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Q1. Seamy

(a) Pure

(b) Real

(c) Steady

(d) Timid

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Seamy means sordid & disreputable.

Hence Seamy and Pure are antonyms to each other.

Q2. Ruefully

(a) Meagre

(b) Evident

(c) Cheerfully

(d) Insignificant

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ruefully means causing sorrow or pity, pitiable, deplorable.

Cheerfully goes for noticeably happy or optimistic.

Hence Ruefully and Cheerfully are antonyms to each other.

Q3. Forlorn

(a) Unsociable

(b) Joyful

(c) Docile

(d) Smooth

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Forlorn means pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.

Hence Forlorn and Joyful are antonyms to each other.

Q4. Relinquish

(a) Cruelty

(b) Retain

(c) Vulnerable

(d) Explicit

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Relinquish means voluntarily cease to keep or claim, give up.

Retain means continue to have something.

Hence Relinquish and Retain are antonyms to each other.

Q5. Erudite

(a) Literate

(b) Illiterate

(c) Chivalrous

(d) Gloomy

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Erudite means having or showing great knowledge or learning.

Hence Illiterate and Erudite are antonyms to each other.

Q6. Inquisitive

(a) Invincible

(b) Indifferent

(c) Spiritual

(d) Unusual

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Inquisitive means having or showing an interest in learning things, or curious.

Indifferent means having no particular interest or unconcerned.

Hence Inquisitive and Indifferent are antonyms to each other.

Q7. Perilous

(a) Safe

(b) Unknown

(c) Inclusions

(d) Rare

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Perilous means full of danger or risk.

Hence Perilous and Safe are antonyms to each other.

Q8. Servile

(a) Malevolent

(b) Vacillate

(c) Defiant

(d) Flimsy

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Servile means having or showing an excessive willingness.

Defiance means showing resistant or uncooperative.

Hence Servile and Defiant are antonyms to each other.

Q9. Autonomous

(a) Dependent

(b) Plain

(c) Impractical

(d) Conceal

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Autonomous means having the freedom to act independently.

Hence Autonomous and Dependent are antonyms to each other.

Q10. Venial

(a) Hostile

(b) Unpardonable

(c) Hospitality

(d) Prodigality

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Venial means easily excused or forgiven.

Unpardonable means too severe to be pardoned.

Hence Venial and Unpardonable are antonyms to each other.

**Q1. Zuckerberg explains that in 2013, researcher Aleksandr Kogan from Cambridge University created a personality quiz app, which was \_\_\_\_\_ by 300,000 people.**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ fed
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ promoted
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ appreciated
- (d) installed

**Q2. The app was then able to \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook information, including those of the users' friends and obtained \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ Kogan.**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ spread
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ revered
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ retrieve
- (d) interrupt

**Q3. DC Leaks was able to create \_\_\_\_\_ during the election by creating distrust through specifically attacking and \_\_\_\_\_ promoting \_\_\_\_\_ candidates.**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ rampant
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ celebration
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ confusion
- (d) perturbation

**Q4. Spreading \_\_\_\_\_ and manipulating people in the U.S., Europe, and Russia by using Facebook as a platform with \_\_\_\_\_ fake \_\_\_\_\_ accounts.**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ disinformation
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ exemplum
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ renegade
- (d) chats

**Q5. The accounts were \_\_\_\_\_ once the situation was discovered.**

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ shut
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ started
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ revoked
- (d) denounced

**Direction (6-10): In each of the following sentences, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The error may**

**be idiomatic or grammatical. If there is not error opt for option 'D'.**

**Q6. Nobody believed him (A)/ when he said that (B)/ his son was gone out of the country (C)/ No error (D).**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q7. Some of the devotees (A)/ prostrate on the steps (B)/ on the floor in front of the idol before leaving. (C)/ No error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q8. Despite several reminders, (A)/ he did not so far send (B)/ any reply to my letters (C)/ No error (D).**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**Q9. It is true (A)/ that the poor is unable (B)/ to get nourishing food even today. (C)/ No error (D).**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D



**Q10. The man told to her (A)/ that he had not brought his dog (B)/ out for a walk as he was afraid that it would rain (C)/ No error (D).**

(a) A  
(b) B  
(c) C  
(d) D

### **Solutions**

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Install: place or fix (equipment or machinery) in position ready for use.

Hence option D is the correct choice.

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Retrieve: find or extract (information stored in a computer).

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Confusion: uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required.

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Disinformation: false information which is intended to mislead.

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct choice.

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'was' by 'had'.

When two incidents occurred in past, the first incident is

mentioned in past perfect tense while the second one in simple past tense.

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Add reflexive pronoun 'themselves' after 'prostrate'.

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'So far' is used in Present Perfect Tense structured sentences. Hence correct form is 'he has not so far sent'.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. The + adjective represents a group or class. Hence 'the poor' has been used for poor people, not for just a single poor person. Therefore replace 'is' by 'are' after 'the poor'.

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'to' after 'told'.

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