

Q1. Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence:

He was exonerated \_\_\_\_ all charges after the new evidence surfaced.

- (a) from
- (b) of
- (c) off
- (d) by

Q2. Identify the most appropriate modal verb to complete the sentence:

Given the precarious weather conditions, the event \_\_\_\_ be postponed.

- (a) will
- (b) shall
- (c) must
- (d) might

Q3. Select the correct option to fill in the blank meaningfully:

His arguments were so convoluted that they only served to \_\_\_\_\_ the issue further.

- (a) illuminate
- (b) obfuscate
- (c) delineate
- (d) mitigate

Q4. Choose the correct one-word substitution:

A person who pretends to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs that he does not actually possess.

- (a) Heretic
- (b) Pessimist
- (c) Hypocrite
- (d) Fanatic

Q5. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to "Munificent":

- (a) Generous
- (b) Parsimonious
- (c) Benevolent
- (d) Magnanimous

Q6. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to Pellucid:

- (a) Murky
- (b) Lucid
- (c) Opaque
- (d) Vapid

Q7. Choose the most appropriate antonym of Obdurate:

- (a) Resolute
- (b) Yielding
- (c) Intransigent
- (d) Callous

Q8. Choose the word that is most opposite in meaning to Impecunious:

- (a) Penurious
- (b) Affluent
- (c) Destitute
- (d) Insolvent

Q9. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "To eat humble pie"

- (a) To enjoy great success
- (b) To make a lavish apology
- (c) To admit one's fault and apologize
- (d) To accept a bribe reluctantly

Q10. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom: "Throw down the gauntlet"

- (a) To avoid confrontation

(b) To challenge someone openly

(c) To take back one's words

(d) To surrender in a fight

#### Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. "Exonerated of" is the correct collocation. We exonerate someone of charges or blame.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. "Might" expresses possibility due to external conditions, making it the most appropriate modal here.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. "Obfuscate" means to make something unclear or confusing—fitting the context perfectly.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. A "hypocrite" is someone who pretends to have beliefs or virtues they do not actually possess.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. "Munificent" means very generous; the antonym is "parsimonious," which means extremely frugal or stingy.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. Pellucid means extremely clear or transparent—lucid is the closest synonym.

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. Obdurate means stubborn or unyielding; yielding is the antonym.

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. Impecunious means having little or no money; affluent means wealthy—its opposite.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. To eat humble pie means to admit one's mistake and apologize humbly.

S10. Ans. (b)

Sol. To throw down the gauntlet means to issue a challenge, often in a confrontational way.