1.15-8 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 8: 1-hour Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 60 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 The prefix 'peri-' in the word 'perimeter' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) through
- [ ] B) before
- [ ] C) around
- [ ] D) under
- [ ] E) against

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2 The prefix 'poly-' in the word 'polygon' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) one
- [ ] B) many
- [ ] C) none
- [ ] D) two
- [ ] E) half

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3 MICROSCOPE is to SCIENTIST as CAMERA is to ___?

- [ ] A) picture
- [ ] B) lens
- [ ] C) photographer
- [ ] D) darkroom
- [ ] E) film

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4 MURDER is to CROWS as PRIDE is to ___?

- [ ] A) wolves
- [ ] B) sheep
- [ ] C) fish
- [ ] D) lions
- [ ] E) bees

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5 STAVE is to MUSIC as CHAPTER is to ___?

- [ ] A) page
- [ ] B) library
- [ ] C) author
- [ ] D) sentence
- [ ] E) book

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6 Which word is closest in meaning to RESILIENT?

- [ ] A) quick to give up when things go wrong
- [ ] B) unable to cope with even minor setbacks
- [ ] C) able to recover quickly from difficulties and setbacks
- [ ] D) reluctant to change plans once they are made
- [ ] E) easily influenced by other people's opinions

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7 ELECTRICIAN is to PLIERS as PLUMBER is to ___?

- [ ] A) spanner
- [ ] B) van
- [ ] C) uniform
- [ ] D) invoice
- [ ] E) workshop

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8 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'As the school's ___, Mrs Adeyemi welcomed every new pupil personally on their first morning.'

- [ ] A) principle
- [ ] B) principals
- [ ] C) principle's
- [ ] D) principal
- [ ] E) prinicpal

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9 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Callum picked plump ___ out of the fruit cake before anyone noticed.'

- [ ] A) currants
- [ ] B) currancy
- [ ] C) currents
- [ ] D) currant's
- [ ] E) curants

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10 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Passengers were asked to ___ the train quickly once the doors opened, to avoid delaying the departure.'

- [ ] A) bored
- [ ] B) boared
- [ ] C) bourd
- [ ] D) boarde
- [ ] E) board

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11 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'By the time the whistle blew, the first half had already ___.'

- [ ] A) past
- [ ] B) pasted
- [ ] C) passed
- [ ] D) pased
- [ ] E) passd

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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: tidy, neat, spotless, immaculate, messy.

- [ ] A) tidy
- [ ] B) neat
- [ ] C) spotless
- [ ] D) messy
- [ ] E) immaculate

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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: exhausted, drained, fatigued, shattered, lively.

- [ ] A) exhausted
- [ ] B) drained
- [ ] C) fatigued
- [ ] D) shattered
- [ ] E) lively

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14 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: humble, modest, unassuming, self-effacing, boastful.

- [ ] A) humble
- [ ] B) boastful
- [ ] C) modest
- [ ] D) unassuming
- [ ] E) self-effacing

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15 Which word is closest in meaning to HAUGHTY?

- [ ] A) friendly and eager to help others
- [ ] B) nervous about speaking to strangers
- [ ] C) generous with time and money
- [ ] D) arrogantly proud and looking down on other people
- [ ] E) forgetful of important appointments

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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: rough, bumpy, uneven, smooth, jagged.

- [ ] A) rough
- [ ] B) jagged
- [ ] C) bumpy
- [ ] D) uneven
- [ ] E) smooth

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17 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The sweet stall sold liquorice _____ that tasted of aniseed.'

- [ ] A) strandez
- [ ] B) strandes
- [ ] C) strandss
- [ ] D) strands

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18 HOT is to COLD as WET is to ___?

- [ ] A) soak
- [ ] B) damp
- [ ] C) dry
- [ ] D) fresh
- [ ] E) clean

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19 'Ms Liu gave such prudent advice about managing stress that her students remembered it long after leaving school.' What does 'prudent' mean here?

- [ ] A) sensible and showing good judgment
- [ ] B) given reluctantly and without enthusiasm
- [ ] C) old-fashioned and no longer relevant
- [ ] D) repeated so often it became tiresome
- [ ] E) reckless and without care for consequences

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20 In this group of five words, four share a similar meaning and one does not belong. Identify the odd one out: big, large, immense, tiny, enormous.

- [ ] A) big
- [ ] B) large
- [ ] C) enormous
- [ ] D) immense
- [ ] E) tiny

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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: clean, filthy, dirty, grimy, soiled.

- [ ] A) filthy
- [ ] B) soiled
- [ ] C) grimy
- [ ] D) clean
- [ ] E) dirty

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22 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The judge ____ the athlete guilty of breaking the rules during the final.'

- [ ] A) foned
- [ ] B) found
- [ ] C) fownd
- [ ] D) fouund

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23 Which word is closest in meaning to FLEXIBLE?

- [ ] A) quick to give up when things go wrong
- [ ] B) reluctant to change plans once made
- [ ] C) able to adapt and adjust to change
- [ ] D) easily influenced by others' opinions
- [ ] E) unable to bend or change direction easily

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24 Which word is closest in meaning to CONTEMPTUOUS?

- [ ] A) showing disrespect and scorn
- [ ] B) being extremely happy
- [ ] C) acting carelessly
- [ ] D) moving very slowly

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25 Which word means the OPPOSITE of ENDURING?

- [ ] A) temporary and soon forgotten
- [ ] B) shared with a large audience
- [ ] C) carefully checked for errors
- [ ] D) lasting for a very long time

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26 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The baker used a handful of _____ to flavour the scones.'

- [ ] A) soltanas
- [ ] B) soltannas
- [ ] C) sultanas
- [ ] D) sultannas

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27 The prefix 'hemi-' in the word 'hemisphere' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) one
- [ ] B) many
- [ ] C) two
- [ ] D) none
- [ ] E) half

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28 COMPASS is to NAVIGATOR as SWORD is to ___?

- [ ] A) battle
- [ ] B) weapon
- [ ] C) shield
- [ ] D) knight
- [ ] E) fight

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29 HAPPY is to SAD as STRONG is to ___?

- [ ] A) tired
- [ ] B) gentle
- [ ] C) healthy
- [ ] D) powerful
- [ ] E) weak

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30 'It was entirely serendipitous that Maya discovered her future career through an unexpected conversation at the library.' What does 'serendipitous' mean here?

- [ ] A) unfortunate and regrettable
- [ ] B) carefully planned years in advance
- [ ] C) forgotten within a few days
- [ ] D) occurring by happy chance and luck
- [ ] E) deliberately chosen after careful research

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31 The prefix 'sub-' in the word 'submarine' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) below
- [ ] B) above
- [ ] C) around
- [ ] D) forward
- [ ] E) behind

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32 'Emma's moods were so volatile that nobody knew whether she would laugh or cry from one moment to the next.' What does 'volatile' mean here?

- [ ] A) stable and hard to upset
- [ ] B) forgetful about how she felt earlier
- [ ] C) quickly and unpredictably changing
- [ ] D) quiet and careful with feelings
- [ ] E) cheerful and often joking around

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33 Which word is closest in meaning to INGENIOUS?

- [ ] A) slow to understand new ideas
- [ ] B) unwilling to try a different approach
- [ ] C) careless when following instructions
- [ ] D) easily confused by simple tasks
- [ ] E) cleverly inventive, showing great originality in solving a problem

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34 Which word means the OPPOSITE of SPARSE?

- [ ] A) soft to touch
- [ ] B) thick and dense
- [ ] C) quiet and peaceful
- [ ] D) bright and lively

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35 Which prefix means 'many', as in the word 'multiply'?

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

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36 Which word means the OPPOSITE of PRODUCTIVE?

- [ ] A) easily understood by everyone
- [ ] B) legally required by a company
- [ ] C) producing results and progress
- [ ] D) wasting time without results

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37 Which prefix means 'three', as in the word 'triangle'?

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

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38 Which word means the OPPOSITE of CONSTANT?

- [ ] A) staying the same throughout
- [ ] B) shared openly with everyone
- [ ] C) changing from one moment to the next
- [ ] D) based on careful planning

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39 Which word means the OPPOSITE of AUTHENTIC?

- [ ] A) difficult to see
- [ ] B) fake or not genuine
- [ ] C) shining brightly
- [ ] D) made long ago

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40 'Although her friends wanted her to change schools, Leila remained steadfast and decided to stay.' What does 'steadfast' mean here?

- [ ] A) openly hostile to her friends' idea
- [ ] B) anxious about making the wrong choice
- [ ] C) uncertain and easily swayed
- [ ] D) willing to listen to all opinions
- [ ] E) firmly loyal and unwavering in decision

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41 Which word means the OPPOSITE of HARMONY?

- [ ] A) causing bitter conflict and division
- [ ] B) reached only after careful thought
- [ ] C) shared by everyone involved
- [ ] D) approved by the majority opinion
- [ ] E) decided without conflict or tension

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42 Which word means the OPPOSITE of GENUINE?

- [ ] A) fake and not what it claims to be
- [ ] B) real and exactly what it appears to be
- [ ] C) rare and difficult to find
- [ ] D) expensive and highly valued
- [ ] E) old and no longer fashionable

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43 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Our school's guiding ___ is that every pupil deserves support to achieve their best.'

- [ ] A) principals's
- [ ] B) principals
- [ ] C) principale
- [ ] D) principle
- [ ] E) principal

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44 Which word means the OPPOSITE of RELIABLE?

- [ ] A) shared with a close group
- [ ] B) likely to fail without warning
- [ ] C) always doing what is promised
- [ ] D) widely admired by others

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45 Which word is closest in meaning to ADAPTABLE?

- [ ] A) easily upset by small changes
- [ ] B) reluctant to accept any new ideas
- [ ] C) unable to adjust to new situations
- [ ] D) quick to give up without trying
- [ ] E) able to change and adjust to new circumstances

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46 The root 'scribe', found in words such as 'describe' and 'subscription', relates to which idea?

- [ ] A) look at closely
- [ ] B) read carefully
- [ ] C) hear and listen
- [ ] D) write or record
- [ ] E) move around

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47 'The stock market was so unstable and turbulent that prices swung wildly from hour to hour.' What does 'turbulent' mean here?

- [ ] A) completely predictable in its pattern
- [ ] B) gradually climbing higher each day
- [ ] C) characterized by conflict and disturbance
- [ ] D) calm and moving steadily
- [ ] E) heavily supported by major investors

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48 Which word means the OPPOSITE of OBLIGATORY?

- [ ] A) happening right now
- [ ] B) destroyed totally
- [ ] C) moving downwards
- [ ] D) optional or not required

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49 The prefix 'pre-' in the word 'preview' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) before
- [ ] B) under
- [ ] C) against
- [ ] D) through
- [ ] E) around

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50 GAGGLE is to GEESE as HERD is to ___?

- [ ] A) wolves
- [ ] B) cattle
- [ ] C) fish
- [ ] D) ants
- [ ] E) birds

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51 Which word means the OPPOSITE of AMPLE?

- [ ] A) more than enough, plentiful
- [ ] B) neatly arranged and organised
- [ ] C) barely enough, insufficient in quantity
- [ ] D) difficult to measure accurately
- [ ] E) shared equally between everyone

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52 'Jordan had such an erratic schedule that his friends could never guess whether he would stay home or go out.' What does 'erratic' mean here?

- [ ] A) forgetful of previous commitments
- [ ] B) cheerful and always willing to go out
- [ ] C) unpredictable and frequently changing pattern
- [ ] D) calm and entirely predictable each day
- [ ] E) shy and avoiding social plans

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53 Which word is closest in meaning to ASTUTE?

- [ ] A) having sharp intelligence
- [ ] B) being very musical
- [ ] C) running extremely fast
- [ ] D) being generous

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54 'The ancient china cup was so delicate that she carried it with extreme care, fearing it would break.' What does 'delicate' mean here?

- [ ] A) very thick and hard to damage
- [ ] B) boldly decorated with bright colours
- [ ] C) made from the finest materials available
- [ ] D) easily broken or damaged, requiring careful handling

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55 'When her team won the match, Sophie was so delighted that she cheered loudly and hugged everyone around her.' What does 'delighted' mean here?

- [ ] A) quietly pleased without much emotion
- [ ] B) extremely happy and pleased
- [ ] C) embarrassed by all the attention
- [ ] D) uncertain about celebrating too much
- [ ] E) sad and disappointed about the result

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56 'The butterfly's wings were so fine and paper-thin that any rough movement threatened to damage them.' What does 'fine' mean here?

- [ ] A) perfectly suited for the job
- [ ] B) brightly coloured and decorative
- [ ] C) thin, delicate and easily damaged
- [ ] D) thick and sturdy enough for heavy use
- [ ] E) good quality and well-made

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57 Which word is closest in meaning to INDOLENT?

- [ ] A) being extremely angry
- [ ] B) running very fast
- [ ] C) lazy and unwilling to work
- [ ] D) eating large amounts

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58 Which word is closest in meaning to TORPID?

- [ ] A) sluggish and lacking energy
- [ ] B) eating very quickly
- [ ] C) speaking softly and quietly
- [ ] D) jumping up and down

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59 'Facing criticism from reviewers, the director was unwavering and insisted the film was exactly as he planned.' What does 'unwavering' mean here?

- [ ] A) willing to accept all criticism
- [ ] B) nervous about public reaction
- [ ] C) easily frustrated by opposition
- [ ] D) uncertain and open to change
- [ ] E) not shaking or moving from a position

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60 Which word means the OPPOSITE of VOLUNTARY?

- [ ] A) done quickly without much thought
- [ ] B) done by free choice, without being forced
- [ ] C) kept completely secret from others
- [ ] D) required by rule or law, with no choice involved
- [ ] E) postponed until a later date

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Question 1

C) around - is the meaning of the prefix 'peri-' **B1**

Answer: C) around

Question 2

B) many - is the meaning of the prefix 'poly-' **B1**

Answer: B) many

Question 3

C) photographer - completes the user-to-tool relationship shown by microscope and scientist **B1**

Answer: C) photographer

Question 4

D) lions - completes the collective-noun relationship shown by murder and crows **B1**

Answer: D) lions

Question 5

E) book - completes the structural-section-to-whole-work relationship shown by stave and music **B1**

Answer: E) book

Question 6

C) able to recover quickly from difficulties and setbacks - matches the meaning of resilient **B1**

Answer: C) able to recover quickly from difficulties and setbacks

Question 7

A) spanner - completes the worker-to-hand-tool relationship shown by electrician and pliers **B1**

Answer: A) spanner

Question 8

D) principal - is the correct homophone meaning the head of a school **B1**

Answer: D) principal

Question 9

A) currants - is the correct homophone meaning small dried fruit **B1**

Answer: A) currants

Question 10

E) board - is the correct homophone meaning to get onto a vehicle **B1**

Answer: E) board

Question 11

C) passed - is the correct homophone meaning to have gone by **B1**

Answer: C) passed

Question 12

D) messy - is the odd one out, meaning disordered and untidy rather than clean and well-kept **B1**

Answer: D) messy

Question 13

E) lively - is the odd one out, meaning full of energy rather than extremely tired **B1**

Answer: E) lively

Question 14

B) boastful - is the odd one out, meaning proudly showing off achievements rather than playing them down **B1**

Answer: B) boastful

Question 15

D) arrogantly proud and looking down on other people - matches the meaning of haughty **B1**

Answer: D) arrogantly proud and looking down on other people

Question 16

E (smooth) cao **B1**

Answer: E) smooth

Question 17

D (strands) cao **B1**

Answer: D) strands

Question 18

C (dry) cao **B1**

Answer: C) dry

Question 19

A (sensible and showing good judgment) cao **B1**

Answer: A) sensible and showing good judgment

Question 20

E (tiny) cao **B1**

Answer: E) tiny

Question 21

D (clean) cao **B1**

Answer: D) clean

Question 22

B (found) cao **B1**

Answer: B) found

Question 23

C (able to adapt and adjust to change) cao **B1**

Answer: C) able to adapt and adjust to change

Question 24

A (showing disrespect and scorn) cao **B1**

Answer: A) showing disrespect and scorn

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Question 25

A (temporary and soon forgotten) cao **B1**

Answer: A) temporary and soon forgotten

Question 26

C (sultanas) cao **B1**

Answer: C) sultanas

Question 27

E (half) cao **B1**

Answer: E) half

Question 28

D (knight) cao **B1**

Answer: D) knight

Question 29

E (weak) cao **B1**

Answer: E) weak

Question 30

D (occurring by happy chance and luck) cao **B1**

Answer: D) occurring by happy chance and luck

Question 31

A (below) cao **B1**

Answer: A) below

Question 32

C (quickly and unpredictably changing) cao **B1**

Answer: C) quickly and unpredictably changing

Question 33

E) cleverly inventive, showing great originality in solving a problem - matches the meaning of ingenious **B1**

Answer: E) cleverly inventive, showing great originality in solving a problem

Question 34

B (thick and dense) cao **B1**

Answer: B) thick and dense

Question 35

A (multi-) cao **B1**

Answer: A) multi-

Question 36

D (wasting time without results) cao **B1**

Answer: D) wasting time without results

Question 37

B (tri-) cao **B1**

Answer: B) tri-

Question 38

C (changing from one moment to the next) cao **B1**

Answer: C) changing from one moment to the next

Question 39

B (fake or not genuine) cao **B1**

Answer: B) fake or not genuine

Question 40

E (firmly loyal and unwavering in decision) cao **B1**

Answer: E) firmly loyal and unwavering in decision

Question 41

A (causing bitter conflict and division) cao **B1**

Answer: A) causing bitter conflict and division

Question 42

A) fake and not what it claims to be - is the direct opposite of genuine **B1**

Answer: A) fake and not what it claims to be

Question 43

D (principle) cao **B1**

Answer: D) principle

Question 44

B (likely to fail without warning) cao **B1**

Answer: B) likely to fail without warning

Question 45

E (able to change and adjust to new circumstances) cao **B1**

Answer: E) able to change and adjust to new circumstances

Question 46

D (write or record) cao **B1**

Answer: D) write or record

Question 47

C (characterized by conflict and disturbance) cao **B1**

Answer: C) characterized by conflict and disturbance

Question 48

D (optional or not required) cao **B1**

Answer: D) optional or not required

Question 49

A (before) cao **B1**

Answer: A) before

Question 50

B (cattle) cao **B1**

Answer: B) cattle

Question 51

C) barely enough, insufficient in quantity - is the direct opposite of ample **B1**

Answer: C) barely enough, insufficient in quantity

Question 52

C (unpredictable and frequently changing pattern) cao **B1**

Answer: C) unpredictable and frequently changing pattern

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Question 53

A (having sharp intelligence) cao **B1**

Answer: A) having sharp intelligence

Question 54

D (easily broken or damaged, requiring careful handling) cao **B1**

Answer: D) easily broken or damaged, requiring careful handling

Question 55

B (extremely happy and pleased) cao **B1**

Answer: B) extremely happy and pleased

Question 56

C (thin, delicate and easily damaged) cao **B1**

Answer: C) thin, delicate and easily damaged

Question 57

C (lazy and unwilling to work) cao **B1**

Answer: C) lazy and unwilling to work

Question 58

A (sluggish and lacking energy) cao **B1**

Answer: A) sluggish and lacking energy

Question 59

E (not shaking or moving from a position) cao **B1**

Answer: E) not shaking or moving from a position

Question 60

D) required by rule or law, with no choice involved - is the direct opposite of voluntary **B1**

Answer: D) required by rule or law, with no choice involved

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