1.15-5 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 5: 30-minute Pack

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

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: arrogant, conceited, vain, proud, humble.

- [ ] A) conceited
- [ ] B) vain
- [ ] C) humble
- [ ] D) arrogant

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2 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: strong, powerful, mighty, robust, weak.

- [ ] A) mighty
- [ ] B) powerful
- [ ] C) strong
- [ ] D) weak

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3 Which word means the OPPOSITE of COMMON?

- [ ] A) rare and unusual
- [ ] B) popular and well-known
- [ ] C) ordinary and typical
- [ ] D) widespread and frequent

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4 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: cowardly, timid, fearful, anxious, brave.

- [ ] A) cowardly
- [ ] B) timid
- [ ] C) brave
- [ ] D) fearful

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5 Which word means the OPPOSITE of BRAVE?

- [ ] A) confident and assertive
- [ ] B) quick and agile
- [ ] C) strong and robust
- [ ] D) timid and fearful

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6 'The market stallholder's prices were exorbitant, far higher than anywhere else in town.' What does 'exorbitant' mean here?

- [ ] A) reasonable and fair
- [ ] B) hidden and secretive
- [ ] C) old-fashioned
- [ ] D) roughly estimated
- [ ] E) unfairly or excessively high

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7 'Kwame's handwriting was so illegible that even the teacher struggled to read it.' What does 'illegible' mean here?

- [ ] A) neat and tidy
- [ ] B) colourful and decorative
- [ ] C) impossible or very difficult to read clearly
- [ ] D) quick and rushed
- [ ] E) small and cramped

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8 'The instructions for the board game were so convoluted that nobody in the class could follow them.' What does 'convoluted' mean here?

- [ ] A) extremely complicated and hard to follow
- [ ] B) simple and clear
- [ ] C) short and brief
- [ ] D) exciting and fun
- [ ] E) quiet and calm

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9 'After three hours of talks, the negotiations reached an impasse, with neither side willing to compromise.' What does 'impasse' mean here?

- [ ] A) a happy agreement reached by both sides
- [ ] B) a joyful celebration
- [ ] C) an argument that is quickly resolved
- [ ] D) a situation where no further progress can be made; a deadlock
- [ ] E) a formal written announcement

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10 Which suffix means 'a person who does or practises something', as in the word 'scientist'?

- [ ] A) -ist
- [ ] B) -ology
- [ ] C) -phobia
- [ ] D) -ward
- [ ] E) -ify

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11 The prefix 'inter-' in the word 'international' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) within a single place
- [ ] B) beyond or exceeding
- [ ] C) between or among
- [ ] D) below or under
- [ ] E) after or later

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12 Which word is closest in meaning to VIGILANT?

- [ ] A) careless and inattentive
- [ ] B) tired and sleepy
- [ ] C) friendly and welcoming
- [ ] D) watchful and alert to danger
- [ ] E) confused and uncertain

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13 The root 'photo', found in words such as 'photograph' and 'photosynthesis', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) sound
- [ ] B) light
- [ ] C) water
- [ ] D) time
- [ ] E) writing

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14 Adding the prefix 'mis-' to the word 'understand' creates a word meaning:

- [ ] A) to understand wrongly
- [ ] B) to understand very well
- [ ] C) to understand again
- [ ] D) to refuse to understand
- [ ] E) to help someone understand

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15 The root 'bene-', found in words such as 'benevolent' and 'benefit', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) bad
- [ ] B) large
- [ ] C) good or well
- [ ] D) new
- [ ] E) hidden

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16 LIBRARY is to BOOKS as GALLERY is to ___?

- [ ] A) paintings
- [ ] B) museum
- [ ] C) artist
- [ ] D) frame
- [ ] E) opening hours

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17 PEN is to WRITE as SCISSORS is to ___?

- ☐ A) draw
- ☐ B) cut
- ☐ C) sew
- ☐ D) fold
- ☐ E) glue

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18 CANDLE is to WAX as LOAF is to ___?

- ☐ A) oven
- ☐ B) bread
- ☐ C) knife
- ☐ D) crumb
- ☐ E) flour

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19 MISER is to WEALTH as GLUTTON is to ___?

- ☐ A) food
- ☐ B) hunger
- ☐ C) sleep
- ☐ D) money
- ☐ E) fame

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20 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'After years of conflict, the two nations finally signed a ___ treaty.'

- ☐ A) piece
- ☐ B) peice
- ☐ C) peace
- ☐ D) peece
- ☐ E) piese

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21 Which word is closest in meaning to ECCENTRIC?

- [ ] A) odd and unconventional
- [ ] B) ordinary and predictable
- [ ] C) angry and irritable
- [ ] D) lazy and slow
- [ ] E) polite and formal

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22 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Nadia could not decide ___ to take the train or the bus into Manchester.'

- [ ] A) weather
- [ ] B) whether
- [ ] C) wether
- [ ] D) whither
- [ ] E) wither

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23 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The strong ___ swept the raft further down the river.'

- [ ] A) currant
- [ ] B) curant
- [ ] C) curent
- [ ] D) current
- [ ] E) currunt

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24 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: miserable, gloomy, downcast, glum, ecstatic.

- [ ] A) ecstatic
- [ ] B) miserable
- [ ] C) gloomy
- [ ] D) downcast
- [ ] E) glum

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25 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: intelligent, clever, brilliant, bright, foolish.

- [ ] A) intelligent
- [ ] B) clever
- [ ] C) foolish
- [ ] D) brilliant
- [ ] E) bright

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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: zealous, keen, avid, passionate, indifferent.

- [ ] A) zealous
- [ ] B) keen
- [ ] C) avid
- [ ] D) passionate
- [ ] E) indifferent

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27 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: gullible, naive, credulous, trusting, shrewd.

- [ ] A) gullible
- [ ] B) shrewd
- [ ] C) naive
- [ ] D) credulous
- [ ] E) trusting

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28 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: ancient, modern, old, prehistoric, archaic.

- [ ] A) archaic
- [ ] B) ancient
- [ ] C) old
- [ ] D) modern
- [ ] E) prehistoric

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29 HAMMER is to NAIL as SHOVEL is to ___?

- ☐ A) plant
- ☐ B) dig
- ☐ C) measure
- ☐ D) build

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30 Which word is closest in meaning to OBEDIENT?

- ☐ A) rebellious and defiant
- ☐ B) careless and messy
- ☐ C) compliant and willing to follow instructions
- ☐ D) noisy and boisterous
- ☐ E) forgetful and absent-minded

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Question 1

C (humble) cao **B1**

Answer: C) humble

Question 2

D (weak) cao **B1**

Answer: D) weak

Question 3

A (rare and unusual) cao **B1**

Answer: A) rare and unusual

Question 4

C (brave) cao **B1**

Answer: C) brave

Question 5

D (timid and fearful) cao **B1**

Answer: D) timid and fearful

Question 6

E) unfairly or excessively high - matches the sense of exorbitant in context **B1**

Answer: E) unfairly or excessively high

Question 7

C) impossible or very difficult to read clearly - matches the sense of illegible in context **B1**

Answer: C) impossible or very difficult to read clearly

Question 8

A) extremely complicated and hard to follow - matches the sense of convoluted in context **B1**

Answer: A) extremely complicated and hard to follow

Question 9

D) a situation where no further progress can be made; a deadlock - matches the sense of impasse in context **B1**

Answer: D) a situation where no further progress can be made; a deadlock

Question 10

A) -ist - is the suffix meaning 'a person who does or practises something' **B1**

Answer: A) -ist

Question 11

C) between or among - is the meaning of the prefix 'inter-' **B1**

Answer: C) between or among

Question 12

D) watchful and alert to danger - matches the meaning of vigilant (keeping careful watch for possible danger) **B1**

Answer: D) watchful and alert to danger

Question 13

B) light - is the idea the root 'photo' relates to **B1**

Answer: B) light

Question 14

A) to understand wrongly - matches the meaning created by the prefix 'mis-' **B1**

Answer: A) to understand wrongly

Question 15

C) good or well - is the idea the root 'bene-' relates to **B1**

Answer: C) good or well

Question 16

A) paintings - completes the place-to-contents relationship shown by library and books **B1**

Answer: A) paintings

Question 17

B) cut - completes the tool-to-action relationship shown by pen and write **B1**

Answer: B) cut

Question 18

E) flour - completes the object-to-raw-material relationship shown by candle and wax **B1**

Answer: E) flour

Question 19

A) food - completes the relationship of a person defined by excessive desire for something, shown by miser and wealth **B1**

Answer: A) food

Question 20

C) peace - is the correct homophone meaning freedom from conflict **B1**

Answer: C) peace

Question 21

A) odd and unconventional - matches the meaning of eccentric (unusual or slightly strange in behaviour) **B1**

Answer: A) odd and unconventional

Question 22

B) whether - is the correct homophone used to introduce a choice between alternatives **B1**

Answer: B) whether

Question 23

D) current - is the correct homophone meaning a flow of water **B1**

Answer: D) current

Question 24

A) ecstatic - is the odd one out, meaning extremely happy rather than sad **B1**

Answer: A) ecstatic

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Question 25

C) foolish - is the odd one out, meaning lacking sense rather than highly intelligent **B1**

Answer: C) foolish

Question 26

E) indifferent - is the odd one out, meaning showing no interest rather than great interest **B1**

Answer: E) indifferent

Question 27

B) shrewd - is the odd one out, meaning sharp-witted and hard to deceive rather than easily deceived **B1**

Answer: B) shrewd

Question 28

D (modern) cao **B1**

Answer: D) modern

Question 29

B (dig) cao **B1**

Answer: B) dig

Question 30

C) compliant and willing to follow instructions - matches the meaning of obedient (doing what one is told) **B1**

Answer: C) compliant and willing to follow instructions

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