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Directions:

Each of the following items consists of a word in capital letters followed by a word or group of words. Select the word/group of words that is furthest in meaning to the word in capital letters.

Q1. PROPENSITY

- a) Disinclination
- b) Stagnation
- c) Restlessness
- d) Forecast

Q2. SEDATE

- a) Lacking in confidence
- b) Flippant
- c) Ill-informed
- d) Weak

Q3. MORBID

- a) Healthy
- b) Frugal
- c) Chaste
- d) Pleasant

Q4. SCRUPULOUS

- a) Punctilious
- b) Untidy
- c) Disrespectful
- d) Dishonest

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Q5. SOOTHE

- a) Absolute
- b) Dark
- c) Intimidate
- d) Chafe

Q6. ILLUMINATE

- a) Dim
- b) Specific
- c) Brighten
- d) Heat

Q7. STRINGENT

- a) Magnanimous
 - b) Miserly
 - c) Lenient
 - d) Vehement
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Q8. SCANTY

- a) Arrogant
 - b) Painful
 - c) Handsome
 - d) Plentiful
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Q9. OUTLANDISH

- a) Stubborn
 - b) Agitated
 - c) Fearful
 - d) Conventional
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Q10. TRANSIENT

- a) Slippery
 - b) Permanent
 - c) Original
 - d) Slipshod
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Directions:

In the following questions, each sentence consists of a word or a phrase in **bold**. The given sentence is followed by four words or phrases. Choose the word nearest to the opposite in meaning to the word in **bold**.

Q11. She used to **disparage** her neighbour every now and then.

- a) denigrate
- b) praise
- c) please
- d) belittle

Q12. The plantation workers were on a **collision** course before the labour officer intervened.

- a) circuitous
- b) conciliatory
- c) perfunctory
- d) retaliatory

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Q13. There was a **marginal** increase in his pay.

- a) unforeseen
- b) significant
- c) peripheral
- d) negligible

Q14. Every move I make seems to affect him **adversely**.

- a) deeply
- b) badly
- c) internally
- d) favourably

Q15. This area is well-known for **plentiful** rain.

- a) poor
 - b) scarce
 - c) miserly
 - d) impoverished
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (b)

'Sedate' (adj.) is 'calm' or 'composed'. 'Flippant' means frivolous and impertinent in speech but it can also refer to a levity or lightness of speech or thought, as 'glib' and 'voluble' are archaic meanings of 'flippant'.

Q3. Answer: (a)

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Q4. Answer: (d)

Q5. Answer: (c)

To 'soothe' is to calm or compose a person; 'intimidate' is to 'fill with fear'.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Q7. Answer: (c)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (b)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (b)

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