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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 in meaning to the word in **bold**.

Q1. The prisoner made an **abortive** attempt to escape from the jail.

- a) furtive
- b) illegal
- c) futile
- d) courageous

Q2. The invading force had no artillery and was completely **annihilated**.

- a) split
- b) dismembered
- c) destroyed
- d) reduced

Q3. Due to the long **lapse** of time, I could not recognise my old friend.

- a) movement
- b) duration
- c) passage
- d) delay

Q4. Grandfather has been getting **feeble** of late.

- a) small
- b) diseased
- c) weak
- d) tall

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Q5. They feel that we should be fully aware of our own **environment**.

- a) surroundings
- b) nationality
- c) family
- d) heredity

Q6. The leader's **charisma** attracted many followers.

- a) candour
- b) magnetic appeal
- c) power
- d) humility

Q7. He whirled round in **a trice**, with a revolver in his hand.

- a) hurry
- b) an instant
- c) a trifle
- d) a circle

Q8. That young man is quite **sanguine** about the result of his competitive examination.

- a) pessimistic
 - b) depressed
 - c) anxious
 - d) optimistic
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Q9. The value of some shares has **appreciated** considerably after the last budget.

- a) crashed
 - b) decreased
 - c) increased
 - d) changed
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Q10. Your master will like you if you are **diligent**.

- a) hard-working
 - b) meticulous
 - c) obedient
 - d) conscientious
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Directions:

In the following questions, choose the word or group of words that best expresses the meaning of the capitalised word given at the head.

Q11. ACCOLADE

- a) Praise
- b) Anomaly
- c) Inactive
- d) Impinge

Q12. REITERATE

- a) Repeat
- b) Publish
- c) Change
- d) Further

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Q13. MENDACIOUS

- a) Obligatory
- b) Private
- c) Compulsory
- d) Lying

Q14. DESULTORY

- a) Romantic
- b) Drive
- c) Disorganised
- d) Organised

Q15. PALPABLE

- a) Cleverness
 - b) Unpredictable
 - c) Obvious
 - d) Over-excited
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (c)

'Lapse' of time may mean 'delay' of time as well. But the meaning that suits the given context best is 'passage' of time. (c) would not apply as 'duration' is always continuance of something in time ('the length of time something continues')—as in duration of the play.

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Q7. Answer: (b)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (a)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (c)