

NDA English Antonyms: Complete 100-Lecture Slide Deck

SLIDE 1: CONCEDED (Question 1)

Question: He finally **CONCEDED** that he was involved in smuggling.

- (a) admitted
 - (b) accepted
 - **(c) denied**
 - (d) concealed
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- **Meaning:** Reluctantly admitted that something is true, or yielded/surrendered.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Conceded* sounds like *Confessed*. When a criminal confesses, he *concedes* his guilt.
 - **Why (c) wins:** If you don't concede (admit) a crime, you **deny** it.
 - **Trap Alert:** (a) and (b) are direct synonyms.

SLIDE 2: COLOSSAL (Question 2)

Question: The team managed to build a **COLOSSAL** structure within a month.

- (a) easy
 - **(b) tiny**
 - (c) graceful
 - (d) giant
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- **Meaning:** Extremely large; gigantic or huge in scale.
 - **Mnemonic:** Sounds like *Colosseum*—the massive historic amphitheater in Rome.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Tiny** means extremely small, representing the absolute opposite scale.
 - **Trap Alert:** (d) *giant* is a synonym.

SLIDE 3: FICKLE (Question 3)

Question: Her **FICKLE** behavior makes it hard to trust her choices.

- **(a) steady**
 - (b) kind
 - (c) please
 - (d) erratic
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- **Meaning:** Changing frequently, especially regarding one's loyalties, interests, or affection.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Fickle* sounds like *Flicker*. A flickering bulb is unstable and constantly changes its brightness.
 - **Why (a) wins:** Someone who is **steady** is reliable, unwavering, and constant.

- **Trap Alert:** (d) *erratic* is a perfect synonym.

SLIDE 4: INEPT (Question 4)

Question: The manager was quite **INEPT** at handling complex operations.

- (a) clumsy
 - (b) infer
 - **(c) competent**
 - (d) foolish
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- **Meaning:** Having or showing no skill; completely clumsy or incompetent.
 - **Mnemonic:** Root match: **Adept** means highly skilled. Change the 'A' to 'In-' (not), and **Inept** means *not skilled*.
 - **Why (c) wins:** **Competent** means having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to succeed.

SLIDE 5: PIVOTAL (Question 5)

Question: This turning point proved to be **PIVOTAL** for the business.

- (a) turning
 - (b) wavy
 - **(c) unimportant**
 - (d) clear
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- **Meaning:** Crucially important; the central point on which everything else turns or depends.
 - **Mnemonic:** A *Pivot* is the central pin or shaft on which a mechanism turns. If a moment is pivotal, the whole future turns on it.
 - **Why (c) wins:** Something that carries no weight or influence is **unimportant**.

SLIDE 6: FLUID (Question 6)

Question: The dynamic structure of the element was **FLUID**.

- **(a) solid**
 - (b) liquid
 - (c) afraid
 - (d) decent
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- **Meaning:** Able to flow easily; constantly changing or adaptable; not fixed.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of water or *fluids*—they take the shape of whatever container they are in because they aren't rigid.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Solid** elements hold a rigid, fixed, unyielding structure.

SLIDE 7: URBANE (Question 7)

Question: His **URBANE** manners impressed everyone at the formal dinner.

- (a) civilised
 - (b) slow
 - **(c) rude**
 - (d) foolish
- **Meaning:** Courteous, refined, sophisticated, and suave in manner.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Urbane* looks like *Urban*. People living in highly developed urban cities are expected to be polished and sophisticated.
 - **Why (c) wins:** The opposite of refined, polite manners is being **rude** or *uncouth*.

SLIDE 8: THRIFTY (Question 8)

Question: It is highly necessary to develop **THRIFTY** habits to save money.

- (a) expensive
 - **(b) extravagant**
 - (c) economical
 - (d) good
- **Meaning:** Using money and resources carefully and not wastefully.
 - **Mnemonic:** Associate *Thrifty* with a *Thrift Shop* (a place to buy cheap, secondhand goods).
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Extravagant** means spending way more money than necessary; reckless spending.

SLIDE 9: CONCEALED (Question 9)

Question: He **CONCEALED** his thoughts very cleverly during the meeting.

- (a) emphasised
 - (b) expressed
 - (c) affirmed
 - **(d) revealed**
- **Meaning:** Kept secret; hidden from sight or knowledge.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of *Concealer* makeup used to hide spots or blemishes on the face.
 - **Why (d) wins:** To **reveal** means to open up, display, or make a secret known to everyone.

SLIDE 10: DENOUNCED (Question 10)

Question: The plan was publicly **DENOUNCED** by one and all.

- (a) renounced
- (b) recommended
- (c) announced
- **(d) commended**

- **Meaning:** Publicly declare to be wrong, evil, or worthy of severe criticism.
- **Mnemonic:** "De-" usually brings a negative tone (like degrade, destroy). So, denouncing is throwing negative announcements at someone.
- **Why (d) wins:** **Commended** means to praise publicly.

SLIDE 11: SKEPTICAL (Question 11)

Question: She was deeply **SKEPTICAL** about the safety of the new formula.

- (a) doubtful
 - **(b) certain**
 - (c) hopeful
 - (d) sanguine
- **Meaning:** Not easily convinced; having doubts or reservations.
 - **Mnemonic:** A *skeptical* person asks for a *sketch* or physical proof before believing you.
 - **Why (b) wins:** If you aren't doubtful, you are 100% **certain** and sure.

SLIDE 12: COHERENT (Question 12)

Question: The answers given to the committee were **COHERENT**.

- (a) relaxed
 - (b) loose
 - (c) consistent
 - **(d) disconnected**
- **Meaning:** Logical, orderly, and consistent; making complete sense as a whole.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Co-here* means to stick together. A coherent argument sticks together perfectly without logical gaps.
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Disconnected** points jump around wildly without any logical link or harmony.

SLIDE 13: ALTRUISTIC (Question 13)

Question: It was no **ALTRUISTIC** motive that prompted him to help her.

- **(a) selfish**
 - (b) inhuman
 - (c) brutal
 - (d) wicked
- **Meaning:** Unselfish; showing selfless concern for the well-being of others.
 - **Mnemonic:** **Altruistic** = Focusing on "**All**" other people instead of "**I**" (myself).
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Selfish** means thinking exclusively of your own profit or pleasure.

SLIDE 14: COMPLAINANT (Question 14)

Question: The **COMPLAINANT** was not supportive of providing all relevant facts.

- (a) **defendant**
 - (b) advocate
 - (c) indulgence
 - (d) servant
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- **Meaning:** Legal term for the person who files a formal complaint or lawsuit against another party.
 - **Mnemonic:** The one who goes to court to *complain* about an injustice.
 - **Why (a) wins:** The **defendant** is the person being accused or sued, who has to *defend* themselves.

SLIDE 15: SOLITARY (Question 15)

Question: He prefers living a **solitary** lifestyle in the mountains.

- (a) limited
 - (b) exotic
 - (c) healthy
 - (d) **populous**
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- **Meaning:** Done or existing completely alone; isolated from human society.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of the classic card game *Solitaire* which you play completely by yourself.
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Populous** means heavily populated, crowded, or full of people.

SLIDE 16: DISTURBED (Question 16)

Question: They spent a **DISTURBED** night after hearing the scary news.

- (a) restless
 - (b) sleepless
 - (c) mournful
 - (d) **peaceful**
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- **Meaning:** Marked by symptoms of mental, emotional, or environmental agitation; not restful.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of a *disturbance* in a crowd—it breaks the quiet order.
 - **Why (d) wins:** A **peaceful** state is calm, quiet, untroubled, and serene.

SLIDE 17: CREATED (Question 17)

Question: We have **CREATED** a beautiful workspace inside the house.

- (a) **destroyed**

- (b) built
 - (c) constructed
 - (d) planned
- **Meaning:** Brought something completely new into existence.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of a *Creator* making something out of raw materials.
 - **Why (a) wins: Destroyed** means to smash, ruin, or end the existence of something built.

SLIDE 18: REVOLTING (Question 18)

Question: A large number of designer clothes are **REVOLTING**.

- (a) **inviting**
 - (b) beautiful
 - (c) fashionable
 - (d) delightful
- **Meaning:** Causing intense disgust; highly offensive or repulsive.
 - **Mnemonic:** When people *revolt* against a corrupt regime, the situation gets ugly, chaotic, and unappealing.
 - **Why (a) wins: Inviting** clothes look appealing, highly attractive, and tempt you to wear them.

SLIDE 19: DIFFERENT (Question 19)

Question: Though they are twins, they look very **DIFFERENT**.

- (a) regular
 - (b) same
 - (c) **similar**
 - (d) uniform
- **Meaning:** Not the same as another; partly or totally unlike in nature or appearance.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of a *difference* engine or subtraction—it isolates what doesn't match.
 - **Why (c) wins:** Twins looking alike share **similar** visual features. (*Note: "same" is grammatically incorrect in this sentence structure.*)

SLIDE 20: RECESSION (Question 20)

Question: **RECESSION** is a major cause of widespread unemployment.

- (a) education
- (b) **inflation**
- (c) poverty
- (d) computerisation

- **Meaning:** A period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced.
- **Mnemonic:** *Recede* means to move backward. A recession is an economy moving backward.
- **Why (b) wins:** In UPSC economics-adjacent questions, **Inflation** (market expansion/overheating) acts as the direct conceptual contrast to recessionary contraction.

SLIDE 21: ENERVATED (Question 21)

Question: Her prolonged illness **ENERVATED** her whole family.

- (a) enhanced
 - (b) exhausted
 - (c) weakened
 - **(d) energised**
- **Meaning:** Drained of energy or vitality; completely weakened.
 - **Mnemonic:** *E-Nerv-Ate* -> Think of it as "Energy was eaten up".
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Energised** means to put massive vitality and life back into someone.

SLIDE 22: INSERTED (Question 22)

Question: The teacher **INSERTED** another question to illustrate the concept.

- (a) deducted
 - (b) added
 - **(c) removed**
 - (d) reclined
- **Meaning:** Placed, inserted, or fitted something directly into a body or text.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of inserting a coin into a vending machine slot.
 - **Why (c) wins:** To **remove** means to extract or take something back out completely.

SLIDE 23: LUDICROUS (Question 23)

Question: The committee rejected his **LUDICROUS** proposal immediately.

- (a) absurd
 - **(b) reasonable**
 - (c) farcical
 - (d) stupid
- **Meaning:** So foolish, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; ridiculous.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Ludicrous* sounds like the game *Ludo*. If a military general suggests solving a border dispute by playing a game of Ludo, that proposal is *ludicrous*.

- **Why (b) wins:** A **reasonable** proposal is sensible, logical, and grounded in reality.

SLIDE 24: ADORE (Question 24)

Question: Children **ADORE** the characters in this animated movie.

- (a) discuss
 - **(b) condemn**
 - (c) benefit
 - (d) check
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- **Meaning:** To love, admire, or respect someone or something intensely.
 - **Mnemonic:** You find someone absolutely *Adorable*, so you give them massive love.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Condemn** means to show complete hatred, severe disapproval, or absolute rejection.

SLIDE 25: INCREASE (Question 25)

Question: The core objective is to **INCREASE** the per capita income.

- (a) moderate
 - **(b) diminish**
 - (c) mitigate
 - (d) profit
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- **Meaning:** To become or make greater in size, amount, intensity, or degree.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of an *increasing* geometric progression or scaling up.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Diminish** means to shrink, scale down, or systematically reduce the value.

SLIDE 26: ARTIFICIAL (Question 26)

Question: In modern times, relationships are becoming rather **ARTIFICIAL**.

- (a) decent
 - **(b) genuine**
 - (c) excellent
 - (d) adorable
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- **Meaning:** Made or produced by human beings rather than occurring naturally; fake, insincere.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Artifice* means trickery. An artificial smile is just a trick, not real emotion.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Genuine** relationships are authentic, deeply real, and true to the heart.

SLIDE 27: LIBERTY (Question 27)

Question: Social **LIBERTY** may be instrumental in national growth.

- **(a) constraint**
 - (b) slavery
 - (c) compulsion
 - (d) obligation
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- **Meaning:** The state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of the *Statue of Liberty* welcoming people to fields of pure freedom.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Constraint** means a severe limitation, boundary, or restriction on action or freedom.

SLIDE 28: ESSENTIAL (Question 28)

Question: Education is the most **ESSENTIAL** element for individual growth.

- **(a) unimportant**
 - (b) disdainful
 - (c) customary
 - (d) redundant
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- **Meaning:** Absolutely necessary; indispensable for a system to work.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of *Essence*—the absolute inner core of something without which it cannot exist.
 - **Why (a) wins:** If something lacks value or necessity, it is **unimportant**.

SLIDE 29: MODEST (Question 29)

Question: He was extremely **MODEST** about his academic achievements.

- (a) curious
 - (b) virtuous
 - (c) unassuming
 - **(d) immodest**
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- **Meaning:** Unassuming or moderate in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements; humble.
 - **Mnemonic:** A modest winner downplays their victory instead of shouting from the rooftops.
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Immodest** is the direct prefix-driven opposite, meaning boastful, arrogant, or showing off.

SLIDE 30: CANDID (Question 30)

Question: His **CANDID** remarks impressed the senior authorities.

- (a) blunt
- **(b) guarded**

- (c) sincere
- (d) unconventional
- **Meaning:** Truthful, straightforward, frank, and unreserved.
- **Mnemonic:** *Candid* camera captures people when they are being completely natural and real, not acting.
- **Why (b) wins:** A **guarded** person is cautious, reserved, and hides their true thoughts.

SLIDE 31: CONDONE (Question 31)

Question: The public refused to **CONDONE** his corrupt behavior.

- (a) accept
- (b) forgive
- **(c) condemn**
- (d) criticise
- **Meaning:** Accept, overlook, or forgive an offensive behavior.
- **Mnemonic:** *Condone* sounds like *Calm Down*. You tell your anger to calm down and forgive the mistake.
- **Why (c) wins:** **Condemn** means to severely punish or voice complete moral disapproval.

SLIDE 32: SEVERED (Question 32)

Question: His family **SEVERED** ties with him after his radical decision.

- (a) detached
- (b) included
- **(c) joined**
- (d) disrupted
- **Meaning:** Cut off cleanly, separated, or completely broken off.
- **Mnemonic:** *Severe* cut. If you sever an electrical cord, you slice it completely in two.
- **Why (c) wins:** To **join** means to unite, connect, or tie two components back together.

SLIDE 33: FUZZY (Question 33)

Question: It is easy to understand his **FUZZY** thoughts on this matter.

- (a) misty
- (b) vague
- **(c) clear**
- (d) useful
- **Meaning:** Blurry, indistinct, out of focus, or highly vague in conception.

- **Mnemonic:** A *fuzzy* television screen has nothing but gray static noise—no sharp image.
- **Why (c) wins:** **Clear** thoughts are sharply defined, perfectly transparent, and highly comprehensible.

SLIDE 34: SLIMY (Question 34)

Question: He drove his car through a **SLIMY** road to reach the office.

- (a) beautiful
 - **(b) clean**
 - (c) ugly
 - (d) slippery
- **Meaning:** Covered with a thick, wet, slippery, and unpleasantly dirty substance.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of swamp *slime* or mud tracks ruining a pristine car tires.
 - **Why (b) wins:** A **clean** road is completely clear of slick muck, filth, or debris.

SLIDE 35: ANXIOUS (Question 35)

Question: We are **ANXIOUS** to avoid any unnecessary problems.

- (a) cool
 - **(b) composed**
 - (c) careless
 - (d) worried
- **Meaning:** Experiencing worry, unease, nervousness, or deep mental tension.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Anxious* feels like you are under a massive *Anxiety* attack before exam results come out.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Composed** means completely calm, collected, level-headed, and perfectly in control.

SLIDE 36: ESCALATING (Question 36)

Question: **ESCALATING** fuel prices are causing severe hardship to the poor.

- (a) fixed
 - (b) fluctuating
 - **(c) falling**
 - (d) reasonable
- **Meaning:** Increasing rapidly, climbing high, or intensifying in scale.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of an *Escalator* inside a shopping mall that carries you continuously upward.
 - **Why (c) wins:** **Falling** metrics mean prices are rapidly dropping or decreasing.

SLIDE 37: MALICE (Question 37)

Question: I have no **MALICE** towards any of my former colleagues.

- (a) sympathy
 - **(b) goodwill**
 - (c) friendship
 - (d) attraction
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- **Meaning:** The intention or desire to do evil; ill-will.
 - **Mnemonic:** Root word **MAL** means bad/evil (e.g., Malnutrition, Malfunction).
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Goodwill** is the pure intention to see others happy and successful.

SLIDE 38: AFFLUENT (Question 38)

Question: The young boy comes from an **AFFLUENT** background.

- **(a) poor**
 - (b) ordinary
 - (c) infamous
 - (d) backward
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- **Meaning:** Having a great deal of money; wealthy.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Affluent* sounds like *Effluent/Flowing*. They have money continuously flowing into their bank accounts.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Poor** is the ultimate opposite of wealthy.

SLIDE 39: ABSURD (Question 39)

Question: What the critic stated about the novel was **ABSURD**.

- (a) interesting
 - (b) impartial
 - **(c) sensible**
 - (d) ridiculous
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- **Meaning:** Wildly unreasonable, illogical, or completely ridiculous.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Absurd* sounds like *Surd* in math. If someone claims $\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number without proof, it's an absurd claim.
 - **Why (c) wins:** **Sensible** arguments are grounded in logic, sanity, and sound judgment.

SLIDE 40: IGNORED (Question 40)

Question: The minor issue raised during the meet can be **IGNORED**.

- (a) removed
- **(b) considered**

- (c) set aside
- (d) debated
- **Meaning:** Refused to take notice of; brushed aside as completely irrelevant.
- **Mnemonic:** Turning an *ignorant* blind eye to something right in front of you.
- **Why (b) wins: Considered** means taken into account, given active thought, and weighed carefully.

SLIDE 41: LETHARGIC (Question 41)

Question: After working extra hours, the staff became **LETHARGIC**.

- (a) aggressive
- (b) dull
- **(c) active**
- (d) hungry
- **Meaning:** Sluggish, apathetic, and completely lacking energy.
- **Mnemonic:** *Lethargic* sounds like *Alas-he-is-sick*. A sick person has zero speed or stamina.
- **Why (c) wins: Active** means lively, moving, and energetic.

SLIDE 42: RUDELY (Question 42)

Question: He spoke **RUDELY** to the security staff at the entrance.

- (a) softly
- (b) gently
- **(c) politely**
- (d) slowly
- **Meaning:** In an offensive, ill-mannered, abrupt, or discourteous way.
- **Mnemonic:** Acting like a brute who doesn't understand civic manners.
- **Why (c) wins: Politely** means showing refined manners, deep social respect, and courtesy.

SLIDE 43: HAZARDOUS (Question 43)

Question: Dust storms have made it **HAZARDOUS** to drive safely.

- (a) convenient
- (b) risky
- (c) wrong
- **(d) safe**
- **Meaning:** Risky, highly dangerous, or containing unpredictable elements of peril.
- **Mnemonic:** Hazard lights on a car are turned on only when there is severe danger or breakdown.
- **Why (d) wins: Safe** conditions offer secure, hazard-free operations.

SLIDE 44: ENRICH (Question 44)

Question: Implementing new policies can **ENRICH** the rural economy.

- **(a) impoverish**
 - (b) improve
 - (c) increase
 - (d) involve
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- **Meaning:** To improve or enhance the value, quality, or wealth of something significantly.
 - **Mnemonic:** Prefix *En-* (to make) + *Rich*. Literally, to make something wealthy or abundant.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Impoverish** means to drain completely of wealth, quality, or fertility; to make deeply poor.

SLIDE 45: EXTRAVAGANT (Question 45)

Question: He is known across the city for his **EXTRAVAGANT** spending.

- (a) sensible
 - (b) careful
 - **(c) economical**
 - (d) balanced
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- **Meaning:** Lacking restraint in spending money or using resources; excessively wasteful.
 - **Mnemonic:** Spending on massive *Extra* luxuries that are completely out of budget.
 - **Why (c) wins:** An **economical** spender optimizes their funds, staying thrifty and careful.

SLIDE 46: DETAIN (Question 46)

Question: The law enforcement authorities decided to **DETAIN** the suspect.

- **(a) release**
 - (b) silence
 - (c) forget
 - (d) prosper
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- **Meaning:** To keep someone in official custody, preventing them from moving or leaving.
 - **Mnemonic:** *De-tain* sounds like *Contain*. Keeping a suspect locked up in a cell.
 - **Why (a) wins:** To **release** means to set entirely free from physical custody.

SLIDE 47: FAMOUS (Question 47)

Question: The author of this historic thriller is highly **FAMOUS**.

- (a) boring
 - (b) poor
 - **(c) obscure**
 - (d) untalented
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- **Meaning:** Known, recognized, or celebrated by a massive number of people.
 - **Mnemonic:** Covered in *Fame* and widespread media spotlight.
 - **Why (c) wins:** **Obscure** means completely unknown, hidden from view, or unrecognized by the general public.

SLIDE 48: SULLEN (Question 48)

Question: She remained **SULLEN** throughout the evening party.

- (a) dirty
 - **(b) cheerful**
 - (c) clean
 - (d) risen
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- **Meaning:** Bad-tempered, gloomy, silent, and sulky.
 - **Mnemonic:** Someone who is *Sullen* acts like they are suffering *Silently* alone in a corner.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Cheerful** is bright, happy, and socially engaging.

SLIDE 49: FALLACIOUS (Question 49)

Question: The financial statement contained several **FALLACIOUS** claims.

- (a) perfect
 - **(b) truthful**
 - (c) accidental
 - (d) disarming
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- **Meaning:** Based on a mistaken belief; deceptive, misleading, or false.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Fallacious* contains the root *fall* or *false*. It's an argument that falls apart because it's fake.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Truthful** arguments or facts are accurate and real.

SLIDE 50: GUMPTION (Question 50)

Question: Showing great **GUMPTION**, she navigated the crisis.

- (a) seriousness
- **(b) apathy**
- (c) levity
- (d) despair

- **Meaning:** Shrewd initiative, resourcefulness, courage, and gut determination.
- **Mnemonic:** *Gumption* sounds like *Forrest Gump*. He had no elite skills, but he had incredible mental courage and gumption to keep running.
- **Why (b) wins:** **Apathy** means absolute laziness, lack of interest, or lack of enthusiasm to act.

SLIDE 51: ECSTASY (Question 51)

Question: Winning the championship put them in a state of **ECSTASY**.

- (a) gate
 - **(b) agony**
 - (c) languor
 - (d) fatigue
- **Meaning:** An overwhelming feeling of absolute great joy, rapture, or pure bliss.
 - **Mnemonic:** Taking an *X* or celebratory drug makes you jump with wild excitement.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Agony** represents the absolute deepest peak of mental or physical pain and suffering.

SLIDE 52: ASTUTE (Question 52)

Question: He made an **ASTUTE** observation about the market trends.

- (a) distraught
 - (b) careful
 - (c) generous
 - **(d) foolish**
- **Meaning:** Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage; sharp-minded.
 - **Mnemonic:** An *Astute* student answers *Acute* (sharp) mathematical questions instantly.
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Foolish** observations show zero mental sharpness or intelligence.

SLIDE 53: WINSOME (Question 53)

Question: Her **WINSOME** smile captivated the entire room.

- **(a) dour**
 - (b) attractive
 - (c) mysterious
 - (d) clever
- **Meaning:** Highly attractive or appealing in a fresh, innocent, and charming way.

- **Mnemonic:** A face so beautiful it can *Win Some* hearts instantly without trying.
- **Why (a) wins:** **Dour** means relentlessly severe, stern, unsmiling, gloomy, and dark-tempered.

SLIDE 54: DROLL (Question 54)

Question: The comedian entertained us with his **DROLL** stories.

- (a) forget
 - (b) charm
 - **(c) sedate**
 - (d) absurd
- **Meaning:** Amusing in a highly unusual, dry, quirky, or odd way.
 - **Mnemonic:** A funny *Doll* that speaks with a dry, hilarious voice.
 - **Why (c) wins:** **Sedate** means calm, dignified, unhurried, completely serious, and lacking any joke factor.

SLIDE 55: ENIGMATIC (Question 55)

Question: The ancient ruins present an **ENIGMATIC** structure.

- (a) healthy
 - (b) watchful
 - (c) disastrous
 - **(d) obvious**
- **Meaning:** Difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious or puzzling.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of the *Enigma Machine* used in World War II to send secret encrypted military messages that were impossible to read.
 - **Why (d) wins:** **Obvious** means completely clear, plain to see, and easy to understand.

SLIDE 56: OBTUSE (Question 56)

Question: An **OBTUSE** angle is greater than a right angle.

- (a) slim
 - **(b) acute**
 - (c) opaque
 - (d) thick
- **Meaning:** Lacking sharpness; blunt. Mathematically, an angle greater than 90°. Mentally, a slow-witted mind.
 - **Mnemonic:** A person acting like a slow, blunt block of wood (*obtuse*).
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Acute** means extremely sharp, sensitive, or mathematically less than 90°.

SLIDE 57: OBSEQUIOUS (Question 57)

Question: The clerk was overly **OBSEQUIOUS** to the new manager.

- (a) clear
 - (b) clever
 - **(c) domineering**
 - (d) dandified
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- **Meaning:** Obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree; behaving like a flatterer/servant.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Obsequious* sounds like *Obsessed with saying Yes to the boss*.
 - **Why (c) wins: Domineering** means trying to arrogantly control or rule over others (the opposite of being a submissive servant).

SLIDE 58: DOLEFUL (Question 58)

Question: The music left the audience in a **DOLEFUL** mood.

- (a) empty
 - (b) rich
 - (c) witty
 - **(d) elated**
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- **Meaning:** Expressing deep sorrow, grief, or mournful tragedy.
 - **Mnemonic:** Sounds like a weeping *Doll full* of sad tears.
 - **Why (d) wins: Elated** means ecstatically happy, overjoyed, or walking on cloud nine.

SLIDE 59: WANTON (Question 59)

Question: The company was sued for its **WANTON** disregard for safety laws.

- **(a) merciful**
 - (b) repast
 - (c) brilliant
 - (d) vicious
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- **Meaning:** Deliberate, unprovoked, and completely reckless or malicious in behavior.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Want-Ton* -> Doing whatever damage you *want* by the *ton* without caring about human lives.
 - **Why (a) wins: A merciful** action acts with deep compassion, care, forgiveness, and human restraint.

SLIDE 60: BANAL (Question 60)

Question: The lecture was so **BANAL** that most students fell asleep.

- (a) sincere
 - (b) wealthy
 - **(c) extraordinary**
 - (d) trustworthy
- **Meaning:** So lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring; completely cliché.
 - **Mnemonic:** Ban all *Banal* movies! They are boring and repeat the exact same story every single time.
 - **Why (c) wins:** Something **extraordinary** is fresh, unique, striking, and highly interesting.

SLIDE 61: LUGUBRIOUS (Question 61)

Question: He wore a **LUGUBRIOUS** expression after hearing the scorecard.

- (a) quick
 - **(b) cheerful**
 - (c) salubrious
 - (d) dry
- **Meaning:** Looking or sounding incredibly sad, dismal, gloomy, or depressed.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Lugu-brious* sounds like a crying person burying a body in a grave.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Cheerful** means glowing with pure, positive, energetic happiness.

SLIDE 62: STOUT (Question 62)

Question: The defensive lines stood firm and **STOUT**.

- **(a) weak**
 - (b) sturdy
 - (c) brave
 - (d) tiny
- **Meaning:** Solid, heavily built, strong, brave, and completely determined.
 - **Mnemonic:** A stout iron shield that doesn't crack or bend under heavy artillery fire.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Weak** points break down, buckle, and cave under basic pressure.

SLIDE 63: DISREGARD (Question 63)

Question: His actions showed a flagrant **DISREGARD** for internal protocol.

- **(a) respect**
- (b) attention
- (c) care
- (d) neglect

- **Meaning:** The willful act of ignoring, dismissing, or treating something with complete indifference.
- **Mnemonic:** *Dis-* (against) + *Regard* (esteem/value). Brushing the rules aside completely.
- **Why (a) wins:** **Respect** means holding authority or regulatory guidelines in high, compliant esteem.

SLIDE 64: PERTINENT (Question 64)

Question: The witness gave a **PERTINENT** answer to the prosecution.

- (a) irrelevant
 - (b) appropriate
 - (c) clever
 - (d) brief
- **Meaning:** Highly relevant, applicable, or appropriate to a particular matter or case.
 - **Mnemonic:** An answer that *pertains* directly to the exact point of discussion.
 - **Why (a) wins:** An **irrelevant** answer has absolutely nothing to do with the question being asked.

SLIDE 65: ABOLISH (Question 65)

Question: The local administration decided to **ABOLISH** the old regulations.

- (a) establish
 - (b) cancel
 - (c) eliminate
 - (d) destroy
- **Meaning:** Formally and legally put an absolute end to a system, practice, or institution.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of Abraham Lincoln moving to *abolish* slavery completely from the country.
 - **Why (a) wins:** To **establish** means to set up, found, structure, or build a permanent system or law.

SLIDE 66: ABUNDANT (Question 66)

Question: Water is **ABUNDANT** in the tropical rainforest regions.

- (a) scarce
 - (b) plentiful
 - (c) sufficient
 - (d) tracking
- **Meaning:** Existing or available in massive, overflowing, large quantities.
 - **Mnemonic:** A cup overflowing with buns and food items—more than enough.

- **Why (a) wins:** **Scarce** resources are deeply insufficient, rare, or hard to secure.

SLIDE 67: ADEPT (Question 67)

Question: The project requires an **ADEPT** hand to ensure success.

- **(a) amateur**
 - (b) skilled
 - (c) lazy
 - (d) expert
- **Meaning:** Very skilled, thoroughly proficient, or expert at a specific task.
 - **Mnemonic:** An **A**-grade expert who is deeply *adept* at flying fighter jets.
 - **Why (a) wins:** An **amateur** is an inexperienced, unskillful beginner who lacks professional training.

SLIDE 68: RESILIENCE (Question 68)

Question: The team showed great **RESILIENCE** during the tough phases.

- (a) elasticity
 - **(b) fragility**
 - (c) strength
 - (d) speed
- **Meaning:** The capacity to recover rapidly from severe difficulties, stress, or tactical setbacks.
 - **Mnemonic:** Like a rubber band that instantly snaps back into its original shape no matter how hard you stretch it.
 - **Why (b) wins:** **Fragility** means a condition of breaking apart or shattering into pieces at the very first sign of pressure.

SLIDE 69: AMBIGUOUS (Question 69)

Question: He remains **AMBIGUOUS** about his future career plans.

- **(a) clear**
 - (b) vague
 - (c) doubtful
 - (d) uncertain
- **Meaning:** Open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning; highly unclear.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Ambi-* means both (like ambidextrous). If an order points in both directions, it leaves you confused.
 - **Why (a) wins:** A **clear** path leaves zero room for doubt or multiple interpretations.

SLIDE 70: AMELIORATE (Question 70)

Question: The economic scenario began to **AMELIORATE** after the tax cuts.

- (a) worsen
 - (b) improve
 - (c) stabilize
 - (d) decay
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- **Meaning:** To make something bad or unsatisfactory much better.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Ameliorate* sounds like *Amul butter*. Adding Amul butter to dry pieces of toast makes it taste much better!
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Worsen** means to degrade the situation further.
 - **Trap Alert:** (b) *improve* is the direct synonym.

SLIDE 71: AMICABLE (Question 71)

Question: The nations signed an **AMICABLE** settlement to end disputes.

- (a) hostile
 - (b) friendly
 - (c) peaceful
 - (d) quick
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- **Meaning:** Characterized by friendly goodwill, peace, and polite diplomacy.
 - **Mnemonic:** Root word **AMI** means friend (like *Amigo* or *Ami*).
 - **Why (a) wins:** A **hostile** environment is aggressively unfriendly, cold, and ready for war.

SLIDE 72: AMPLIFY (Question 72)

Question: Her presentation served to **AMPLIFY** the core problems of the system.

- (a) diminish
 - (b) increase
 - (c) modify
 - (d) adjust
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- **Meaning:** Increase the volume, power, depth, or structural size of something.
 - **Mnemonic:** Turning up the *amplifier* on an electric guitar to make the sound massive.
 - **Why (a) wins:** To **diminish** means to systematically shrink, downscale, or lessen the impact.

SLIDE 73: ABSOLVE (Question 73)

Question: The judge decided to **ABSOLVE** the youth of all past charges.

- (a) convict

- (b) pardon
- (c) release
- (d) clear
- **Meaning:** To formally declare someone entirely free from guilt, blame, or legal responsibility.
- **Mnemonic:** To *Absolve* means the case is entirely *Solved* and the pressure is taken off you.
- **Why (a) wins:** To **convict** means to officially judge and declare someone guilty of a crime in a court of law.

SLIDE 74: BELLIGERENT (Question 74)

Question: His **BELLIGERENT** attitude often leads to unwanted fights.

- (a) peaceful
- (b) hostile
- (c) aggressive
- (d) noisy
- **Meaning:** Hostile, aggressive, ready to wage war.
- **Mnemonic:** Root Word **BELLI** means war (e.g., Rebellion, Bellicose).
- **Why (a) wins:** A **peaceful** mind avoids conflicts and values harmony.

SLIDE 75: CONCUR (Question 75)

Question: The senior members chose to **CONCUR** with the new proposition.

- (a) disagree
- (b) agree
- (c) approve
- (d) grant
- **Meaning:** To be of exactly the same opinion; to agree smoothly with a plan.
- **Mnemonic:** When two paths *concur*, they run together in perfect harmony.
- **Why (a) wins:** To **disagree** means to conflict in opinion, voicing a completely opposing view.

SLIDE 76: DERIDE (Question 76)

Question: Rivals often **DERIDE** his creative approaches to problem-solving.

- (a) praise
- (b) mock
- (c) ridicule
- (d) ignore
- **Meaning:** Express contempt for; mock, insult, or ridicule cruelly.
- **Mnemonic:** Laughing at someone who is struggling to *Ride* a bicycle for the first time.

- **Why (a) wins:** To **praise** means to express warm approval, high admiration, and validation.

SLIDE 77: EMINENT (Question 77)

Question: She is an **EMINENT** scientist recognized across the world.

- **(a) unknown**
- (b) famous
- (c) prominent
- (d) clever

- **Meaning:** Famous, highly respected, and authoritative within a specific professional sphere.
- **Mnemonic:** An *Eminent* person is so influential that their presence is felt the very *minute* they enter a room.
- **Why (a) wins:** An **unknown** entity carries zero reputational weight, fame, or public recognition.

SLIDE 78: FUTILE (Question 78)

Question: It is completely **FUTILE** to argue without verified data points.

- **(a) effective**
- (b) useless
- (c) pointless
- (d) early

- **Meaning:** Completely pointless; producing absolutely no useful result or outcome.
- **Mnemonic:** A *futile* effort is like trying to pour water into a *faulty* bucket with a massive hole in the bottom.
- **Why (a) wins:** An **effective** strategy produces exactly the successful, desired results you planned.

SLIDE 79: GUILLE (Question 79)

Question: The strategist used **GUILLE** to secure a victory.

- **(a) honesty**
- (b) cunning
- (c) deceit
- (d) craft

- **Meaning:** Sly, cunning, deceptive intelligence; backhanded trickery.
- **Mnemonic:** A *Guilty* person uses slick *guile* and lies to escape interrogation.
- **Why (a) wins:** **Honesty** means direct, upfront, transparent, and morally upright conduct.

SLIDE 80: HINDER (Question 80)

Question: Lack of capital will **HINDER** the progression of research work.

- (a) **facilitate**
 - (b) block
 - (c) delay
 - (d) check
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- **Meaning:** Create difficulties, walls, or obstacles for someone, resulting in delay or obstruction.
 - **Mnemonic:** Acting from *Behind* to pull someone back and *hind-er* their forward running speed.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Facilitate** means to smooth out a path, making an action or process incredibly easy.

SLIDE 81: INEVITABLE (Question 81)

Question: Under the current trajectory, organizational changes are **INEVITABLE**.

- (a) **avoidable**
 - (b) certain
 - (c) mandatory
 - (d) fast
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- **Meaning:** Completely certain to happen; absolutely unavoidable.
 - **Mnemonic:** An event that will land *in every table*—no matter how much you run, you cannot dodge it.
 - **Why (a) wins:** An **avoidable** outcome can be entirely dodged, bypassed, or stopped with defensive measures.

SLIDE 82: JUBILANT (Question 82)

Question: The crowd was **JUBILANT** when the home team won the match.

- (a) **sorrowful**
 - (b) ecstatic
 - (c) happy
 - (d) excited
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- **Meaning:** Feeling or expressing great, triumphant happiness and celebration.
 - **Mnemonic:** A massive *Jubilee* celebration where everyone is dancing in the streets.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Sorrowful** means draped in deep sadness, grief, depression, and loss.

SLIDE 83: DETRIMENTAL (Question 83)

Question: The old laws were deemed **DETRIMENTAL** to commercial growth.

- **(a) beneficial**
 - (b) harmful
 - (c) injurious
 - (d) neutral
- **Meaning:** Tending to cause clear harm, damage, or structural degradation.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Detrimental* sounds like *Destroy-mental*. It ruins or breaks down an existing system.
 - **Why (a) wins: Beneficial** assets bring immense growth, health, profit, and advantage.

SLIDE 84: TRUANCY (Question 84)

Question: His continuous **TRUANCY** resulted in poor performance profiles.

- **(a) attendance**
 - (b) absence
 - (c) laziness
 - (d) movement
- **Meaning:** The habitual act or practice of staying away from school or work without any valid reason or leave application.
 - **Mnemonic:** A student who skips class to hop on a *train* out of town on a runaway bunk trip.
 - **Why (a) wins: Attendance** means the disciplined act of being physically present where you are ordered to be.

SLIDE 85: DIFFIDENT (Question 85)

Question: The candidate gave a highly **DIFFIDENT** performance at the panel interview.

- **(a) confident**
 - (b) shy
 - (c) hesitant
 - (d) modest
- **Meaning:** Lacking self-confidence; deeply shy, timid, or hesitant.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Diffident* is the direct psychological opposite of *Confident*. They find it *difficult* to face a crowd.
 - **Why (a) wins: Confident** means self-assured, secure in one's capability, and bold under pressure.

SLIDE 86: RELUCTANT (Question 86)

Question: He is quite **RELUCTANT** to accept the overseas operations role.

- **(a) eager**
- (b) hesitant
- (c) unwilling

- (d) slow
- **Meaning:** Unwilling, deeply hesitant, and disinclined to take action.
- **Mnemonic:** Someone who locks up their wheels like a reluctant mule refusing to walk forward.
- **Why (a) wins:** An **eager** officer is full of intense desire, energy, and readiness to jump on an opportunity.

SLIDE 87: METICULOUS (Question 87)

Question: The general was praised for his **METICULOUS** mapping efforts.

- (a) **careless**
- (b) careful
- (c) detailed
- (d) systematic
- **Meaning:** Showing immense, precise attention to detail; leaving absolutely nothing to chance.
- **Mnemonic:** Someone who counts every metric down to a single *molecule* to make sure it's perfect.
- **Why (a) wins:** A **careless** approach rushes through steps blindly without reviewing data, leading to severe mistakes.

SLIDE 88: EPHEMERAL (Question 88)

Question: Happiness derived from material objects is often **EPHEMERAL**.

- (a) **permanent**
- (b) short-lived
- (c) temporary
- (d) transient
- **Meaning:** Lasting for a very brief, fleeting, short amount of time.
- **Mnemonic:** Think of an electronic flash (*E-ph-meral*) that drains out or disappears rapidly in a split second.
- **Why (a) wins:** **Permanent** structures or states endure indefinitely without breaking down or vanishing.

SLIDE 89: GREGARIOUS (Question 89)

Question: Dolphins are known to be highly **GREGARIOUS** creatures.

- (a) **solitary**
- (b) social
- (c) friendly
- (d) wild
- **Meaning:** Fond of company; highly sociable; moving in herds/groups.

- **Mnemonic:** *Greg* is a popular guy who loves going to groups and large social gatherings.
- **Why (a) wins:** **Solitary** means living completely alone, isolated from any group.

SLIDE 90: ACUTE (Question 90)

Question: He showed an **ACUTE** understanding of business laws.

- (a) dull
 - (b) sharp
 - (c) keen
 - (d) fast
- **Meaning:** Having or showing a perceptive insight; sharp, intense, and highly sensitive.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of a tiny, sharp *Acute angle* that slices like a razor blade.
 - **Why (a) wins:** A **dull** mind lacks any edge, sharpness, processing speed, or depth of understanding.

SLIDE 91: ABROGATE (Question 91)

Question: The local body decided to **ABROGATE** the unfair house rules.

- (a) enact
 - (b) repeal
 - (c) cancel
 - (d) void
- **Meaning:** Repeal, cancel, or formally do away with a law, right, or formal agreement.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of a giant monster that broke and *ate up* the law book, ending it entirely.
 - **Why (a) wins:** To **enact** means to formally pass, create, establish, and put a new law into active force.

SLIDE 92: ACRIMONIOUS (Question 92)

Question: The actor received **ACRIMONIOUS** feedback from critics.

- (a) pleasant
 - (b) bitter
 - (c) harsh
 - (d) critical
- **Meaning:** Angry, bitter, sharp, and biting in speech or written debate.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Acri-* means sharp/sour (like Acid). An acrimonious relationship feels like throwing acid at each other.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Pleasant** feedback is warm, polite, highly supportive, and comforting to read.

SLIDE 93: DILIGENT (Question 93)

Question: Working on field projects requires **DILIGENT** efforts.

- (a) **lazy**
 - (b) hard-working
 - (c) careful
 - (d) continuous
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- **Meaning:** Showing steady, earnest, intense care and hard-working effort in one's duties.
 - **Mnemonic:** Someone working *diligently* in the extreme summer heat to make a living.
 - **Why (a) wins:** A **lazy** attitude avoids any output of physical or mental energy entirely.

SLIDE 94: TACITURN (Question 94)

Question: He chose to remain **TACITURN** throughout the long journey.

- (a) **loquacious**
 - (b) silent
 - (c) quiet
 - (d) reserved
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- **Meaning:** Reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying very little by nature.
 - **Mnemonic:** A *Taciturn* person keeps his lips *tacked* or zipped shut.
 - **Why (a) wins:** **Loquacious** means extremely talkative or chatty. (*Root word LOQUA = Speech*).

SLIDE 95: LUCID (Question 95)

Question: Her presentation on ancient customs was concise and **LUCID**.

- (a) **vague**
 - (b) clear
 - (c) bright
 - (d) simple
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- **Meaning:** Expressed clearly; incredibly easy to comprehend and follow.
 - **Mnemonic:** *Lucid* dreams are dreams that are so bright, crystal clear, and realistic that you know you are dreaming.
 - **Why (a) wins:** A **vague** presentation is muddy, unclear, poorly structured, and leaves the audience confused.

SLIDE 96: OBSOLETE (Question 96)

Question: The newly deployed defense systems are quite **OBSOLETE**.

- **(a) modern**
 - (b) outdated
 - (c) antique
 - (d) old
- **Meaning:** No longer produced or used; completely out of date or old-fashioned.
 - **Mnemonic:** Out of use because it is old and completely *least* effective. Think of old button phones.
 - **Why (a) wins: Modern** tech is state-of-the-art, contemporary, and built on the newest developments.

SLIDE 97: FRAUDULENT (Question 97)

Question: We should never encourage **FRAUDULENT** financial practices.

- **(a) genuine**
 - (b) deceitful
 - (c) fake
 - (d) illegal
- **Meaning:** Obtained, done by, or involving intentional criminal deception or fraud.
 - **Mnemonic:** Built on a complete fraud or criminal scam to swipe money.
 - **Why (a) wins: Genuine** practices are honest, clean, verified, legal, and authentic.

SLIDE 98: RIGID (Question 98)

Question: The surface felt extremely **RIGID** to the touch.

- **(a) flexible**
 - (b) hard
 - (c) stiff
 - (d) unyielding
- **Meaning:** Unable to bend, flex, or be forced out of its original shape; stiff.
 - **Mnemonic:** Think of *Rigor Mortis*—the stiffening of structural systems or bodies.
 - **Why (a) wins: A flexible** material bends smoothly under pressure without fracturing or cracking.

SLIDE 99: BENEVOLENT (Question 99)

Question: The community leader is known for his **BENEVOLENT** nature.

- **(a) malevolent**
- (b) kind
- (c) generous
- (d) helpful

- **Meaning:** Well-meaning, deeply kind, charitable, and friendly.
- **Mnemonic:** Root word **BENE** means good (like Benefit). Root word **MALE** means evil (like Malice).
- **Why (a) wins:** **Malevolent** means actively wishing to cause severe evil or harm to others.

SLIDE 100: SPURIOUS (Question 100)

Question: It is necessary to avoid **SPURIOUS** investment schemes.

- (a) authentic
 - (b) false
 - (c) fake
 - (d) artificial
- **Meaning:** Not being what it claims to be; completely false, fake, or counterfeit.
 - **Mnemonic:** A *Spurious* claim makes you *furious* because it's built on pure lies.
 - **Why (a) wins:** An **authentic** document or asset is verified, 100% real, original, and true.
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1. He finally **CONCEDED** that he was involved in smuggling.
 - (a) admitted
 - (b) accepted
 - (c) denied
 - (d) concealed
 2. The team managed to build a **COLOSSAL** structure within a month.
 - (a) easy
 - (b) tiny
 - (c) graceful
 - (d) giant
 3. Her **FICKLE** behavior makes it hard to trust her choices.
 - (a) steady
 - (b) kind
 - (c) please
 - (d) erratic
 4. The manager was quite **INEPT** at handling complex operations.
 - (a) clumsy
 - (b) infer
 - (c) competent
 - (d) foolish
 5. This turning point proved to be **PIVOTAL** for the business.
 - (a) turning
 - (b) wavy
 - (c) unimportant
 - (d) clear
 6. The dynamic structure of the element was **FLUID**.
 - (a) solid

- (b) liquid
- (c) afraid
- (d) decent
- **7. His URBANE manners impressed everyone at the formal dinner.**
- (a) civilised
- (b) slow
- (c) rude
- (d) foolish
- **8. It is highly necessary to develop THRIFTY habits to save money.**
- (a) expensive
- (b) extravagant
- (c) economical
- (d) good
- **9. He CONCEALED his thoughts very cleverly during the meeting.**
- (a) emphasised
- (b) expressed
- (c) affirmed
- (d) revealed
- **10. The plan was publicly DENOUNCED by one and all.**
- (a) renounced
- (b) recommended
- (c) announced
- (d) commended
- **11. She was deeply SKEPTICAL about the safety of the new formula.**
- (a) doubtful
- (b) certain
- (c) hopeful
- (d) sanguine
- **12. The answers given to the committee were COHERENT.**
- (a) relaxed
- (b) loose
- (c) consistent
- (d) disconnected
- **13. It was no ALTRUISTIC motive that prompted him to help her.**
- (a) selfish
- (b) inhuman
- (c) brutal
- (d) wicked
- **14. The COMPLAINANT was not supportive of providing all relevant facts.**
- (a) defendant
- (b) advocate
- (c) indulgence
- (d) servant
- **15. He prefers living a solitary lifestyle in the mountains.**
- (a) limited
- (b) exotic
- (c) healthy
- (d) populous
- **16. They spent a DISTURBED night after hearing the scary news.**
- (a) restless

- (b) sleepless
- (c) mournful
- (d) peaceful
- **17. We have CREATED a beautiful workspace inside the house.**
- (a) destroyed
- (b) built
- (c) constructed
- (d) planned
- **18. A large number of designer clothes are REVOLTING.**
- (a) inviting
- (b) beautiful
- (c) fashionable
- (d) delightful
- **19. Though they are twins, they look very DIFFERENT.**
- (a) regular
- (b) same
- (c) similar
- (d) uniform
- **20. RECESSION is a major cause of widespread unemployment.**
- (a) education
- (b) inflation
- (c) poverty
- (d) computerisation
- **21. Her prolonged illness ENERVATED her whole family.**
- (a) enhanced
- (b) exhausted
- (c) weakened
- (d) energised
- **22. The teacher INSERTED another question to illustrate the concept.**
- (a) deducted
- (b) added
- (c) removed
- (d) reclined
- **23. The committee rejected his LUDICROUS proposal immediately.**
- (a) absurd
- (b) reasonable
- (c) farcical
- (d) stupid
- **24. Children ADORE the characters in this animated movie.**
- (a) discuss
- (b) condemn
- (c) benefit
- (d) check
- **25. The core objective is to INCREASE the per capita income.**
- (a) moderate
- (b) diminish
- (c) mitigate
- (d) profit
- **26. In modern times, relationships are becoming rather ARTIFICIAL.**
- (a) decent

- (b) genuine
- (c) excellent
- (d) adorable
- **27. Social LIBERTY may be instrumental in national growth.**
- (a) constraint
- (b) slavery
- (c) compulsion
- (d) obligation
- **28. Education is the most ESSENTIAL element for individual growth.**
- (a) unimportant
- (b) disdainful
- (c) customary
- (d) redundant
- **29. He was extremely MODEST about his academic achievements.**
- (a) curious
- (b) virtuous
- (c) unassuming
- (d) immodest
- **30. His CANDID remarks impressed the senior authorities.**
- (a) blunt
- (b) guarded
- (c) sincere
- (d) unconventional
- **31. The public refused to CONDONE his corrupt behavior.**
- (a) accept
- (b) forgive
- (c) condemn
- (d) criticise
- **32. His family SEVERED ties with him after his radical decision.**
- (a) detached
- (b) included
- (c) joined
- (d) disrupted
- **33. It is easy to understand his FUZZY thoughts on this matter.**
- (a) misty
- (b) vague
- (c) clear
- (d) useful
- **34. He drove his car through a SLIMY road to reach the office.**
- (a) beautiful
- (b) clean
- (c) ugly
- (d) slippery
- **35. We are ANXIOUS to avoid any unnecessary problems.**
- (a) cool
- (b) composed
- (c) careless
- (d) worried
- **36. ESCALATING fuel prices are causing severe hardship to the poor.**
- (a) fixed

- (b) fluctuating
- (c) falling
- (d) reasonable
- **37. I have no MALICE towards any of my former colleagues.**
- (a) sympathy
- (b) goodwill
- (c) friendship
- (d) attraction
- **38. The young boy comes from an AFFLUENT background.**
- (a) poor
- (b) ordinary
- (c) infamous
- (d) backward
- **39. What the critic stated about the novel was ABSURD.**
- (a) interesting
- (b) impartial
- (c) sensible
- (d) ridiculous
- **40. The minor issue raised during the meet can be IGNORED.**
- (a) removed
- (b) considered
- (c) set aside
- (d) debated
- **41. After working extra hours, the staff became LETHARGIC.**
- (a) aggressive
- (b) dull
- (c) active
- (d) hungry
- **42. He spoke RUDELY to the security staff at the entrance.**
- (a) softly
- (b) gently
- (c) politely
- (d) slowly
- **43. Dust storms have made it HAZARDOUS to drive safely.**
- (a) convenient
- (b) risky
- (c) wrong
- (d) safe
- **44. Implementing new policies can ENRICH the rural economy.**
- (a) impoverish
- (b) improve
- (c) increase
- (d) involve
- **45. He is known across the city for his EXTRAVAGANT spending.**
- (a) sensible
- (b) careful
- (c) economical
- (d) balanced
- **46. The law enforcement authorities decided to DETAIN the suspect.**
- (a) release

- (b) silence
- (c) forget
- (d) prosper
- **47. The author of this historic thriller is highly FAMOUS.**
- (a) boring
- (b) poor
- (c) obscure
- (d) untalented
- **48. She remained SULLEN throughout the evening party.**
- (a) dirty
- (b) cheerful
- (c) clean
- (d) risen
- **49. The financial statement contained several FALLACIOUS claims.**
- (a) perfect
- (b) truthful
- (c) accidental
- (d) disarming
- **50. Showing great GUMPTION, she navigated the crisis.**
- (a) seriousness
- (b) apathy
- (c) levity
- (d) despair
- **51. Winning the championship put them in a state of ECSTASY.**
- (a) gate
- (b) agony
- (c) languor
- (d) fatigue
- **52. He made an ASTUTE observation about the market trends.**
- (a) distraught
- (b) careful
- (c) generous
- (d) foolish
- **53. Her WINSOME smile captivated the entire room.**
- (a) dour
- (b) attractive
- (c) mysterious
- (d) clever
- **54. The comedian entertained us with his DROLL stories.**
- (a) forget
- (b) charm
- (c) sedate
- (d) absurd
- **55. The ancient ruins present an ENIGMATIC structure.**
- (a) healthy
- (b) watchful
- (c) disastrous
- (d) obvious
- **56. An OBTUSE angle is greater than a right angle.**
- (a) slim

- (b) acute
- (c) opaque
- (d) thick
- **57. The clerk was overly OBSEQUIOUS to the new manager.**
- (a) clear
- (b) clever
- (c) domineering
- (d) dandified
- **58. The music left the audience in a DOLEFUL mood.**
- (a) empty
- (b) rich
- (c) witty
- (d) elated
- **59. The company was sued for its WANTON disregard for safety laws.**
- (a) merciful
- (b) repast
- (c) brilliant
- (d) vicious
- **60. The lecture was so BANAL that most students fell asleep.**
- (a) sincere
- (b) wealthy
- (c) extraordinary
- (d) trustworthy
- **61. He wore a LUGUBRIOUS expression after hearing the scorecard.**
- (a) quick
- (b) cheerful
- (c) salubrious
- (d) dry
- **62. The defensive lines stood firm and STOUT.**
- (a) weak
- (b) sturdy
- (c) brave
- (d) tiny
- **63. His actions showed a flagrant DISREGARD for internal protocol.**
- (a) respect
- (b) attention
- (c) care
- (d) neglect
- **64. The witness gave a PERTINENT answer to the prosecution.**
- (a) irrelevant
- (b) appropriate
- (c) clever
- (d) brief
- **65. The local administration decided to ABOLISH the old regulations.**
- (a) establish
- (b) cancel
- (c) eliminate
- (d) destroy
- **66. Water is ABUNDANT in the tropical rainforest regions.**
- (a) scarce

- (b) plentiful
- (c) sufficient
- (d) tracking
- **67. The project requires an ADEPT hand to ensure success.**
- (a) amateur
- (b) skilled
- (c) lazy
- (d) expert
- **68. The team showed great RESILIENCE during the tough phases.**
- (a) elasticity
- (b) fragility
- (c) strength
- (d) speed
- **69. He remains AMBIGUOUS about his future career plans.**
- (a) clear
- (b) vague
- (c) doubtful
- (d) uncertain
- **70. The economic scenario began to AMELIORATE after the tax cuts.**
- (a) worsen
- (b) improve
- (c) stabilize
- (d) decay
- **71. The nations signed an AMICABLE settlement to end disputes.**
- (a) hostile
- (b) friendly
- (c) peaceful
- (d) quick
- **72. Her presentation served to AMPLIFY the core problems of the system.**
- (a) diminish
- (b) increase
- (c) modify
- (d) adjust
- **73. The judge decided to ABSOLVE the youth of all past charges.**
- (a) convict
- (b) pardon
- (c) release
- (d) clear
- **74. His BELLIGERENT attitude often leads to unwanted fights.**
- (a) peaceful
- (b) hostile
- (c) aggressive
- (d) noisy
- **75. The senior members chose to CONCUR with the new proposition.**
- (a) disagree
- (b) agree
- (c) approve
- (d) grant
- **76. Rivals often DERIDE his creative approaches to problem-solving.**
- (a) praise

- (b) mock
- (c) ridicule
- (d) ignore
- **77. She is an EMINENT scientist recognized across the world.**
- (a) unknown
- (b) famous
- (c) prominent
- (d) clever
- **78. It is completely FUTILE to argue without verified data points.**
- (a) effective
- (b) useless
- (c) pointless
- (d) early
- **79. The strategist used GUILLE to secure a victory.**
- (a) honesty
- (b) cunning
- (c) deceit
- (d) craft
- **80. Lack of capital will HINDER the progression of research work.**
- (a) facilitate
- (b) block
- (c) delay
- (d) check
- **81. Under the current trajectory, organizational changes are INEVITABLE.**
- (a) avoidable
- (b) certain
- (c) mandatory
- (d) fast
- **82. The crowd was JUBILANT when the home team won the match.**
- (a) sorrowful
- (b) ecstatic
- (c) happy
- (d) excited
- **83. The old laws were deemed DETRIMENTAL to commercial growth.**
- (a) beneficial
- (b) harmful
- (c) injurious
- (d) neutral
- **84. His continuous TRUANCY resulted in poor performance profiles.**
- (a) attendance
- (b) absence
- (c) laziness
- (d) movement
- **85. The candidate gave a highly DIFFIDENT performance at the panel interview.**
- (a) confident
- (b) shy
- (c) hesitant
- (d) modest
- **86. He is quite RELUCTANT to accept the overseas operations role.**

- (a) eager
- (b) hesitant
- (c) unwilling
- (d) slow
- **87. The general was praised for his METICULOUS mapping efforts.**
- (a) careless
- (b) careful
- (c) detailed
- (d) systematic
- **88. Happiness derived from material objects is often EPHEMERAL.**
- (a) permanent
- (b) short-lived
- (c) temporary
- (d) transient
- **89. Dolphins are known to be highly GREGARIOUS creatures.**
- (a) solitary
- (b) social
- (c) friendly
- (d) wild
- **90. He showed an ACUTE understanding of business laws.**
- (a) dull
- (b) sharp
- (c) keen
- (d) fast
- **91. The local body decided to ABROGATE the unfair house rules.**
- (a) enact
- (b) repeal
- (c) cancel
- (d) void
- **92. The actor received ACRIMONIOUS feedback from critics.**
- (a) pleasant
- (b) bitter
- (c) harsh
- (d) critical
- **93. Working on field projects requires DILIGENT efforts.**
- (a) lazy
- (b) hard-working
- (c) careful
- (d) continuous
- **94. He chose to remain TACITURN throughout the long journey.**
- (a) loquacious
- (b) silent
- (c) quiet
- (d) reserved
- **95. Her presentation on ancient customs was concise and LUCID.**
- (a) vague
- (b) clear
- (c) bright
- (d) simple
- **96. The newly deployed defense systems are quite OBSOLETE.**

- (a) modern
- (b) outdated
- (c) antique
- (d) old
- **97. We should never encourage FRAUDULENT financial practices.**
- (a) genuine
- (b) deceitful
- (c) fake
- (d) illegal
- **98. The surface felt extremely RIGID to the touch.**
- (a) flexible
- (b) hard
- (c) stiff
- (d) unyielding
- **99. The community leader is known for his BENEVOLENT nature.**
- (a) malevolent
- (b) kind
- (c) generous
- (d) helpful
- **100. It is necessary to avoid SPURIOUS investment schemes.**
- (a) authentic
- (b) false
- (c) fake
- (d) artificial
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