3.13-2 Opposite in Meaning: Practice Set 2: 10-minute Pack

Total Marks

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Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Each question gives a word in capital letters, followed by five words labelled A) to E). Decide which one of the five words is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word in capital letters and write down that letter. Only one answer is correct in each question. In several questions, some wrong answers mean almost the same as the given word rather than the opposite, so read every option with care before deciding. Look at the worked example first, then answer the questions in order.

Worked example. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DILIGENT. A) hardworking B) conscientious C) lazy D) thorough E) meticulous **Answer: C.** 'Diligent' means hardworking and thorough, showing steady effort. 'Lazy' means unwilling to work or make an effort, the opposite quality, so it is correct. 'Hardworking', 'conscientious', 'thorough' and 'meticulous' are all synonyms of 'diligent', describing the same effortful approach rather than its opposite, so a pupil who picks any of these has confused a matching word for an opposite one.

1 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to CONFINED.

- ☐ A) restricted
- ☐ B) enclosed
- ☐ C) chilly
- ☐ D) limited
- ☐ E) boundless

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2 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SLUGGISH.

- ☐ A) swift
- ☐ B) lethargic
- ☐ C) listless
- ☐ D) talkative
- ☐ E) plodding

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3 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to FORBID.

- ☐ A) ban
- ☐ B) permit
- ☐ C) prohibit
- ☐ D) request
- ☐ E) outlaw

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4 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to EXPAND.

- ☐ A) enlarge
- ☐ B) swell
- ☐ C) shrink
- ☐ D) wander
- ☐ E) inflate

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5 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to PERILOUS.

- ☐ A) hazardous
- ☐ B) risky
- ☐ C) harmful
- ☐ D) safe
- ☐ E) unstable

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6 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to HUMBLE.

- ☐ A) unassuming
- ☐ B) unpretentious
- ☐ C) deferential
- ☐ D) curious
- ☐ E) arrogant

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7 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SINCERE.

- ☐ A) deceitful
- ☐ B) earnest
- ☐ C) heartfelt
- ☐ D) boastful
- ☐ E) truthful

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8 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to VAGUE.

- ☐ A) hazy
- ☐ B) precise
- ☐ C) ambiguous
- ☐ D) chatty
- ☐ E) sketchy

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9 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to TINY.

- ☐ A) petite
- ☐ B) microscopic
- ☐ C) massive
- ☐ D) elderly
- ☐ E) minuscule

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10 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to AFFLUENT.

- ☐ A) wealthy
- ☐ B) prosperous
- ☐ C) isolated
- ☐ D) impoverished
- ☐ E) rich

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11 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to INSIGNIFICANT.

- ☐ A) minor
- ☐ B) negligible
- ☐ C) unimportant
- ☐ D) familiar
- ☐ E) momentous

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12 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SMOOTH.

- ☐ A) rough
- ☐ B) polished
- ☐ C) glossy
- ☐ D) sleek
- ☐ E) curved

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13 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to FORMAL.

- ☐ A) official
- ☐ B) casual
- ☐ C) ceremonial
- ☐ D) elegant
- ☐ E) dignified

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Mark scheme · 3.13-2 Opposite in Meaning: Practice Set 2: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

E) boundless - means having no limits, the opposite of 'confined'. **B1**

Answer: E) boundless

Question 2

A) swift - means moving or acting quickly, the opposite of 'sluggish'. **B1**

Answer: A) swift

Question 3

B) permit - means to allow something to happen, the opposite of 'forbid'. **B1**

Answer: B) permit

Question 4

C) shrink - means to become smaller, the opposite of 'expand'. **B1**

Answer: C) shrink

Question 5

D) safe - means free from danger, the opposite of 'perilous'. **B1**

Answer: D) safe

Question 6

E) arrogant - means having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance, the opposite of 'humble'. **B1**

Answer: E) arrogant

Question 7

A) deceitful - means intending to mislead or deceive others, the opposite of 'sincere'. **B1**

Answer: A) deceitful

Question 8

B) precise - means exact and clearly stated, the opposite of 'vague'. **B1**

Answer: B) precise

Question 9

C) massive - means extremely large in size, the opposite of 'tiny'. **B1**

Answer: C) massive

Question 10

D) impoverished - means extremely poor, the opposite of 'affluent'. **B1**

Answer: D) impoverished

Question 11

E) momentous - means of great importance, the opposite of 'insignificant'. **B1**

Answer: E) momentous

Question 12

A) rough - means having an uneven, bumpy surface, the opposite of 'smooth'. **B1**

Answer: A) rough

Question 13

B) casual - means relaxed and informal, the opposite of 'formal'. **B1**

Answer: B) casual

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