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Directions: Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. TACITURN

- A. uncommunicative
- B. talkative
- C. flatulent
- D. engaged
- E. redundant

2. ALIEN

- A. naval
- B. natural
- C. natty
- D. nebulous
- E. native

3. RUINOUS

- A. beneficial
- B. extravagant
- C. dire
- D. wasteful
- E. seasonable

4. ENDEAR

- A. infatuate
- B. disdain
- C. repulse
- D. bewitch
- E. charm

5. SUPERFICIAL

- A. legitimate
- B. shallow
- C. genuine
- D. thorough
- E. casual

6. ROBUST

- A. lithe
- B. athletic
- C. bookish
- D. frail
- E. muscular

7. PRECAUTIONARY

- A. naïve
- B. anticipatory
- C. inert
- D. reckless
- E. discrete

8. KEEN

- A. obtuse
- B. prudent
- C. average
- D. acute
- E. frivolous

9. UNMANAGEABLE

- A. straightforward
- B. wayward
- C. idle
- D. reasonable
- E. obedient

10. ERADICATE

- A. establish
- B. inoculate
- C. raze
- D. modify
- E. contrive

11. HYPOTHETICAL

- A. unfathomable
- B. factual
- C. contingent
- D. supreme
- E. academic

12. INCOMPETENCE

- A. familiarity
- B. suaveness
- C. proficiency
- D. clumsiness
- E. vigor

13. BLAND

- A. average
- B. middling
- C. fascinating
- D. mainstream
- E. essential

14. EMANCIPATE

- A. reinstate
- B. interfere
- C. arrest
- D. release
- E. unbind

15. CANDID

- A. frank
- B. ambivalent
- C. plainspoken
- D. condescending
- E. deceitful

16. STUBBORN

- A. blasé
- B. dogged
- C. tenacious
- D. generous
- E. flexible

17. INFERIOR

- A. exceptional
- B. refined
- C. tertiary
- D. menial
- E. gigantic

18. CHATTY

- A. affable
- B. mute
- C. concise
- D. wordy
- E. conversant

1) B

The word taciturn means reserved or silent. Someone who does not participate in a conversation is taciturn. The opposite of taciturn is talkative. Because talkative means inclined to talk, choice **(B)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because uncommunicative means unwilling to talk. This is practically synonymous with taciturn, not the opposite of it. **(C)** is incorrect because flatulent means suffering from gas. This is not the opposite of taciturn. **(D)** is incorrect because engaged means busy or occupied. This is not the opposite of taciturn, because one can be occupied and silent at the same time. **(E)** is incorrect because redundant means no longer needed or useful. This is not the opposite of taciturn.

2) E

The word alien means belonging to a foreign land. Anyone who travels outside his or her home country is alien to the country he or she visits. The opposite of alien is belonging to the land. Because native means associated with the country of one's birth or indigenous to a place, choice **(E)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because naval means related to the branch of the military that conducts operations at sea. This is not the opposite of alien. **(B)** is incorrect because natural means caused by nature and not made by humankind. This is not the opposite of alien. **(C)** is incorrect because natty means smart and fashionable. This is not the opposite of alien. **(D)** is incorrect because nebulous means vague. This is not the opposite of alien.

3) A

The word ruinous means disastrous. Drinking poison would have a ruinous effect on your body. The opposite of ruinous is good or having positive effects. Because beneficial means favorable, healthful, or causing good effects, choice **(A)** is correct. **(B)** is incorrect because extravagant means costing too much money or exceeding what is reasonable. This is not the opposite of ruinous. **(C)** is incorrect because dire means grave or extremely serious. This is practically synonymous with ruinous, not the opposite of it. **(D)** is incorrect because wasteful means using something of value carelessly. This is not the opposite of ruinous. **(E)** is incorrect because seasonable means appropriate for a particular time of the year. This is not the opposite of ruinous.

4) C

The word endear means to cause to be loved or liked. If you endear yourself to another person, you make that person enjoy your company. The opposite of endear is to cause to be disliked. Because repulse means to cause to feel distaste, dislike, or aversion, choice **(C)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because infatuate means to be inspired with an intense but short-lived passion. This is not the opposite of endear. **(B)** is incorrect because disdain means to despise or treat with scorn. This is not the opposite of endear, because hating and causing someone to hate are not synonymous. **(D)** is incorrect because bewitch means to enchant and delight. This is practically synonymous with endear, not the opposite of it. **(E)** is incorrect because charm means to delight greatly. This is practically synonymous with endear, not the opposite of it.

5) D

The word superficial means existing on the surface only. A superficial examination would be one that only looks at the outside of something or casually glances at something. The opposite of superficial is detailed or beyond the surface. Because thorough means complete with regard to every detail, choice **(D)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because legitimate means able to be defended with logic or reason. This is not the opposite of superficial. **(B)** is incorrect because shallow means of little depth. This is synonymous with superficial, not the opposite of it. **(C)** is incorrect because genuine means sincere or authentic. This is not the opposite of superficial, because superficial is not synonymous with fake. **(E)** is incorrect because casual means done without sufficient care or thoroughness. This is practically synonymous with superficial, not the opposite of it.

6) D

The word robust means strong and healthy. Most professional athletes are very robust. The opposite of robust is weak or unhealthy. Because frail means weak or fragile, choice **(D)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because lithe means thin or supple. This is not the opposite of robust, because someone who is lithe is not necessarily weak. **(B)** is incorrect because athletic means physically strong, fit, and active. This is synonymous with robust, not the opposite of it. **(C)** is incorrect because bookish means devoted to reading and studying. This is not the opposite of robust, since someone who likes to read is not necessarily weak or ill. **(E)** is incorrect because muscular means vigorously strong. This is synonymous with robust, not the opposite of it.

7) D

The word precautionary means planned in advance to prevent something bad from happening. For example, carrying a spare tire in the trunk of your car is a precautionary measure. The opposite of precautionary is reckless or not cautious. Because reckless means rash or without care, choice **(D)** is correct. **(A)** is incorrect because naive means innocent or lacking wisdom. This is not the opposite of precautionary, since taking precautions and being wise are not synonymous. **(B)** is incorrect because anticipatory means done in expectancy of something. This is practically synonymous with precautionary, not the opposite of it. **(C)** is incorrect because inert means not moving. This is not the opposite of precautionary. **(E)** is incorrect because discrete means separate and distinct. This is not the opposite of precautionary.

8) A

The word keen means astute or shrewd in judgment. A keen debater is one who can make very insightful arguments. The opposite of keen is unintelligent or not sharp in judgment. Because obtuse means insensitive or slow to understand, choice **(A)** is correct. **(B)** is incorrect because prudent means acting with care and thought for the future. This is practically synonymous with keen, not the opposite of it. **(C)** is incorrect because average means common or not exceptionally good or bad. This is not the opposite of keen. **(D)** is incorrect because acute means having perceptive understanding or insight. This is synonymous with keen, not the opposite of it. **(E)** is incorrect because frivolous means carefree and not serious. This is not the opposite of keen.

9) E

The word unmanageable means willful or difficult to control. An unmanageable child would be one that does not follow the rules of his or her parents or teachers. The opposite of unmanageable is compliant or easy to control. Because obedient means willing to