3.4 Closest in Meaning: Test Pack

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In each question a word is given in capital letters, followed by five words labelled A) to E). Decide which one of the five words is closest in meaning to the word in capital letters and write down that letter. Only one answer is correct in each question. Some of the wrong answers may look similar in meaning to the given word, so read every option carefully before you decide. Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. Choose the word closest in meaning to SMALL. A) large B) tiny C) tall D) heavy E) wide **Answer: B.** 'Tiny' means very small in size, so it is closest in meaning to 'small'. 'Large' is the opposite. 'Tall', 'heavy' and 'wide' each describe a different single dimension or property, not overall size, so none of them means the same as 'small'.

1 Choose the word closest in meaning to DILIGENT.

- ☐ A) lazy
- ☐ B) careless
- ☐ C) intelligent
- ☐ D) punctual
- ☐ E) industrious

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2 Choose the word closest in meaning to STARVING.

- ☐ A) hungry
- ☐ B) bitter
- ☐ C) effortless
- ☐ D) obvious
- ☐ E) appalling

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3 Choose the word closest in meaning to COLD.

- ☐ A) wrong
- ☐ B) roasting
- ☐ C) courageous
- ☐ D) freezing
- ☐ E) boiling

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4 Choose the word closest in meaning to WASTE.

- ☐ A) rubbish
- ☐ B) youngster
- ☐ C) war
- ☐ D) fright
- ☐ E) truth

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5 Choose the word closest in meaning to AMUSE.

- ☐ A) delight
- ☐ B) accuse
- ☐ C) show
- ☐ D) hoard
- ☐ E) slice

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6 Choose the word closest in meaning to WANDER.

- ☐ A) stroll
- ☐ B) shout
- ☐ C) converse
- ☐ D) want
- ☐ E) sink

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7 Choose the word closest in meaning to FOE.

- ☐ A) peril
- ☐ B) opponent
- ☐ C) future
- ☐ D) blunder
- ☐ E) track

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8 Choose the word closest in meaning to SLEEPY.

- ☐ A) tedious
- ☐ B) exhausted
- ☐ C) silent
- ☐ D) immense
- ☐ E) slack

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9 Choose the word closest in meaning to PACKED.

- [ ] A) soaked
- [ ] B) dazzling
- [ ] C) freezing
- [ ] D) blunt
- [ ] E) crowded

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10 Choose the word closest in meaning to PACKED.

- [ ] A) amusing
- [ ] B) stout
- [ ] C) wicked
- [ ] D) stuffed
- [ ] E) appetising

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11 Choose the word closest in meaning to CURIOUS.

- [ ] A) outside
- [ ] B) unusual
- [ ] C) hazardous
- [ ] D) funny
- [ ] E) vast

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12 Choose the word closest in meaning to CALM.

- [ ] A) tranquil
- [ ] B) careless
- [ ] C) poorly
- [ ] D) uneasy
- [ ] E) worried

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13 Choose the word closest in meaning to NORMAL.

- [ ] A) tart
- [ ] B) typical
- [ ] C) powerful
- [ ] D) dry
- [ ] E) noisy

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14 Choose the word closest in meaning to STUFF.

- [ ] A) linger
- [ ] B) jump
- [ ] C) stare
- [ ] D) fill
- [ ] E) wail

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15 Choose the word closest in meaning to TREMBLE.

- [ ] A) donate
- [ ] B) tumble
- [ ] C) forget
- [ ] D) cheat
- [ ] E) shiver

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16 Choose the word closest in meaning to TIMID.

- [ ] A) dry
- [ ] B) humble
- [ ] C) bashful
- [ ] D) tiny
- [ ] E) sweet

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17 Choose the word closest in meaning to PROTECTED.

- [ ] A) full
- [ ] B) conceited
- [ ] C) safe
- [ ] D) brief
- [ ] E) beautiful

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18 Choose the word closest in meaning to AFFLUENT.

- [ ] A) rich
- [ ] B) protected
- [ ] C) lenient
- [ ] D) cheap
- [ ] E) mean

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19 Choose the word closest in meaning to DAZZLING.

- ☐ A) definite
- ☐ B) shiny
- ☐ C) exciting
- ☐ D) awake
- ☐ E) bad

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20 Choose the word closest in meaning to TRANSIENT.

- ☐ A) permanent
- ☐ B) slow
- ☐ C) fleeting
- ☐ D) visible
- ☐ E) constant

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21 Choose the word closest in meaning to ISOLATED.

- ☐ A) weak
- ☐ B) lonely
- ☐ C) loud
- ☐ D) protected
- ☐ E) ordinary

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22 Choose the word closest in meaning to CONSIDER.

- ☐ A) slash
- ☐ B) consume
- ☐ C) end
- ☐ D) ponder
- ☐ E) look

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23 Choose the word closest in meaning to HAPPY.

- ☐ A) miserable
- ☐ B) unhappy
- ☐ C) clear
- ☐ D) sloppy
- ☐ E) cheerful

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24 Choose the word closest in meaning to SLUMBER.

- [ ] A) remember
- [ ] B) smile
- [ ] C) spill
- [ ] D) excavate
- [ ] E) doze

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25 Choose the word closest in meaning to FAMISHED.

- [ ] A) ravenous
- [ ] B) far
- [ ] C) dirty
- [ ] D) elderly
- [ ] E) boring

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26 Choose the word closest in meaning to MATE.

- [ ] A) boss
- [ ] B) path
- [ ] C) companion
- [ ] D) plot
- [ ] E) robber

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27 Choose the word closest in meaning to FASCINATING.

- [ ] A) scorching
- [ ] B) puny
- [ ] C) arrogant
- [ ] D) idle
- [ ] E) interesting

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28 Choose the word closest in meaning to COLOSSAL.

- [ ] A) coarse
- [ ] B) towering
- [ ] C) terrible
- [ ] D) small
- [ ] E) shy

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29 Choose the word closest in meaning to DOZE.

- ☐ A) grab
- ☐ B) donate
- ☐ C) slumber
- ☐ D) purchase
- ☐ E) strike

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30 Choose the word closest in meaning to ABSORBING.

- ☐ A) gleaming
- ☐ B) fascinating
- ☐ C) acidic
- ☐ D) superb
- ☐ E) fierce

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31 Choose the word closest in meaning to RESIDENCE.

- ☐ A) burglar
- ☐ B) reward
- ☐ C) job
- ☐ D) sadness
- ☐ E) dwelling

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32 Choose the word closest in meaning to WONDERFUL.

- ☐ A) frail
- ☐ B) gigantic
- ☐ C) plump
- ☐ D) superb
- ☐ E) thoughtful

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33 Choose the word closest in meaning to ANCIENT.

- ☐ A) reckless
- ☐ B) insolent
- ☐ C) pretty
- ☐ D) modern
- ☐ E) aged

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34 Choose the word closest in meaning to WONDERFUL.

- ☐ A) marvellous
- ☐ B) important
- ☐ C) drowsy
- ☐ D) joyful
- ☐ E) boiling

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35 Choose the word closest in meaning to CELEBRATED.

- ☐ A) frequent
- ☐ B) delighted
- ☐ C) major
- ☐ D) drowsy
- ☐ E) famous

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36 Choose the word closest in meaning to SECURE.

- ☐ A) crafty
- ☐ B) secret
- ☐ C) protected
- ☐ D) hollow
- ☐ E) unhappy

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37 Choose the word closest in meaning to FULL.

- ☐ A) hollow
- ☐ B) empty
- ☐ C) abundant
- ☐ D) crowded
- ☐ E) furious

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38 Choose the word closest in meaning to APPALLING.

- ☐ A) glum
- ☐ B) minor
- ☐ C) syrupy
- ☐ D) dreadful
- ☐ E) thrilling

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39 Choose the word closest in meaning to HUMOROUS.

- ☐ A) scrumptious
- ☐ B) captive
- ☐ C) truthful
- ☐ D) hilarious
- ☐ E) right

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40 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPARKLE.

- ☐ A) increase
- ☐ B) spot
- ☐ C) donate
- ☐ D) expand
- ☐ E) shine

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41 Choose the word closest in meaning to REFUSE.

- ☐ A) revolve
- ☐ B) sink
- ☐ C) accept
- ☐ D) decline
- ☐ E) strew

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42 Choose the word closest in meaning to DEMANDING.

- ☐ A) fearful
- ☐ B) smooth
- ☐ C) lengthy
- ☐ D) difficult
- ☐ E) scorching

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43 Choose the word closest in meaning to LOVELY.

- ☐ A) beautiful
- ☐ B) abundant
- ☐ C) leisurely
- ☐ D) shy
- ☐ E) occupied

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44 Choose the word closest in meaning to STRANGE.

- ☐ A) faultless
- ☐ B) difficult
- ☐ C) odd
- ☐ D) stupid
- ☐ E) booming

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45 Choose the word closest in meaning to REVOLVE.

- ☐ A) fill
- ☐ B) rotate
- ☐ C) respect
- ☐ D) shout
- ☐ E) import

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46 Choose the word closest in meaning to TRICKY.

- ☐ A) truthful
- ☐ B) elderly
- ☐ C) thoughtful
- ☐ D) difficult
- ☐ E) scared

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47 Choose the word closest in meaning to RESPECTFUL.

- ☐ A) active
- ☐ B) polite
- ☐ C) towering
- ☐ D) careful
- ☐ E) closed

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48 Choose the word closest in meaning to CURVE.

- ☐ A) gleam
- ☐ B) wail
- ☐ C) observe
- ☐ D) spill
- ☐ E) twist

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49 Choose the word closest in meaning to FIERCE.

- ☐ A) firm
- ☐ B) cheerful
- ☐ C) bold
- ☐ D) savage
- ☐ E) loose

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50 Choose the word closest in meaning to SLASH.

- ☐ A) irritate
- ☐ B) cut
- ☐ C) sleep
- ☐ D) taunt
- ☐ E) split

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51 Choose the word closest in meaning to CROSS.

- ☐ A) crafty
- ☐ B) shiny
- ☐ C) cautious
- ☐ D) tedious
- ☐ E) irate

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52 Choose the word closest in meaning to QUIET.

- ☐ A) free
- ☐ B) soundless
- ☐ C) loud
- ☐ D) deafening
- ☐ E) quick

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53 Choose the word closest in meaning to CONCEALED.

- ☐ A) vast
- ☐ B) timid
- ☐ C) untrue
- ☐ D) secret
- ☐ E) conceited

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54 Choose the word closest in meaning to PURCHASE.

- [ ] A) steal
- [ ] B) borrow
- [ ] C) buy
- [ ] D) sell
- [ ] E) choose

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55 Choose the word closest in meaning to DEMANDING.

- [ ] A) challenging
- [ ] B) late
- [ ] C) marvellous
- [ ] D) exhilarating
- [ ] E) moist

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56 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPOTLESS.

- [ ] A) immaculate
- [ ] B) joyful
- [ ] C) marvellous
- [ ] D) professional
- [ ] E) penniless

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57 Choose the word closest in meaning to CRAVE.

- [ ] A) store
- [ ] B) give
- [ ] C) wish
- [ ] D) sleep
- [ ] E) create

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58 Choose the word closest in meaning to EVIL.

- [ ] A) above
- [ ] B) cheerful
- [ ] C) evident
- [ ] D) sinful
- [ ] E) minor

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59 Choose the word closest in meaning to GLANCE.

- ☐ A) ignore
- ☐ B) study
- ☐ C) stare
- ☐ D) glimpse
- ☐ E) watch

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60 Choose the word closest in meaning to PROSPEROUS.

- ☐ A) wealthy
- ☐ B) impoverished
- ☐ C) greedy
- ☐ D) famous
- ☐ E) ancient

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61 Choose the word closest in meaning to OBSOLETE.

- ☐ A) popular
- ☐ B) outdated
- ☐ C) damaged
- ☐ D) valuable
- ☐ E) useful

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62 Choose the word closest in meaning to BRAVE.

- ☐ A) courageous
- ☐ B) fearful
- ☐ C) strong
- ☐ D) proud
- ☐ E) careful

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63 Choose the word closest in meaning to DULL.

- ☐ A) ancient
- ☐ B) tedious
- ☐ C) loud
- ☐ D) bright
- ☐ E) brainy

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64 Choose the word closest in meaning to THIN.

- ☐ A) bumpy
- ☐ B) slender
- ☐ C) powerful
- ☐ D) thoughtful
- ☐ E) thick

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65 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPARKLE.

- ☐ A) hit
- ☐ B) gleam
- ☐ C) spring
- ☐ D) laugh
- ☐ E) rise

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66 Choose the word closest in meaning to TAKE.

- ☐ A) snatch
- ☐ B) present
- ☐ C) talk
- ☐ D) approach
- ☐ E) offer

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67 Choose the word closest in meaning to NUISANCE.

- ☐ A) fear
- ☐ B) din
- ☐ C) ending
- ☐ D) silence
- ☐ E) trouble

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68 Choose the word closest in meaning to SHOW.

- ☐ A) shiver
- ☐ B) exhibit
- ☐ C) go
- ☐ D) climb
- ☐ E) take

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69 Choose the word closest in meaning to DELIGHTED.

- ☐ A) uneven
- ☐ B) simple
- ☐ C) exhausted
- ☐ D) ravenous
- ☐ E) pleased

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70 Choose the word closest in meaning to CERTAIN.

- ☐ A) definite
- ☐ B) scarce
- ☐ C) cramped
- ☐ D) docile
- ☐ E) celebrated

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71 Choose the word closest in meaning to DISCOVER.

- ☐ A) find
- ☐ B) thrust
- ☐ C) stare
- ☐ D) ascend
- ☐ E) display

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72 Choose the word closest in meaning to STOP.

- ☐ A) carry
- ☐ B) begin
- ☐ C) halt
- ☐ D) hurry
- ☐ E) follow

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73 Choose the word closest in meaning to MEND.

- ☐ A) repair
- ☐ B) lose
- ☐ C) clean
- ☐ D) break
- ☐ E) paint

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74 Choose the word closest in meaning to INDOLENT.

- ☐ A) hardworking
- ☐ B) lazy
- ☐ C) careless
- ☐ D) tired
- ☐ E) slow

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Mark scheme · 3.4 Closest in Meaning: Test Pack

Question 1

E) industrious - means working hard and steadily, the same core meaning as 'diligent'. **B1**

Answer: E) industrious

Question 2

A) hungry - 'hungry' means almost the same as 'starving' **B1**

Answer: A) hungry

Question 3

D) freezing - 'freezing' means almost the same as 'cold' **B1**

Answer: D) freezing

Question 4

A) rubbish - 'rubbish' means almost the same as 'waste' **B1**

Answer: A) rubbish

Question 5

A) delight - 'delight' means almost the same as 'amuse' **B1**

Answer: A) delight

Question 6

A) stroll - 'stroll' means almost the same as 'wander' **B1**

Answer: A) stroll

Question 7

B) opponent - 'opponent' means almost the same as 'foe' **B1**

Answer: B) opponent

Question 8

B) exhausted - 'exhausted' means almost the same as 'sleepy' **B1**

Answer: B) exhausted

Question 9

E) crowded - 'crowded' means almost the same as 'packed' **B1**

Answer: E) crowded

Question 10

D) stuffed - 'stuffed' means almost the same as 'packed' **B1**

Answer: D) stuffed

Question 11

B) unusual - 'unusual' means almost the same as 'curious' **B1**

Answer: B) unusual

Question 12

A) tranquil - 'tranquil' means almost the same as 'calm' **B1**

Answer: A) tranquil

Question 13

B) typical - 'typical' means almost the same as 'normal' **B1**

Answer: B) typical

Question 14

D) fill - 'fill' means almost the same as 'stuff' **B1**

Answer: D) fill

Question 15

E) shiver - 'shiver' means almost the same as 'tremble' **B1**

Answer: E) shiver

Question 16

C) bashful - 'bashful' means almost the same as 'timid' **B1**

Answer: C) bashful

Question 17

C) safe - 'safe' means almost the same as 'protected' **B1**

Answer: C) safe

Question 18

A) rich - 'rich' means almost the same as 'affluent' **B1**

Answer: A) rich

Question 19

B) shiny - 'shiny' means almost the same as 'dazzling' **B1**

Answer: B) shiny

Question 20

C) fleeting - means lasting only a very short time, the same core meaning as 'transient'. **B1**

Answer: C) fleeting

Question 21

B) lonely - 'lonely' means almost the same as 'isolated' **B1**

Answer: B) lonely

Question 22

D) ponder - 'ponder' means almost the same as 'consider' **B1**

Answer: D) ponder

Question 23

E) cheerful - 'cheerful' means almost the same as 'happy' **B1**

Answer: E) cheerful

Question 24

E) doze - 'doze' means almost the same as 'slumber' **B1**

Answer: E) doze

Question 25

A) ravenous - 'ravenous' means almost the same as 'famished' **B1**

Answer: A) ravenous

Question 26

C) companion - 'companion' means almost the same as 'mate' **B1**

Answer: C) companion

Question 27

E) interesting - 'interesting' means almost the same as 'fascinating' **B1**

Answer: E) interesting

Question 28

B) towering - 'towering' means almost the same as 'colossal' **B1**

Answer: B) towering

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Question 29

C) slumber - 'slumber' means almost the same as 'doze' **B1**

Answer: C) slumber

Question 30

B) fascinating - 'fascinating' means almost the same as 'absorbing' **B1**

Answer: B) fascinating

Question 31

E) dwelling - 'dwelling' means almost the same as 'residence' **B1**

Answer: E) dwelling

Question 32

D) superb - 'superb' means almost the same as 'wonderful' **B1**

Answer: D) superb

Question 33

E) aged - 'aged' means almost the same as 'ancient' **B1**

Answer: E) aged

Question 34

A) marvellous - 'marvellous' means almost the same as 'wonderful' **B1**

Answer: A) marvellous

Question 35

E) famous - 'famous' means almost the same as 'celebrated' **B1**

Answer: E) famous

Question 36

C) protected - 'protected' means almost the same as 'secure' **B1**

Answer: C) protected

Question 37

D) crowded - 'crowded' means almost the same as 'full' **B1**

Answer: D) crowded

Question 38

D) dreadful - 'dreadful' means almost the same as 'appalling' **B1**

Answer: D) dreadful

Question 39

D) hilarious - 'hilarious' means almost the same as 'humorous' **B1**

Answer: D) hilarious

Question 40

E) shine - 'shine' means almost the same as 'sparkle' **B1**

Answer: E) shine

Question 41

D) decline - 'decline' means almost the same as 'refuse' **B1**

Answer: D) decline

Question 42

D) difficult - 'difficult' means almost the same as 'demanding' **B1**

Answer: D) difficult

Question 43

A) beautiful - 'beautiful' means almost the same as 'lovely' **B1**

Answer: A) beautiful

Question 44

C) odd - 'odd' means almost the same as 'strange' **B1**

Answer: C) odd

Question 45

B) rotate - 'rotate' means almost the same as 'revolve' **B1**

Answer: B) rotate

Question 46

D) difficult - 'difficult' means almost the same as 'tricky' **B1**

Answer: D) difficult

Question 47

B) polite - 'polite' means almost the same as 'respectful' **B1**

Answer: B) polite

Question 48

E) twist - 'twist' means almost the same as 'curve' **B1**

Answer: E) twist

Question 49

D) savage - 'savage' means almost the same as 'fierce' **B1**

Answer: D) savage

Question 50

B) cut - 'cut' means almost the same as 'slash' **B1**

Answer: B) cut

Question 51

E) irate - 'irate' means almost the same as 'cross' **B1**

Answer: E) irate

Question 52

B) soundless - 'soundless' means almost the same as 'quiet' **B1**

Answer: B) soundless

Question 53

D) secret - 'secret' means almost the same as 'concealed' **B1**

Answer: D) secret

Question 54

C) buy - 'buy' means to get something by paying for it, the same core meaning as 'purchase'. **B1**

Answer: C) buy

Question 55

A) challenging - 'challenging' means almost the same as 'demanding' **B1**

Answer: A) challenging

Question 56

A) immaculate - 'immaculate' means almost the same as 'spotless' **B1**

Answer: A) immaculate

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Question 57

C) wish - 'wish' means almost the same as 'crave' **B1**

Answer: C) wish

Question 58

D) sinful - 'sinful' means almost the same as 'evil' **B1**

Answer: D) sinful

Question 59

D) glimpse - 'glimpse' means a very brief look, the same core meaning as 'glance'. **B1**

Answer: D) glimpse

Question 60

A) wealthy - 'wealthy' means having plenty of money, the same core meaning as 'prosperous'. **B1**

Answer: A) wealthy

Question 61

B) outdated - 'outdated' means no longer in use because something newer has replaced it, the same core meaning as 'obsolete'. **B1**

Answer: B) outdated

Question 62

A) courageous - means able to face danger or pain without fear, the same core meaning as 'brave'. **B1**

Answer: A) courageous

Question 63

B) tedious - 'tedious' means almost the same as 'dull' **B1**

Answer: B) tedious

Question 64

B) slender - 'slender' means almost the same as 'thin' **B1**

Answer: B) slender

Question 65

B) gleam - 'gleam' means almost the same as 'sparkle' **B1**

Answer: B) gleam

Question 66

A) snatch - 'snatch' means almost the same as 'take' **B1**

Answer: A) snatch

Question 67

E) trouble - 'trouble' means almost the same as 'nuisance' **B1**

Answer: E) trouble

Question 68

B) exhibit - 'exhibit' means almost the same as 'show' **B1**

Answer: B) exhibit

Question 69

E) pleased - 'pleased' means almost the same as 'delighted' **B1**

Answer: E) pleased

Question 70

A) definite - 'definite' means almost the same as 'certain' **B1**

Answer: A) definite

Question 71

A) find - 'find' means almost the same as 'discover' **B1**

Answer: A) find

Question 72

C) halt - 'halt' means to come to a stop, the same core meaning as 'stop'. **B1**

Answer: C) halt

Question 73

A) repair - 'repair' means to put something broken right, the same core meaning as 'mend'. **B1**

Answer: A) repair

Question 74

B) lazy - means unwilling to work or make an effort, the same core meaning as 'indolent'. **B1**

Answer: B) lazy

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