

General English MCQ: One-Word Substitution



Q1. A handsome man

- a) tycoon
- b) debonair
- c) cavalier
- d) adonis

Answer: (d)

adonis

adonis (N.) : an extremely young man

tycoon (N.) : a person who is successful in business/ industry and has become rich and powerful

debonair (N.) : fashionable and confident (of men)

cavalier (N.) : a courtly gentleman, especially one acting as a lady's escort

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Q2. Inscription on a gravestone

a) memorial

b) epitaph

c) epigraph

d) obituary

Answer: (b)

epitaph

epitaph (N.) : an inscription on a tombstone

obituary (N.) : a notice of someone's death (with his life and achievements)

memorial (N.) : a structure erected to commemorate persons/events

epigraph (N.) : an engraved inscription

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Q3. Unwelcome aspect of a situation

- a) flip side
- b) flip-flop
- c) flint lock
- d) flippant

Answer: (a)

flip side

flip side (N.) : different and less welcome aspects of an idea, argument/action

flippant (Adj.) : showing that you do not take something as seriously as other people think you should

flip-flop (N.) : a type of footwear

flintlock (N.) : a gun used in the past

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Q4. Opinion contrary to accepted doctrines

- a) advocacy
- b) heresy
- c) convention
- d) controversy

Answer: (b)

heresy

heresy (N.) : a belief/an opinion that disagrees strongly with what most people believe

controversy (N.) : a dispute where there is strong disagreement

advocacy (N.) : active support of an idea/a cause

convention (N.) : the way in which something is done that most people in a society expect and consider to be polite/the right way to do it

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Q5. Lively or high-spirited

a) grave

b) vivacious

c) discouraged

d) depression

Answer: (b)

vivacious (Adj.) : having a lively, attractive personality.

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Q6. A brave, noble minded or chivalrous man

a) robust

b) gallant

c) reckless

d) handsome

Answer: (b)

gallant

gallant (Adj.) : having/ displaying great dignity/nobility

robust (Adj.) : strong and healthy

reckless (Adj.) : rash

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Q7. To make atonement for one's sins

- a) renounce**
- b) remonstrate**
- c) recant**
- d) expiate**

Answer: (d)

expiate

expiate (V.) : to accept punishment for something that you have done wrong in order to show that you are sorry

renounce (V.) : to give up; remonstrate (V.) : argue in protest/opposition

recant (V.) : formally reject (under pressure)

atonement (N.) : the act of showing you are sorry for doing something wrong in the past

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Q8. A person with strong desire to steal.

- a) kleptomania**
- b) losmomania**
- c) melanomania**
- d) nelomania**

Answer: (a)

kleptomania

kleptomania (N.) : a mental illness in which somebody has a strong desire, which they cannot control, to steal things

nelomania (N.) : uncontrollable obsession for glass

kosmomania (N.) : uncontrollable obsession for cosmos/cosmic phenomena

melanomania (N.) : uncontrollable obsession for black (color)

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Q9. Intentional damage to arrest production

- a) sangfroid
- b) sabotage
- c) modus operandi
- d) nemesis

Answer: (b)

sabotage

sabotage (N.) : the act of doing deliberate damage to equipment, transport, machines, etc.

nemesis (N.) : a person/ thing that causes somebody to lose their power, position, etc. and that cannot be avoided

sangfroid (N.) : the ability to remain calm in a difficult/ dangerous situation

modus operandi (N.) : a particular method of working

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Q10. One who runs away from justice or the law

- a) criminal**
- b) fugitive**
- c) thief**
- d) smuggler**

Answer: (b)

fugitive

fugitive (Noun) : a person who has escaped/is running away from some where and is trying to avoid being caught

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Q11. The act of killing one's own brother or sister

- a) suicide
- b) patricide
- c) fratricide
- d) homicide

Answer: (c)

fratricide

fratricide (N.) : the crime of killing your brother/ sister

homicide (N.) : the crime of killing somebody deliberately

patricide (N.) : the crime of killing your father

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Q12. A man who collects old and new coins.

- a) numismatist**
- b) archaeologist**
- c) zoologist**
- d) geologist**

Answer: (a)

numismatist

numismatist (N.) : a collector and student of money (coins)

geologist (N.) : a specialist in geology

archaeologist (N.) : a person who studies prehistoric people and their culture

zoologist (N.) : a specialist in the branch of biology dealing with animals

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Q13. An unimportant person.

- a) nonentity**
- b) nonpareil**
- c) nonconformist**
- d) nonagenarian**

Answer: (a)

nonentity

nonentity (N.) : a person of no influence

nonagenarian (Adj.) : aged between 90 and 99 years old

nonpareil (Adj.) : eminent beyond/above comparison

nonconformist (N.) : someone who refuses to conform to establish standards of conduct

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Q14. One who hates mankind

- a) misogynist**
- b) humanitarian**
- c) misanthrope**
- d) philanthropist**

Answer: (c)

misanthrope

misanthrope (N.) : a person who hates and avoids other people

philanthropist (N.) : a rich person who helps the poor and those in need (money)

misogynist (N.) : a man who hates women

humanitarian (N.) : a person who is concerned with reducing suffering and improving the conditions that people live in

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Q15. To free a person by a verdict of 'not guilty'.

- a) acquit
- b) acquiesce
- c) acquire
- d) acquaint

Answer: (a)

acquit

acquit (V.) : to decide and state officially in court that somebody is not guilty of a crime

acquaint (V.) : to make somebody/yourself familiar with/ aware of something

acquiesce (V.) : to accept something without arguing

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Q16. Irresistible craving for alcoholic drinks

- a) dipsomania**
- b) megalomania**
- c) kleptomania**
- d) pyromania**

Answer: (a)

dipsomania

pyromania = an obsessive desire to set fire to things

megalomania = obsession with the exercise of power

kleptomania = a recurrent urge to steal

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Q17. A person who thinks he is ill all the time

- a) neophyte**
- b) maniac**
- c) misanthrope**
- d) hypochondriac**

Answer: (d)

hypochondriac

hypochondriac (N.) : worried all the time about your health and believing that you are ill/sick when there is nothing wrong with you

neophyte (N.) : a person who has recently started an activity

maniac (N.) : an insane person

misanthrope (N.) : someone who dislikes people in general

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Q18. Medical study of skin and its diseases

a) dermatology

b) endocrinology

c) gynecology

d) orthopedics

Answer: (a)

dermatology

dermatology (N.) : medical study of skin and its diseases

orthopedics (N.) : medical study of disorders/deformities of the spine and joints

endocrinology (N.) : medical study of endocrine system and hormones

gynecology (N.) : medical study of diseases in women, especially of the reproductive organs

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Q19. Walking in sleep

- a) insomnia**
- b) somnolence**
- c) sleepyhead**
- d) somnambulism**

Answer: (d)

somnambulism

somnambulism (N.) : the act of walking around while you are asleep

insomnia (N.) : the condition of being unable to sleep

somnolence (N.) : the state of being almost asleep

sleepy head (N.) : a way of addressing somebody who is not completely awake

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Q20. A place where soldiers live.

- a) shacks
- b) ordnance Depots
- c) barracks
- d) tanks

Answer: (c)

barracks

barracks (N.) : a large building/ group of buildings for soldiers to live in

shacks (N.) : a small building usually made of wood/ metal, that has not been built well

depots (N.) : where military supplies and materials are stored

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Q21. An act of misappropriation of money

- a) misconduct**
- b) debasement**
- c) corruption**
- d) embezzlement**

Answer: (d)

embezzlement

embezzlement (N.) : the act of stealing money that you are responsible for or that belongs to your employer

misconduct (N.) : unacceptable behavior (by a professional person)

debasement (N.) : the fact of making something/ somebody less valuable/ respected

corruption (N.) : dishonest/ illegal behavior (of people in authority)

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Q22. The study of skin

- a) dermatoglyphics
- b) stratigraphy
- c) oncology
- d) dermatology

Answer: (d)

dermatology

dermatology (N.) : the branch of medicine dealing with the skin and its diseases

dermatoglyphics (N.) : the study of the lines forming a skin pattern, on the palms of the hands and soles of the feet

stratigraphy (N.) : the study of rock strata

oncology (N.) : the scientific study of and treatment of tumors in the body

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Q23. Continuing for a long period of time without interruption

- a) recurring**
- b) perpetual**
- c) frequenting**
- d) continuum**

Answer: (b)

perpetual

perpetual (Adj.) : continuous ; continuing for a long period of time without interruption

continuum (N.) : a series of similar items in which each is almost the same as the ones next to it but the last is very different from the first

recurring (V.) : to happen again and again

frequenting (Adj.) : happening/ doing something often

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Q24. Suitable or intended for only young persons

- a) puerile
- b) adolescent
- c) juvenile
- d) youthful

Answer: (c)

juvenile

juvenile (Adj.) : connected with young people who are not yet adults

puerile (Adj.) : silly; suitable for a child rather than an adult

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Q25. Gradually advanced

- a) evolved**
- b) evaded**
- c) advantaged**
- d) evolved**

Answer: (d)

evolved

evolved (V.) : to develop gradually

evoluted (N.) : a type of geometric curve

evaded (V.) : to escape from somebody/something

advantaged (Adj.) : being in a good social/financial situation

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