10.9 Antonyms in Context: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

The Keeper of Raven Point

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Elsie had worked as the lighthouse keeper on Raven Point for almost thirty years, and she found the ancient stone tower far more reliable than any modern automated system. Some evenings the sea was perfectly calm, so still that the beam seemed to float across glass; other evenings a turbulent storm hurled spray against the windows and rattled the old iron door. Elsie was never reckless with the warning signs, though the younger keepers who visited sometimes felt she was far too cautious. 'A generous helping of patience keeps you alive out here,' she would say, 'not a selfish rush to finish the watch early.' Visitors often assumed the job was permanent misery, yet Elsie found it a temporary escape from the mainland, a chance to trade the city's constant uproar for the island's welcome silence. When ships approached in fog, the powerful beam that was usually so visible from twenty miles away became almost invisible, and Elsie relied on the fog horn instead. She kept a logbook, recording whether each night had been calm or stormy, and she never allowed herself to feel proud when the weather stayed gentle nor ashamed when a storm forced her to sound the alarm. After thirty years, Elsie's memory of the mainland had grown vague, but her knowledge of every rock beneath Raven Point remained astonishingly precise.

1 Tick the antonym (the word that means the opposite) for the word given in each part.

(a) ancient **(1)**

- ☐ A) modern
- ☐ B) famous
- ☐ C) historic

(b) generous **(1)**

- ☐ A) wealthy
- ☐ B) selfish
- ☐ C) kind

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(c) permanent **(1)**

- [ ] A) lasting
- [ ] B) strong
- [ ] C) temporary

(d) visible **(1)**

- [ ] A) invisible
- [ ] B) obvious
- [ ] C) clear

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2 Circle the pair of words below that are antonyms of each other.

- [ ] A) ancient and historic
- [ ] B) proud and confident
- [ ] C) silent and quiet
- [ ] D) calm and turbulent

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3 Look at the word bank. Write the antonym for each word in the table below.

Word bank: cowardly | depart | contract | criticise

Word	Antonym
brave	
arrive	
expand	
praise	

(4)

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4 Join each pair of sentences below into one sentence, using a word or phrase that signals contrast (for example: however, although, whereas, but). Keep both antonyms in your answer.

(a) The lighthouse was ancient. The equipment inside was modern. **(2)**

(b) The morning sea was calm. By evening the sea had become turbulent. **(2)**

5 Tick the sentence where an antonym has been used incorrectly, so the sentence does not make sense.

- ☐ A) Elsie felt proud of her calm, steady work on stormy nights.
- ☐ B) The ancient tower had stood for centuries, unlike the modern building beside it.
- ☐ C) The generous keeper always thought of others before herself.
- ☐ D) The lighthouse beam was so visible that no ship could ever see it, even in clear weather.

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (modern) cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **A) modern**	
(b) B ticked (selfish) cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **B) selfish**	
(c) C ticked (temporary) cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **C) temporary**	
(d) A ticked (invisible) cao	**B1**
(d) Answer: **A) invisible**	

Question 2

D circled only (cao)	**B1**
Answer: **D**	

Question 3

brave -> cowardly cao	**B1**
arrive -> depart cao	**B1**
expand -> contract cao	**B1**
praise -> criticise cao	**B1**
Answer: **brave -> cowardly, arrive -> depart, expand -> contract, praise -> criticise**	

Question 4

(a) a suitable contrast word/phrase used correctly, e.g. although, whereas, but (oe)	**B1**
(a) both antonyms (ancient, modern) kept and the joined sentence makes complete sense cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Although the lighthouse was ancient, the equipment inside was modern.**	
(b) a suitable contrast word/phrase used correctly, e.g. but, whereas, however (oe)	**B1**
(b) both antonyms (calm, turbulent) kept and the joined sentence makes complete sense cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **The morning sea was calm, but by evening it had become turbulent.**	

Question 5

D ticked only (cao)	**B1**
Answer: **D**	

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