Civil Service Exam Reviewer – English Vocabulary Questions

The vocabulary part of the Civil Service exam is tough and difficult for many but you can pass the test if you know how to choose the best and right answers. The technique in getting the right answer is analyzing the given sentences – know their consistency and parallelism.

Often, the given choices seem similar and related to each other but there is really one choice that is different and unique among all of them and this is always the best answer that relates to the question.

We are giving free samples of questions here that will help you review well. These vocabulary words are very unfamiliar so you must practice your skills in determining the right answers.

Watch out for conjunctions, especially the following: They usually give clues because they connect phrases, clauses and sentences.

English Vocabulary Questions with Answers:

Note that we already highlighted the correct answers.

Instruction: Choose the word that is best similar in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

1. If you are <u>ambivalent</u> with the answers, analyze the given problem.

- 1. confusion
- 2. innocent
- 3. uncertain
- 4. unaware

2. He left the country because of the <u>ominous</u> experiences he had in the past.

- 1. unforgettable
- 2. threatening
- 3. ugly
- 4. remarkable

3. Teenagers are easily <u>susceptible</u> to peer influence.

- 1. flexible
- 2. inspired
- 3. dependable
- 4. inclined

- 4. My mother is always <u>adamant</u> in eating breakfast before leaving the house.
- 1. resolute
- 2. uncertain
- 3. forgetful
- 4. clueless
- 5. Reading words without understanding their meaning is <u>futile</u>.
- 1. helpless
- 2. useless
- 3. unnecessary
- 4. avoidable

6. She wears gold but people know how <u>ostentatious</u> she can be.

- 1. pretentious
- 2. ambitious
- 3. gorgeous
- 4. rebellious
- 7. He submitted a <u>grotesque</u> artwork that nobody in the class could relate to.
- 1. different
- 2. weird
- 3. beautiful
- 4. colorful

8. Their <u>clandestine</u> affair remained unknown for three years.

- 1. forbidden
- 2. surprise
- 3. secret
- 4. unacceptable
- 9. They say love is like a firework, a <u>fleeting</u> moment.
- 1. brief
- 2. unforgettable
- 3. shinny
- 4. remarkable
- 10. Cara is repulsive and rebellious. She always speaks <u>sordid</u> words.

- 1. dirty
- 2. vulgar
- 3. weird
- 4. bizarre

11. Every time I see Cathy looking at me, I feel <u>Euphoria</u> in my bones.

- 1. gravity
- 2. ecstasy
- 3. erotic
- 4. numb

12. I bought this book because when I read the <u>blurb</u> at the back, I fell in love with it.

- 1. summary
- 2. teaser
- 3. blog
- 4. plot

13. Finding a way out of the <u>labyrinth</u> is the last challenge of the competition.

- 1. castle
- 2. forest
- 3. maze
- 4. box

14. There is still love in our hearts amidst our seemingly <u>mundane</u> existence.

- 1. complicated
- 2. modern
- 3. worldly
- 4. wealthy

15. Cassy has a strong <u>penchant</u> in collecting cars.

- 1. belief
- 2. fondness
- 3. hobby
- 4. route
- 16. Diskettes and CDs are going obsolete.

- 1. recycled
- 2. refurbished
- 3. updated
- 4. outdated

17. The Queen of the Night dances <u>vivaciously</u>.

- 1. lively
- 2. awkward
- 3. kindly
- 4. sweetly

18. The court released a <u>dogmatic</u> statement that made people more hopeful.

- 1. naive
- 2. unbelievable
- 3. assertive
- 4. unclear
- 19. This generation is prone to <u>plethoric</u> use of mobile gadgets.
- 1. essential
- 2. crucial
- 3. important
- 4. excessive

20. I am usually <u>haphazard</u> in composing my poetry but they turn out so well anyway.

- 1. disorganized
- 2. blank
- 3. puzzled
- 4. strategic

Answer Key: 3,2,4,1,2,1,2,3,1,2,2,2,3,3,2,4,1,3,4,1