Describing a place that is extremely quiet
- C. Relating to the study of insects
- D. A term in music for a very slow tempo

## 4. Insouciant

- A. Capable of absorbing a lot of moisture
- B. Pertaining to the art of sculpture
- C. Showing a casual lack of concern; indifferent
- D. A method of fortifying a structure

## 5. Insular

- A. Having the properties of an island
- B. Ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience
- C. Relating to the solar system
- D. A type of complex mathematical equation

## 6. Interlocutor

- A. A person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation
- B. A skilled craftsman
- C. A person who studies languages

D. A term for a leader in a symphony orchestra

7. Interregnum

A. A type of musical interlude

B. A period when normal government is suspended, especially between successive reigns or regimes

C. A meeting of international delegates

D. A method of interpretation in literature

8. Intransigent

A. Unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something

B. Capable of traveling long distances

C. Involving multiple stages of a process

D. A type of ancient writing script

9. Inure

A. To make something waterproof

B. To interrupt a process or activity

C. To adjust to something unpleasant or difficult

D. To increase in value over time

10. Invective

A. A method of solving mathematical problems

B. Pertaining to the investigation of historical events

C. The process of making something invisible

D. Insulting, abusive, or highly critical language

11. Inveterate

A. Having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change

B. Relating to the invention of new technologies

C. A type of small, burrowing mammal

D. Involving intricate and complex detail

12. Invidious

A. Referring to a period of artistic creativity

- B. Likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others
- C. Capable of seeing in the dark
- D. Involving international diplomacy

13. Irascible

- A. Having or showing a tendency to be easily angered
- B. Relating to the construction of buildings
- C. A type of rare gemstone
- D. Pertaining to the act of writing

14. Irenic

- A. Aimed at peace or conciliation
- B. Pertaining to iron and its properties
- C. A method of critical analysis
- D. Involving the study of aquatic ecosystems

15. Itinerant

- A. Involving the use of intricate machinery
- B. A type of legal document
- C. Traveling from place to place
- D. Capable of producing great amounts of energy



## **Correct Answers I**

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. C
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. A
14. A
15. C

## **I. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Inexorable - Impossible to stop or prevent. Synonyms: Relentless, Unyielding.
2. Ingratiate - Bring oneself into favor with someone by flattering or trying to please them. Synonyms: Curry favor, Flatter.
3. Inimitable - So good or unusual as to be impossible to copy; unique. Synonyms: Unparalleled, Unmatched.
4. Insouciant - Showing a casual lack of concern; indifferent. Synonyms: Nonchalant, Unconcerned.
5. Insular - Ignorant of or uninterested in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience. Synonyms: Narrow-minded, Provincial.
6. Interlocutor - A person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation. Synonyms: Conversationalist, Speaker.
7. Interregnum - A period when normal government is suspended, especially between successive reigns or regimes. Synonyms: Hiatus, Break.
8. Intransigent - Unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something. Synonyms: Uncompromising, Inflexible.
9. Inure - Accustom (someone) to something, especially something unpleasant. Synonyms: Harden, Condition.
10. Invective - Insulting, abusive, or highly critical language. Synonyms: Vitriol, Abuse.
11. Inveterate - Having a particular habit, activity, or interest that is long-established and unlikely to change. Synonyms: Habitual, Chronic.
12. Invidious - Likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others. Synonyms: Unpopular, Unpleasant.
13. Irascible - Having or showing a tendency to be easily angered. Synonyms: Irritable, Quick-tempered.
14. Irenic - Promoting peace. Synonyms: Peaceful, Conciliatory.
15. Itinerant - Traveling from place to place. Synonyms: Nomadic, Roaming.

## **J**

### **1. Justiciable**

- A. Pertaining to justice or fairness
- B. Capable of being decided by a court of law
- C. A method of navigation
- D. A type of culinary technique

### **2. Juxtapose**

- A. To mix different musical styles
- B. To place or deal with close together for contrasting effect
- C. A type of ancient pottery
- D. A method of farming

### **3. Jubilation**

- A. A type of dance from the Caribbean
- B. A method of painting
- C. A form of ancient writing
- D. A feeling of great happiness and triumph

### **4. Jubilee**

- A. A special anniversary of an event, especially one celebrating twenty-five or fifty years of a reign or activity
- B. A type of fruit
- C. A method of building bridges
- D. A form of early cinema

### **5. Judicious**

- A. Pertaining to ancient laws
- B. Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense
- C. A type of rock formation
- D. A method of sculpture

### **6. Junta**

- A. A traditional dance form
- B. A type of fabric
- C. A military or political group that rules a country after taking power by force

D. A method of cooking

7. Jurisdiction

A. A period of ten years

B. A type of religious ritual

C. The official power to make legal decisions and judgments

D. A method of teaching

8. Jurisprudent

A. Having or exhibiting sound judgment in practical affairs

B. A type of ancient philosophy

C. A method of astronomical calculation

D. A form of artistic expression

9. Jurist

A. An expert in science

B. An expert in or writer on law

C. A famous painter

D. A type of athlete

10. Juxtaposition

A. The act of placing things side by side, especially for comparison or contrast

B. A method of creating mosaics

C. A type of architectural design

D. A method of storytelling

11. Jocularly

A. In a manner relating to the stars

B. In a manner relating to cooking

C. In a playful or humorous manner

D. In a manner relating to swimming

12. Jocularly

A. Fondness for or characterized by joking; humorous or playful activity

- B. A type of musical instrument
- C. A method of shipbuilding
- D. A form of government

13. Jocundity

- A. The quality of being cheerful and full of good humor
- B. A type of bird
- C. A method of navigation
- D. A form of poetry

14. Jeopardize

- A. To put in a safe and secure place
- B. To expose to danger or risk
- C. To celebrate a victory
- D. To build a monument

15. Journalistic

- A. Pertaining to the study of languages
- B. A type of artistic style
- C. A method of teaching mathematics
- D. Related to or characteristic of journalists or journalism

## **Correct Answers J**

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. A
14. B
15. D

## **J. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Justiciable - Subject to trial in a court of law. Synonyms: Actionable, Litigable.
2. Juxtapose - Place or deal with close together for contrasting effect. Synonyms: Contrast, Collate.
3. Jubilation - A feeling of great happiness and triumph. Synonyms: Elation, Joy.
4. Jubilee - A special anniversary or celebration. Synonyms: Anniversary, Festival.
5. Judicious - Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense. Synonyms: Wise, Sensible.
6. Junta - A military or political group that rules a country after taking power by force. Synonyms: Faction, Regime.
7. Jurisdiction - The official power to make legal decisions and judgments. Synonyms: Authority, Control.
8. Jurisprudent - Having an understanding of or expertise in law. Synonyms: Learned, Knowledgeable.
9. Jurist - An expert in or writer on law. Synonyms: Legal scholar, Lawyer.
10. Juxtaposition - The fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effect. Synonyms: Adjacency, Comparison.
11. Jocularly - In a manner characterized by joking or jesting. Synonyms: Humorously, Playfully.
12. Jocularly - The state or quality of being jocular. Synonyms: Mirth, Cheerfulness.
13. Jocundity - The quality of being jocund; cheerfulness. Synonyms: Joviality, Glee.
14. Jeopardize - Put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure. Synonyms: Endanger, Risk.
15. Journalistic - Relating to journalists or journalism. Synonyms: Reportorial, News media.

## K

### 1. Kerfuffle

- A. A traditional dance
- B. A commotion or fuss, especially one caused by conflicting views
- C. A type of fabric
- D. A cooking method

### 2. Kiln

- A. A type of boat
- B. A furnace or oven for burning, baking, or drying, especially one for calcining lime or firing pottery
- C. A musical instrument
- D. A mathematical tool

### 3. Kinesiology

- A. The study of the movement of celestial bodies
- B. The study of the mechanics of body movements
- C. A branch of philosophy
- D. A method of communication

### 4. Kith

- A. A type of clothing
- B. One's friends, acquaintances, and relations
- C. A traditional recipe
- D. A form of government

### 5. Knavery

- A. Unprincipled, untrustworthy, or dishonest dealing
- B. A type of medieval literature
- C. A method of architectural design
- D. A branch of mathematics

### 6. Knell

- A. A type of bell
- B. A sound made by a bell, often rung slowly to announce a death or a funeral
- C. A musical genre



D. A type of bird

7. Knack

A. A method of cooking

B. A type of dance

C. An acquired or natural skill at performing a task

D. A kind of plant

8. Kowtow

A. A type of martial art

B. An act in an excessively subservient manner

C. A traditional ceremony

D. A method of navigation

9. Kudos

A. A type of currency

B. A form of government

C. Praise and honor received for an achievement

D. A traditional recipe

10. Kaleidoscopic

A. Relating to a loud, harsh sound

B. Pertaining to a fast-paced sport

C. Characterized by a complex pattern of colors

D. Related to ancient sculpture

11. Keratin

A. A type of nutrient found in vegetables

B. A fibrous protein forming the main structural constituent of hair, feathers, hoofs, claws, and the outer layer of skin

C. A rare mineral used in electronics

D. An ancient script

12. Kinetoscope

A. A device for recording and measuring kinetic energy

B. An instrument used in navigation

C. A type of microscope

D. An early motion picture viewing device

13. Kleptomania

A. A fear of enclosed spaces

B. A form of modern art

C. The inability to remember faces

D. A recurrent urge to steal, typically without regard for need or profit

14. Klaxon

A. A type of musical instrument

B. A loud electric horn

C. A tool used in carpentry

D. A device used in photography

15. Knotty

A. Relating to ancient writing systems

B. Full of knots; complex or difficult to solve

C. Describing a particular type of tree bark

D. Pertaining to a genre of music

## **Correct Answers K**

1. B
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. C
10. C
11. B
12. D
13. D
14. B
15. B

## **K. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Kerfuffle - A commotion or fuss. Synonyms: Brouhaha, Disturbance.
2. Kiln - A furnace or oven for burning, baking, or drying. Synonyms: Oven, Furnace.
3. Kinesiology - The study of the mechanics of body movements. Synonyms: Biomechanics, Physiology.
4. Kith - One's friends, acquaintances, and relations. Synonyms: Companions, Associates.
5. Knavery - Unprincipled, untrustworthy, or dishonest dealing. Synonyms: Trickery, Deceit.
6. Knell - The sound of a bell, especially when rung solemnly for a death or funeral. Synonyms: Toll, Death knell.
7. Knack - An acquired or natural skill at performing a task. Synonyms: Talent, Skill.
8. Kowtow - Act in an excessively subservient manner. Synonyms: Grovel, Fawn.
9. Kudos - Praise and honor received for an achievement. Synonyms: Accolades, Compliments.
10. Kaleidoscopic - Having complex patterns of colors; multicolored. Synonyms: Variegated, Colorful.
11. Keratin - A fibrous protein forming the main structural constituent of hair, feathers, hoofs, claws, horns, etc. Synonyms: Protein, Fibrous.
12. Kinetoscope - An early motion picture device. Synonyms: Projector, Cinema machine.
13. Kleptomania - A recurrent urge to steal, typically without regard for need or profit. Synonyms: Stealing, Theft.
14. Klaxon - A loud electric horn. Synonyms: Horn, Alarm.
15. Knotty - Full of knots; complex; difficult to solve. Synonyms: Complicated, Tricky.

## L

### 1. Librettist

- A. A person who writes the text of an opera or other long vocal work
- B. An expert in library sciences
- C. A type of painter who specializes in portraits
- D. A philosopher who focuses on theories of liberty

### 2. Licentious

- A. Disregarding accepted rules or conventions, especially in grammar or literary style
- B. Promiscuous and unprincipled in sexual matters
- C. Skilled in or fond of cooking
- D. Relating to the production of books and manuscripts

### 3. Limerence

- A. A feeling of resentment or grudge
- B. A style of architecture
- C. A state of mind resulting from romantic attraction, characterized by feelings of euphoria and the desire for reciprocation
- D. A mathematical principle

### 4. Limpid

- A. Completely clear and transparent; easily understood
- B. Characterized by rapid and unpredictable change
- C. Relating to the sea or marine life
- D. Extremely loud and powerful

### 5. Linchpin

- A. A person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization
- B. A tool used in carpentry
- C. A type of ancient coin
- D. A traditional garment worn in South Asia

### 6. Lionize

- A. To express regret or disapproval
- B. To engage in a physical activity, such as running

- C. To decorate with floral designs
- D. To treat someone as a celebrity or hero

7. Lissome

- A. Being able to speak multiple languages fluently
- B. Lacking in strength or firmness
- C. Having a smooth, effortless quality, especially in movement or body shape
- D. Having a bitter or sour taste

8. Listless

- A. Having or showing little or no interest in anything; languid
- B. Extremely neat and orderly
- C. Marked by a strong emphasis on education
- D. Pertaining to the study of insects

9. Litany

- A. A small, decorative item used in sewing
- B. A lengthy recitation or enumeration
- C. The study of ancient texts
- D. A type of musical composition

10. Litigious

- A. Relating to or characterized by litigation
- B. Pertaining to the literary arts
- C. Having a smooth, glossy surface
- D. Exhibiting strong loyalty or devotion

11. Logorrhea

- A. A fear of confined spaces
- B. A condition of having a rich, fertile soil
- C. A tendency to extreme loquacity
- D. A philosophy focusing on logic and reason

12. Lugubrious

- A. Having a strong, unpleasant smell
- B. Extremely generous or extravagant

- C. Capable of flying
- D. Looking or sounding sad and dismal

13. Luminary

- A. A person who inspires or influences others, especially one prominent in a particular sphere
- B. A type of ancient manuscript
- C. A tool used for measuring angles
- D. A small nocturnal mammal

14. Lurid

- A. Relating to the countryside in a romantic or idealized way
- B. Very vivid in color, especially so as to create an unpleasantly harsh or unnatural effect
- C. Inclined to keep one's thoughts and feelings to oneself
- D. Marked by rapid and unpredictable changeability

15. Lycanthropy

- A. The supernatural transformation of a person into a wolf
- B. A medical condition characterized by excessive sleepiness
- C. The act of writing or compiling a dictionary
- D. A theory in physics related to light and its properties

## **Correct Answers L**

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. B
10. A
11. C
12. D
13. A
14. B
15. A



## **L. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Librettist - A person who writes the text of an opera or other long vocal work. Synonyms: Writer, Author.
2. Licentious - Disregarding accepted rules or conventions. Synonyms: Immoral, Unrestrained.
3. Limerence - The state of being infatuated with another person. Synonyms: Infatuation, Obsession.
4. Limpid - Clear, transparent. Synonyms: Lucid, Pellucid.
5. Linchpin - A person or thing vital to an enterprise or organization. Synonyms: Keystone, Cornerstone.
6. Lionize - Give a lot of public attention and approval to. Synonyms: Celebrate, Exalt.
7. Lissome - Thin, supple, and graceful. Synonyms: Lithe, Flexible.
8. Listless - Lacking energy or enthusiasm. Synonyms: Lethargic, Enervated.
9. Litany - A series of petitions for use in church services. Synonyms: Prayer, Invocation.
10. Litigious - Prone to engage in lawsuits. Synonyms: Quarrelsome, Contentious.
11. Logorrhea - A tendency to extreme loquacity. Synonyms: Verbosity, Wordiness.
12. Lugubrious - Looking or sounding sad and dismal. Synonyms: Mournful, Gloomy.
13. Luminary - A person who inspires or influences others. Synonyms: Inspiration, Guiding light.
14. Lurid - Very vivid in color. Synonyms: Bright, Glaring.
15. Lycanthropy - The supernatural transformation of a person into a wolf. Synonyms: Werewolfism, Shape-shifting.

## **M**

### **1. Metamorphosis**

- A. A formal meeting for discussion
- B. A natural instinctive state of mind deriving from one's circumstances
- C. A process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct stages
- D. A device used for measuring time

### **2. Meticulous**

- A. Characterized by a lack of order or planning, by irregularity, or by randomness
- B. Having a relaxed, friendly, or unofficial style, manner, or nature
- C. Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise
- D. Relating to the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

### **3. Miasma**

- A. A small, slender, long-tailed bird
- B. A state of confusion, disorder, or chaos
- C. The action of making something less severe, serious, or painful
- D. A highly unpleasant or unhealthy smell or vapor

### **4. Mien**

- A. A person's look or manner, especially one of a particular kind indicating their character or mood
- B. A large, fortified place; stronghold
- C. The action of improving a structure or appearance of something
- D. A musical instrument played by striking a set of keys

### **5. Milieu**

- A. A large building used for storing grain
- B. The physical or social setting in which something occurs or develops
- C. A small, freshwater fish commonly kept in aquariums
- D. A method or way of doing something

6. Misanthrope

- A. A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society
- B. A scientist who studies the properties of metals
- C. An expert in or student of the scientific study of plants
- D. A person known for making witty or sarcastic remarks

7. Misnomer

- A. A legal document authorizing official action
- B. A state of physical or mental weariness
- C. A wrong or inaccurate name or designation
- D. A short statement of a general truth

8. Mitigate

- A. To make less severe, serious, or painful
- B. To increase the speed of a process or activity
- C. To interpret or analyze something in a particular way
- D. To engage in a thorough discussion

9. Modicum

- A. An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress
- B. A group of people who come together to consult, deliberate, or make decisions
- C. A natural ability to do something
- D. A small quantity of a particular thing, especially something desirable or valuable

10. Mollify

- A. To examine or inspect closely and thoroughly
- B. To bring under control, especially by military force
- C. To enclose within walls for protection
- D. To appease the anger or anxiety of someone

11. Mordant

- A. Especially sharp or biting, as in wit
- B. Relating to the study of historical records
- C. Characterized by or reflecting a state of moral or cultural decline
- D. Having or showing great knowledge or learning

12. Moribund

- A. At the point of death
- B. Pertaining to the highest point or stage
- C. Characterized by a feeling of watchful and cautious attention
- D. Relating to a ceremonial event

13. Morose

- A. Extending or moving uniformly in one direction only
- B. Sullen and ill-tempered
- C. Having or showing a disinclination for social activity
- D. Making or given to making a lot of noise

14. Motley

- A. Relating to a large-scale or long-term plan for achieving something
- B. Showing a tendency to be easily angered or irritated
- C. Exhibiting great diversity of elements
- D. Having a soothing, calming effect

15. Munificent

- A. More generous or lavish than is usual or necessary
- B. Relating to or characteristic of a city or town
- C. Having or showing great enthusiasm or energy
- D. Concerned with the principles of right and wrong behavior

## **Correct Answers M**

1. C
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. D
10. D
11. A
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. A

## **M. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Metamorphosis - A change of form or nature into a completely different one. Synonyms: Transformation, Change.
2. Meticulous - Showing great attention to detail. Synonyms: Careful, Conscientious.
3. Miasma - A highly unpleasant or unhealthy smell or vapor. Synonyms: Stench, Smog.
4. Mien - A person's look or manner. Synonyms: Appearance, Demeanor.
5. Milieu - A person's social environment. Synonyms: Environment, Setting.
6. Misanthrope - A person who dislikes humankind. Synonyms: Hater of mankind, Cynic.
7. Misnomer - A wrong or inaccurate name or designation. Synonyms: Inaccurate name, Mislabeled.
8. Mitigate - Make less severe, serious, or painful. Synonyms: Alleviate, Reduce.
9. Modicum - A small quantity of something. Synonyms: Bit, Amount.
10. Mollify - Appease the anger or anxiety of someone. Synonyms: Soothe, Calm.
11. Mordant - Having a sharp or critical quality; biting. Synonyms: Caustic, Sarcastic.
12. Moribund - At the point of death. Synonyms: Dying, Expire.
13. Morose - Sullen and ill-tempered. Synonyms: Gloomy, Sulky.
14. Motley - Varied in appearance or character; disparate. Synonyms: Assorted, Miscellaneous.
15. Munificent - Larger or more generous than usual or necessary. Synonyms: Generous, Bountiful.

## N

### 1. Nocturnal

- A. Active during the day
- B. Done, occurring, or active at night
- C. Occurring every night
- D. Happening in a short time or at a fast pace

### 2. Noisome

- A. Having an extremely offensive smell
- B. Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste
- C. Characterized by a great deal of noise and chaos
- D. Marked by an absence of noise or sound

### 3. Nomadic

- A. Living the life of a settler or farmer
- B. Living in one place for a long time
- C. Wandering from place to place; having no permanent home
- D. Living in the mountains

### 4. Nomenclature

- A. The study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history
- B. A type of traditional or folk song
- C. A government order imposing a trade barrier
- D. The devising or choosing of names for things, especially in a science or other discipline

### 5. Nonchalant

- A. (of a person or manner) Feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed; not displaying anxiety, interest, or enthusiasm
- B. Showing a lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously
- C. Extremely anxious, nervous, or upset
- D. Easily upset or offended

### 6. Nonpareil

- A. A person who shows no interest or enthusiasm

- B. Having no equal; unparalleled
- C. A detailed and comprehensive description
- D. A small, sweet cake or biscuit

7. Nostalgia

- A. A desire to avoid a particular situation
- B. An irrational fear of something
- C. Indifference to or rejection of established social norms
- D. A feeling of intense longing for something lost or absent

8. Nostrum

- A. A pet theory, especially one that is widely accepted
- B. A medicine, especially one that is not considered effective, prepared by an unqualified person
- C. A widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea
- D. A new method or idea, typically one that is not proven

9. Notable

- A. Deserving of attention; noteworthy
- B. Not easily seen; subtle and not obvious
- C. Insignificant and not worthy of note
- D. Unwilling or unable to believe something

10. Nouveau

- A. Old-fashioned or outdated
- B. Belonging to the distant past
- C. Recent or new
- D. Having a strong foundation or basis

11. Novice

- A. A person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation
- B. An expert or professional in a field
- C. A person who is extremely knowledgeable about a subject
- D. A person who is no longer young

12. Noxious

- A. Pleasant to the taste; delicious



- B. Harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant
- C. Producing a great deal of noise
- D. Easy to control or influence

13. Nugatory

- A. Extremely large or extensive
- B. Requiring a lot of time and effort
- C. Of no value or importance
- D. Marked by a rapid, dynamic energy

14. Nullify

- A. To make legally null and void; invalidate
- B. To confirm or give support to
- C. To increase the strength or intensity of something
- D. To reduce something in quality, value, or strength

15. Numinous

- A. Having a strong, physical presence
- B. Having a spiritual or mysterious quality; arousing a sense of the transcendent or sacred
- C. Related to or concerned with practical matters
- D. Characterized by a lack of interest or concern

## **Correct Answers N**

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. B
9. A
10. C
11. A
12. B
13. C
14. A
15. B

## **N. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Nocturnal - Done, occurring, or active at night. Synonyms: Nightly, Night-time.
2. Noisome - Having an extremely offensive smell. Synonyms: Foul-smelling, Stinky.
3. Nomadic - Living the life of a nomad; wandering. Synonyms: Wandering, Roaming.
4. Nomenclature - The devising or choosing of names for things. Synonyms: Terminology, Classification.
5. Nonchalant - Feeling or appearing casually calm and relaxed. Synonyms: Unconcerned, Indifferent.
6. Nonpareil - Having no match or equal; unrivaled. Synonyms: Unrivaled, Incomparable.
7. Nostalgia - A sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past. Synonyms: Reminiscence, Sentimentality.
8. Nostrum - A pet scheme or favorite remedy, especially one for bringing about some social or political reform or improvement. Synonyms: Cure-all, Panacea.
9. Notable - Worthy of attention or notice; remarkable. Synonyms: Remarkable, Outstanding.
10. Nouveau - New and different, often fashionably so. Synonyms: Modern, Stylish.
11. Novice - A person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation. Synonyms: Beginner, Learner.
12. Noxious - Harmful, poisonous, or very unpleasant. Synonyms: Toxic, Harmful.
13. Unmarried - (of a young woman) suitable for marriage, especially in terms of age or physical development; marriageable. Synonyms: Marriageable, Of marriageable age.
14. Nullify - Make legally null and void; invalidate. Synonyms: Invalidate, Annul.
15. Numinous - Having a strong religious or spiritual quality; indicating or suggesting the presence of a divinity. Synonyms: Spiritual, Mystical.

## O

### 1. Onerous

- A. Involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome
- B. Easily achieved; effortless
- C. Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame
- D. Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse

### 2. Opaque

- A. Capable of reflecting light like a mirror
- B. Experiencing or showing sorrow or unhappiness
- C. Not able to be seen through; not transparent
- D. Acting or done quickly and without thought or care

### 3. Opine

- A. To agree or express agreement
- B. To make someone feel intimidated or apprehensive
- C. To regard with contempt or scorn
- D. To hold and state as one's opinion

### 4. Opprobrium

- A. A state of great comfort and extravagant living
- B. An intense and irrational reality or dislike
- C. Harsh criticism or censure
- D. A principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy

### 5. Optimum

- A. Most conducive to a favorable outcome; best
- B. Least complicated and easiest to do
- C. Existing in large quantities; abundant
- D. Not influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts

### 6. Opulent

- A. Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise

- B. Ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish
- C. Inclined to lay down principles as undeniably true
- D. Not forming a pleasing or harmonious whole

7. Ornate

- A. Made in an intricate shape or decorated with complex patterns
- B. Extremely plain or stark
- C. Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
- D. Open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning

8. Oscillate

- A. To remain static or unchanging
- B. To make a series of small quick movements up and down or from side to side
- C. To travel in a straight line
- D. To swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum does

9. Ossify

- A. To turn into bone or bony tissue
- B. To become more flexible or adaptive
- C. To purify or refine a substance
- D. To burn with a sudden intensity

10. Ostensible

- A. Impossible to understand or interpret
- B. Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so
- C. Consisting of many different and connected parts
- D. Reserved or shy

11. Ostracize

- A. To admit to a group or community
- B. To show or express strong disapproval of
- C. To combine or unite a resource or commodity with (another) for mutual benefit
- D. To exclude from a society or group

12. Otiose

- A. Serving no practical purpose or result
- B. Producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth
- C. Relating to a period of new life, growth, or activity
- D. Extremely bad or unpleasant in degree or quality

13. Oubliette

- A. A large, lavish tent
- B. A small, comfortable room in a house
- C. A secret dungeon with access only through a trapdoor in its ceiling
- D. An underground passage or tunnel

14. Overt

- A. Done or shown openly; plainly apparent
- B. Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily
- C. Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people
- D. Following accepted customs and proprieties

15. Omnipotent

- A. Lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated
- B. Having unlimited power; able to do anything
- C. Requiring or using a great deal of effort and endurance

## **Correct Answers O**

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. B
11. D
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. B

## **O. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Onerous - Involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty. Synonyms: Burdensome, Arduous.
2. Opaque - Not able to be seen through; not transparent. Synonyms: Non-transparent, Cloudy.
3. Opine - Hold and state as one's opinion. Synonyms: Suggest, Propose.
4. Opprobrium - Harsh criticism or censure. Synonyms: Vilification, Abuse.
5. Optimum - The most favorable conditions or level for growth, reproduction, or success. Synonyms: Ideal, Best.
6. Opulent - Ostentatiously rich and luxurious or lavish. Synonyms: Luxurious, Rich.
7. Ornate - Elaborately or highly decorated. Synonyms: Decorative, Fancy.
8. Oscillate - Move or swing back and forth in a regular rhythm. Synonyms: Swing, Sway.
9. Ossify - Turn into bone or bony tissue. Synonyms: Harden, Solidify.
10. Ostensible - Stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so. Synonyms: Apparent, Seeming.
11. Ostracize - Exclude from a society or group. Synonyms: Exclude, Shun.
12. Otiose - Serving no practical purpose or result. Synonyms: Useless, Pointless.
13. Oubliette - A secret dungeon with an opening only in the ceiling. Synonyms: Dungeon, Cell.
14. Overt - Done or shown openly; not secret or hidden. Synonyms: Open, Obvious.
15. Omnipotent - Having unlimited power. Synonyms: All-powerful, Almighty.



## **P**

### **1. Pecuniary**

- A. Pertaining to the writing, study, or content of literature, especially of the kind valued for quality of form
- B. Characterized by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence
- C. Inclined to silence; reserved in speech
- D. Relating to or consisting of money

### **2. Pejorative**

- A. Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty
- B. Capable of working successfully; feasible
- C. Having a sharply strong taste or smell
- D. Expressing contempt or disapproval

### **3. Pellucid**

- A. Translucently clear
- B. Showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others
- C. Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way
- D. Attracting or arousing interest

### **4. Penchant**

- A. An acute medical condition characterized by inflammation of the lungs
- B. A temporary prohibition of an activity
- C. A strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something
- D. A formal agreement between individuals or parties

### **5. Pendulous**

- A. Hanging down loosely
- B. Lacking physical strength, especially as a result of age or illness
- C. Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning
- D. Worthy of being recommended; advisable

### **6. Penury**

- A. A deep, reflective, often melancholic state
- B. Extreme poverty; destitution
- C. Excessive pride in oneself
- D. A sudden and violent shaking of the ground

7. Perambulate

- A. To argue or debate about a specific topic
- B. To walk or travel through or around a place or area, especially for pleasure and in a leisurely way
- C. To make something appear smaller or less important
- D. To recover quickly from a setback or disappointment

8. Perfidious

- A. Showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another
- B. Having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements
- C. Capable of making mistakes or being wrong
- D. Deceitful and untrustworthy

9. Perfunctory

- A. Carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection
- B. Relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside and country life
- C. Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way
- D. Deserving of scorn; contemptible

10. Peripatetic

- A. Traveling from place to place, especially working or based in various places for relatively short periods
- B. Having an intense flavor or odor
- C. Extremely careful and precise
- D. Capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out

11. Perspicacious

- A. Relating to or denoting a high level of activity
- B. Requiring or using great exertion

- C. Having a ready insight into and understanding of things
- D. Having or showing great knowledge or learning

12. Pertinacious

- A. Holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action
- B. Showing a lack of courage or determination; timid
- C. Attracting attention in a vulgar way
- D. Using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humor

13. Petulant

- A. Relating to or involving deeply reflective thought
- B. Childishly sulky or bad-tempered
- C. Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance
- D. Lacking interest, vigor, or enthusiasm

14. Phlegmatic

- A. Tending to talk a great deal; talkative
- B. Not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial
- C. Having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition
- D. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

15. Picayune

- A. Petty; trivial
- B. Having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something
- C. Open to more than one interpretation
- D. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

## **Correct Answers P**

1. D
2. D
3. A
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. D
9. A
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. B
14. C
15. A

## **P. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Pecuniary - Relating to or consisting of money. Synonyms: Financial, Monetary.
2. Pejorative - Expressing contempt or disapproval. Synonyms: Disparaging, Derogatory.
3. Pellucid - Translucently clear. Synonyms: Lucid, Transparent.
4. Penchant - A strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something. Synonyms: Inclination, Predilection.
5. Pendulous - Hanging down loosely. Synonyms: Dangling, Drooping.
6. Penury - Extreme poverty. Synonyms: Destitution, Indigence.
7. Perambulate - Walk or travel through or around a place or area. Synonyms: Wander, Stroll.
8. Perfidious - Deceitful and untrustworthy. Synonyms: Treacherous, Disloyal.
9. Perfunctory - Carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection. Synonyms: Superficial, Cursory.
10. Peripatetic - Traveling from place to place, especially working or based in various places. Synonyms: Nomadic, Itinerant.
11. Perspicacious - Having a ready insight into and understanding of things. Synonyms: Shrewd, Astute.
12. Pertinacious - Holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action. Synonyms: Tenacious, Stubborn.
13. Petulant - Childishly sulky or bad-tempered. Synonyms: Irritable, Testy.
14. Phlegmatic - Having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition. Synonyms: Unemotional, Cool.
15. Picayune - Petty; trivial. Synonyms: Insignificant, Minor.

## Q

### 1. Quibble

- A. A slight objection or criticism about a trivial matter
- B. A person who designs buildings and in many cases also supervises their construction
- C. A short, informal essay, especially a school composition
- D. A public officer or official responsible for maintaining public order and safety

### 2. Quintessence

- A. A small room in which a prisoner is locked up or in which a monk or nun sleeps
- B. A thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract
- C. A large, naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat
- D. The most perfect or typical example of a quality or class

### 3. Querist

- A. An established principle of practical wisdom in statecraft or politics
- B. A person who asks questions, especially in a formal context or investigation
- C. A person who participates in a dialogue or conversation
- D. A person who is contemptibly lacking in the courage to do or endure dangerous or unpleasant things

### 4. Querulent

- A. Habitually complaining or whining
- B. Extremely bad or unpleasant in degree or quality
- C. Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline
- D. Relating to or denoting a person who does not adhere to any religion; secular

### 5. Quintuple

- A. A solemn promise or undertaking

- B. A person with an unusual or odd personality
- C. Consisting of five parts or things
- D. A small, distinctive detail or feature

6. Quiddity

- A. A temporary state of mind or feeling
- B. A meeting at which a spiritualist attempts to communicate with the dead
- C. The essence or nature of something, especially something peculiar
- D. A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state

7. Quotable

- A. Suitable for or worthy of quoting
- B. Having a sharply strong taste or smell
- C. Relating to the scientific study of the seas and oceans
- D. A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs

8. Quinsy

- A. An ornamental structure in a garden, often in the form of a column or pavilion
- B. A period of 1000 years
- C. The state of being extremely poor
- D. A serious inflammation of the tonsils, typically producing a constant cough

9. Quixotism

- A. The impractical pursuit of ideals, often without regard to reality
- B. A sequence of real or imaginary images like those seen in a dream
- C. A remedy for all diseases, miseries, or evils
- D. The ability to understand and share the feelings of another

10. Quaggy

- A. An old or out-of-date object or thing

- B. A person who believes in or advocates radical political or social change
- C. A state of physical or mental weariness
- D. Soft and marshy or boggy

11. Quiescent

- A. In a state or period of inactivity or dormancy
- B. Having or displaying a passionate intensity
- C. Fond of company; sociable
- D. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

12. Quinary

- A. Lacking energy or enthusiasm; listless
- B. Relating to or consisting of five; fifth in a series or sequence
- C. A large, heavy book, especially one of a classic or scholarly nature
- D. The process of taking legal action

13. Querimonious

- A. Full of complaints; complaining
- B. Having a ready insight into and understanding of things
- C. Showing a lack of respect for people or things that are generally taken seriously
- D. Relating to the study of the structure of the earth's crust

14. Quarrelsome

- A. A person skilled in the planning and execution of military strategies
- B. A machine or device, especially one that converts energy forms into mechanical energy
- C. Given to or characterized by quarreling or arguing
- D. A state of perfect happiness or joy

15. Quinquereme

- A. A small, narrow space or room
- B. An ancient Roman galley with five rows of oars on each side



C. A person who shows a great deal of conceit in their talent or ability

D. A book or other piece of writing rewritten and adapted for new readers

## **Correct Answers Q**

1. A
2. D
3. B
4. A
5. C
6. C
7. A
8. D
9. A
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. B

## **Q. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Quibble - A slight objection or criticism. Synonyms: Objection, Nitpicking.
2. Quintessence - The most perfect or typical example of a quality or class. Synonyms: Essence, Epitome.
3. Querist - One who inquires or asks questions. Synonyms: Inquirer, Questioner.
4. Querulent - Habitually complaining. Synonyms: Complaining, Grouchy.
5. Quintuple - To increase or be increased fivefold. Synonyms: Multiply, Augment.
6. Quiddity - The inherent nature or essence of someone or something. Synonyms: Essence, Nature.
7. Quotable - Suitable for or worthy of quoting. Synonyms: Memorable, Citable.
8. Quinsy - A severe sore throat caused by the inflammation of the tonsils. Synonyms: Tonsillitis, Throat infection.
9. Quixotism - Quixotic or idealistic behavior; impractical pursuit of ideals. Synonyms: Idealism, Romanticism.
10. Quaggy - Resembling a marsh or bog; soft and muddy. Synonyms: Boggy, Marshy.
11. Quiescent - In a state or period of inactivity or dormancy. Synonyms: Dormant, Inactive.
12. Quinary - Relating to or denoting the number five or a group or set of five. Synonyms: Five, Pentad.
13. Querimonious - Complaining in a plaintive or whining manner. Synonyms: Moaning, Grumbling.
14. Quarrelsome - Given to or characterized by quarreling. Synonyms: Argumentative, Belligerent.
15. Quinquereme - An ancient type of galley with five banks of oars on each side. Synonyms: Galley, Warship.

## **R**

### **1. Replete**

- A. Filled or well-supplied with something
- B. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of the properties and behavior of matter and energy
- C. To draw back or retract, as a statement or accusation
- D. A person who is skilled in the art of effective speaking

### **2. Reprobate**

- A. An unprincipled person; a scoundrel
- B. A person who is skilled in the creation of musical compositions
- C. To make a journey, typically of some length or abroad
- D. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of living organisms

### **3. Rescind**

- A. A person who is uninterested or indifferent to politics or to political subjects
- B. A person who is skilled in the practice of gardening and cultivating plants
- C. To revoke, cancel, or repeal (a law, order, or agreement)
- D. To refuse to accept or be associated with

### **4. Reticent**

- A. A person who is excessively concerned with minor details
- B. Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily
- C. To fill someone with the urge or ability to do or feel something
- D. A person who is skilled in or fond of debate or argument

### **5. Reverie**

- A. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of the structure and diseases of teeth
- B. To make an exact copy of
- C. A person who is skilled in relating stories and anecdotes interestingly
- D. A state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream

6. Rhapsodize

- A. A person who is skilled in the study of numbers, quantities, and shapes
- B. To speak or write about someone or something with great enthusiasm and delight
- C. To exclude from a society or group
- D. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world

7. Ribald

- A. Referring to speech, writing, or behavior that is sexually explicit and amusingly coarse or irreverent
- B. A person who is skilled in the study of human societies and cultures
- C. To make someone feel annoyed, frustrated, or worried
- D. A person who is skilled in the study of human history and prehistory through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts

8. Rife

- A. A person who is skilled in the study of the human mind and its functions
- B. To dismiss from a position of power or authority
- C. Of something undesirable or harmful prevalent or widespread
- D. A person who is skilled in or fond of debate or argument

9. Riposte

- A. A quick, clever reply to an insult or criticism
- B. A person who is skilled in the creation of musical compositions
- C. To persuade someone to do or continue to do something
- D. A person who is skilled in the practice of gardening and cultivating plants

10. Rococo

- A. A person who is skilled in the study of the properties and behavior of matter and energy
- B. To cancel or postpone the punishment of someone

- C. A person who is skilled in the art of effective speaking
- D. An elaborately ornamental late baroque style of decoration prevalent in 18th-century continental Europe

11. Roguish

- A. A person who is excessively concerned with minor details
- B. To make a journey, typically of some length or abroad
- C. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of living organisms
- D. Characteristic of a dishonest or unprincipled person, often with a playful or mischievous aspect

12. Ruminative

- A. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of the human mind and its functions
- B. Inclined to think deeply about things; contemplative
- C. To draw back or retract, as a statement or accusation
- D. A person who is skilled in the art of effective speaking

13. Rusticate

- A. To go to the countryside to live or spend time there
- B. A person who is skilled in the scientific study of the structure and diseases of teeth
- C. To refuse to accept or be associated with
- D. A person who is skilled in relating stories and anecdotes interestingly

14. Rutilant

- A. A person who is uninterested or indifferent to politics or to political subjects
- B. To fill someone with the urge or ability to do or feel something
- C. Glowing or glittering with red or golden light
- D. A person who is skilled in or fond of debate or argument

15. Raconteuse

- A. A person who is habitually in a particular state of mind
- B. To provide a person or place with a new supply of something

C. A woman who is skilled in relating stories and anecdotes interestingly

D. A person who is skilled in the creation of musical compositions

## **Correct Answers R**

1. A
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. A
10. D
11. D
12. B
13. A
14. C
15. C



## **R. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Replete - Filled or well-supplied with something. Synonyms: Full, Abundant.
2. Reprobate - A morally unprincipled person. Synonyms: Scoundrel, Rogue.
3. Rescind - To revoke, cancel, or repeal. Synonyms: Annul, Abolish.
4. Reticent - Not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily. Synonyms: Reserved, Withdrawn.
5. Reverie - A state of being pleasantly lost in one's thoughts; a daydream. Synonyms: Daydream, Fantasizing.
6. Rhapsodize - To speak or write about someone or something with great enthusiasm and delight. Synonyms: Enthuse, Gush.
7. Ribald - Referring to sexual matters in an amusingly rude or irreverent way. Synonyms: Indecent, Obscene.
8. Rife - Abundant or numerous. Synonyms: Prevalent, Widespread.
9. Riposte - A quick clever reply to an insult or criticism. Synonyms: Retort, Comeback.
10. Rococo - Characterized by ornate, intricate, and elaborate decoration. Synonyms: Ornate, Elaborate.
11. Roguish - Characteristically mischievous. Synonyms: Playful, Waggish.
12. Ruminative - Given to or engaged in contemplation. Synonyms: Thoughtful, Meditative.
13. Rusticate - To go to or live in the country. Synonyms: Retreat, Relocate.
14. Rutilant - Glowing or glittering with ruddy or golden light. Synonyms: Shining, Glistening.
15. Raconteuse - A female storyteller. Synonyms: Narrator, Storyteller.

## S

### 1. Sobriquet

- A. Characterized by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence
- B. A person's nickname
- C. Quick to detect or respond to slight changes, signals, or influences
- D. Relating to or characteristic of an epic poem

### 2. Solipsism

- A. The view or theory that the self is all that can be known to exist
- B. The quality of being extremely thorough, exhaustive, or accurate
- C. In a state of pitiful or contemptible intellectual or moral ignorance
- D. Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline

### 3. Somatic

- A. Inclined to lay down principles as undeniably true
- B. Capable of making mistakes or being wrong
- C. Showing or suffering from nervousness, fear, or a lack of confidence
- D. Relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind

### 4. Soporific

- A. Characterized by vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress or attract notice
- B. Making a show of being morally superior to other people
- C. Tending to induce drowsiness or sleep
- D. Feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment

### 5. Spatiotemporal

- A. Relating to or involving both space and time
- B. Showing a critical or disrespectful attitude
- C. Lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring

D. Constantly seeking the company of others; sociable

6. Specious

A. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

B. Superficially plausible, but actually wrong

C. Involving an intricate and complex structure or system

D. Relating to or characteristic of the countryside; pastoral

7. Splenetic

A. Inclined to silence; reserved in speech

B. Tending to obstruct or harm

C. Bad-tempered; spiteful

D. Able to perceive or feel things

8. Spurious

A. Excessively proud of oneself; vain

B. Not being what it purports to be; false or fake

C. Relating to the sky or celestial objects

D. Acting with or showing care and thought for the future

9. Squander

A. To waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner

B. To accumulate or gather together into a mass

C. To make (someone) feel intimidated or apprehensive

D. To argue about petty and trivial matters

10. Stentorian

A. (of a voice) loud and powerful

B. Excessively meticulous, critical, or demanding; hard to please

C. Having or showing a tendency to be easily annoyed or made angry

D. Eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight

11. Stoic

A. Enduring pain and hardship without showing one's feelings or complaining

- B. Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior
- C. Not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial
- D. Desiring to be alone or apart from others

12. Strident

- A. Having or displaying a passionate intensity
- B. Showing a modest or low estimate of one's importance
- C. Moving or proceeding with significant speed
- D. Loud and harsh; grating

13. Stymie

- A. To make (a disease or its symptoms) less severe without removing the cause
- B. To express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement
- C. Prevent or hinder the progress of
- D. To arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate

14. Subterfuge

- A. Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal
- B. Of a person or their behavior) primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics
- C. (of an action) considered to be morally wrong or offensive
- D. Full of twists and turns; intricately complex

15. Supercilious

- A. Unwilling or unable to believe something
- B. Feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant
- C. Having an extremely offensive smell
- D. Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others

## **Correct Answers S**

1. B
2. A
3. D
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. A
11. A
12. D
13. C
14. A
15. D

## **S. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Sobriquet - A person's nickname. Synonyms: Alias, Epithet.
2. Solipsism - The view or theory that the self is all that can be known to exist. Synonyms: Self-centeredness, Egoism.
3. Somatic - Relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind. Synonyms: Corporeal, Physical.
4. Soporific - Tending to induce drowsiness or sleep. Synonyms: Sleep-inducing, Sedative.
5. Spatiotemporal - Relating to both space and time. Synonyms: Space-time, Multidimensional.
6. Specious - Superficially plausible, but actually wrong. Synonyms: Misleading, Deceptive.
7. Splenetic - Bad-tempered; spiteful. Synonyms: Irritable, Peevish.
8. Spurious - Not being what it purports to be; false or fake. Synonyms: Bogus, Sham.
9. Squander - To waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner. Synonyms: Waste, Misuse.
10. Stentorian - (of a person's voice) loud and powerful. Synonyms: Booming, Thunderous.
11. Stoic - A person who can endure pain or hardship without showing their feelings or complaining. Synonyms: Unemotional, Impassive.
12. Strident - Loud and harsh; grating. Synonyms: Shrill, Raucous.
13. Stymie - To prevent or hinder the progress of. Synonyms: Thwart, Obstruct.
14. Subterfuge - Deceit used in order to achieve one's goal. Synonyms: Trickery, Deception.
15. Supercilious - Behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to others. Synonyms: Arrogant, Haughty.

## T

### 1. Transmogrify

- A. To estimate something as worthless
- B. To make amends for wrongdoing
- C. To bring into a state of complete disorder
- D. To change in a surprising or magical manner

### 2. Travesty

- A. A person who shows off learning to impress others
- B. A state or period of uncontrolled excitement or wild behavior
- C. A distorted or grotesque imitation; a mockery
- D. The fact of being required or indispensable

### 3. Trenchant

- A. Vigorous or incisive in expression or style
- B. Prone to sudden illogical changes of mind, ideas, or actions
- C. Lacking in distinction and originality; bland and insipid
- D. Showing a lack of courage or determination; timid

### 4. Trepidation

- A. A feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen
- B. Characterized by an absence of agitation or activity
- C. The art or practice of formal debate or argumentation
- D. Given to moralizing in a pompous or affected manner

### 5. Triskaidekaphobia

- A. Fear of confined spaces
- B. Fear of the number thirteen
- C. Fear of crossing bridges
- D. Fear of falling asleep

### 6. Truculent

- A. Disposed to fight; belligerent
- B. Expressing warmth and friendliness
- C. Capable of being stretched or extended
- D. Extremely careful and detailed

7. Tumultuous

- A. Relating to an ancient Roman or Greek athletic contest
- B. Expressing sorrow or regret, especially in a wry or humorous way
- C. Designed for or capable of a particular function or use
- D. Marked by disturbance and uproar; disorderly or noisy

8. Turpitude

- A. A kind of small, showy ornament or decoration
- B. Depravity; wickedness
- C. The quality of being prudent; cautiousness
- D. Having an edge or point that is not sharp

9. Tutelary

- A. Having or showing great knowledge or learning
- B. Serving as a protector, guardian, or patron
- C. Characterized by unrest or disorder; unquiet
- D. Relating to the stars or celestial objects

10. Twilight

- A. The state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed
- B. A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements
- C. The soft glowing light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon
- D. The state of being weak in health or body (especially from old age)

11. Tyro

- A. A beginner or novice
- B. An expert or connoisseur
- C. A person who is morally or ethically upright
- D. A person who is excessively proper or modest in speech, conduct, dress

12. Talisman



- A. An object thought to have magical powers and to bring good luck
- B. A person who strongly and unfairly dislikes other people, ideas, etc.
- C. A large, luxurious car, typically driven by a chauffeur
- D. A person who flatters or deceives; a sycophant

13. Taut

- A. Lacking in variety and interest
- B. Inclined to silence; reserved in speech
- C. Stretched or pulled tight; not slack
- D. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern

14. Tenable

- A. Lacking originality, freshness, or novelty; trite
- B. Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame
- C. Acting or done quickly and without thought or care
- D. Able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection

15. Tenacious

- A. Tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely
- B. Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior
- C. Acting with or showing care and thought for the future
- D. Pleasantly smooth or soft; free from harshness

## **Correct Answers T**

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. D
8. B
9. B
10. C
11. A
12. A
13. C
14. D
15. A

## **T. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Transmogrify - Transform, especially in a surprising or magical manner. Synonyms: Metamorphose, Change.
2. Travesty - A false, absurd, or distorted representation of something. Synonyms: Mockery, Parody.
3. Trenchant - Vigorous or incisive in expression or style. Synonyms: Cutting, Sharp.
4. Trepidation - A feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen. Synonyms: Fear, Apprehension.
5. Triskaidekaphobia - Extreme superstition regarding the number thirteen. Synonyms: Fear of thirteen, Superstition.
6. Truculent - Eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant. Synonyms: Belligerent, Aggressive.
7. Tumultuous - Making a loud, confused noise; uproarious. Synonyms: Loud, Noisy.
8. Turpitude - Depravity; wickedness. Synonyms: Immorality, Depravity.
9. Tutelary - Serving as a protector, guardian, or patron. Synonyms: Guardian, Protective.
10. Twilight - The soft glowing light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon. Synonyms: Dusk, Sunset.
11. Tyro - A beginner or novice. Synonyms: Novice, Beginner.
12. Talisman - An object, typically an inscribed ring or stone, that is thought to have magic powers and to bring good luck. Synonyms: Amulet, Charm.
13. Taut - Stretched or pulled tight; not slack. Synonyms: Tight, Stretched.
14. Tenable - Able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection. Synonyms: Defensible, Justifiable.
15. Tenacious - Tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely. Synonyms: Firm, Persistent.

## U

### 1. Urgency

- A. The quality of being full of energy and cheerfulness; liveliness
- B. Extraordinarily large in size or extent or amount or power or degree
- C. Importance requiring swift action
- D. The act of officially accusing someone of committing an illegal act

### 2. Usurp

- A. To cause to become twisted together with or caught in
- B. To decorate with bright or rich colors
- C. To weaken or damage something by taking away parts of it gradually
- D. To take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force

### 3. Utilitarian

- A. Extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world
- B. Showing excessive or conspicuous wealth
- C. Extremely small or delicate in detail; difficult to analyze or describe
- D. Designed to be useful or practical rather than attractive

### 4. Utopia

- A. An imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect
- B. A doctrine that everything is God, that there is no reality but God
- C. The practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats
- D. A powerful whirlpool in the sea or a river

### 5. Uberty

- A. The quality of being clear and easy to understand
- B. Fertility; richness
- C. The act of pretending to be another person for the purpose of entertainment or fraud

D. The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward

6. Ugsome

A. Relating to the natural world and the impact of human activity on its condition

B. Causing horror or disgust

C. Producing a soft, muffled sound

D. Having or showing a lack of experience, judgment, or information; credulous

7. Uliginous

A. Moist, marshy, swampy

B. Relating to or involving strongly critical, controversial, or disputatious writing or speech

C. Greasy, oily

D. Having a sharply strong taste or smell

8. Umbilicus

A. A small rounded elevation where the stem of a plant arises from the root

B. The navel

C. A person who opposes official policy, especially that of an authoritarian state

D. A situation in which further action or progress by opposing or competing parties seems impossible

9. Umbrageous

A. Giving or prone to giving offense; resentful

B. Deserving or causing public disgrace or shame

C. Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning

D. Affording abundant shade; shady

10 Unanimous

A. (Of two or more people) fully in agreement

- B. Marked by or showing sober realization of the necessity of doing something
- C. Lacking a clear structure or focus
- D. Showing a lack of courage or determination; timid

11. Unctuousity

- A. Excessive piousness or moralistic fervor, especially in an affected manner
- B. The quality or state of being oily or greasy
- C. The quality of being prudent; cautiousness
- D. The quality of bending easily without breaking

12. Undulant

- A. Moving with or resembling a wavelike motion
- B. Characterized by or reflecting a state of moral or cultural decline
- C. Excessively proud of oneself; vain
- D. Extremely large or extensive

13. Unfathomable

- A. Unwilling or unable to change because of tradition or convention
- B. Characterized by unrest or disorder; unquiet
- C. Incapable of being fully explored or understood
- D. Causing or marked by an atmosphere lacking in cheer

14. Ungainly

- A. Awkward, clumsy
- B. Resistant to guidance or discipline; wilful or headstrong
- C. Overly obedient or attentive
- D. Having or showing great knowledge or learning

15. Unison

- A. Simultaneous performance or utterance of action or speech
- B. The state or fact of being of mixed racial or ethnic descent
- C. An overwhelming abundance of people or things
- D. The act of making an exact copy of something

## **Correct Answers U**

1. C
2. D
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. D
10. A
11. B
12. A
13. C
14. A
15. A

## **U. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Urgency - Importance requiring swift action. Synonyms: Pressing, Critical.
2. Usurp - Take (a position of power or importance) illegally or by force. Synonyms: Seize, Overthrow.
3. Utilitarian - Designed to be useful or practical rather than attractive. Synonyms: Functional, Practical.
4. Utopia - An imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect. Synonyms: Paradise, Heaven.
5. Uberty - Abundant fruitfulness and fertility. Synonyms: Fecundity, Fruitfulness.
6. Ugsome - Horrifying, loathsome. Synonyms: Repulsive, Disgusting.
7. Uliginous - Slimy, slippery. Synonyms: Slithery, Gooey.
8. Umbilicus - A navel or central point. Synonyms: Navel, Belly button.
9. Umbrageous - Likely to take offense easily. Synonyms: Irascible, Touchy.
10. Unanimous - Fully in agreement. Synonyms: United, Consensual.
11. Unctuousity - The quality of being unctuous. Synonyms: Oiliness, Smoothness.
12. Undulant - Wavelike in motion or pattern. Synonyms: Wavy, Rippling.
13. Unfathomable - Incapable of being fully explored or understood. Synonyms: Inscrutable, Incomprehensible.
14. Ungainly - (of a person or movement) awkward; clumsy. Synonyms: Clumsy, Awkward.
15. Unison - Simultaneous performance of action or utterance of speech. Synonyms: Synchrony, Harmony.



## V

### 1. Vicissitude

- A. Acting with or showing care and thought for the future
- B. Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed
- C. The action of evicting someone, especially a tenant
- D. A change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant

### 2. Vilify

- A. To speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner
- B. To recover or regain something
- C. To cause to become twisted together with or caught in
- D. To regard with great respect

### 3. Vim

- A. Involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring
- B. A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs
- C. Energy; enthusiasm
- D. A mistake, typically one resulting from mismanagement or confusion

### 4. Vindicate

- A. To make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense
- B. Showing a lack of courage or determination; timid
- C. Capable of working successfully; feasible
- D. To clear (someone) of blame or suspicion

### 5. Virescent

- A. Turning green; greenish
- B. Feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong
- C. Having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed
- D. Not based on or conforming to what is generally done or believed

### 6. Virulent

- A. Harmlessly amusing

- B. Extremely severe or harmful in its effects
- C. Easily set on fire; flammable
- D. Extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque

7. Visceral

- A. Relating to deep inward feelings rather than to the intellect
- B. Extremely precise, thorough, or accurate
- C. Inclined to keep one's thoughts or feelings to oneself; reserved
- D. Joyful, lively, and cheerful

8. Vitiate

- A. To make someone less angry or hostile
- B. Deep respect for someone or something
- C. To spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of
- D. An act of delaying or interrupting the continuity

9. Vitriolic

- A. Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern
- B. Having a soothing influence
- C. Marked by a lack of intelligence or care; foolish or careless
- D. Filled with bitter criticism or malice

10. Vivacious

- A. Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems
- B. Attractively lively and animated
- C. Deserving or arousing pity
- D. Unwilling to spend money or use resources; stingy or frugal

11. Vociferous

- A. Expressing opinions or feelings in a very loud or forceful way
- B. Marked by or showing earnest desire
- C. Having or displaying a passionate intensity
- D. Relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside and country life

12. Volition

- A. The faculty or power of using one's will

- B. A long, angry speech of criticism or accusation
- C. Relating to the cultivation or growth of plants
- D. Easily led or controlled

13. Voluble

- A. Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's importance
- B. Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled
- C. Speaking or spoken incessantly and fluently
- D. Intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as an ulterior motive

14. Voracious

- A. Relating to or resembling a ghost
- B. Characterized by severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence
- C. Having a sharply strong taste or smell
- D. Wanting or devouring great quantities of food

15. Vulpine

- A. Sorrowful through loss or deprivation
- B. Relating to or resembling a fox; cunning or crafty
- C. Pertaining to an idyllic rural place
- D. Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial

## **Correct Answers V**

1. D
2. A
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. B
11. A
12. A
13. C
14. D
15. B

## **V. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Vicissitude - A change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant. Synonyms: Fluctuation, Variation.
2. Vilify - Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner. Synonyms: Denigrate, Defame.
3. Vim - Energy; enthusiasm. Synonyms: Vigor, Pep.
4. Vindicate - Clear (someone) of blame or suspicion. Synonyms: Absolve, Exonerate.
5. Virescent - Turning green. Synonyms: Greening, Verdant.
6. Virulent - (of a disease or poison) extremely severe or harmful in its effects. Synonyms: Deadly, Lethal.
7. Visceral - Relating to deep inward feelings rather than to the intellect. Synonyms: Instinctive, Deep-rooted.
8. Vitiate - Spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of. Synonyms: Ruin, Spoil.
9. Vitriolic - Filled with bitter criticism or malice. Synonyms: Scathing, Bitter.
10. Vivacious - (especially of a woman) attractively lively and animated. Synonyms: Spirited, Bubbly.
11. Vociferous - Expressing or characterized by vehement opinions; loud and forceful. Synonyms: Clamorous, Boisterous.
12. Volition - The faculty or power of using one's will. Synonyms: Will, Choice.
13. Voluble - Speaking or spoken incessantly and fluently. Synonyms: Talkative, Loquacious.
14. Voracious - Wanting or devouring great quantities of food. Synonyms: Ravenous, Insatiable.
15. Vulpine - Relating to a fox or foxes. Synonyms: Crafty, Cunning.

## W

### 1. Wizen

- A. Shrunken and wrinkled, often as a result of aging
- B. Capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner
- C. Requiring or showing great concentration or determination
- D. Having an immediate and intuitive recognition of something, such as a moral truth

### 2. Wonky

- A. Unsteady, shaky, or unreliable
- B. Lasting for a very long time or indefinitely
- C. Characterized by or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; fertile
- D. Relating to the essential nature of something or the crucial point about an issue

### 3. Woodnote

- A. A small piece of practical wisdom or truth; a pithy saying
- B. The quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward
- C. A natural or wild musical tone, as that of a forest bird
- D. The act of paying honor, as to a divine being; worship

### 4. Woolgathering

- A. A feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause
- B. Indulgence in aimless thought or dreamy imagining; absentmindedness
- C. The quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and decency
- D. A sudden, impulsive, and seemingly unmotivated notion or action

### 5. Wordie

- A. A person who is excessively fond of or interested in words
- B. A person who is overly concerned with formal rules and trivial points of learning

- C. A person who has an excessive or superficial interest in art and culture
- D. A person who is enthusiastic about or skilled in the use of technology, especially computing

6. Workaday

- A. Of a kind that is regarded as below the normal standard
- B. Ordinary, everyday, routine
- C. Showing or characterized by quick and inventive verbal humor
- D. Showing extreme cupidity; painfully desirous of another's advantages

7. Wraith

- A. A sudden, impulsive, and seemingly unmotivated notion or action
- B. A small, slender, carnivorous mammal related to, but smaller than, the stoat
- C. A ghost or ghostlike image of someone, especially one seen shortly before or after their death
- D. A situation in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions

8. Wrangle

- A. A long and complicated and confusing problem
- B. A dispute or argument, typically one that is long and complicated
- C. A room or building for the display or sale of works of art
- D. A sudden and unaccountable change of mood or behavior

9. Wreak

- A. To cause a large amount of damage or harm
- B. To hold firmly, typically with one's hands
- C. To recover something lost or taken by force
- D. To show excessive fondness or love towards

10. Wrest

- A. To give an account of an event or experience
- B. To make partial or minor changes to something

- C. To return to a former or less developed state
- D. To take something away from someone with considerable effort or violence

11. Wry

- A. Having or showing a ready disposition to fight
- B. Failing to act or protest as a result of moral weakness or indolence
- C. Using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humor
- D. Having a sharp, pungent taste or smell; not sweet

12. Wyvern

- A. A mythical dragon with two legs and a barbed tail
- B. A small nocturnal Old World mammal with a spiny coat and short legs, able to roll itself into a ball for defense
- C. A legendary bird said to live for several hundred years before burning itself to ashes and then emerging renewed from the ashes
- D. A small, slender, carnivorous mammal that is capable of emitting a foul-smelling liquid as a defense mechanism

13. Waggery

- A. An intense and irrational reality or obsession
- B. Mischievous or roguish humor; playful merriment
- C. A feeling of listlessness and dissatisfaction arising from a lack of occupation or excitement
- D. The fact or condition of being magnanimous; generosity

14. Wanigan

- A. A supernatural creature that appears as a white animal
- B. A piece of ground used for a particular purpose, especially an area marked out for a game or sport
- C. A person who lacks good judgment or is foolish
- D. A small or temporary living space, especially one that is poorly constructed

15. Welter

- A. A person who has returned, especially supposedly from the dead



- B. A small, slender, often ringed, wormlike animal
- C. A large number of items in no order; a confused mass
- D. A type of small, swift horse that was formerly used for riding and for drawing light vehicles

## **Correct Answers W**

1. A
2. A
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. C
8. B
9. A
10. D
11. C
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. C

## **W.Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Wizen - Shriveled or wrinkled with age; Synonyms: Aged, Wrinkled.
2. Wonky - Shaky, unsteady, or unreliable; Synonyms: Unstable, Wobbly.
3. Woodnote - A natural or wild musical tone, like that of a forest bird; Synonyms: Birdsong, Melody.
4. Woolgathering - Absentmindedness or daydreaming; Synonyms: Daydreaming, Musing.
5. Wordie - A lover of words; Synonyms: Logophile, Linguaphile.
6. Workaday - Ordinary, commonplace; Synonyms: Mundane, Everyday.
7. Wraith - A ghost or ghostlike image of someone; Synonyms: Phantom, Apparition.
8. Wrangle - To argue or dispute; Synonyms: Quarrel, Argue.
9. Wreak - To cause (a large amount of damage or harm); Synonyms: Inflict, Unleash.
10. Wrest - To take something by force or with considerable difficulty; Synonyms: Seize, Extract.
11. Wry - Using or expressing dry, especially mocking, humor; Synonyms: Sarcastic, Ironical.
12. Wyvern - A mythical dragon with two legs and a barbed tail; Synonyms: Dragon, Serpent.
13. Waggy - Mischievous or playful behavior; Synonyms: Mischief, Playfulness.
14. Wanigan - A small chest or storage space in a boat; Synonyms: Locker, Chest.
15. Welter - A large number of items in no order; a confused mass; Synonyms: Tangle, Jumble.

## X

### 1. Xanthic

- A. Relating to or denoting a process of reproduction that does not involve meiosis or fertilization
- B. Yellowish in color
- C. A person who is excessively fond of or addicted to something
- D. A guide who shows strangers the notable places in a country or district

### 2. Xenagogue

- A. A person who is excessively fond of foreign customs, manners, or institutions
- B. A guide who shows strangers the notable places in a country or district
- C. A person who eats dry food, especially as a religious discipline
- D. Thriving in or preferring environments that are dry or have little moisture

### 3. Xenial

- A. Relating to or denoting a process of reproduction that does not involve meiosis or fertilization
- B. Sword-shaped
- C. Friendly and hospitable to guests or strangers
- D. A wooden idol or image, typically of a deity

### 4. Xenogenesis

- A. Yellowish in color
- B. Friendly and hospitable to guests or strangers
- C. A guide who shows strangers the notable places in a country or district
- D. The production of an offspring entirely different from either of the parents

### 5. Xenomania

- A. An excessive fondness for foreign customs, manners, or institutions
- B. A person who eats dry food, especially as a religious discipline

- C. Thriving in or preferring environments that are dry or have little moisture
- D. A wooden idol or image, typically of a deity

6. Xerarch

- A. Sword-shaped
- B. Developing in dry conditions; characteristic of environments that are becoming increasingly dry
- C. Friendly and hospitable to guests or strangers
- D. A person who is excessively fond of or addicted to something

7. Xerophagy

- A. The eating of dry food, especially as a religious discipline
- B. An excessive fondness for foreign customs, manners, or institutions
- C. A wooden idol or image, typically of a deity
- D. Sword-shaped

8. Xerophilous

- A. The production of an offspring entirely different from either of the parents
- B. A person who eats dry food, especially as a religious discipline
- C. Adapted to or thriving in dry environments
- D. A wooden idol or image, typically of a deity

9. Xiphoid

- A. Yellowish in color
- B. Sword-shaped
- C. A person who is excessively fond of or addicted to something
- D. A guide who shows strangers the notable places in a country or district

10. Xoanon

- A. A wooden idol or image, typically of a deity
- B. An excessive fondness for foreign customs, manners, or institutions
- C. Adapted to or thriving in dry environments

D. The eating of dry food, especially as a religious discipline

11. Xylography

A. The scientific study of wood and its structure

B. Eating or feeding on wood

C. A musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths

D. The art of making engravings on wood for printing

12. Xylology

A. The art of making engravings on wood for printing

B. The scientific study of wood and its structure

C. Razor-sharp; keen

D. Eating or feeding on wood

13. Xylophagous

A. The art of making engravings on wood for printing

B. Eating or feeding on wood

C. The scientific study of wood and its structure

D. A musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths

14. Xylophone

A. Razor-sharp; keen

B. The scientific study of wood and its structure

C. A musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths, played with mallets

D. The art of making engravings on wood for printing

15. Xyresic

A. The scientific study of wood and its structure

B. A musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths

C. Razor-sharp; keen

D. Eating or feeding on wood

## **Correct Answers X**

1. B
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. A
11. D
12. B
13. B
14. C
15. C

## **X. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Xanthic - Yellowish; relating to xanthine or yellow coloring; Synonyms: Yellowish, Sallow.
2. Xenagogue - A guide; one who conducts strangers; Synonyms: Guide, Conductor.
3. Xenial - Hospitable, especially to guests and strangers; Synonyms: Hospitable, Welcoming.
4. Xenogenesis - The supposed generation of offspring completely and permanently different from the parent; Synonyms: Atypical reproduction, Abnormal genesis.
5. Xenomania - An attraction to foreign things, styles, or customs; Synonyms: Fascination with foreignness, Obsession with foreign things.
6. Xerarch - Originating in a dry habitat; Synonyms: Dry-origin, Arid-beginning.
7. Xerophagy - A diet of bread and water; Synonyms: Austere diet, Frugal eating.
8. Xerophilous - Thriving in a dry environment; Synonyms: Drought-loving, Arid-tolerant.
9. Xiphoid - Shaped like a sword; Synonyms: Sword-shaped, Blade-like.
10. Xoanon - A primitive wooden statue used as a cult object in ancient Greece; Synonyms: Primitive idol, Ancient statue.
11. Xylography - The art of making engravings on wood; Synonyms: Wood engraving, Woodcutting.
12. Xylology - The study of wood; Synonyms: Dendrology, Wood science.
13. Xylophagous - Feeding on wood (as certain insects do); Synonyms: Wood-eating, Lignivorous.
14. Xylophone - A musical instrument with a series of wooden bars; Synonyms: Percussion instrument, Glockenspiel.
15. Xyresic - Razor-sharp; Synonyms: Very sharp, Cutting.



## Y

### 1. Younker

- A. A young noble or gentleman
- B. The act or behavior of a yob; hooliganism
- C. A chemical element, atomic number 39
- D. A long, mournful cry or howl

### 2. Yowl

- A. A young noble or gentleman
- B. A companion or fellow worker
- C. The hypothetical initial substance of the universe from which all matter is derived
- D. A long, mournful cry or howl

### 3. Yttriferous

- A. A long, mournful cry or howl
- B. A companion or fellow worker
- C. Containing yttrium or other rare earth elements
- D. A person or thing that yields, adaptable

### 4. Yttrium

- A. A chemical element, atomic number 39
- B. A person or thing that yields, adaptable
- C. The act or behavior of a yob; hooliganism
- D. A long period of time, an age

### 5. Yug

- A. A long period of time, an age
- B. A chemical element, atomic number 39
- C. The act or behavior of a yob; hooliganism
- D. A young noble or gentleman

### 6. Yurt

- A. To burp or belch softly
- B. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia

- C. A young animal, especially a lamb, that is one year old or in the second year of its age
- D. A term for a young, inexperienced country person

7. Yokel

- A. A young animal, especially a lamb, that is one year old or in the second year of its age
- B. A term for a young, inexperienced country person
- C. Quickly; agilely
- D. To burp or belch softly

8. Yarely

- A. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia
- B. To burp or belch softly
- C. Quickly; agilely
- D. A term for a young, inexperienced country person

9. Yeanling

- A. A young animal, especially a lamb, that is one year old or in the second year of its age
- B. Quickly; agilely
- C. A term for a young, inexperienced country person
- D. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia

10. Yaffle

- A. A term for a young, inexperienced country person
- B. Quickly; agilely
- C. A young animal, especially a lamb, that is one year old or in the second year of its age
- D. To burp or belch softly

11. Yarling

- A. A term for a young, inexperienced country person
- B. To burp or belch softly

- C. A type of singing or vocalization, especially a mournful or plaintive one
- D. Quickly; agilely

12. Yclept

- A. Quickly; agilely
- B. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia
- C. Named or called
- D. A term for a young, inexperienced country person

13. Ydrad

- A. Named or called
- B. In dread, terrified
- C. To burp or belch softly
- D. A young animal, especially a lamb, that is one year old or in the second year of its age

14. Yex

- A. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia
- B. Quickly; agilely
- C. A term for a young, inexperienced country person
- D. To burp or belch softly

15. Yieldance

- A. Compliance or submission
- B. Quickly; agilely
- C. A portable, round tent traditionally used by nomads in Central Asia
- D. To burp or belch softly

## **Correct Answers Y**

1. A
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. A
6. B
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. D
11. C
12. C
13. B
14. D
15. A

## **Y. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Younger - A young noble or gentleman; Synonyms: Aristocrat, Young lord.
2. Yowl - A loud, prolonged cry; Synonyms: Howl, Wail.
3. Yttriferous - Containing yttrium; Synonyms: Yttrium-bearing, Yttrium-containing.
4. Yttrium - A metallic element; Synonyms: Chemical element, Metal.
5. Yug - A unit of time in Hindu cosmology; Synonyms: Epoch, Era.
6. Yurt - A portable, round tent; Synonyms: Nomadic tent, Ger.
7. Yokel - An uneducated, country person; Synonyms: Bumpkin, Rustic.
8. Yarely - Eagerly, readily; Synonyms: Keenly, Willingly.
9. Yeanling - A young sheep or goat; Synonyms: Lamb, Kid.
10. Yaffle - To eat or drink noisily; Synonyms: Guzzle, Chomp.
11. Yarling - A wailing sound; Synonyms: Moaning, Howling.
12. Yclept - Named or called; Synonyms: Termed, Dubbed.
13. Ydrad - Dreading, fearing; Synonyms: Fearful, Apprehensive.
14. Yex - To hiccup or belch; Synonyms: Burp, Hiccup.
15. Yieldance - Compliance, submission; Synonyms: Acquiescence, Conformity.

## **Z**

### **1. Zodiac**

- A. An ancient astronomical diagram used for divination
- B. A very large, indefinite number
- C. A mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal
- D. A study of the geographical distribution of animals

### **2. Zoetrope**

- A. The attribution of animal forms or characteristics to gods
- B. A 19th-century optical toy that produces the illusion of motion
- C. A mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal
- D. A prehistoric, terraced tower of the ancient Mesopotamians

### **3. Zoogeography**

- A. A belief in animal gods
- B. A 19th-century optical toy that produces the illusion of motion
- C. The study of the geographical distribution of animals
- D. A type of soft woolen fabric

### **4. Zoolatry**

- A. The study of the geographical distribution of animals
- B. The worship of animals or animal gods
- C. A 19th-century optical toy that produces the illusion of motion
- D. A very large, indefinite number

### **5. Zoomorphism**

- A. The attribution of animal forms or characteristics to gods
- B. The worship of animals or animal gods
- C. A mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal
- D. The study of the geographical distribution of animals

### **6. Zoophyte**

- A. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage
- B. A plant that resembles an animal, especially a sea anemone or coral
- C. A study of the fermentation process in brewing

D. An early stage in the development of an organism

7. Zucchetto

A. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana

B. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage

C. A plant that resembles an animal, especially a sea anemone or coral

D. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics

8. Zugzwang

A. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics

B. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana

C. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage

D. An early stage in the development of an organism

9. Zumology

A. A study of the fermentation process in brewing

B. A plant that resembles an animal, especially a sea anemone or coral

C. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics

D. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana

10. Zydeco

A. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana, combining elements of blues, rhythm and blues, and indigenous music

B. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage

C. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics

D. An early stage in the development of an organism

11. Zygote

A. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana

B. An early stage in the development of an organism, formed by the union of gametes

- C. A study of the fermentation process in brewing
- D. A plant that resembles an animal, especially a sea anemone or coral

12. Zymology

- A. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics
- B. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana
- C. The science of fermentation
- D. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage

13. Zymurgy

- A. A situation in chess where any possible move is to the player's disadvantage
- B. The science of fermentation, especially in brewing
- C. An early stage in the development of an organism, formed by the union of gametes
- D. A plant that resembles an animal, especially a sea anemone or coral

14. Zephyranthes

- A. A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clerics
- B. The science of fermentation
- C. A type of fast-paced music originating from Louisiana
- D. A type of flowering plant, commonly known as rain lilies

15. Zwitterion

- A. A molecule that has both positive and negative charges, typically an amino acid
- B. A type of flowering plant, commonly known as rain lilies
- C. The science of fermentation, especially in brewing
- D. An early stage in the development of an organism, formed by the union of gametes



## **Correct Answers Z**

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. A
11. B
12. C
13. B
14. D
14. A

## **Z. Meaning and Synonyms**

1. Zodiac - A belt of the heavens divided into twelve signs; Synonyms: Astrological signs, Star signs.
2. Zoetrope - An early animation device that produces the illusion of motion; Synonyms: Animation wheel, Pre-cinema device.
3. Zoogeography - The study of geographic distribution of animals; Synonyms: Biogeography, Faunal distribution.
4. Zoolatry - The worship of animals; Synonyms: Animal worship, Theriolatry.
5. Zoomorphism - Applying animal characteristics to humans or gods; Synonyms: Anthropomorphism, Animal-like.
6. Zoophyte - An organism that resembles both an animal and a plant; Synonyms: Coral, Sea anemone.
7. Zucchetto - A small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clergy; Synonyms: Skullcap, Clerical cap.
8. Zugzwang - A situation in chess where a player is forced to make an undesirable move; Synonyms: Compulsion to move, Forced move.
9. Zumology - The study of fermentation; Synonyms: Fermentation science, Zymology.
10. Zydeco - A form of lively dance music originating from Louisiana; Synonyms: Music genre, Creole music.
11. Zygote - A cell formed by the union of two gametes; Synonyms: Fertilized egg, Germ cell.
12. Zymology - The science of fermentation; Synonyms: Fermentation study, Brew science.
13. Zymurgy - The study or practice of fermentation in brewing; Synonyms: Brewing science, Fermentation technology.
14. Zephyranthes - A genus of flowering plants; Synonyms: Rain lilies, Flower species.
15. Zwitterion - A molecule with both positive and negative charges; Synonyms: Dipolar ion, Ampholyte.