

The following final exam drills contain every word in the *Word Smart* core list. If you get a question wrong, look up all the answer choices for that question and review the definitions. The answers to these drills are found in Chapter 13.

## Final Exam Drill #1: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. Because Stan had been preoccupied during his dynamite-juggling demonstration, the jury felt that he was not \_\_\_\_\_ for the destruction of the property.
  - a. decorous
  - b. decimated
  - c. indiscreet
  - d. culpable
  - e. indiscrete
2. Sally was sad because Mr. Reeves, our English teacher, filled the margins of her term paper with \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about her spelling, grammar, and writing style.
  - a. fatuous
  - b. heretical
  - c. ineffable
  - d. prepossessing
  - e. derogatory
3. The fans were \_\_\_\_\_ when the football team lost its fiftieth game in a row.
  - a. irascible
  - b. despondent
  - c. rapacious
  - d. stigmatized
  - e. precipitous

4. Da-Shawn and Harry were given jobs on the stage crew because their \_\_\_\_\_ voices ruined the sound of the chorus.
- a. unremitting
  - b. paternal
  - c. wanton
  - d. laconic
  - e. dissonant
5. The baby kittens were so \_\_\_\_\_ that the nursery school children were able to pick them up, carry them around by the scruffs of their necks, and dress them up in doll clothes.
- a. abashed
  - b. peripatetic
  - c. docile
  - d. agrarian
  - e. nefarious

## Final Exam Drill #2: Synonyms

For each question below, match the word on the left with the word most similar in meaning on the right.

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. litigious   | a. ingenuous  |
| 2. artless     | b. querulous  |
| 3. taciturn    | c. auspicious |
| 4. refute      | d. perennial  |
| 5. perjure     | e. avow       |
| 6. allege      | f. reticent   |
| 7. gauche      | g. delude     |
| 8. officious   | h. rebut      |
| 9. chronic     | i. inept      |
| 10. propitious | j. solicitous |

## Final Exam Drill #3: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. address       | infer       | construe   | extrapolate  |
| 2. rigorous      | punctilious | integral   | painstaking  |
| 3. consecrate    | revere      | venerate   | delineate    |
| 4. abstain       | relegate    | forbear    | forgo        |
| 5. insubordinate | willful     | didactic   | intransigent |
| 6. labyrinthine  | profane     | secular    | atheistic    |
| 7. acrid         | amoral      | sardonic   | virulent     |
| 8. analogous     | perfunctory | cursory    | desultory    |
| 9. decadent      | degenerate  | profligate | magnanimous  |
| 10. connoisseur  | virtuoso    | malleable  | aesthete     |

## Final Exam Drill #4: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. sporadic    | incessant   |
| 2. beget       | spawn       |
| 3. malaise     | subversion  |
| 4. coerce      | compel      |
| 5. peccadillo  | enormity    |
| 6. charismatic | insipid     |
| 7. countenance | condone     |
| 8. usurp       | appropriate |
| 9. espouse     | extricate   |
| 10. arbitrate  | mediate     |

## Final Exam Drill #5: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The applicant's credentials were \_\_\_\_\_, but I didn't like the color of his necktie so I didn't hire him.
  - a. irreproachable
  - b. aloof
  - c. domestic
  - d. vitriolic
  - e. histrionic
2. Walter's skin took on a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ cast after his exposure to the pool of radioactive wastes.
  - a. artful
  - b. squalid
  - c. luminous
  - d. nebulous
  - e. garrulous
3. The police spent seven months working on the crime case but were never able to determine the identity of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. demagogue
  - b. dilettante
  - c. egotist
  - d. malefactor
  - e. patriarch
4. The portions at the restaurant were so \_\_\_\_\_ that immediately after dessert we drove to another restaurant and ordered a second full meal.
  - a. pertinent
  - b. minuscule
  - c. exhaustive
  - d. futile
  - e. misanthropic

5. Xavier thought that throwing some scraps to the bear would \_\_\_\_\_ it, but instead the beast tore apart our campsite in search of more to eat.
- accost
  - mollify
  - preclude
  - efface
  - tout

## Final Exam Drill #6: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. debacle       | coup          |
| 2. amenity       | injunction    |
| 3. cognizant     | unwitting     |
| 4. emigrate      | expatriate    |
| 5. concurrent    | anachronistic |
| 6. blithe        | morose        |
| 7. disinterested | partial       |
| 8. anachronism   | archaism      |
| 9. collusion     | complicity    |
| 10. insular      | hermetic      |

## Final Exam Drill #7: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. sacrilege    | renaissance | blasphemy   | desecration   |
| 2. ambiguous    | equivocal   | cryptic     | requisite     |
| 3. apprehensive | martial     | contentious | belligerent   |
| 4. arcane       | esoteric    | sacrosanct  | recondite     |
| 5. incense      | replenish   | foment      | antagonize    |
| 6. exacting     | onerous     | ponderous   | arbitrary     |
| 7. circumspect  | eclectic    | scrupulous  | fastidious    |
| 8. introverted  | aloof       | reclusive   | elliptical    |
| 9. allocate     | relinquish  | capitulate  | succumb       |
| 10. effusive    | histrionic  | avuncular   | gesticulating |

## Final Exam Drill #8: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. abyss       | chasm      |
| 2. substantive | ethereal   |
| 3. loquacious  | taciturn   |
| 4. doctrinaire | dogmatic   |
| 5. colloquial  | pedantic   |
| 6. encroach    | transgress |
| 7. amorphous   | nebulous   |
| 8. domestic    | endemic    |
| 9. cogent      | incisive   |
| 10. lethargic  | capricious |

## Final Exam Drill #9: Completions

For each question below, choose the word or phrase that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. Mei \_\_\_\_\_ her daughter for putting the cat in the washing machine.
  - a. expropriated
  - b. disfranchised
  - c. coerced
  - d. broached
  - e. chastised
2. David's salary was \_\_\_\_\_ his limited skills; he was paid nothing.
  - a. as vapid as
  - b. tenable despite
  - c. vehement in view of
  - d. commensurate with
  - e. acerbic notwithstanding

3. After several decades of peace, the little country grew \_\_\_\_\_ about defense and let its army slowly drift away.
- a. dissolute
  - b. partisan
  - c. catholic
  - d. adamant
  - e. complacent
4. None of us had enough money to undertake the project alone, so we had to depend on the \_\_\_\_\_ of our parents.
- a. postulate
  - b. vilification
  - c. largess
  - d. hedonism
  - e. veracity
5. The court ruled that Ursula's covert discussions with the Russian ambassador did not \_\_\_\_\_ treason.
- a. comprise
  - b. abnegate
  - c. libel
  - d. broach
  - e. constitute

## Final Exam Drill #10: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. bureaucracy | hierarchy   |
| 2. extrapolate | infer       |
| 3. mercurial   | volatile    |
| 4. impeccable  | culpable    |
| 5. corroborate | refute      |
| 6. expedient   | utilitarian |
| 7. censure     | approbation |
| 8. propriety   | decorum     |
| 9. emulate     | peruse      |
| 10. mandate    | touchstone  |

## Final Exam Drill #11: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. ameliorate | exacerbate   |
| 2. candor     | equivocation |
| 3. caricature | parody       |
| 4. scrupulous | mendacious   |
| 5. apartheid  | mentor       |
| 6. bane       | panacea      |
| 7. facile     | arduous      |
| 8. philistine | erudite      |
| 9. absolute   | commensurate |
| 10. kinetic   | stagnant     |

## Final Exam Drill #12: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 1. awry       | overt      | salient   | manifest   |
| 2. duplicity  | ascendancy | guile     | chicanery  |
| 3. contrition | remorse    | cadence   | penitence  |
| 4. temperance | sobriety   | celibacy  | oblivion   |
| 5. nominal    | amiable    | affable   | congenial  |
| 6. choleric   | querulous  | petulant  | equitable  |
| 7. dormant    | latent     | nostalgic | inert      |
| 8. astute     | bereft     | sagacious | prudent    |
| 9. copious    | bourgeois  | profuse   | myriad     |
| 10. ascetic   | austere    | frugal    | pejorative |



## Final Exam Drill #13: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. serendipitous | hapless    |
| 2. lugubrious    | facetious  |
| 3. espouse       | appease    |
| 4. qualitative   | pejorative |
| 5. exigency      | periphery  |
| 6. harbinger     | precursor  |
| 7. profound      | desecrated |
| 8. despotic      | autocratic |
| 9. engender      | decimate   |
| 10. pristine     | unalloyed  |

## Final Exam Drill #14: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. Jarel was as clever as he was unscrupulous, and he knew what he could not obtain by legitimate means he could always obtain through \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. chicanery
  - b. burlesque
  - c. nihilism
  - d. strife
  - e. theology
2. The visiting professor was so \_\_\_\_\_ in her field that many of our faculty members became nervous in her presence.
  - a. antithetical
  - b. archetypal
  - c. eminent
  - d. plebeian
  - e. pathological

3. The orator \_\_\_\_\_ a bizarre economic program whose central tenet was the abolition of all forms of money.
- scintillated
  - espoused
  - vacillated
  - emulated
  - inundated
4. “Kicking the bucket” is a humorous \_\_\_\_\_ for “dying.”
- dictum
  - stipulation
  - incantation
  - conjecture
  - euphemism
5. The actor, pretending to be inebriated, made a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to open his umbrella in a telephone booth.
- viable
  - enigmatic
  - farcical
  - cognitive
  - aphoristic

## Final Exam Drill #15: Synonyms

For each question below, match the word on the left with the word most similar in meaning on the right.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. opaque       | a. obscure      |
| 2. ostensible   | b. secular      |
| 3. avaricious   | c. mellifluous  |
| 4. mundane      | d. prudent      |
| 5. judicious    | e. venal        |
| 6. mercenary    | f. specious     |
| 7. ramification | g. rapacious    |
| 8. saccharine   | h. repercussion |
| 9. archaic      | i. dearth       |
| 10. paucity     | j. anachronism  |

## Final Exam Drill #16: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. belie         | aggregate  |
| 2. legacy        | bequest    |
| 3. aptitude      | propensity |
| 4. matriculate   | purport    |
| 5. fatalist      | cynic      |
| 6. fecund        | desiccated |
| 7. exhort        | admonish   |
| 8. polarize      | prevail    |
| 9. condescension | adulation  |
| 10. discreet     | blatant    |

## Final Exam Drill #17: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. uniform      | monolithic  | existential   | homogeneous  |
| 2. flaunt       | malign      | slander       | libel        |
| 3. felicity     | audacity    | temerity      | impetuosity  |
| 4. meager       | tenuous     | pivotal       | paltry       |
| 5. indulgent    | salutary    | prodigal      | profligate   |
| 6. disparate    | incongruous | heterogeneous | ubiquitous   |
| 7. apprehensive | diffident   | succinct      | circumspect  |
| 8. cogent       | eminent     | potent        | robust       |
| 9. farcical     | affected    | contrived     | ostentatious |
| 10. ennui       | satiety     | langor        | volition     |

## Final Exam Drill #18: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. zealous   | catholic    |
| 2. aloof     | nefarious   |
| 3. mitigate  | assuage     |
| 4. agnostic  | atheist     |
| 5. clique    | consensus   |
| 6. coalition | faction     |
| 7. husbandry | itinerary   |
| 8. coalesce  | dissipate   |
| 9. slavish   | subservient |
| 10. flaunt   | reproach    |

## Final Exam Drill #19: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The Sandersons viewed the flaming image of the devil, which hovered above their house for thirteen days, as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of evil to come.
  - a. stratum
  - b. portent
  - c. periphery
  - d. infidelity
  - e. aberration
2. There was nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about Herbert's scientific theories; in fact, they were quite shallow.
  - a. sentient
  - b. vociferous
  - c. peremptory
  - d. profound
  - e. nepotistic

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ author turned out a new book every week of her adult life.
- prolific
  - canine
  - dialectical
  - implicit
  - contiguous
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ girls stubbornly refused to call off their rock fight, despite the pleadings of their mothers.
- recalcitrant
  - pacific
  - egalitarian
  - exemplary
  - fervent
5. Hal's disappointed wife \_\_\_\_\_ him for being a lazy, foul-smelling, obnoxious slob.
- instigated
  - reproached
  - flaunted
  - desecrated
  - belied

## Final Exam Drill #20: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1. profess       | espouse       |
| 2. extrovert     | introspective |
| 3. foible        | hiatus        |
| 4. caricature    | touchstone    |
| 5. debilitate    | enervate      |
| 6. placid        | frenetic      |
| 7. depravity     | debauchery    |
| 8. infinitesimal | grandiose     |
| 9. grandiloquent | rhetorical    |
| 10. malefactor   | benefactor    |

## Final Exam Drill #21: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|--------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. avaricious      | covetous   | officious     | parsimonious |
| 2. reprove         | scrutinize | censure       | rebuke       |
| 3. reprehensible   | transient  | ephemeral     | transitory   |
| 4. belittle        | depreciate | disparage     | founder      |
| 5. palpable        | resolute   | tenacious     | steadfast    |
| 6. absolve         | condone    | qualify       | exculpate    |
| 7. civil           | culinary   | aristocratic  | genteel      |
| 8. stricture       | reproach   | admonishment  | corollary    |
| 9. fidelity        | proximity  | steadfastness | resolution   |
| 10. circumlocutory | redundant  | tautological  | vicarious    |

## Final Exam Drill #22: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. elude       | circumvent  |
| 2. rustic      | urbane      |
| 3. circuitous  | oblique     |
| 4. beset       | beleaguered |
| 5. imperial    | servile     |
| 6. pedestrian  | prosaic     |
| 7. reprisal    | reparation  |
| 8. daunt       | stymie      |
| 9. apotheosis  | epitome     |
| 10. inaugurate | abort       |

## Final Exam Drill #23: Completions

For each question on the next page, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. Sally had already eaten all her cookies, so she \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
  - a. permeated
  - b. mortified
  - c. protracted
  - d. appropriated
  - e. defamed
2. The country's \_\_\_\_\_ ruler required her citizens to receive official permission before changing channels on their television sets.
  - a. definitive
  - b. dubious
  - c. indigenous
  - d. autocratic
  - e. redolent
3. I don't enjoy oysters myself, but I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ to letting others eat them.
  - a. innate
  - b. averse
  - c. opaque
  - d. adverse
  - e. oblique
4. The president was so \_\_\_\_\_ by international crises that he found it difficult to watch an entire baseball game without being interrupted.
  - a. beset
  - b. belittled
  - c. bereaved
  - d. bequeathed
  - e. bemused

5. The representative had \_\_\_\_\_ so many losing causes that she fainted dead away when her proposal was unanimously adopted by the legislature.
- championed
  - caricatured
  - misappropriated
  - flouted
  - mediated

## Final Exam Drill #24: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. preempt      | usurp        |
| 2. turpitude    | confluence   |
| 3. incipient    | culminating  |
| 4. burgeon      | arbitrate    |
| 5. belittle     | stymie       |
| 6. dictum       | paradigm     |
| 7. luminous     | incandescent |
| 8. mortified    | chagrined    |
| 9. precipitate  | prudent      |
| 10. inscrutable | obscure      |

## Final Exam Drill #25: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. intrinsic     | innate         | omnipotent    | inherent    |
| 2. fortuitous    | gregarious     | convivial     | amicable    |
| 3. cliché        | verisimilitude | maxim         | epigram     |
| 4. belligerent   | indignant      | pertinent     | contentious |
| 5. inane         | hackneyed      | platitudinous | conductive  |
| 6. vitriolic     | acrimonious    | choleric      | prolific    |
| 7. gravity       | austerity      | vicissitude   | sobriety    |
| 8. noxious       | obsequious     | pernicious    | deleterious |
| 9. finesse       | competence     | proficiency   | euphemism   |
| 10. incorrigible | recalcitrant   | diffident     | obdurate    |



## Final Exam Drill #26: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. catalyst    | coherence   |
| 2. concord     | dissonance  |
| 3. discord     | consonant   |
| 4. ingenuous   | urbane      |
| 5. infatuated  | beguiled    |
| 6. categorical | contingent  |
| 7. novel       | banal       |
| 8. parsimony   | munificence |
| 9. permeate    | pervade     |
| 10. tentative  | definitive  |

## Final Exam Drill #27: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The trees, vines, and other plants in the tropical forest were truly remarkable, but it was the exotic \_\_\_\_\_ that caught the zoologist's attention.
  - a. accolade
  - b. compendium
  - c. acumen
  - d. fauna
  - e. surfeit
2. Ernesto hated to pay extra for a fancy name, but he had discovered that he greatly preferred expensive brand-name products to the cheaper \_\_\_\_\_ ones.
  - a. generic
  - b. hypothetical
  - c. supercilious
  - d. amorphous
  - e. contentious

3. After several years of disappointing crops, the enormous harvest left the farmers confronting a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of soybeans.
- alacrity
  - blight
  - glut
  - chasm
  - debacle
4. The previously undefeated team found it difficult to cope with the \_\_\_\_\_ of defeat.
- attrition
  - ignominy
  - prerequisite
  - penchant
  - neologism
5. The darkening sky indicated to all of us that a thunderstorm was \_\_\_\_\_.
- ambivalent
  - imminent
  - conciliatory
  - inherent
  - lugubrious

## Final Exam Drill #28: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1. hegemony     | heyday     |
| 2. fortuitous   | nominal    |
| 3. deride       | venerate   |
| 4. deduce       | infer      |
| 5. supercilious | servile    |
| 6. placid       | nonchalant |
| 7. reverence    | insolence  |
| 8. extraneous   | extrinsic  |
| 9. levity       | irony      |
| 10. onerous     | exacting   |

## Final Exam Drill #29: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|----------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1. comprise    | placate      | appease   | mollify        |
| 2. beguile     | bemuse       | cajole    | delude         |
| 3. provident   | egregious    | flagrant  | unconscionable |
| 4. adept       | adroit       | anecdotal | dexterous      |
| 5. iconoclast  | insurgent    | maverick  | prodigy        |
| 6. cadence     | incisiveness | acumen    | acuity         |
| 7. gratuitous  | superfluous  | soporific | inordinate     |
| 8. incongruous | staunch      | anomalous | eccentric      |
| 9. vacillate   | incense      | foment    | instigate      |
| 10. aberration | vestige      | anomaly   | singularity    |

## Final Exam Drill #30: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. mandate     | martyr       |
| 2. laud        | defame       |
| 3. belabor     | complement   |
| 4. disdain     | supercilious |
| 5. distinguish | distend      |
| 6. eulogize    | censure      |
| 7. apocalypse  | covenant     |
| 8. segregate   | sequester    |
| 9. quixotic    | utopian      |
| 10. microcosm  | magnate      |

## Final Exam Drill #31: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ salesperson bowed deeply and said, “Yes, ma’am, of course, ma’am,” whenever I requested anything.
  - a. verbose
  - b. incumbent
  - c. evanescent
  - d. malingering
  - e. obsequious
2. Because he had never lost a tennis match, Luther believed himself to be \_\_\_\_\_ on the court.
  - a. ascetic
  - b. deleterious
  - c. omnipotent
  - d. inane
  - e. amorous
3. Our teacher was so \_\_\_\_\_ in his interpretation of the novel that it was difficult to believe he had taken any pleasure in reading it.
  - a. pedantic
  - b. laudable
  - c. intrepid
  - d. inveterate
  - e. coherent
4. The prisoners were all \_\_\_\_\_ as they were led off to the firing squad, but they were shot all the same.
  - a. perfunctory
  - b. concise
  - c. virulent
  - d. prosaic
  - e. penitent
5. The divisive issue \_\_\_\_\_ the community; half the residents seemed to be strongly for it, and half strongly against.
  - a. circumscribed
  - b. polarized
  - c. assuaged
  - d. castigated
  - e. disseminated

## Final Exam Drill #32: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. reverence      | disdain      |
| 2. conjure        | incant       |
| 3. profound       | superficial  |
| 4. protract       | curtail      |
| 5. fauna          | glut         |
| 6. deprecate      | lament       |
| 7. abridge        | augment      |
| 8. eccentric      | orthodox     |
| 9. iconoclast     | maverick     |
| 10. idiosyncratic | conventional |

## Final Exam Drill #33: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. infamous     | abhorrence   | innocuous   | nefarious     |
| 2. assimilate   | abate        | mitigate    | alleviate     |
| 3. laconic      | unctuous     | concise     | terse         |
| 4. relinquish   | renounce     | forsake     | exult         |
| 5. axiom        | maxim        | surrogate   | precept       |
| 6. virulent     | tantamount   | adverse     | baneful       |
| 7. catharsis    | abhorrence   | rancor      | animosity     |
| 8. idiosyncrasy | eccentricity | complacency | affectation   |
| 9. antecedent   | precursor    | precedent   | recrimination |
| 10. exonerate   | patronize    | exculpate   | vindicate     |

## Final Exam Drill #34: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. slothful     | assiduous   |
| 2. affluent     | opulent     |
| 3. consummate   | rudimentary |
| 4. chastisement | amnesty     |
| 5. sycophant    | cajoler     |
| 6. implication  | allusion    |
| 7. quantitative | qualitative |
| 8. agenda       | itinerary   |
| 9. pragmatic    | quixotic    |
| 10. paradox     | anomaly     |

## Final Exam Drill #35: Synonyms

For each question below, match the word on the left with the word most similar in meaning on the right.

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. torpid       | a. subservient  |
| 2. sublime      | b. astuteness   |
| 3. recapitulate | c. ingenuous    |
| 4. acuity       | d. subtlety     |
| 5. replete      | e. provincial   |
| 6. subordinate  | f. inert        |
| 7. parochial    | g. transcendent |
| 8. credulous    | h. reiterate    |
| 9. recant       | i. satiated     |
| 10. nuance      | j. repudiate    |

## Final Exam Drill #36: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. colloquial   | contiguous    |
| 2. auspicious   | portentous    |
| 3. moribund     | viable        |
| 4. aristocratic | patrician     |
| 5. perquisite   | prerogative   |
| 6. stagnation   | metamorphosis |
| 7. ebullient    | roguish       |
| 8. turpitude    | sordidness    |
| 9. cosmopolitan | urbane        |
| 10. denizen     | lampoon       |

## Final Exam Drill #37: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ spring weather was a great relief to all of us who had struggled through the long, harsh winter.
  - a. abortive
  - b. volatile
  - c. temperate
  - d. pragmatic
  - e. intrinsic
2. I made a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ effort to repair the leak, but my improvised patch didn't hold. I soon realized that I would have to call a plumber.
  - a. vindictive
  - b. tentative
  - c. pristine
  - d. acrid
  - e. caustic

3. The adoring members of the tribe \_\_\_\_\_ their old king even though he was blind and senile.
- squandered
  - extrapolated
  - beleaguered
  - exacerbated
  - venerated
4. The hikers were \_\_\_\_\_ by the billions of mosquitoes that descended upon them as soon as they hit the trail.
- extolled
  - vitiated
  - palliated
  - vexed
  - promulgated
5. Seeing the pictures of our old home made us feel \_\_\_\_\_ and nostalgic.
- adept
  - fastidious
  - wistful
  - infamous
  - impartial

## Final Exam Drill #38: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. ardent      | indifferent |
| 2. adherent    | forsaker    |
| 3. poignant    | redolent    |
| 4. inundate    | reconcile   |
| 5. abject      | exalted     |
| 6. proselytize | implement   |
| 7. latent      | manifest    |
| 8. burgeon     | accost      |
| 9. immutable   | static      |
| 10. perfidy    | piety       |



## Final Exam Drill #39: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

- |                  |               |                |             |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. quixotic      | scintillating | chimerical     | visionary   |
| 2. antipathy     | malfeasance   | digression     | malevolence |
| 3. absolute      | unqualified   | categorical    | wistful     |
| 4. static        | cerebral      | inert          | immutable   |
| 5. destitute     | insolvent     | affable        | indigent    |
| 6. altruist      | benevolent    | philanthropic  | ideological |
| 7. vexed         | unequivocal   | unalloyed      | unmitigated |
| 8. comprehensive | stringent     | rigorous       | exacting    |
| 9. abstract      | abstruse      | intangible     | impervious  |
| 10. discernment  | tirade        | discrimination | sagacity    |

## Final Exam Drill #40: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. plethora     | dearth      |
| 2. autonomy     | subjugation |
| 3. aggregate    | augment     |
| 4. vocation     | avocation   |
| 5. extraneous   | intrinsic   |
| 6. implicit     | inferred    |
| 7. invective    | eulogy      |
| 8. acerbic      | caustic     |
| 9. insinuation  | hyperbole   |
| 10. adulterated | unalloyed   |

## Final Exam Drill #41: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. An \_\_\_\_\_ current of dissatisfaction among the soldiers indicated to the ambassador that revolution was becoming a possibility.
  - a. incipient
  - b. inert
  - c. impervious
  - d. impeccable
  - e. inept
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ baker had burnt an entire batch of chocolate chip cookies.
  - a. bucolic
  - b. ursine
  - c. cosmopolitan
  - d. infinitesimal
  - e. incompetent
3. Irene's \_\_\_\_\_ cure for her husband's snoring was a paper bag tied snugly around his head.
  - a. agnostic
  - b. congenital
  - c. extrinsic
  - d. ingenious
  - e. diffident
4. Myron looked harmless, but there was nothing \_\_\_\_\_ about his plan to enslave the human race.
  - a. terse
  - b. innocuous
  - c. mendacious
  - d. nominal
  - e. preeminent

5. Attempting to bask in reflected glory, the candidate \_\_\_\_\_ the names of eleven past presidents in his speech to the convention of schoolteachers.
- absolved
  - implied
  - litigated
  - invoked
  - allocated

## Final Exam Drill #42: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. ambience     | milieu      |
| 2. literal      | figurative  |
| 3. hypothetical | empirical   |
| 4. subjugate    | enfranchise |
| 5. taciturn     | integral    |
| 6. congenital   | innate      |
| 7. enfetter     | expedite    |
| 8. peripheral   | tangential  |
| 9. usurp        | abdicate    |
| 10. consummate  | abortive    |

## Final Exam Drill #43: Odd Man Out

Each question below consists of four words. Three of them are related in meaning. Find the word that does not fit.

- |                |               |             |             |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. cacophony   | antagonism    | rancor      | antipathy   |
| 2. discord     | benefactor    | contention  | incongruity |
| 3. apathy      | indifference  | manifesto   | languor     |
| 4. amenable    | tractable     | docile      | reciprocal  |
| 5. clandestine | surreptitious | provisional | furtive     |
| 6. intrepid    | blithe        | squalid     | equanimity  |
| 7. callow      | apocryphal    | dubious     | spurious    |
| 8. putative    | overt         | explicit    | patent      |
| 9. desultory   | derisory      | cursory     | perfunctory |
| 10. conciliate | proscribe     | appease     | placate     |

## Final Exam Drill #44: Antonyms

For each question below, match the word on the left with the word most nearly its **OPPOSITE** on the right.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. deferential | a. irreverent  |
| 2. remonstrate | b. assiduous   |
| 3. tacit       | c. amorous     |
| 4. clement     | d. explicit    |
| 5. indolent    | e. acquiesce   |
| 6. ambivalent  | f. intemperate |
| 7. aloof       | g. aversion    |
| 8. lucid       | h. antagonist  |
| 9. partisan    | i. enigmatic   |
| 10. affinity   | j. resolute    |

## Final Exam Drill #45: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|----------------|-------------|
| 1. artifice    | machination |
| 2. obtuse      | myopic      |
| 3. respite     | premise     |
| 4. exalt       | laud        |
| 5. assimilate  | appreciate  |
| 6. edify       | obfuscate   |
| 7. pensive     | ruminating  |
| 8. narcissist  | egocentric  |
| 9. precipitate | stigmatize  |
| 10. polemical  | contentious |

## Final Exam Drill #46: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The three-year-old was \_\_\_\_\_ in her refusal to taste the broccoli.
  - a. recondite
  - b. didactic
  - c. fortuitous
  - d. resolute
  - e. genteel
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ the fine print in the document but were unable to find the clause the lawyer had mentioned.
  - a. scrutinized
  - b. reconciled
  - c. exculpated
  - d. cajoled
  - e. accrued
3. A state in which one can see, hear, feel, smell, and taste little or nothing is known as \_\_\_\_\_ deprivation.
  - a. aggregate
  - b. subversive
  - c. sensory
  - d. sensual
  - e. sensuous
4. The children tried to be \_\_\_\_\_ about the fact that their parents couldn't afford to give them Christmas presents, but you could tell that they were really quite depressed inside.
  - a. tangential
  - b. abysmal
  - c. stoic
  - d. disingenuous
  - e. eclectic

5. We felt repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ by the impersonal and inflexible bureaucracy in our attempt to win an exemption to the rule.
- a. vindicated
  - b. deluged
  - c. stymied
  - d. reiterated
  - e. gesticulated

## Final Exam Drill #47: Relationships

For each question below, decide whether the pair of words are roughly similar (S) in meaning, roughly opposite (O) in meaning, or unrelated (U) to each other.

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. cliché     | platitude     |
| 2. malevolent | macroeconomic |
| 3. juxtaposed | contiguous    |
| 4. defame     | laud          |
| 5. idyllic    | bucolic       |
| 6. inexorable | irrevocable   |
| 7. despondent | sanguine      |
| 8. lethargy   | zeal          |
| 9. dogma      | tenet         |
| 10. ebullient | stoic         |

## Final Exam Drill #48: Completions

For each question below, choose the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. The gasoline spill had so thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ the town's main well that it was possible to run an automobile on tap water.
- a. exulted
  - b. exalted
  - c. engendered
  - d. adulterated
  - e. preempted

2. Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ the teenagers after they had driven the stolen car into his living room and put a dent in his new color TV.
- a. admonished
  - b. usurped
  - c. enervated
  - d. alleged
  - e. professed
3. Elsa's legs were so severely injured in the roller-skating accident that she didn't become fully \_\_\_\_\_ again until more than a year later.
- a. decadent
  - b. exemplified
  - c. querulous
  - d. portentous
  - e. ambulatory
4. The kitchen in the new house had an electronic vegetable peeler, an automatic dish scraper, a computerized meat slicer, and dozens of other futuristic \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. proponents
  - b. genres
  - c. amenities
  - d. mendicants
  - e. protagonists
5. When Joe began collecting stamps, he had hoped that the value of his collection would \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly; instead, the collection has slowly become worthless.
- a. qualify
  - b. appreciate
  - c. polarize
  - d. belabor
  - e. rebuke