1.15-7 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 7: 30-minute Pack

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

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 'Once she started talking about her holiday in Portugal, Grace became voluble, barely pausing for breath as she described every detail.' What does 'voluble' mean here?

- ☐ A) reluctant to speak in front of others
- ☐ B) angry and raising her voice
- ☐ C) quiet and thoughtful
- ☐ D) talking fluently and at great length
- ☐ E) confused and unable to explain clearly

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2 'The contractor's dilatory approach to the renovation meant the family were still waiting for a finished kitchen six months after the agreed date.' What does 'dilatory' mean here?

- ☐ A) slow to act and inclined to cause delay
- ☐ B) efficient and completed well ahead of schedule
- ☐ C) skilled and highly trained
- ☐ D) careless and prone to mistakes
- ☐ E) expensive and over budget

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3 Which suffix means 'a distinctive belief, system or practice', as in the word 'heroism'?

- ☐ A) -tion
- ☐ B) -ment
- ☐ C) -ism
- ☐ D) -age
- ☐ E) -ity

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4 The prefix 'post-' in the word 'postscript' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) against
- [ ] B) before
- [ ] C) after
- [ ] D) around
- [ ] E) within

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5 The root 'chron', found in words such as 'chronological' and 'synchronise', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) distance
- [ ] B) time
- [ ] C) sound
- [ ] D) colour
- [ ] E) light

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6 The root 'graph', found in words such as 'autograph' and 'paragraph', relates to which action?

- [ ] A) to measure
- [ ] B) to travel
- [ ] C) to build
- [ ] D) to write or draw
- [ ] E) to calculate

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7 The root 'cred', found in words such as 'credible' and 'incredible', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) to remember
- [ ] B) to count
- [ ] C) to see
- [ ] D) to speak
- [ ] E) to believe

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8 PACK is to WOLVES as SWARM is to ___?

- A) sheep
- B) dogs
- C) cows
- D) horses
- E) bees

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9 FARMER is to CROPS as FISHERMAN is to ___?

- A) rod
- B) boat
- C) sea
- D) catch
- E) net

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10 NOVICE is to EXPERT as APPRENTICE is to ___?

- A) beginner
- B) trainee
- C) master
- D) workshop
- E) tool

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11 Which word is closest in meaning to AMENABLE?

- A) jealous of others' success
- B) impatient and easily irritated
- C) willing to cooperate and open to suggestion
- D) stubborn and resistant to any suggestion
- E) forgetful of promises made

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12 CRUMB is to LOAF as DROPLET is to ___?

- A) ocean
- B) tap
- C) umbrella
- D) glass
- E) towel

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13 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'After trekking through the Sahara ___ for three days, the explorers were desperate for water.'

- [ ] A) desart
- [ ] B) desert
- [ ] C) dezert
- [ ] D) dessert
- [ ] E) desurt

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14 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The audience were asked to read the poem ___ so that everyone could hear it clearly.'

- [ ] A) alloud
- [ ] B) allowed
- [ ] C) alowed
- [ ] D) aloud
- [ ] E) alowd

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15 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Munir poured milk over his bowl of ___ before catching the school bus.'

- [ ] A) cerial
- [ ] B) ceriel
- [ ] C) cereal
- [ ] D) serial
- [ ] E) ceerial

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16 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: sturdy, durable, tough, hardwearing, flimsy.

- [ ] A) flimsy
- [ ] B) tough
- [ ] C) hardwearing
- [ ] D) sturdy
- [ ] E) durable

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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: talkative, chatty, garrulous, loquacious, reserved.

- ☐ A) talkative
- ☐ B) reserved
- ☐ C) chatty
- ☐ D) garrulous
- ☐ E) loquacious

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18 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: honest, truthful, sincere, forthright, deceitful.

- ☐ A) honest
- ☐ B) truthful
- ☐ C) deceitful
- ☐ D) sincere
- ☐ E) forthright

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19 CAP is to HEAD as BELT is to ___?

- ☐ A) body
- ☐ B) chest
- ☐ C) legs
- ☐ D) back
- ☐ E) waist

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20 Which word is closest in meaning to STOIC?

- ☐ A) enduring hardship calmly, without complaint
- ☐ B) complaining loudly about every difficulty
- ☐ C) avoiding hardship altogether
- ☐ D) cheerful without any particular reason
- ☐ E) anxious about small problems

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21 Which word means the OPPOSITE of FLEETING?

- ☐ A) lasting a long time or remaining
- ☐ B) not changing over time
- ☐ C) gone in a moment
- ☐ D) staying in one place without moving

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22 'My voluble neighbour can talk for hours about her garden, often trapping me in conversation on the doorstep.' What does 'voluble' mean here?

- [ ] A) talking fluently and at great length
- [ ] B) friendly but sometimes difficult to understand
- [ ] C) talkative only when she has something important to say
- [ ] D) loud and unaware of how much she speaks

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23 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: polite, courteous, respectful, well-mannered, rude.

- [ ] A) polite
- [ ] B) well-mannered
- [ ] C) courteous
- [ ] D) rude
- [ ] E) respectful

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24 'The painting's enigmatic expression left viewers wondering whether the subject was smiling or frowning.' What does 'enigmatic' mean here?

- [ ] A) unusual and not like other paintings
- [ ] B) beautiful and skillfully created
- [ ] C) mysterious and difficult to understand or explain
- [ ] D) sad and expressing deep emotion

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25 'When his mother discovered his lies, James became contrite and promised he would always tell the truth from that day on.' What does 'contrite' mean here?

- [ ] A) afraid of being punished further
- [ ] B) reluctant to change his behaviour
- [ ] C) stubborn and refusing to admit fault
- [ ] D) genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing

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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: calm, peaceful, serene, tranquil, chaotic.

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

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27 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The camels carried heavy supplies across the sandy ___ to reach the distant oasis.'

- [ ] A) desert
- [ ] B) desurt
- [ ] C) dessert
- [ ] D) desart
- [ ] E) dezert

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28 'The committee's dilatory response to the complaint meant the problem continued to worsen for weeks longer than necessary.' What does 'dilatory' mean here?

- [ ] A) dismissive and showing no concern
- [ ] B) thoughtful and carefully considered
- [ ] C) slow to act and inclined to cause delay
- [ ] D) unclear and open to misinterpretation

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29 Which word is closest in meaning to FASTIDIOUS?

- [ ] A) careless about detail and accuracy
- [ ] B) extremely attentive to detail and difficult to please
- [ ] C) generous in sharing possessions
- [ ] D) quick to forgive mistakes
- [ ] E) easily satisfied with any standard of work

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30 'The player looked contrite as he apologised to the referee for his rough tackle during the match.' What does 'contrite' mean here?

- [ ] A) genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing
- [ ] B) confused about the decision that was made
- [ ] C) determined to play better in future
- [ ] D) angry at being blamed for the foul

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Mark scheme · 1.15-7 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 7: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

D) talking fluently and at great length - matches the sense of voluble in context **B1**

Answer: D) talking fluently and at great length

Question 2

A) slow to act and inclined to cause delay - matches the sense of dilatory in context **B1**

Answer: A) slow to act and inclined to cause delay

Question 3

C) -ism - is the suffix meaning 'a distinctive belief, system or practice' **B1**

Answer: C) -ism

Question 4

C) after - is the meaning of the prefix 'post-' **B1**

Answer: C) after

Question 5

B) time - is the idea the root 'chron' relates to **B1**

Answer: B) time

Question 6

D) to write or draw - is the idea the root 'graph' relates to **B1**

Answer: D) to write or draw

Question 7

E) to believe - is the idea the root 'cred' relates to **B1**

Answer: E) to believe

Question 8

E) bees - completes the collective-noun relationship shown by pack and wolves **B1**

Answer: E) bees

Question 9

D) catch - completes the producer-to-product relationship shown by farmer and crops **B1**

Answer: D) catch

Question 10

C) master - completes the beginner-to-expert relationship shown by novice and expert **B1**

Answer: C) master

Question 11

C) willing to cooperate and open to suggestion - matches the meaning of amenable **B1**

Answer: C) willing to cooperate and open to suggestion

Question 12

A) ocean - completes the tiny-part-to-vast-whole relationship shown by crumb and loaf **B1**

Answer: A) ocean

Question 13

B) desert - is the correct homophone meaning a dry, sandy region **B1**

Answer: B) desert

Question 14

D) aloud - is the correct homophone meaning spoken so as to be heard **B1**

Answer: D) aloud

Question 15

C) cereal - is the correct homophone meaning a breakfast food made from grain **B1**

Answer: C) cereal

Question 16

A) flimsy - is the odd one out, meaning weak and easily damaged rather than strong and long-lasting **B1**

Answer: A) flimsy

Question 17

B) reserved - is the odd one out, meaning quiet and holding back speech rather than talking freely **B1**

Answer: B) reserved

Question 18

C) deceitful - is the odd one out, meaning likely to lie or mislead rather than honest and open **B1**

Answer: C) deceitful

Question 19

E (waist) cao **B1**

Answer: E) waist

Question 20

A) enduring hardship calmly, without complaint - matches the meaning of stoic **B1**

Answer: A) enduring hardship calmly, without complaint

Question 21

A (lasting a long time or remaining) cao **B1**

Answer: A) lasting a long time or remaining

Question 22

A (talking fluently and at great length) cao **B1**

Answer: A) talking fluently and at great length

Question 23

D (rude) cao **B1**

Answer: D) rude

Question 24

C (mysterious and difficult to understand or explain) cao **B1**

Answer: C) mysterious and difficult to understand or explain

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Question 25

D (genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing) cao **B1**

Answer: D) genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing

Question 26

E (chaotic) cao **B1**

Answer: E) chaotic

Question 27

A (desert) cao **B1**

Answer: A) desert

Question 28

C (slow to act and inclined to cause delay) cao **B1**

Answer: C) slow to act and inclined to cause delay

Question 29

B) extremely attentive to detail and difficult to please - matches the meaning of fastidious **B1**

Answer: B) extremely attentive to detail and difficult to please

Question 30

A (genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing) cao **B1**

Answer: A) genuinely sorry and showing regret for wrongdoing

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