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Practicing Synonyms and Antonyms for the CAT exam will help the candidates to understand reading comprehension passages better and hence score well in the Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension section of the CAT Exam. No direct questions are asked on Synonyms and Antonyms in the CAT exam. The candidates can check below the sample questions of Synonyms and Antonyms for CAT exam:

Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

With the early onset of the monsoon, heavy rainfall and concomitant flooding have caused widespread destruction and loss of lives, livestock and crops in many parts of the country. Although floods occur annually, this time around, the floods occurring at the time of the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country had slowed down the mitigation and relief efforts, which has, in effect, exacerbated the scale and intensity of the crises. This has caused undue hardship, especially for the poor who have been disproportionately affected, and bear the brunt of both calamities, with the natural disaster and the pandemic occurring at the same time. Of the 10 states that have been the worst affected, the devastation has been most severe in Bihar and Assam.

After heavy rains in north Bihar and catchment areas, rivers breached their embankments at several places in the state, as the pressure on them had increased after the water levels rose in rivers after heavy rains. Breaching of embankments has also been caused due to the poor quality of flood-control measures undertaken, including that of the repair and maintenance of embankments. This was also because the prolonged pandemic-induced lockdown had delayed the routine flood-control measures undertaken before the onset of the monsoon each year.

The flood situation in Assam has also been very severe with two waves of floods, which has been further exacerbated by the spread of the pandemic. Most parts of Kaziranga and Orang National Parks and the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary were submerged in the floods, putting the lives of endangered animals in peril.

In both Bihar and Assam, the approach of the government policies to mitigate the impact of floods has been mainly focused on building embankments. However, the increasing intensity of floods had made these embankments largely ineffective.

Environmentalists have argued that an approach that integrates water management with land use planning, agriculture, and ecology is needed to manage floods. Additionally, it needs to be recognised that the political and economic systems that prioritise overconsumption and growth have also led to the destruction of nature. This being the root cause of recurring natural disasters, there is an urgent need to pursue alternative models of development that also accord importance to nature and its conservation.

Question: Which of the following words is similar in meaning to “concomitant” as used in the passage?

- A. Independent
- B. Antecedent
- C. Pulmonary
- D. Accompanying

Explanation: ‘Concomitant’ means naturally accompanying or associated.

The meaning of the given options are as follows –

Independent – free from outside control

Antecedent – a thing that existed before or logically precedes another.

Pulmonary – relating to the lungs.

Accompanying - provided or occurring at the same time as something else.

Harmonious – tuneful; not discordant.

From the above meanings it is clear that ‘accompanying’ is the word that is most similar to the word ‘concomitant’. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

Answer: D

Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

Saddique used to work as a production manager in a football production factory in Sialkot, a town close to his village of Shahpur in the state of Punjab. Every day, he would get on his bike and travel for an hour and a half to cover the distance of 50 kilometres. He happily gave it up to focus on his new full-time job – creating what he calls “reality cooking shows”, giving out “centuries-old” family recipes. When Saddique started in January 2017, money was not on his mind. He didn’t even know that he could earn from videos shot on cell phone. “I want the world to know my family’s secret recipes,” he told *Images* on the phone from his village, where he lives with his family – a wife, three children, his parents and a younger brother (another works in South Korea). His first video explained how to make mooli parathas. Since then, he has put up 350 videos that show how to cook not only regional culinary delights but even burgers and pizzas (he baked the buns and pizza base in an earthen tandoor built from scratch). His seekh kabab recipe has so far been the biggest hit with 3.4 million views. Unpretentious, wearing a clean shalwar kameez with his signature yellow flip-flops (these were replaced by a blue pair after the yellow ones broke), he admits he does not possess a “hi-fi kitchen or fancy equipment”. His knife skills too are no match for professional chefs. In an early video, he is seen using a wooden takhti, or tablet, instead of a cutting board. But this is why many of his channel’s over 500,000 subscribers find him “distinctly disarming”. *The videos aren’t performances for the viewer. You can see chickens being slaughtered and Saddique’s unmindfully using his hands to mix everything. Unlike television chefs who talk incessantly, Saddique works quietly with organic produce from his kitchen garden, against the beautiful backdrop of his village. Viewers say they love his YouTube videos for the “simplicity” of the “content”.* What he cooks is heartily eaten by the family. Every two weeks though, he cooks in large quantities and treats the less-privileged children from his village. In one video, he baked a huge bun with several regular-sized ones and put together “zinger” burgers that were then distributed among the patiently waiting children. Saddique has come a long way since the first video he uploaded. “In that, I did not speak at all, it was a very basic video,” he said. Gradually, he started mentioning the ingredients he used and today, he says, he confidently talks to the viewers, but only when necessary. A one-man production team, Saddique shoots and edits his videos, though his wife (who

never comes on screen since she observes strict purdah) often helps him in filming. He has become more tech-savvy over time and has invested in a better microphone. His new equipment includes a drone “for aerial photography” and an electric rice cooker that were sent by his brother from South Korea, he said excitedly. At the end of each show, his father, who he calls the “life” of his shows and who is also his chief food taster, looks into the camera and exclaims, “*Zindabad puttar, maza aa gya* (Long live son, loved it)”. Saddique says his viewers love this tagline, but insists he has never ever told his father what to say.

Question: Which of the following mean the same as the phrase “come a long way” as used in the passage?

- A. To become more successful
- B. Travelled for a long time
- C. Find something by accident
- D. Produce or deliver a result

Explanation: If you say that someone or something has come a long way, you mean that they have developed, progressed, or become very successful. Hence, the correct answer is A.

Answer: A

Practice Synonyms and Antonyms for CAT Exam

Though Synonyms and Antonyms are not asked directly in the CAT exam the candidates should practice as this will help them to learn new words along with their meanings and antonyms. Given below are some practice questions on Synonyms and Antonyms :

Question: In the following question, out of the alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the given word.

SLENDER

- A. Slim
- B. Slippery
- C. Sturdy
- D. Strong

Answer:A

Explanation:

Let's understand the meaning of the given words:

Slender: (of a person or part of the body) gracefully thin.

Slippery: difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is smooth, wet, or slimy.

Slim: (of a person or their build) gracefully thin; slender.

Sturdy: (of a person or their body) strongly and solidly built.

Strong: able to perform a specified action well and powerfully.

From the meanings of the words it is clear that only option B has a similar meaning. **Slim is the correct synonym of Slender.**

Question: In the following question, out of the alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the given word.

FRAGILE

- A. Resilient
- B. Indelible
- C. Flimsy
- D. Robust

Answer:

Explanation:

Fragile (adj.): (of an object) easily broken or damaged.

Sturdy (adj.): (of a person or their body) strongly and solidly built.

Resilient (adj.): (of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

Indelible (adj.): not able to be forgotten.

Robust (adj.): strong and healthy; vigorous.

Flimsy (adj.): insubstantial and easily damaged.

So, the correct answer is option C.

Question: In the following question, out of the five alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Intriguing

- A. Banal
- B. Riveting
- C. Comforting
- D. Absorbing

Explanation:

Intriguing (adj.): arousing one's curiosity or interest, fascinating.

Titillating (adj.): arouse (someone) to interest or mild excitement, especially through sexually suggestive images or words.

Comforting (adj.): serving to alleviate a person's feelings of grief or distress

Riveting (adj.): completely engrossing; compelling.

Absorbing (adj.): intensely interesting; engrossing.

Banal (adj.): so lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.

So, the correct answer is option A.

Question: In the following question, out of the five alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Revive

- A. Defibrillate
- B. Torpefy
- C. Recuperate
- D. Vivify

Explanation:

Revive (v.): to restore to life or consciousness.

Vivify (v.): make more lively or interesting; enliven.

Torpefy (v.): to make (someone or something) numb, paralysed, or lifeless.

Recuperate (v.): recover from illness or exertion.

Defibrillate (v.): to stop abnormal rhythm of (the heart) and restore it to normal rhythm.

Resuscitate (v.): revive (someone) from unconsciousness or apparent death.

So, the correct answer is option B.

***Note:** The type of questions given above are not asked in the CAT exam.

