

# IBM Verbal Ability Questions and Answers with Explanation



**Directions (Q 1 - 5): Choose the Synonyms of the following words**

**1. Imposture**

- A. Charlatan
- B. Deception
- C. Commensurate
- D. Claim

**Answer – A. Charlatan**

**Explanation:**

Imposture – An instance of pretending to be someone else in order to deceive others.

**2. Predilection**

- A. Ignorance
- B. Antipathy
- C. Preference
- D. Procrastination

**Answer – C. Preference**

**Explanation:**

Predilection – a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favor of something.

**3. Sacrosanct**

- A. Indifferent
- B. Voluble
- C. Ineffable
- D. Inviolable

**Answer – D. Inviolable**

**Explanation:**

Sacrosanct – something which is regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with.

**4. Eccentric**

- A. Usual
- B. Introvert
- C. Extraordinary
- D. Unconventional

**Answer – D. Unconventional**

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### **Explanation:**

Eccentric – unconventional or slightly strange often relating to a person's behavior

### **5. Predilection**

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- C. Antipathy
- D. Preference

**Answer – D.** Preference

### **Explanation:**

Predilection – a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favor of something

**Directions (Q 6 - 10): Choose the Antonyms of the following words**

### **6. Veteran**

- A. Novice
- B. Bounteous
- C. Exuberant
- D. Modernistic

**Answer – A.** Novice

**Explanation:** Veteran – a person who has had long experience in a particular field. Where

Novice – a person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation.

### **7. Fiendish**

- A. Illiberal
- B. Wicked
- C. Friendly
- D. Simplify

**Answer – C.** Friendly

**Explanation:** Fiendish – extremely cruel or unpleasant.

Friendly – kind and pleasant

### **8. Opulence**

- A. Critical

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- B. Finicky
- C. Poverty
- D. Funky

**Answer – C. Poverty**

**Explanation:** Opulence – great wealth or luxuriousness.

Poverty - Very Poor

### 9. Wane

- A. Decrease
- B. Decline
- C. Deteriorate
- D. Revive

**Answer – D. Revive**

**Explanation:** Revive – restore to life or consciousness.

### 10. Parochial

- A. Repugnant
- B. Conservative
- C. Repine
- D. Global

**Answer – D. Global**

**Explanation:** Parochial – having a limited or narrow outlook or scope.

Global – relating to the whole world; worldwide.

### Questions (11 - 15): Choose the correct option and Fill in the Blanks

11. We are now trying to repurpose that suitcase, so that it can also enable the diagnosis of \_\_\_\_\_ fever and tuberculosis, further revolutionizing disease \_\_\_\_\_ in poor and rural communities.

- A. typhoid, surveillance
- B. detract, durable
- C. utter, inactive
- D. diminish, lethargic

**Answer – A. typhoid, surveillance**

**Explanation:**

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typhoid – an infectious bacterial fever with an eruption of red spots on the chest and abdomen and severe intestinal irritation.

surveillance – close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.

**12.** In the last one decade, along with many other \_\_\_\_\_ laws of colonial \_\_\_\_\_, it has become extremely popular with our rulers.

- A. disclaimer, friction
- B. obedience, deviation
- C. probity, an invention
- D. draconian, vintage

**Answer – D.** draconian, vintage

**Explanation:**

draconian – excessively harsh and severe.

vintage – the year or place in which wine, especially wine of high quality, was produced.

**13.** When the legal process itself becomes the \_\_\_\_\_, the slapping of sedition charges is an attempt to browbeat the protesters into \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. disavowal, defiance
- B. punishment, submission
- C. allegiance, combat
- D. fidelity, contention

**Answer – B.** punishment, submission

**Explanation:**

punishment – the infliction or imposition of a penalty as retribution for an offense.

submission – the action of accepting or yielding to a superior force or to the will or authority of another person.

**14.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Army in just about any political debate and its projection as the ideal to which every citizen should aspire towards is also an attempt to regiment the citizenry on the same \_\_\_\_\_ lines.

- A. resolution, unexpurgated
- B. integrity, unabridged
- C. conscientiousness, plenary
- D. invocation, hierarchical

**Answer – D.** invocation, hierarchical

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### Explanation:

invocation – the action of invoking someone or something.

hierarchical – of the nature of a hierarchy; arranged in order of rank.

**15.** While the general methodology has become part of \_\_\_\_\_ economics, it is mostly \_\_\_\_\_ to academic research.

- A. heterodox, incuriousness
- B. equivocal, lassitude
- C. ambiguous, indifference
- D. orthodox, confined

**Answer – D.** orthodox, confined

### Explanation:

orthodox – following or conforming to the traditional or generally accepted rules or beliefs of a religion, philosophy, or practice.

confined - restricted in area or volume; cramped.

**Directions (Q 16 - 18): Choose the best option in the place of bold words for the purpose of Sentence Correction**

**16.** He stared at the front, but got tired and **dropped after** as the race went on.

- A. drop with
- B. drop back
- C. drop away
- D. No correction required.

**Answer – B.** Drop back

**Explanation:** drop back is nothing but move towards the back of a group.

**17.** If I could **chip on**, there are a couple of issues I'd like to raise.

- A. chip of
- B. chip up
- C. chip in
- D. No correction required.

**Answer – C.** chip in

**Explanation:** Chip in – Contribute to a discussion.

**18.** The lecture was boring and my mind **wandered off** after ten minutes.

- A. Waltz through

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- B. Wash down
- C. wandered off
- D. No correction required.

**Answer – C.** wandered off

**Explanation:** Wander off – Stop paying attention.

**Directions (Q 19 - 20) Find the meaning of the bold words in the sentence**

**19.** The moorland is **devoid** of interest except to grazing sheep.

- A.sinker
- B. plenary
- C. replete
- D. lacking

**Answer – C.** lacking

**Explanation:** devoid – entirely lacking or free from.

**20.** This zoogeographical **realm** includes Africa south of the Atlas Mountains.

- A. province
- B. alfresco
- C. cognizant
- D. farthest

**Answer – A.** province

**Explanation:** realm – a kingdom.

**Directions ( Q 21 -22 ) Choose the pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the original pair of words**

**21. PASTORAL: RURAL**

- A. metropolitan: urban
- B. harvest: autumn
- C. agrarian: benevolent
- D. sleepy: nocturnal

**Answer – A.** metropolitan: urban

**Explanation:** Pastoral describes rural areas; metropolitan describes urban areas.

**22. TAILOR: SUIT**

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- A. edit: manuscript
- B. scheme: agent
- C. revise: writer
- D. mention: opinion

**Answer –** A. edit: manuscript

**Explanation:** To tailor a suit is to alter it; to edit a manuscript is to alter it.