1.15-8 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 8: 30-minute Pack

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

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 'Even after losing his first match, Karim remained adamant and insisted he would train harder.' What does 'adamant' mean here?

- ☐ A) uncertain about whether to continue
- ☐ B) confused about what happened
- ☐ C) firmly determined, refusing to change his mind
- ☐ D) angry at his coach for the loss
- ☐ E) willing to give up at the first defeat

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2 The prefix 'mono-' in the word 'monologue' most nearly means:

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

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3 The root 'bio', found in words such as 'biography' and 'biology', relates to which idea?

- ☐ A) distance
- ☐ B) sound
- ☐ C) behaviour
- ☐ D) light
- ☐ E) life

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4 Which word is closest in meaning to SWIFT?

- [ ] A) reluctant to try anything new
- [ ] B) unsteady when standing up
- [ ] C) unable to move without help
- [ ] D) moving quickly with great speed
- [ ] E) moving slowly and with care

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5 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'The teacher asked us to ____ the rowing boat onto the rack after PE.'

- [ ] A) lift
- [ ] B) liftd
- [ ] C) lifft
- [ ] D) liff

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6 Which word means the OPPOSITE of PROFITABLE?

- [ ] A) requiring very little effort
- [ ] B) costing more than it earns back
- [ ] C) making money very easily
- [ ] D) widely admired by the public

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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: sad, miserable, gloomy, happy, sorrowful.

- [ ] A) gloomy
- [ ] B) sad
- [ ] C) happy
- [ ] D) sorrowful
- [ ] E) miserable

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8 Which word means the OPPOSITE of PERSISTENT?

- [ ] A) carefully planned in advance
- [ ] B) lasting only a very short time before disappearing
- [ ] C) shared openly with a large group
- [ ] D) based on careful scientific evidence
- [ ] E) continuing firmly despite difficulty or opposition

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9 Which word is closest in meaning to PRECISE?

- [ ] A) roughly estimated and approximate
- [ ] B) difficult to measure or verify
- [ ] C) widely different from the original
- [ ] D) exact and accurate in every detail
- [ ] E) changed frequently without notice

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10 STETHOSCOPE is to DOCTOR as PAINTBRUSH is to ___?

- [ ] A) artist
- [ ] B) wall
- [ ] C) paint
- [ ] D) colour
- [ ] E) museum

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11 The prefix 'bi-' in the word 'bicycle' most nearly means:

- [ ] A) half
- [ ] B) two
- [ ] C) one
- [ ] D) many
- [ ] E) three

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12 Which word means the OPPOSITE of LEGITIMATE?

- [ ] A) created a while ago
- [ ] B) happening quickly
- [ ] C) illegal or forbidden
- [ ] D) broken in pieces

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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: scared, nervous, anxious, bold, worried.

- [ ] A) nervous
- [ ] B) anxious
- [ ] C) worried
- [ ] D) scared
- [ ] E) bold

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14 DIRTY is to CLEAN as DARK is to ___?

- [ ] A) black
- [ ] B) bright
- [ ] C) night
- [ ] D) dim
- [ ] E) shadow

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15 Which word correctly completes the sentence? 'Mum picked some ____ from the bottom of the cake tin.'

- [ ] A) risons
- [ ] B) rasins
- [ ] C) raisins
- [ ] D) raisons

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16 Which word is closest in meaning to RESOURCEFUL?

- [ ] A) able to find good solutions
- [ ] B) moving around quietly
- [ ] C) being very tall and strong
- [ ] D) eating healthy food

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17 'Even after two of her teammates dropped out, Simran remained resolute and insisted the fundraising walk would still go ahead.' What does 'resolute' mean here?

- [ ] A) confused about the original plan
- [ ] B) willing to give up at the first difficulty
- [ ] C) firmly determined, not wavering from a decision
- [ ] D) uncertain about what to do next
- [ ] E) angry at her teammates for leaving

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18 Which word means the OPPOSITE of SINCERE?

- [ ] A) happening long ago
- [ ] B) false and dishonest
- [ ] C) moving straight line
- [ ] D) built very strong

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19 CHEF is to KNIFE as GARDENER is to ___?

- A) plant
- B) greenhouse
- C) vegetables
- D) soil
- E) shovel

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20 Which word means the OPPOSITE of MEAGRE?

- A) moving very slowly
- B) difficult to grasp
- C) rather bitter taste
- D) generous and ample

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21 SWARM is to BEES as SCHOOL is to ___?

- A) fish
- B) ants
- C) birds
- D) wasps
- E) butterflies

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22 'Tobias had such a mercurial temper that his classmates could never predict whether he would laugh at a joke or storm off in annoyance.' What does 'mercurial' mean here?

- A) calm and entirely predictable in every situation
- B) unpredictable and quick to change mood
- C) cheerful and rarely troubled by anything
- D) shy and reluctant to show any emotion
- E) forgetful of what has just happened

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23 'Grandad Iwan gave such sagacious advice about saving money that Ngozi followed it for the rest of her life.' What does 'sagacious' mean here?

- A) confusing and difficult to follow
- B) old-fashioned and no longer useful
- C) given reluctantly and without real care
- D) wise, showing excellent judgement and understanding
- E) repeated so often it became annoying

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24 'When the firefighters rescued her cat from the tree, Rhiannon was effusive in her thanks, hugging each of them and repeating how grateful she was.' What does 'effusive' mean here?

- [ ] A) reluctant to show any thanks at all
- [ ] B) quietly polite without much emotion
- [ ] C) suspicious of the firefighters' intentions
- [ ] D) embarrassed and eager to leave quickly
- [ ] E) expressing gratitude in an unrestrained, gushing way

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25 'The climbers' rope had frayed so badly that their hold on the cliff face felt tenuous, as if it might give way at any moment.' What does 'tenuous' mean here?

- [ ] A) completely secure and impossible to break
- [ ] B) newly replaced and in excellent condition
- [ ] C) deliberately loosened to allow movement
- [ ] D) weak and barely able to hold, likely to fail
- [ ] E) far longer than was actually needed

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26 'Despite having a whole weekend free, Declan spent it in an indolent haze, barely leaving the sofa except to make more toast.' What does 'indolent' mean here?

- [ ] A) lazy, avoiding activity and effort
- [ ] B) busy with a long list of chores
- [ ] C) anxious about an upcoming exam
- [ ] D) determined to finish every task early
- [ ] E) generous with his free time to help others

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27 'It was entirely fortuitous that Yusra bumped into her old teacher on the very day she needed a reference for her application.' What does 'fortuitous' mean here?

- [ ] A) carefully arranged in advance
- [ ] B) happening by lucky chance, at just the right time
- [ ] C) expected and planned for weeks
- [ ] D) unfortunate and badly timed
- [ ] E) forgotten almost immediately

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28 Which word is closest in meaning to SCRUPULOUS?

- ☐ A) careless about doing the right thing
- ☐ B) extremely careful and thorough, with a strong sense of what is right
- ☐ C) quick to make decisions without thinking
- ☐ D) reluctant to admit mistakes
- ☐ E) easily persuaded to change an opinion

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29 The suffix '-tude' in the word 'gratitude' means:

- ☐ A) a person who performs an action
- ☐ B) full of a particular quality
- ☐ C) without a particular quality
- ☐ D) the process of making something
- ☐ E) the state or quality of being something

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30 The root 'therm', found in words such as 'thermometer' and 'thermal', relates to which idea?

- ☐ A) sound
- ☐ B) heat
- ☐ C) distance
- ☐ D) light
- ☐ E) weight

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Mark scheme · 1.15-8 Vocabulary and Word Skills Set 8: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

C (firmly determined, refusing to change his mind) cao **B1**

Answer: C) firmly determined, refusing to change his mind

Question 2

A (one) cao **B1**

Answer: A) one

Question 3

E (life) cao **B1**

Answer: E) life

Question 4

D (moving quickly with great speed) cao **B1**

Answer: D) moving quickly with great speed

Question 5

A (lift) cao **B1**

Answer: A) lift

Question 6

B (costing more than it earns back) cao **B1**

Answer: B) costing more than it earns back

Question 7

C (happy) cao **B1**

Answer: C) happy

Question 8

B) lasting only a very short time before disappearing - is the direct opposite of persistent **B1**

Answer: B) lasting only a very short time before disappearing

Question 9

D (exact and accurate in every detail) cao **B1**

Answer: D) exact and accurate in every detail

Question 10

A (artist) cao **B1**

Answer: A) artist

Question 11

B (two) cao **B1**

Answer: B) two

Question 12

C (illegal or forbidden) cao **B1**

Answer: C) illegal or forbidden

Question 13

E (bold) cao **B1**

Answer: E) bold

Question 14

B (bright) cao **B1**

Answer: B) bright

Question 15

C (raisins) cao **B1**

Answer: C) raisins

Question 16

A (able to find good solutions) cao **B1**

Answer: A) able to find good solutions

Question 17

C) firmly determined, not wavering from a decision - matches the sense of resolute in context **B1**

Answer: C) firmly determined, not wavering from a decision

Question 18

B (false and dishonest) cao **B1**

Answer: B) false and dishonest

Question 19

E (shovel) cao **B1**

Answer: E) shovel

Question 20

D (generous and ample) cao **B1**

Answer: D) generous and ample

Question 21

A (fish) cao **B1**

Answer: A) fish

Question 22

B) unpredictable and quick to change mood - matches the sense of mercurial in context **B1**

Answer: B) unpredictable and quick to change mood

Question 23

D) wise, showing excellent judgement and understanding - matches the sense of sagacious in context **B1**

Answer: D) wise, showing excellent judgement and understanding

Question 24

E) expressing gratitude in an unrestrained, gushing way - matches the sense of effusive in context **B1**

Answer: E) expressing gratitude in an unrestrained, gushing way

Question 25

D) weak and barely able to hold, likely to fail - matches the sense of tenuous in context **B1**

Answer: D) weak and barely able to hold, likely to fail

Question 26

A) lazy, avoiding activity and effort - matches the sense of indolent in context **B1**

Answer: A) lazy, avoiding activity and effort

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Question 27

B) happening by lucky chance, at just the right time - matches the sense of fortuitous in context **B1**

Answer: B) happening by lucky chance, at just the right time

Question 28

B) extremely careful and thorough, with a strong sense of what is right - matches the meaning of scrupulous **B1**

Answer: B) extremely careful and thorough, with a strong sense of what is right

Question 29

E) the state or quality of being something - is the meaning of the suffix '-tude' **B1**

Answer: E) the state or quality of being something

Question 30

B) heat - is the idea the root 'therm' relates to **B1**

Answer: B) heat

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