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## Directions:

In the following questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

**Q1.** Luxuriant

- a) Luxury loving
- b) Lovely
- c) Rich
- d) Abundant

**Q2.** Cantankerous

- a) Cancerous
- b) Fissiparous
- c) Quarrelsome
- d) Ferocious

**Q3.** Trite

- a) Clever
- b) Brief
- c) Impudent
- d) Commonplace

**Q4.** Derision

- a) Condemnation
- b) Ridicule
- c) Embarrassment
- d) Humiliation

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**Q5. Onus**

- a) Sadness
- b) Responsibility
- c) Happiness
- d) Criticism

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**Q6. Flimsy**

- a) Partisan
- b) Weak
- c) Irrational
- d) Funny

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**Q7. Coddle**

- a) Huddle
- b) Satisfy
- c) Protect
- d) Cheat

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**Q8. Prophylactic**

- a) Toxic
  - b) Antagonistic
  - c) Preventive
  - d) Purgative
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**Q9. Ostracise**

- a) Besiege
  - b) Beguile
  - c) Belittle
  - d) Banish
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**Q10. Debacle**

- a) Decline
  - b) Degeneration
  - c) Downfall
  - d) Discomfiture
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**Q11. Accrue**

- a) Accumulate
  - b) Suffice
  - c) Accommodate
  - d) Grow
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**Q12. Genial**

- a) Specific
- b) Careful
- c) Unselfish
- d) Cordial

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**Q13. Inclement**

- a) Unfavourable
- b) Inactive
- c) Selfish
- d) Active

**Q14. Vindictive**

- a) Aggressive
- b) Spiteful
- c) Accusative
- d) Imaginative

**Q15. Loquacious**

- a) Slow
- b) Talkative
- c) Unclear
- d) Content

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (d)**

The word **Luxuriant (Adjective)** means :

growing thickly and strongly; rich in something that is pleasant or beautiful; abundant.

**Q2. Answer: (c)**

The word Cantankerous (**Adjective**) means :

bad tempered and always complaining.

Hence, the words cantankerous and quarrelsome are synonymous.

**Q3. Answer: (d)**

The word **Trite (Adjective)** means :

dull and boring because it has been expressed so many times before; not original; banal; very ordinary and containing nothing that is interesting or important.

Hence, the words trite and commonplace are synonymous.

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**Q4. Answer: (b)**

The word **Derision (Noun)** means :

ridicule; mockery; a strong feeling that somebody/something is ridiculous and not worth considering seriously.

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

The word Onus (Noun) means :  
the responsibility for something

**Q6. Answer: (b)**

The word **Flimsy (Adjective)** means:  
badly made and not strong enough: thin and easily torn.  
Hence, the words **flimsy** and **weak** are synonymous.

**Q7. Answer: (b)**

The word **Coddle (Verb)** means:  
to treat somebody with too much care and attention, pamper, cosset.  
Hence, the words **coddle** and **satisfy** are synonymous

**Q8. Answer: (c)**

The word Prophylactic means :  
the course of action used to prevent disease.  
Hence, the words prophylactic and preventive are synonymous.

**Q9. Answer: (d)**

The word Ostracise (Verb) means :

to refuse to let somebody; a member of a social group: refuse, shun.

Hence the words banish and ostracise are synonymous.

**Q10. Answer: (c)**

The word Debacle (Noun) means :

an event or a situation that is a sudden or complete failure.

Hence, the words debacle and downfall are synonymous.

**Q11. Answer: (a)**

The word Accrue (Verb) means :

to increase over a period of time; to allow a sum of money or debts to grow over a period of time.

Therefore, Accumulate is the correct nearest word.

**Q12. Answer: (d)**

The word Genial (Adjective) means :

friendly and cheerful; affable; cordial.

**Q13. Answer: (a)**

The word Inclement (Adjective) means :

not pleasant; unfavourable; cold, wet etc.

**Q14. Answer: (b)**

The word **Vindictive (Adjective)** means :

trying to harm or upset somebody or showing that you want to, because you think that they have harmed you; spiteful; revengeful.

Option (b) spiteful is the correct synonym as it means having or showing a desire to harm, anger or defeat someone.

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

The word **Loquacious (Adjective)** means :

talking a lot; talkative. Option (b) is the right synonym while others have different meanings.

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