

**Choose the best meaning for the word underlined.**

Being unable to write clearly is a liability in a business career. In business, one must often express opinions and ideas in writing.

- ▶ surprise
- ▶ necessity
- ▶ **drawback**
- ▶ penalty

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By giving military aid to dictatorships in Latin America, the United States has seemed to sanction their cruel policies.

- ▶ create
- ▶ remember
- ▶ criticize
- ▶ **approve**

**Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option.**

“Oh, dear! I have left \_\_\_\_\_ my purse \_\_\_\_\_ keys in the other bag,” said Seema.

- ▶ **both...and**
- ▶ either...nor
- ▶ either...and
- ▶ neither...or

Choose the phrasal verb most similar in meaning to: **Refuse**

- ▶ **Turn down**

- ▶ Look out for
- ▶ Put out
- ▶ Turn up

Which suffix cannot be added to the root word 'employ' to make a new word?

- ▶ ment
- ▶ ing
- ▶ **less**
- ▶ er

Complete the sentence by choosing the best option. /pair of connectives.

Each class is to present \_\_\_\_\_ a drama \_\_\_\_\_ a song for the concert.

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- ▶ **either...or**
- ▶ either...and
- ▶ both...or

Read the sentence carefully and identify which of the given choices is closest in meaning to the word underlined.

J.Paul Getty, the late billionaire, was so **frugal** that he had a pay telephone for the guests in his home.

- ▶ Sensitive
- ▶ Generous
- ▶ **Thrifty**
- ▶ Honest

Read the statement carefully and choose 'inference' from the given options.

If you go to a birthday party, you can infer that:

- ▶ **There will be a cake.**
- ▶ The person is turning 20.
- ▶ There will be a clown.
- ▶ You will have bad time.

Choose the best meaning for the highlighted word.

1. A student of **contemporary** art must also study the classic works of artists from the past, recognizing that these masters produced the modern art of their own time. modern
  - ▶ religious
  - ▶ not having to do with religion
  - ▶ **modern**
  - ▶ former

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There is an optimum way to approach each kind of exam question. For a multiple-choice item, for example, first eliminate any clearly wrong answers. For an essay question, jot down an outline first.

- ▶ time-consuming
- ▶ annoying
- ▶ **best**
- ▶ inconvenient

Choose the correctly spelled word from the options provided.

- ▶ callender
- ▶ **calendar**
- ▶ calendre
- ▶ calander

Click on the option that you think is correct.

Hemp cannot be used to produce marijuana, \_\_\_\_ its low THC content.

- ▶ as
- ▶ because
- ▶ **because of**
- ▶ and

Choose a suitable option to fill in the blank.

Coach Calhoun tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his team to try harder in the face of overwhelming odds.

- ▶ **exhort**
- ▶ instigate
- ▶ emulate
- ▶ flout

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option.

The UConn women basketball team's perfect season \_\_\_\_\_ in a championship win over Tennessee.

- ▶ fulminated

- ▶ fomented
- ▶ **culminated**
- ▶ alleviated

Fill in the blank with correct option.

A kind of \_\_\_\_\_ seemed to occur when David graduated from high school. He became a serious student all of a sudden.

- ▶ Milieu
- ▶ **Metamorphosis**
- ▶ Epithet
- ▶ Accolade

Which one of the following statements expresses fact?

▶ Professor Ahmad Khan argues that the effect of carbon emissions on the surrounding environment will only get worse.

▶ This product might cause stomach upset for some people in years to come.

▶ **In 2005, Brazil and FC Barcelona star Ronaldinho was named FIFA World Footballer of The Year.**

▶ Local councilors should spend more time listening to residents and less time listening to each other.

## Questions:

Q1. Underline two synonyms in each sentence.

1. Irma thinks you are very well informed, but Shelly believes you don't know what you're talking about.
2. Kerry gave a triumphant shout to celebrate our team's victorious record.
3. I couldn't recall her name and I don't even remember where we met.
4. Chris wasn't in his seat when the teacher passed out the morning assignment. He was tardy as usual. Then he missed the bus and was late for supper
5. George was demanded to confess his guilt. The other kids knew that George would never admit that he had done wrong.

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**Q2. Read the statements and identify them as Fact/Opinion.**

1. Pizza tastes better than fish. Opinion
2. Many people work Mondays through Fridays at their jobs. Opinion
3. Before electricity, many people burnt candles to give them light. Fact
4. Jumping rope is a form of exercise. Fact

**Q3. Fill in the blanks with participle.**

1. The story was --red-- by the librarian. (read)
2. These numbers have been ---added-- wrong. (add)
3. My brother has never ---drunk-- wine. (drink)
4. I have never --felt-- so sick before. (feel)

**Q4. Identify the following statements as F for fact, O for opinion or B for a blend of both.**

1. Victor Emmanuel II was the first king to rule over a united Italy; he was also a madman, who had his toenail clippings edged in gold and encrusted in diamonds. Then he would give the clippings to palace favorites. O
2. In 1943, the extraordinary Jacques Cousteau invented an improved diving suit that allowed divers to descend 500 feet below the surface of the ocean; nowadays, that suit is usually referred to as a scuba suit. F
3. Richard Rodriguez writes movingly about his personal struggle to honor his Spanish-speaking parents and still excel at speaking English. O

**Q5. Fill in the blanks with participle.**

1. She has --requested- two tickets to the show. (request)
2. I have --thought- about it for a long time. (think)
3. The money was -put-- in the bank. (put)
4. Have you been --hurt--? (hurt)

5. The paper will have to be ----radon-- . (redo)
6. Mike has already --read-- that article. (read)

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