

ASVAB WORD KNOWLEDGE PRACTICE TEST

1. Aberration most nearly means:

- A. Irregularity
- B. Ignore
- C. Reveller
- D. Demand

2. Spurious most nearly means:

- A. Illegal
- B. Considerate
- C. Intelligent
- D. Bogus

3. Kinetic most nearly means:

- A. Stationary
- B. Unsure
- C. Unstoppable
- D. Movement

4. What of these words is opposite in meaning to 'bellicose'?

- A. Curious
- B. Friendly
- C. Lazy
- D. Aggressive

5. Irate most nearly means:

- A. Angry
- B. Curious
- C. Suspicious
- D. Bored

6. Candid most nearly means:

- A. Thoughtful
- B. Blunt
- C. Angry
- D. Mendacious

7. Which of these words is opposite in meaning to 'egregious'?

- A. Marvellous
- B. Malodorous
- C. Licentious
- D. Lawful

8. Inclement most nearly means:

- A. Dangerous
- B. Bleak
- C. Worrisome
- D. Expected

9. Salutary most nearly means:

- A. Weak

B. Surprising

C. Beneficial

D. Punishment

10. Onerous most nearly means:

A. Complicated

B. Friendly

C. Burdensome

D. Simple

11. Opulent most nearly means:

A. Disgusting

B. Insane

C. Magnificent

D. Boring

12. Which of these words is opposite in meaning to 'temerity'?

A. Uncompromising

B. Shy

C. Indifferent

D. Arrogant

13. Which of these words is opposite in meaning to 'deference'?

A. Unctuous

B. Undutiful

C. Unrelenting

D. Unreliable

14. Which of these words is opposite in meaning to 'magnanimous'?

A. Gracious

B. Open-handed

C. Doubtful

D. Mean-spiritedness

15. Penury most nearly means:

A. Poor

B. Powerful

C. Portentous

D. Practical

Answers

1. A

Aberration refers to something that is not normal.

Therefore, the most correct answer is irregularity.

For example: "There were several aberrations in how the equipment functioned. As a result, it needed to undergo repair" .

2. D

Something described as "spurious" is not what it reports to be; highly questionable.

For example: "He investigated the spurious claims and found them to be false."

3. D

Kinetic is a word that relates to movement.

Kinetic energy, for example, is the energy needed for something to move.

For example: "The novel' s plot is kinetic and fast-moving, and you never were quite sure where things were going to go next" .

4. B

Bellicose: showing aggression and a willingness to fight.
Therefore, the opposite of bellicose is "peaceable" and "friendly".

For example: "Russia was acting bellicose against Ukraine by amassing 120,000 troops at the border".

5. A

Someone described as irate is angry – often very angry.

For example: "The Major was irate. Things did not go according to plan and it appears that the enemy has suddenly gained the upper hand" .

6. B

To be candid is to be blunt – meaning to be brutally honest.

For example: "James was candid about the actions that needed to be taken on the battlefield; and things were far more grim than

we had hoped."

7. A

Egregious: appalling, horrifying, and dreadful.

For example: "After his egregious murder, the man was sentenced to fourteen years in prison".

8. B

Inclement refers to bleak, or bad, weather conditions.

For example: "The soldiers were unable to complete the mission due to unexpected inclement conditions that included freezing, heavy snow, and hail" .

9. C

Something described as "salutary" provides positive and welcome benefits or advantages. It can also refer to health benefits, too.

For example: "I took salutary lessons from his speech about how bad the conditions were in the army camp" .

10. C

Onerous: involving a great deal of effort, trouble, or difficulty; a burden.

For example: "the task was more onerous than he expected, and took 2-hours more than he planned".

11. C

Something that is opulent is grandiose and magnificent – such as a luxury hotel.

12. B

Temerity: excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

For example: "Michael had the temerity to jump on stage and

parade around it, as if it were harmless".

Therefore, the opposite of temerity is shyness, timidity, and modesty.

13. B

To be deferential to someone is to defer to them; to treat them with an abundance of respect and admiration.

Therefore, the opposite of deference is undutiful; lacking duty and respect.

14. D

Magnanimous: generous or forgiving or gracious, especially towards a rival or less powerful person. For example: "Steven was magnanimous in defeat, and congratulated his rival on the unexpected victory".

Therefore, the opposite of magnanimous is mean-spiritedness.

15. A

Penury refers to a state of poverty and of being very poor.

For example: "Mortality among the population remained high. They have been effectively living in penury for the past two decades."

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