1.15-3 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 3: 30-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 'Noah was praised for being so conscientious about his homework, always checking it twice before handing it in.' What does 'conscientious' mean here?

- [ ] A) careless and hasty
- [ ] B) forgetful
- [ ] C) confident
- [ ] D) impatient
- [ ] E) careful and diligent in doing what is right

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2 'The two rival gangs in the film became increasingly belligerent, exchanging threats until a fight broke out.' What does 'belligerent' mean here?

- [ ] A) friendly and cooperative
- [ ] B) nervous and hesitant
- [ ] C) hostile and eager to fight
- [ ] D) confused
- [ ] E) apologetic

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3 'New evidence finally vindicated the scientist, proving that her original theory had been correct all along.' What does 'vindicated' mean here?

- [ ] A) forgotten
- [ ] B) proved to be right after being doubted
- [ ] C) shown to be mistaken
- [ ] D) made famous
- [ ] E) punished

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4 'The cat made a surreptitious approach towards the bird, keeping low to the ground and pausing at every rustle of leaves.' What does 'surreptitious' mean here?

- [ ] A) loud and obvious
- [ ] B) fast and careless
- [ ] C) playful
- [ ] D) clumsy
- [ ] E) done secretly, trying not to be noticed

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5 Which prefix means 'two', as in the word 'bicycle'?

- [ ] A) mono-
- [ ] B) bi-
- [ ] C) tri-
- [ ] D) uni-
- [ ] E) semi-

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6 The root 'spect', found in words such as 'spectator' and 'inspect', relates to which action?

- [ ] A) to speak
- [ ] B) to write
- [ ] C) to carry
- [ ] D) to build
- [ ] E) to look or see

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7 Which word is closest in meaning to RETICENT?

- [ ] A) talkative
- [ ] B) confident
- [ ] C) curious
- [ ] D) forgetful
- [ ] E) reluctant to speak about one's thoughts or feelings

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8 Which prefix means 'bad' or 'badly', as in the word 'malfunction'?

- [ ] A) mal-
- [ ] B) bene-
- [ ] C) pro-
- [ ] D) anti-
- [ ] E) co-

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9 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: joyous, jubilant, delighted, thrilled, furious.

- [ ] A) furious
- [ ] B) joyous
- [ ] C) jubilant
- [ ] D) delighted
- [ ] E) thrilled

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10 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: gigantic, colossal, miniature, immense, enormous.

- [ ] A) gigantic
- [ ] B) colossal
- [ ] C) miniature
- [ ] D) immense
- [ ] E) enormous

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11 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: courteous, insolent, civil, respectful, polite.

- [ ] A) courteous
- [ ] B) insolent
- [ ] C) civil
- [ ] D) respectful
- [ ] E) polite

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12 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: hesitant, wary, apprehensive, decisive, uncertain.

- [ ] A) hesitant
- [ ] B) wary
- [ ] C) apprehensive
- [ ] D) decisive
- [ ] E) uncertain

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13 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: thorough, rigorous, comprehensive, exhaustive, superficial.

- [ ] A) thorough
- [ ] B) rigorous
- [ ] C) comprehensive
- [ ] D) exhaustive
- [ ] E) superficial

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14 Which word is closest in meaning to HONEST?

- [ ] A) truthful
- [ ] B) deceptive
- [ ] C) careless
- [ ] D) forgetful

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15 Which word is closest in meaning to FAITHFUL?

- [ ] A) loyal
- [ ] B) disloyal
- [ ] C) careless
- [ ] D) forgetful

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16 Which word is closest in meaning to TEDIOUS?

- [ ] A) exciting
- [ ] B) dangerous
- [ ] C) mysterious
- [ ] D) long, slow and boring
- [ ] E) expensive

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17 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: generous, stingy, giving, charitable, kind.

- [ ] A) stingy
- [ ] B) generous
- [ ] C) charitable
- [ ] D) kind
- [ ] E) giving

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18 Which word is closest in meaning to CHEERFUL?

- [ ] A) happy
- [ ] B) grumpy
- [ ] C) sad
- [ ] D) moody

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19 The root 'port', found in words such as 'transport' and 'portable', relates to which action?

- [ ] A) to speak
- [ ] B) to look or see
- [ ] C) to build
- [ ] D) to carry

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20 Which word is closest in meaning to RELIABLE?

- [ ] A) trustworthy
- [ ] B) careless
- [ ] C) forgetful
- [ ] D) unreliable

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21 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: calm, peaceful, tranquil, nervous, serene.

- [ ] A) serene
- [ ] B) nervous
- [ ] C) calm
- [ ] D) tranquil
- [ ] E) peaceful

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22 'The teacher's comments on the essay were somewhat ambiguous, leaving the student unsure whether the work was good or needed improvement.' What does 'ambiguous' mean here?

- [ ] A) clear and definitely helpful
- [ ] B) completely wrong and useless
- [ ] C) unnecessarily harsh and mean
- [ ] D) open to more than one interpretation

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23 The root 'graph', found in words such as 'photograph' and 'biography', relates to which action?

- [ ] A) to write
- [ ] B) to speak
- [ ] C) to see
- [ ] D) to carry

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24 'The spy made a surreptitious visit to the embassy, entering through a back door and leaving before anyone noticed.' What does 'surreptitious' mean here?

- [ ] A) quick and rushed through nervously
- [ ] B) done secretly, trying not to be noticed
- [ ] C) official and approved by authorities
- [ ] D) loud and announced to everyone

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25 Which word is closest in meaning to AUDACIOUS?

- [ ] A) shy and fearful
- [ ] B) quiet and reserved
- [ ] C) bold and willing to take risks
- [ ] D) polite and formal
- [ ] E) confused

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26 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: angry, furious, enraged, livid, annoyed.

- [ ] A) furious
- [ ] B) angry
- [ ] C) enraged
- [ ] D) livid
- [ ] E) annoyed

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27 'The two players began a belligerent argument on the court, shouting at each other and pushing aggressively.' What does 'belligerent' mean here?

- [ ] A) hostile and eager to fight
- [ ] B) quiet and respectful
- [ ] C) friendly and encouraging to teammates
- [ ] D) calm and carefully considered

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28 'The clue was ambiguous, causing the detective to follow two completely different investigative paths.' What does 'ambiguous' mean here?

- [ ] A) very obvious and helpful
- [ ] B) mysterious and unknowable
- [ ] C) open to more than one interpretation
- [ ] D) obviously wrong and easily discarded

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29 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: beautiful, lovely, attractive, ugly, gorgeous.

- [ ] A) beautiful
- [ ] B) attractive
- [ ] C) lovely
- [ ] D) ugly
- [ ] E) gorgeous

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30 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: reliable, trustworthy, dependable, dubious, faithful.

- [ ] A) reliable
- [ ] B) trustworthy
- [ ] C) faithful
- [ ] D) dependable
- [ ] E) dubious

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Question 1

E) careful and diligent in doing what is right - matches the sense of conscientious in context **B1**

Answer: E) careful and diligent in doing what is right

Question 2

C) hostile and eager to fight - matches the sense of belligerent in context **B1**

Answer: C) hostile and eager to fight

Question 3

B) proved to be right after being doubted - matches the sense of vindicated in context **B1**

Answer: B) proved to be right after being doubted

Question 4

E) done secretly, trying not to be noticed - matches the sense of surreptitious in context **B1**

Answer: E) done secretly, trying not to be noticed

Question 5

B) bi- - is the prefix meaning 'two' **B1**

Answer: B) bi-

Question 6

E) to look or see - correctly identifies the action linked to the root 'spect' **B1**

Answer: E) to look or see

Question 7

E) reluctant to speak about one's thoughts or feelings - matches the meaning of reticent (reluctant to reveal thoughts or feelings) **B1**

Answer: E) reluctant to speak about one's thoughts or feelings

Question 8

A) mal- - is the prefix meaning 'bad' or 'badly' **B1**

Answer: A) mal-

Question 9

A) furious - is the odd one out, meaning very angry rather than very happy **B1**

Answer: A) furious

Question 10

C) miniature - is the odd one out, meaning extremely small rather than extremely large **B1**

Answer: C) miniature

Question 11

B) insolent - is the odd one out, meaning rude and disrespectful rather than well-mannered **B1**

Answer: B) insolent

Question 12

D) decisive - is the odd one out, meaning confident and quick to decide rather than unsure **B1**

Answer: D) decisive

Question 13

E) superficial - is the odd one out, meaning shallow and lacking depth rather than complete and detailed **B1**

Answer: E) superficial

Question 14

A (truthful) cao **B1**

Answer: A) truthful

Question 15

A (loyal) cao **B1**

Answer: A) loyal

Question 16

D) long, slow and boring - matches the meaning of tedious (long, slow and boring) **B1**

Answer: D) long, slow and boring

Question 17

A (stingy) cao **B1**

Answer: A) stingy

Question 18

A (happy) cao **B1**

Answer: A) happy

Question 19

D (to carry) cao **B1**

Answer: D) to carry

Question 20

A (trustworthy) cao **B1**

Answer: A) trustworthy

Question 21

B (nervous) cao **B1**

Answer: B) nervous

Question 22

D (open to more than one interpretation) cao **B1**

Answer: D) open to more than one interpretation

Question 23

A (to write) cao **B1**

Answer: A) to write

Question 24

B (done secretly, trying not to be noticed) cao **B1**

Answer: B) done secretly, trying not to be noticed

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Question 25

C) bold and willing to take risks - matches the meaning of audacious (bold and daring, willing to take risks) **B1**

Answer: C) bold and willing to take risks

Question 26

E (annoyed) cao **B1**

Answer: E) annoyed

Question 27

A (hostile and eager to fight) cao **B1**

Answer: A) hostile and eager to fight

Question 28

C (open to more than one interpretation) cao **B1**

Answer: C) open to more than one interpretation

Question 29

D (ugly) cao **B1**

Answer: D) ugly

Question 30

E (dubious) cao **B1**

Answer: E) dubious

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