

10 || Antonyms

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In each of antonym question on the GAT, you are given a word and are asked to choose its opposite from the answer choices. This question type mainly tests your vocabulary skills.

Since some of the questions require you to distinguish fine shades of meaning, be sure to consider all the choices before deciding which one is the best.

STRATEGY

If you have memorized the word lists in part 3 of this book, you'll be able to eliminate two or three of the choices immediately because they are not even close or could not possibly relate to the original word.

Begin by making opposites of all the answer choices. If you are having trouble coming up with an opposite, don't waste more than five seconds trying. Many words don't have clear opposites, so you can just get rid of these choices.

Example:

1. ALTER

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| A. Altitude | B. Pirate |
| C. Inconsistent | D. Notorious |
| E. Stable | |

Explanation:

The best response is E.

The word alters means to change. The closest opposite is choice E- stable.

Choice A, altitude and choice D, notorious do not relate to alter so are not possible answers. Choice B, pirate and choice C, inconsistent are in the synonym category.

Use the word in a test sentence; recall the context in which you've heard the word before.

Example:

2. PATHOLOGICAL

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| A. Prolific | B. Cured |
| C. Diseased | D. Lazy |
| E. Abnormal | |

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Explanation:

The best response is B.

Sentence: "One of my friends is a pathological liar." pathological here refers to a negative characteristic, the correct choice is positive.

Avoid choosing a word from the choices that is too broad or too limited to be an opposite.

Example:

3. VERBOSE

- | | |
|-------------|------------------|
| A. Filtered | B. Not talkative |
| C. Edited | D. Narrow-minded |
| E. Produce | |

Explanation:

The best response is B.

Verbose means using too many words in conversation or writing. Although choices A, C, and D, are all partial opposites because they contain the idea of restricting language, only B not talkative specifically refers to speech.

Working from the answer choices, eliminating similar choices, and looking for

the choice that "stands out" can be useful.

Example:

4. DECAYED

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. Ruined | B. Condemned |
| C. Renovated | D. Destroyed |
| E. Shabby | |

Explanation:

The best response is C.

Choices A. ruined and D destroyed may be synonyms to the main word. Only choice C renovated is the opposite of decayed.

Try to detect whether a word is positive or negative in meaning. If the main word is positive, your choice must be negative and vice versa.

Example:

5. UNPREDICTABLE

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| A. Notorious | B. Orderly |
| C. Spurious | D. Aimless |
| E. Hectic | |

Explanation:

The best response is B.

Unpredictable is a negative word that means which cannot be predicted. Choices A,C, and D are also negative so they can not be the answers. Only the choice B is positive.

WARM UP EXERCISE

Directions: Each question below consists of a word printed in capital letters, followed by five words or phrases. Choose the word or phrase that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

The answers and explanation of each question has been given at the bottom of the question.

1. HYPOCRITICAL:

- A forthright
- B judicious
- C Coward
- D Happy
- E Bully

Explanation:

HYPOCRITICAL contains the base word HYPOCRITE, one who deceives. The opposite is one who is honest. The answer is (A).

2. VOLUMINOUS:

- A Huge
- B Massive
- C unsubstantial
- D tenacious
- E Appropriate

Explanation:

VOLUMINOUS is the word derived from VOLUME. The only answer-choice related to size is UNSUBSTANTIAL. The answer is (C).

3. FANATICISM:

- A delusion
- B Socialism
- C Harmonized
- D Clarity
- E indifference

Explanation:

FANATICISM contains FANATIC which in turn contains FAN. Now, at a sporting event, fans often become overenthusiastic, which is precisely the meaning of FANATIC. Thus, we are looking for a word that means unenthusiastic. That is the meaning of INDIFFERENCE. The answer is (E).

4. INTERMINABLE:

- A finite
- B jejune
- C tranquil
- D incessant
- E imprudent

Explanation:

INTERMINABLE derived from the base word TERMINATE—to stop. Now, the prefix in means "not," so INTERMINABLE means "not able to stop." The only word that contains the notion of stopping or limitedness is FINITE. Hence, the answer is (A).

5. ORNATE:

- A Spartan
- B Boorish
- C Yearn
- D counterfeit
- E Template

Explanation:

Changing the ending of ORNATE to "ment" yields the more familiar word ORNAMENT—a decoration. The opposite is undecorated. Now, the best answer-choice is SPARTAN, which means "plain or austere." The answer is (A).

6. DERISION:

- A urgency
- B admonishment
- C uniqueness
- D diversity
- E acclaim

Explanation:

Since DERISION starts with DE, it should be negative. "Urgency" and "admonishment" are both somewhat negative—eliminate. "Uniqueness" and "diversity" are both neutral—eliminate. Hence, by process of elimination, the answer is (E), "acclaim." The Correct Answer is E.

7. ANTIPATHY:

- A fondness
- B disagreement
- C boorishness
- D provocation
- E opprobrium

Explanation:

Since ANTIPATHY starts with ANTI, it is negative. "Disagreement" "boorishness," "provocation," and "opprobrium" are all negative to varying degrees. Hence, the answer is (A), "fondness." ANTIPATHY means "hatred." The Correct Answer is A.

8. CAJOLE:

- A implore B glance at
C belittle D ennoble
E engender

Explanation:

CAJOLE has a positive connotation. "Implore," "ennoble," and "engender" are all neutral to positive, and they are all similar to CAJOLE—eliminate. "Glance at" is neutral—eliminate. Thus, by process of elimination, the answer is (C), "belittle." CAJOLE means "to encourage." The Correct Answer is C.

9. CENSURE:

- A prevaricate B titillate
C aggrandize D obscure
E sanction

Explanation:

CENSURE is a hard word. Nonetheless, you may sense that it has a negative connotation. "Sanction" is the only positive word offered, and it is the answer. CENSURE means "to deplore." The answer is (E).

10. ADULATION

- A immutability B reluctance
C reflection D defamation
E indifference

Explanation:

ADULATION has a positive connotation. "Immutability," "reluctance," "reflection," and "indifference" are all neutral in connotation—eliminate. Thus, by process of elimination, the answer is (D), "defamation." ADULATION means "praise, applause." The Correct Answer is D.

SOLVED EXERCISE

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1. PATHOLOGICAL

- A. Sick B. Healthy
C. Unrealizable D. Selective
E. Chemicals

Explanation:

The best response is B.

Pathological here refers to a negative characteristic, the correct choice is positive, (B). Healthy

2. DETACH

- A. Separate B. Pack
C. Bottom line D. Scratch
E. Ambulatory

Explanation

The best response is B.

Detach means to separate or unfasten. The best opposite is choice (B) Pack.

3. SYNCHERONIZED

- A. Arrhythmic B. Resonating
C. Harmonized D. Bough
E. Chronological

Explanation

The best response is A.

Synchronized means occurring at the same time or occurring together. The best opposite would be choice (A) out of step.

4. CHAOTIC

- A. Immersive B. Orderly
C. Hectic D. Nervous
E. Embarrassing

Explanation

The best response is B..

Chaotic is a negative word that means in a state of complete confusion or disorder. Choices (B) and (D) are positive words. Choice (B) orderly is the positive word that is the best opposite.

5. BOMBASTIC

- A. Creative B. Selfish
C. Artistic D. Polite
E. Overbearing

Explanation

The best response is D.

Bombastic is a very strong word that means boastful. Notice that it simply sounds like a strong word. The best opposite here is choice (D) Polite.

6. GARRULOUS

- A. Barren
- B. Funnel
- C. Censored
- D. Silent
- E. Notable

Explanation:

The best response is D.

Garrulous means talking too much. Only (D) Silent who cannot speak is the right answer.

ELEVATED

- A. Suspended
- B. Moody
- C. Subterranean
- D. Grounded
- E. Excited

Explanation:

The best response is C.

"Elevated" means above the ground. Choice (D) grounded means connected to the earth. Choice (C) subterranean means beneath the surface.

8. REDUNDANT

- A. Insufficient
- B. Expanded
- C. Profound
- D. Numerous
- E. Verbose

Explanation:

The best response is A.

Redundant means superfluous, extra, unneeded. Choice A insufficient means not enough.

9. INANE →

- A. Bawdy
- B. Serious
- C. Mature
- D. Anonymous
- E. Opposite

Explanation:

The best response is B.

Inane means silly or empty. Choice B serious means important.

10. CONFIDANT

- A. Silt
- B. Confused
- C. Enemy
- D. Acquaintance
- E. Reliable

Explanation:

The best response is B.

11. PARTISAN

- A. Sentimental
- B. Placid
- C. Disinterested
- D. Obvious
- E. Unyielding

Explanation:

The best response is C.

Partisan means "one who is a member of a party," so its opposite would be disinterested (C)

12. DISSEMINATE

- A. Gather Together
- B. Cut down
- C. Distinguish
- D. Hold down
- E. Clone

Explanation:

The best response is A.

Disseminate means "to disperse," so its opposite would be gather together. (A)

13. INSULAR

- A. Berate
- B. Cosmopolitan
- C. Considerate
- D. Alcoholic
- E. Vulnerable

Explanation:

The best response is B.

Insular means "isolated." So its opposite is cosmopolitan (B), which means, "to have a worldwide, rather than limited, scope or bearing."

14. GRAVEN →

- A. Nonchalant
- B. Fastidious
- C. Petulant
- D. Arrogant
- E. Plucky

Explanation:

The best response is E.

Carven means "cowardly," so its opposite is "brave," choice (E), plucky, means just that, and is your correct answer.

15. SEDULITY

- A. Silent
- B. Justify
- C. Futility
- D. Carelessness
- E. verbosity

Explanation:

The best response is D.

Sedulity means "diligence." Its opposite would be "laziness." Carelessness (D) is the best answer.

SWEET CANDIES

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Note:

What may be the best strategy to be fluent in antonym question type? I suggest, you must memorize the vocabulary first and then try to attempt the exercises. The following exercises seem difficult in the beginning, but you should do. It help you a lot to build a concrete vocabulary pool in mind.

Set 1

1. ACRIMONIOUS

- A. Acid
- B. Bitter
- C. Clever
- D. Soothing
- E. Enervate

2. BARREN

- A. Fertile
- B. Rejecting
- C. Crater
- D. Lacking freedom
- E. Concave

3. APATHY

- A. Enemy
- B. Love
- C. Noble
- D. Temptation
- E. Lucrative

4. OUTBREAK

- A. Confined
- B. Smash
- C. Reliability
- D. Tumult
- E. Burst

5. INDULGENT

- A. Active
- B. Agile
- C. squanders
- D. Oppressive
- E. Discrete

6. PRECIOUS

- A. Honor
- B. Treasured
- C. Paltry
- D. Jewel
- E. Valuable

7. LISTLESS

- A. Turbulent
- B. Prolific

- C. Peace
- E. Precious

D. Dynamic

8. INDETERMINATE

- A. Calculated
- B. Conclusive
- C. Extravagant
- D. Astonished
- E. Excavated

9. FOIBLE

- A. Feasible
- B. Gull
- C. Luxurious
- D. Forte
- E. Powerful

10. ATTRACT

- A. Progress
- B. Circumnutates
- C. Magnetic
- D. Repel
- E. Shy

11. ADMONISH

- A. Hypnotic
- B. Honor
- C. Encourage
- D. Scold
- E. Prepare

12. ANIMOSITY

- A. Friendliness
- B. Anxiety
- C. Eagerness
- D. Reliability
- E. Slender

13. PORTLY

- A. Briskly
- B. Vessel
- C. Slender
- D. Entirely
- E. Empty

14. IMPETUOUS

- A. Defensive
- B. Ardent
- C. Hobbyist
- D. Wary
- E. Squeal

15. VALID

- A. Laud
- B. Feeble
- C. Due
- D. Dump
- E. Cogent

16. EXACERBATE

- A. Prolific
- B. Inert
- C. Insane
- D. Soothe
- E. Bronze

17. EQUILIBRIUM

- A. Parallel
- B. Tranquilizer
- C. Membrane
- D. Imbalance
- E. Overseer

18. OBSOLETE
 A. Hyrum
 C. Act
 E. Hesitant
 B. Modern ✓
 D. Paramount

19. BIZARRE
 A. Fair
 C. Muddled
 E. Lull
 B. Lottery
 D. Ordinary

20. IRK
 A. Broad
 C. Delight
 E. Shock
 B. Profound
 D. Lofty

21. DOUR
 A. implausible
 C. Boring
 E. Spotted
 B. Cheerful
 D. Portal

22. STRIKING
 A. Inconspicuous
 C. Straight
 E. Harmonious
 B. Vibrating
 D. Symmetric

23. PROFUSION
 A. Penetration
 C. Scarcity ✓
 E. Audacity
 B. Abundance
 D. Ordinance

24. SYBARITE
 A. Childless
 C. Ascetic
 E. Veteran
 B. Vascular
 D. Imposter

25. TEAR
 A. Rectify
 C. Rupture
 E. Procrastinate
 B. Lacerate
 D. Lancelets

Set 2

1. COMPLACET
 A. Notorious
 C. Extemporaneous
 E. Mammalian
 B. Normalized
 D. Distressed

2. WET
 A. Parched
 C. Humid
 E. Dusty
 B. Tempered
 D. Soak

3. ADAPT

- A. Approve
 C. Shed
 E. Fit
 B. Applaud
 D. Reject

4. ATHEIST
 A. Hypnotic
 C. Believer
 E. Alarmist
 B. Bane
 D. Theorist

5. GENEROUS
 A. Cruel
 C. Selfish
 E. Intellectual
 B. Noble
 D. Lavish

6. SWAGGER
 A. Drinker
 C. Grovel
 E. Vessel
 B. Livelier
 D. Actor

7. TEMPT
 A. Paramount
 C. Abstemious
 E. Hoax
 B. Wish
 D. Provoke

8. LOATHING
 A. Acrimonious
 C. Elevation
 E. Flirt
 B. Impact
 D. Craving

9. GLORIFY
 A. Rectify
 C. Extol
 E. Exalt
 B. Appraise
 D. Kneel down

10. HAPHAZARD
 A. Systematic
 C. Linear
 E. Dangerous
 B. Ecstasy
 D. Follower

11. BLUNT
 A. Merciful
 C. Dull
 E. Recuperate
 B. Direct
 D. Insensitive

12. PRAISE
 A. Forgive
 C. Deny
 E. Silent
 B. Criticize
 D. Condemn

13. OCCULT
 A. Intelligible
 C. Sectary
 B. Crooked
 D. Medieval

- E. Society
14. RESOLVED
 A. Circumnutated
 C. Decided
 E. Involved
 B. Normalized
 D. Unstable
15. CAPTURE
 A. Confined
 C. Apprehend
 E. Dominate
 B. Free
 D. Seize
16. OBLIVION
 A. Remembrance
 C. Slaughter
 E. Whirlpool
 B. Bounced
 D. Sentimentality
17. ERASE
 A. Purify
 C. Nip
 E. Eradicate
 B. Imprint
 D. Delete
18. ACCUMULATE
 A. Proliferate
 C. Congress
 E. Board
 B. Abuse
 D. Rally
19. ILLICITY
 A. Enlighten
 C. Legal
 E. Reflect
 B. illusive
 D. Cover up
20. BRISK
 A. Engrossed
 C. Diligent
 E. Passive
 B. Occupied
 D. Swift
21. EBULLIENT
 A. Feminine
 C. Oily
 E. Bulwark
 B. Dull
 D. Salient
22. HORRIBLE
 A. Sabotage
 C. Dogmatic
 E. Appealing
 B. Agreeable
 D. Repulsive
23. UNAFFECTED
 A. Defective
 C. Transparent
 E. Immune
 B. Insincere
 D. Weird
24. MENTOR
 A. Lawyer
 C. Enemy
 E. Compiler
 B. Counselor
 D. Curator
25. CONSEQUENCE
 A. Effective
 C. Cause
 E. Shame
 B. Plan
 D. Retaliation
- Set 3**
1. STIFLE
 A. Volley
 C. Triplet
 E. Dapple
 B. Encore
 D. Promote
2. INDULGENT
 A. Energetic
 C. Brilliant
 E. Austere
 B. Pious
 D. Deluged
3. BRUSQUE
 A. Modest
 C. Courteous
 E. Eliminate
 B. Central
 D. Intrigue
4. BECALMED
 A. Generous
 C. In motion
 E. Inquisitive
 B. Tranquil
 D. Simulated
5. BLITHE
 A. Despondent
 C. Angelic
 E. Opaque
 B. Mutinous
 D. Rigid
6. TEEMING
 A. Latent
 C. Individual
 E. Combustible
 B. Barren
 D. Putting
7. TAWDARY
 A. Marble
 C. Insolvent
 E. Awestruck
 B. Humidity
 D. Elegant
8. LAUD
 A. Substantial
 C. Inferior
 E. Move apart
 B. Castigate
 D. Enormity
9. NOVICE

- A. Deletion
C. Volley
E. Democrat
10. ESCHEW
A. Pursue
C. Bolt
E. Smooth
11. GIDDY
A. Level-headed
C. Portable
E. Withdraw
12. IMPAIR
A. Supplant
C. Extend
E. Singly
13. TEDIOUS
A. Plainspoken
C. Coarse
E. Hygienic
14. SUPPLE
A. Cram
C. Theoretical
E. Emaciate
15. SQUANDER
A. Scale
C. Haunt
E. Lessen
16. TACTFUL
A. Unbound
C. Lazy
E. Polished
17. TERSE
A. Chattering
C. Lean
E. Lumped together
18. PLAINTIVE
A. Pithy
C. Accuser
E. Hardened
19. URBANE
A. Loitering
C. Churlish
E. Square
- B. Beatitude
D. Veteran
- B. Swallow
D. Cocoon
- B. Mourn
D. Swirl
- B. Enhance
D. Graceful
- B. Refreshing
D. Appropriate
- B. Rigid
D. Lofty
- B. Rebuff
D. Hoard
- B. Boorish
D. Renowned
- B. Threefold
D. Miserly
- B. Quaint
D. Merry
- B. Rustic
D. Misguided

20. GREGARIOUS
A. Posterior
C. Poisonous
E. Congenital
21. VIABLE
A. Feasible
C. Corrective
E. Nomadic
22. SOOTHE
A. Simmer
C. Excite
E. Vibrate
23. CAPRICIOUS
A. Diminutive
C. Immoral
E. Piteous
24. UPBRAID
A. Hurdle
C. Downcast
E. Clump
25. FLACCID
A. Dark-haired
C. Tactile
E. Soapy
- B. Outstanding
D. Reclusive
- B. Motionless
D. Unworkable
- B. Eat greedily
D. Purify
- B. Sudden
D. Steady
- B. Praise
D. Dishevel
- B. Torpid
D. Sinewy

Set 4

1. FICKLE
A. Entertain
C. Compress
E. Resemble
2. MEAGER
A. Minimize
C. Sensitive
E. Flexible
3. HOVEL
A. Crowd
C. Pudding
E. Dust
4. CREDULOUS
A. Gullible
C. Unrewarded
E. Indebted
5. BRAZEN
- B. Resolute
D. Turn aside
- B. Lavish
D. Recover
- B. Whisk
D. Palace
- B. Skeptical
D. Humorous

- A. Red-handed
C. Modest
E. Fireplace
6. DEVOID
A. Liberty
C. Faithless
E. Cosmos
7. LOUTISH
A. Dejected
C. Urbane
E. Silent
8. AUSPICIOUS
A. Pictorial
C. Trusting
E. Scions
9. SUCCINCT
A. Helpless
C. Felonious
E. Blemish
10. INCRIMINATE
A. Exculpate
C. Appropriate
E. Subjugate
11. PALTRY
A. Stallion
C. Significant
E. Enmity
12. PUGNACITY
A. Adhesion
C. influx
E. Domesticity
13. PAUCITY
A. Treachery
C. Vixen
E. Envious
14. JAUNDICED
A. Unprejudiced
C. Remitted
E. Variable
15. TORPOR
A. Rankle
C. Commentator
E. Teetotaler
- B. Ironic
D. Trespass
- B. Innermost
D. Replete
- B. Vast
D. Pitiful
- B. Ill-starred
D. Blunt
- B. Overbearing
D. Long-winded
- B. Sporadic
D. Exhume
- B. Mastery
D. Absent
- B. Inimical
D. Mildness
- B. Profusion
D. Tincture
- B. Servile
D. Discounted
- B. Impeach
D. Vigor
16. BULK
A. Cheat
C. Stalk
E. Eyewitness
17. SIMULATED
A. Sequential
C. Discouraged
E. Depressed
18. PUERILE
A. Mature
C. Odoriferous
E. Signify
19. RANKLE
A. Fragrant
C. Linear
E. Condone
20. UNDERLING
A. Topcoat
C. Chief
E. Bridging
21. SERRATED
A. Oily
C. Smooth
E. Indecisive
22. ANTIPATHY
A. Liking
C. Provocation
E. Venom
23. DIAPHANOUS
A. Transitive
C. Schematic
E. Elephantine
24. DISPARAGE
A. Compare
C. Acclaim
E. Regroup
25. DEBAUCH
A. Comment
C. Edify
E. Provenance
- B. Smallness
D. Magnetize
- B. Authentic
D. Mixed
- B. Servile
D. Petty
- B. Subordinate
D. Soothe
- B. Yearling
D. Flying
- B. Joined
D. Greeted
- B. Pathetic
D. Bluntness
- B. Secular
D. Opaque
- B. Optimism
D. Peerage
- B. Connive
D. Malingering

ANSWERS OF QUESTIONS

Answers: Set 1

1.	D	2.	A	3.	B	4.	A	5.	D
6.	C	7.	D	8.	B	9.	D	10.	D
11.	D	12.	A	13.	C	14.	D	15.	B
16.	D	17.	D	18.	B	19.	D	20.	C
21.	B	22.	A	23.	C	24.	C	25.	A

Set 2

1.	D	2.	A	3.	B	4.	A	5.	D
6.	C	7.	C	8.	D	9.	D	10.	A
11.	A	12.	D	13.	A	14.	A	15.	B
16.	A	17.	B	18.	A	19.	C	20.	E
21.	B	22.	B	23.	B	24.	C	25.	C

Set 3

1.	D	2.	E	3.	C	4.	C	5.	A
6.	B	7.	D	8.	B	9.	D	10.	A
11.	A	12.	B	13.	B	14.	B	15.	D
16.	B	17.	A	18.	D	19.	C	20.	D
21.	D	22.	C	23.	D	24.	B	25.	D

Set 4

1.	B	2.	B	3.	D	4.	B	5.	C
6.	D	7.	C	8.	B	9.	D	10.	A
11.	C	12.	D	13.	B	14.	A	15.	D
16.	B	17.	B	18.	A	19.	D	20.	C
21.	C	22.	A	23.	D	24.	C	25.	C

BRAIN BUSTERS

Directions: Each question below consists of a word printed in capital letters, followed by four/five lettered words or phrases. Choose the lettered word or phrase that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

Answer and explanation of each question has been given at the bottom of the exercise.

Since some of the questions require you to distinguish fine shades of meaning, be sure to consider all the choices before deciding which one is best.

1. INEXORABLE

- A. Repetitive B. Tractable
C. Garish D. Brackish
E. Mnemonics

2. ANATHEMA

- A. Differentiation B. Benediction

- C. Fortitude
E. Rectitude

D. Extricate

3. ORNATE

- A. Monochromatic
C. Austerely
E. Iconoclast

- B. Balding
D. Severe

4. PREMPTORY

- A. Glacis
C. Convalescence
E. Jaded

- B. Docile
D. Panegyric

5. IMMATURE

- A. Callow
C. Juvenile
E. Developed

- B. Transit
D. intelligent

6. UNCOUTH

- A. Urbane
C. Sentient
E. Paroxysm

- B. Exhort
D. Prevaricate

7. TEMPERNCE

- A. Miserliness
C. Dissipation
E. Hospitality

- B. Callousness
D. Sloth

8. VAGILLATE

- A. vibrating
C. To make alliance
E. Make vulnerable

- B. Reach a firm decision
D. Profligate

9. REALCITRANT

- A. Submissive
C. Audacious
E. Divert

- B. Maladroit
D. Travail

10. BANE

- A. Benefit
C. Zenith
E. Successor

- B. Abundant
D. Virtuous

11. LACERATE

- A. Mend
C. Masticate
E. Remain confident

- B. Absorbed
D. Accept

12. SUNDRY

- A. Prolific
C. Numerous

- B. Indescribable
D. Identical

- E. Contiguous
13. ANOMALOUS
A. Cryptic
C. Ominous
E. Obsolete
B. Congruous
D. Chronicle
14. DISPERSE
A. Covetous
C. Proliferation
E. Enumerate
B. Bugle
D. Muster
15. OBURATION
A. Incite
C. Lassitude
E. Deference
B. Magnate
D. Exogenous
16. PROPAGATE
A. Uproot
C. Surf
E. Prune
B. Approbation
D. Saturate
17. EQUANIMITY
A. Harsh
C. Benign
E. Passion
B. Abolish
D. Decry
18. FLUCTUATE
A. Soften
C. Inflate
E. Stabilize
B. Parse
D. Spin
19. SPURN
A. Gyrate
C. Praise
E. Abject
B. Continue
D. Embrace
20. VALIANT
A. Adroit
C. Diminutive
E. Timorous
B. Turbulent
D. Modest
21. KINDRED
A. Orphaned
C. Simulated
E. Disjointed
B. Alien
D. Paternal
22. MENDACIOUS
A. Honest
C. Integrate
E. Harsh
B. Embrace
D. Vituperative
23. MOTLEY
A. Vermilion
C. Verbal
E. Homogeneous
B. Aphorism
D. Fecund
24. PERPETUAL
A. Immobile
C. Versatile
E. Despicable
B. Deceased
D. Canter
25. MITIGATE
A. Ghost
C. Increase
E. Theological
B. Mimic
D. Remark
26. HERETIC
A. Exorbitant
C. Orthodox
E. Power
B. Malaise
D. Clerical
27. UNTENABLE
A. Occupied
C. Defensible
E. Stable
B. Competent
D. Frangible
28. DEPRECIATE
A. Spoil
C. Overrate
E. Despoil
B. Desperate
D. Passive
29. ETILOATE
A. Unctuous
C. Clean
E. Relegate
B. Spontaneous
D. Stain
30. BRUSQUE
A. Serious
C. Alluring
E. Congenial
B. Quick
D. Flippant

Answers									
1.	B	2.	B	3.	C	4.	B	5.	E
6.	A	7.	C	8.	B	9.	A	10.	A
11.	A	12.	D	13.	B	14.	D	15.	E
16.	A	17.	E	18.	E	19.	D	20.	E
21.	B	22.	A	23.	E	24.	B	25.	C
26.	C	27.	C	28.	C	29.	D	30.	E

Explanation

1. B Inexorable means uncompromising or rigid; tractable means yielding or docile.
2. B Anathema means curse; benediction means blessing.
3. C Ornate means "elaborately decorated." Severe, which in one sense means "austerely plain," is good antonym.
4. B Peremptory means "authoritative or positive"; docile means "complacent or changeable".
5. E Immature is sometimes used to characterize behavior that is stupid and foolish, the opposite of choice (D), but its basic meaning is "not ripe," that is, "not fully developed," Thus, choice (E) is an exact opposite.
6. A Uncouth means "barbarous or crude", urbane means "proper and sophisticated".
7. C Temperance means "moderation, restraint, especially in the use of alcohol"; dissipation means "intemperance, lack of moderation, especially in the use of alcohol".
8. B Vacillate means "to hesitate". The opposite is to reach a firm decision.
9. A Recalcitrant means "obstinate or rebellious"; submissive means "to give in and be obedient".
10. A A bane is "source of harm". The opposite is a "source of benefit".
11. A Lacerate means "to rend or sever"; mend means "to repair or make new".
12. D Sundry means "diverse." Identical is a good antonym; it means "exactly the same".
13. B Anomalous means "abnormal or inconsistent"; congruous means "appropriate or fitting".
14. D To disperse is to scatter. By contrast, to muster is to gather or collect.
15. E Obduration means "condemnation or reproof", deference means "courtesy and kindness".
16. A To propagate something is to help it grow, spread, or multiply. Uproot is a good opposite. Meaning "to prevent from growing," it.
17. E Equanimity means "calm". Passion, which refers to any strong feeling, excitement, or emotion, is a good opposite.
18. E Fluctuate means "undulate to move"; stabilize means "to make steady or to maintain a given level".
19. D To spurn something is to reject it scornfully. The opposite is to embrace it – that is, to welcome it or to accept it gladly.
20. E Valiant means "brave". Timorous means "fearful, timid, lacking in courage or self-confidence."
21. B Kindred mean "related, allied". Alien is a good opposite meaning "unreal, unrelated".
22. A Mendacious means "deceitful or dishonest"; honest is the opposite.
23. E Motley, means "mixed or variegated"; homogeneous means "same type or without mixture".
24. B Perpetual means "something is to work or move forever". The opposite is "to deceased".
25. C Mitigate means "to lessen or ameliorate"; increase means "to grow".
26. C Heretic means "schismatic or nonconforming"; orthodoxy means "confirming to a religious doctrine".
27. C Untenable means "unreasonable"; not able to be held, maintained, or defended. The opposite is defensible.
28. C One definition of depreciate is "to underrate, disparate, or belittle". The opposite is "to overrate something – that is, to speak of it as being more valuable than it really is".
29. D Etiolate means "to blanch or wither"; stain means "to soil or blacken".
30. E A brusque manner is abrupt, curt, blunt, or rude. By contrast, a congenial manner is warm, friendly, and sociable.