1.15-6 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 6: 30-minute Pack

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

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Root 'dict' in 'dictate' and 'dictionary' means?

- [ ] A) to show with hand
- [ ] B) to hear sounds
- [ ] C) to speak or say
- [ ] D) to write words

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2 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The river's ____ is different from the ocean's, making it unsuitable for many sea creatures.'

- [ ] A) sorce
- [ ] B) sauce
- [ ] C) sourz
- [ ] D) source

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3 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: eager, keen, reluctant, enthusiastic, keen.

- [ ] A) eager
- [ ] B) enthusiastic
- [ ] C) reluctant
- [ ] D) keen

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4 Root 'vor' in 'carnivore' and 'herbivore' means?

- [ ] A) to run
- [ ] B) to hunt
- [ ] C) to grow
- [ ] D) to hide
- [ ] E) to eat

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5 Which word is closest in meaning to PRUDENT?

- [ ] A) energetic and enthusiastic
- [ ] B) young and inexperienced
- [ ] C) wise from many years of life
- [ ] D) careful and sensible in making choices

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

- [ ] A) stupid
- [ ] B) brilliant
- [ ] C) intelligent
- [ ] D) clever

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7 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: silent, peaceful, still, quiet, noisy.

- [ ] A) silent
- [ ] B) peaceful
- [ ] C) still
- [ ] D) noisy

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8 Which word means the OPPOSITE of EXEMPLARY?

- [ ] A) excellent and setting a good example for others
- [ ] B) unusual and rare
- [ ] C) brief and to the point
- [ ] D) disgraceful and setting a poor example
- [ ] E) shy and quiet

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9 OPPOSITE of EXEMPLARY?

- [ ] A) shameful and worthy of blame and criticism
- [ ] B) excellent and setting good examples
- [ ] C) noble and very honourable always
- [ ] D) outstanding and worthy of praise

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10 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The soldier showed great ____ in defending the castle against the attack.'

- ☐ A) valure
- ☐ B) valur
- ☐ C) valour
- ☐ D) value

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11 CONSPICUOUS in: 'Wearing bright purple in grey hall, Priya stood very noticeably.'

- ☐ A) embarrassed about her bright outfit
- ☐ B) hidden and unnoticed by anyone else
- ☐ C) clearly noticeable and standing very obviously out
- ☐ D) comfortable and blending completely in

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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: abundant, plentiful, scarce, copious, ample.

- ☐ A) abundant
- ☐ B) scarce
- ☐ C) copious
- ☐ D) plentiful

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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: simple, easy, difficult, straightforward, uncomplicated.

- ☐ A) straightforward
- ☐ B) easy
- ☐ C) simple
- ☐ D) difficult

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14 RULER is to DISTANCE as PROTRACTOR is to ___?

- ☐ A) angle
- ☐ B) triangle
- ☐ C) line
- ☐ D) degree

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15 Prefix 'un-' in 'unfair' means?

- [ ] A) opposite
- [ ] B) before
- [ ] C) extremely
- [ ] D) again
- [ ] E) not

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16 ENTOMOLOGIST is to INSECTS as BOTANIST is to ___?

- [ ] A) plants
- [ ] B) soil
- [ ] C) animals
- [ ] D) flowers

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17 'Before signing the contract, the lawyer advised Priya to be circumspect and check every clause carefully.' What does 'circumspect' mean here?

- [ ] A) careful to consider all possible consequences before acting
- [ ] B) careless and hasty
- [ ] C) excited and impatient
- [ ] D) confused and uncertain
- [ ] E) generous and trusting

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18 Which word is closest in meaning to ASTUTE?

- [ ] A) physically strong and athletic
- [ ] B) honest and trustworthy always
- [ ] C) clever at understanding things quickly
- [ ] D) rich and successful in business

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19 Which word means the OPPOSITE of IMMACULATE?

- [ ] A) kind and generous
- [ ] B) intelligent and thoughtful
- [ ] C) brave and confident
- [ ] D) stained and untidy

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20 METEOROLOGIST is to WEATHER as GEOLOGIST is to ___?

- [ ] A) clouds
- [ ] B) rocks
- [ ] C) oceans
- [ ] D) insects

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21 'The hike up Snowdon proved arduous, leaving the whole group exhausted by the summit.' What does 'arduous' mean here?

- [ ] A) short and effortless
- [ ] B) extremely difficult and requiring great effort
- [ ] C) enjoyable and relaxing
- [ ] D) dangerous and reckless
- [ ] E) quick and straightforward

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22 'The new headteacher was affable, greeting every pupil by name in the corridor.' What does 'affable' mean here?

- [ ] A) strict and demanding
- [ ] B) friendly and easy to talk to
- [ ] C) forgetful and disorganised
- [ ] D) nervous and shy
- [ ] E) distant and unapproachable

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23 'Being naturally gregarious, Leila made friends within minutes of arriving at the new school.' What does 'gregarious' mean here?

- [ ] A) sociable and enjoying the company of others
- [ ] B) shy and withdrawn
- [ ] C) rude and unkind
- [ ] D) forgetful and careless
- [ ] E) anxious and nervous

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24 'The pupils held a clandestine meeting behind the sports hall to plan the surprise party.' What does 'clandestine' mean here?

- [ ] A) loud and public
- [ ] B) boring and uneventful
- [ ] C) official and formally arranged
- [ ] D) brief and rushed
- [ ] E) secret and kept hidden from others

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25 'The chess champion's inscrutable expression gave nothing away about which move she planned next.' What does 'inscrutable' mean here?

- [ ] A) easy to read and understand
- [ ] B) cheerful and welcoming
- [ ] C) worried and anxious
- [ ] D) impossible to interpret, giving nothing away
- [ ] E) confident and boastful

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26 Which word is closest in meaning to IMPARTIAL?

- [ ] A) favouring one side unfairly
- [ ] B) fair and not favouring one side over another
- [ ] C) nervous and hesitant
- [ ] D) talkative and cheerful
- [ ] E) forgetful and careless

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27 Which suffix means 'the state or quality of being something', as in the word 'resistance'?

- [ ] A) -ance
- [ ] B) -ful
- [ ] C) -less
- [ ] D) -ish
- [ ] E) -er

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28 The prefix 'non-' in the word 'nonstop' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) always
- [ ] B) not
- [ ] C) again
- [ ] D) before
- [ ] E) too much

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29 The prefix 'hyper-' in the word 'hyperactive' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) below normal
- [ ] B) excessive or beyond normal
- [ ] C) equal to
- [ ] D) before
- [ ] E) against

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30 The root 'vor', found in words such as 'carnivore' and 'herbivore', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) to eat
- [ ] B) to run
- [ ] C) to hunt
- [ ] D) to grow
- [ ] E) to hide

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Mark scheme · 1.15-6 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 6: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

C (to speak or say) cao **B1**

Answer: C) to speak or say

Question 2

D (source) cao **B1**

Answer: D) source

Question 3

C (reluctant) cao **B1**

Answer: C) reluctant

Question 4

E (to eat) cao **B1**

Answer: E) to eat

Question 5

D (careful and sensible in making choices) cao **B1**

Answer: D) careful and sensible in making choices

Question 6

A (stupid) cao **B1**

Answer: A) stupid

Question 7

D (noisy) cao **B1**

Answer: D) noisy

Question 8

D) disgraceful and setting a poor example - is the direct opposite of exemplary **B1**

Answer: D) disgraceful and setting a poor example

Question 9

A (shameful and worthy of blame and criticism) cao **B1**

Answer: A) shameful and worthy of blame and criticism

Question 10

C (valour) cao **B1**

Answer: C) valour

Question 11

C (clearly noticeable and standing very obviously out) cao **B1**

Answer: C) clearly noticeable and standing very obviously out

Question 12

B (scarce) cao **B1**

Answer: B) scarce

Question 13

D (difficult) cao **B1**

Answer: D) difficult

Question 14

A (angle) cao **B1**

Answer: A) angle

Question 15

E (not) cao **B1**

Answer: E) not

Question 16

A (plants) cao **B1**

Answer: A) plants

Question 17

A) careful to consider all possible consequences before acting - matches the sense of circumspect in context **B1**

Answer: A) careful to consider all possible consequences before acting

Question 18

C (clever at understanding things quickly) cao **B1**

Answer: C) clever at understanding things quickly

Question 19

D (stained and untidy) cao **B1**

Answer: D) stained and untidy

Question 20

B (rocks) cao **B1**

Answer: B) rocks

Question 21

B) extremely difficult and requiring great effort - matches the sense of arduous in context **B1**

Answer: B) extremely difficult and requiring great effort

Question 22

B) friendly and easy to talk to - matches the sense of affable in context **B1**

Answer: B) friendly and easy to talk to

Question 23

A) sociable and enjoying the company of others - matches the sense of gregarious in context **B1**

Answer: A) sociable and enjoying the company of others

Question 24

E) secret and kept hidden from others - matches the sense of clandestine in context **B1**

Answer: E) secret and kept hidden from others

Question 25

D) impossible to interpret, giving nothing away - matches the sense of inscrutable in context **B1**

Answer: D) impossible to interpret, giving nothing away

Question 26

B) fair and not favouring one side over another - matches the meaning of impartial **B1**

Answer: B) fair and not favouring one side over another

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Question 27

A) -ance - is the suffix meaning 'the state or quality of being something' **B1**

Answer: A) -ance

Question 28

B) not - is the meaning of the prefix 'non-' **B1**

Answer: B) not

Question 29

B) excessive or beyond normal - is the meaning of the prefix 'hyper-' **B1**

Answer: B) excessive or beyond normal

Question 30

A) to eat - is the idea the root 'vor' relates to **B1**

Answer: A) to eat

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