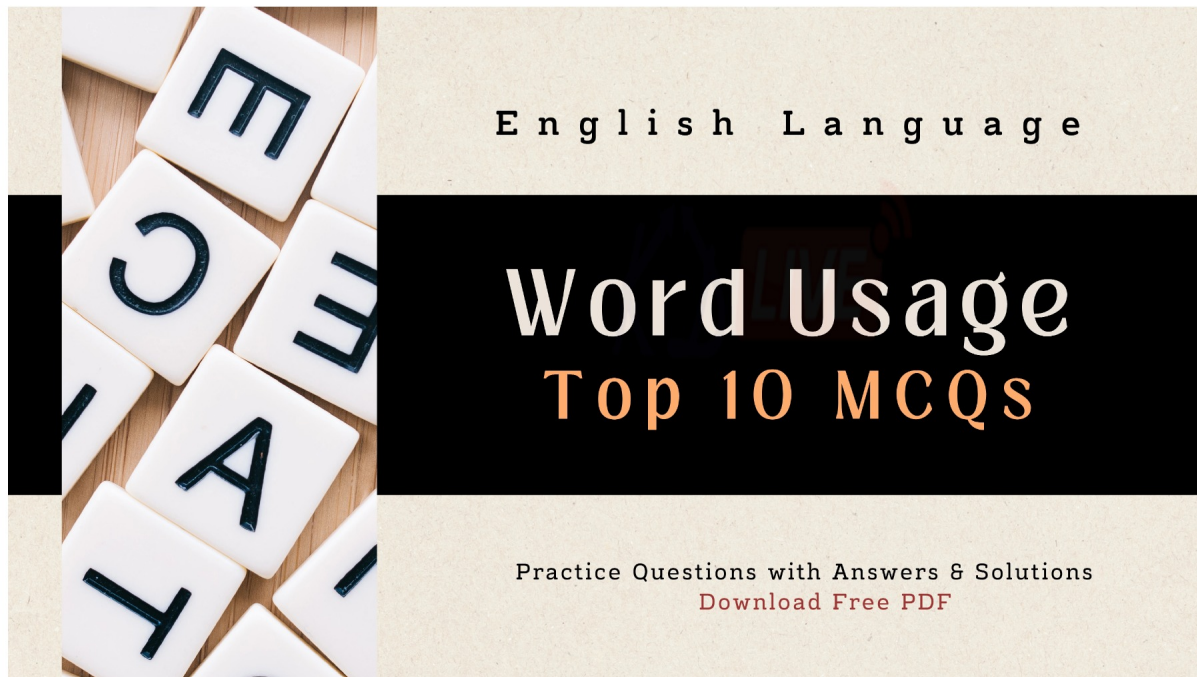


Word Usage Questions - Top 10 MCQs with Solutions

Word usage is an essential topic of the English Language section, with a great presence in Bank exams, having a weightage of 3 - 4 questions. To master word usage questions, a solid grasp of grammar concepts and rigorous practice are essential.

In this blog, we'll comprehensively explore the foundations of word usage questions. We've included 10 real exam-level questions to give you a preview of the challenges you'll face. Practice questions are categorised into different difficulty levels, ranging from 1 to 10. 1 denotes the least difficult and 10 denotes the most difficult. We have also given an estimated time to solve each question, to boost your preparation and speed. Moreover, you can also download the Word usage questions and answers PDF by clicking on the Download PDF button above.



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Q:1 Direction: In the following question, a word has been emboldened, which has been used in the sentences (A), (B), (C). Find out the sentence(s) in which the emboldened word has been correctly used and choose the option accordingly. If the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, mark option 5 i.e. 'All of the above' as your answer.

Incompetence

- A- They aren't interested in infrastructure works, sustainable development or bringing **incompetence** for jobs.
- B- We are focused on the current loss due to the **incompetence** of the CM and Industries Minister, He said.

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C- Had we not pursued it, it would have fizzled out **incompetence** back.

1. B, C
2. B only
3. C only
4. A, B
5. All of the above

[**Difficulty: 1, Estimated Time: 2 Seconds**]

Easy, right? Estimated time was enough or not?

Q:2 In the question below, a word is given followed by three sentences. Find out the sentences in which the given word suits the best. If none of the sentences look appropriate as per the word, mark your answer as 'None of the above'.

VINDICATE

- I. You can **vindicate** your claim to this property by showing us the original deed.
- II. To **vindicate** others and excuse ourselves is always an evidence of ignorance.
- III. While your apology doesn't **vindicate** your action, it may help to provide some comfort for the people who were harmed by it.

1. Only II
2. Only III
3. Both I and II
4. Both I and III
5. None of the above

[**Difficulty: 4, Estimated Time: 4 Seconds**]

Did you take a longer time than 4 seconds? Don't worry, it's okay, you will get on the track soon.

Q:3 Direction: In the following question, a word has been emboldened, which has been used in the sentences (A), (B), (C). Find out the sentence(s) in which the emboldened word has been correctly used and choose the option accordingly. If the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, mark option 5 i.e. 'All of the above' as your answer.

Vigour

A- Periyar is often referred to as an iconoclast, for the rebellious nature of his ideas and the **vigour** with which he acted.

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B- The **vigour** nature of his ideas drew constant opposition.

C- The proposal led to an **vigour** in the State led by voices such as Periyar and C.N. Annadurai.

1. C only
2. C, B
3. A, C
4. A only
5. All of the above

[**Difficulty: 2, Estimated Time: 3 Seconds**]

Options look similar to each other, don't it? you get many questions like this but by practising you will do it fast without confusion.

Q:4 Direction: In the following question, a word has been emboldened, which has been used in the sentences (A), (B), (C). Find out the sentence(s) in which the emboldened word has been correctly used and choose the option accordingly. If the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, mark option 5 i.e. 'All of the above' as your answer.

Unauthorised

A- **Unauthorized** personnel are not admitted beyond this point.

B- There was **unauthorised** renting out of Waqf properties in the city.

C- It was an **unauthorised** access.

1. A only
2. A, C
3. B, C
4. A, B
5. All of the above

[**Difficulty: 5, Estimated Time: 6 Seconds**]

What do you think about the difficulty level and times according to level? You may comment on your view for each question.

Q:5 Direction: In the following question, a word has been emboldened, which has been used in the sentences (A), (B), (C). Find out the sentence(s) in which the emboldened word has been correctly used and choose the option accordingly. If the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, mark option 5 i.e. 'All of the above' as your answer.



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Insinuating

A- He sought an apology for airing a news programme **insinuating** her involvement in anti-national activities.

B- The High Court has posted the case for **insinuating** hearing.

C- Some workers said their wages have not been **insinuating** during the last seven years.

1. A only
2. A, B
3. B, C
4. A, C
5. All of the above

[**Difficulty:** 10, **Estimated Time:** 12 Seconds]

Think more about the meaning of the given word, if the word is new to you then take help from options. Try to find options with similar and different meanings.

Q:6 Direction: In the following question, a word has been emboldened, which has been used in the sentences (A), (B), (C). Find out the sentence(s) in which the emboldened word has been correctly used and choose the option accordingly. If the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, mark option 5 i.e. 'All of the above' as your answer.

Vilified

A- She complained that she was '**vilified** and slandered'.

B- The actor was **vilified** by the press as a monster.

C- She was **vilified** by villagers.

1. A only
2. A, B
3. A, C
4. B, C
5. All of the above

[**Difficulty:** 7, **Estimated Time:** 10 Seconds]

Yeah, not so difficult. You are learning quickly.

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Q:7 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) is given with a word given in BOLD. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

(A). Rusty hinges were still visible in the wood but no door barred the **entrance** nor could anything be seen beyond but utter blackness.

(i). A disturbance at the **entrance** caught their attention and Carmen turned to see Alex striding purposefully across the floor toward them.

(ii). Heavy brush had totally obscured the **entrance** until someone had quite recently cut and pulled away the branches, exposing the opening.

(iii). Though it was an official trip and I had not got any chance to roam around but I was **entranced** by the city's beauty.

1. Only i
2. Both ii & iii
3. Both i & ii
4. Only iii
5. All i, ii, & iii

[Difficulty: 7, Estimated Time: 8 seconds]

You've just tackled a tough question like a pro! Your dedication to learning is truly commendable.

Q:8 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) is given with a word given in BOLD. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

(A). The next **minute** there was a roar and a sharp crash, and at her side, Dorothy saw the ground open in a wide crack and then come together again.

(i). Joe could tell **minute** shades of difference in the size of the thread and made beautiful lace.

(ii). Cade answered the door and ushered his sister into the family room where Mary was doing some last-**minute** dusting.

(iii). The Secretary shall **minute** the proceedings of each meeting.

1. Only i
2. Both i & ii
3. Both i & iii

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- 4. All I, ii & iii
- 5. None i, ii & iii

[Difficulty: 6, Estimated Time: 7 seconds]

You're almost done now. Make sure to not lose focus towards the end.

Q:9 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) is given with a word given in BOLD. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

- (A). Aarushi stepped into the clammy, wet world of fog and darkness, pausing to focus on the portal that would **lead** to her sister's house.
- (i). The principle at work in this technology could **lead** to a cure for other autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis.
 - (ii). I hope that along the way you thought of a few I missed, a few trends or developments that **lead** toward peace.
 - (iii). All native carbonate of **lead** seems to be derived from what was originally galena, which is always present in it as an admixture.

- 1. Only ii
- 2. Only iii
- 3. Both i & iii
- 4. All i, ii & iii
- 5. None i, ii & iii

[Difficulty: 9, Estimated Time: 11 seconds]

Impressive, Facing challenging questions head-on is a key step toward mastering any subject.

Q:10 In each of the following questions, a sentence (A) is given with a word given in BOLD. Corresponding to each question three sentences are given with the use of the same word. From the options choose the sentences which give a DIFFERENT MEANING for the word used in the sentence above. The meaning used in the sentence(s) should be different from the one used in the main sentence.

- (A). A stream of rain was splattering on the patio and then a **bolt** of lightning lit up the bedroom.
- (i). A coarse screw-thread is formed in the upper part of the inner cup, and this screws onto the end of the iron **bolt** by which it is supported.
 - (ii). French doors should have a five-lever mortice deadlock and also extra **bolt** locks at the top and the bottom of the door.
 - (iii). For a minute there I thought you were going to **bolt** and run.

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1. Only i
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both ii & iii
5. All i, ii & iii

[**Difficulty:** 10, **Estimated Time:** 12 Seconds]

Wow, that was a challenging question, and you handled it admirably!

Now that you are done with the question round, it's time to analyse! Let's check the answers now. If you find the question task easy then you're good at it and learning fast but if you find it difficult then no worries you will learn it by practising.

Word Usage Answer Key

1. (2)	2. (4)	3. (4)	4. (5)	5. (1)
6. (5)	7. (4)	8. (3)	9. (2)	10. (5)

Okay, so what was your score? Was it a 10 on 10? Or was it somewhere between 5 to 10? Was it below 5? Comment your scores below so that we can share with you your rank among your fellow aspirants. If you scored more than 8, very well done, keep practising and don't lose the command. If you scored between 5 to 8, no problem, you just need a little more practice and you will ace the exam. If you scored less than 5, you need to pace up now. But don't worry. We've brought to you well-detailed solutions where you will not only know the answers to the questions above but will also learn the concepts and rules applied to each question. Once you understand the concept, you can easily tackle a similar type of question the next time.

Word Usage Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **B only**.

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab. We have to find the sentence(s) that are coherent with the word.

Among the given statements, only sentence **B** seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word.

- The word '**incompetence**' means lack of ability to do something successfully or as it should be done.
- In sentence **A** '**projects**' should be used instead of the given word.
- In sentence **C** '**long**' should be used instead of the given word.

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The use of **Incompetence** in sentence **A, C** is **incorrect** as the above meaning doesn't fit in sentences meaningfully.

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Both I and III**.

The given question suggests finding the appropriate word-sentence match i.e. to find if the word suits the particular sentence.

The word '**vindicate**' means '**to show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified**.'

In this regard, sentences I and III seem to be coherent with the word and its influence in the sentence.

Sentence II does not fit with the highlighted word as the sentence's tone is different from the word, the more suitable word is '**criminate**' which means '*to charge with a crime; accuse.*'

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **A only**.

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab. We have to find the sentence(s) that are coherent with the word.

Among the given statements, only sentence **A** seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word.

- The word '**Vigour**' means strength, energy, or enthusiasm.
- In sentence **B** '**radical**' should be used instead of the given word.
- In sentence **C** '**uproar**' should be used instead of the given word.

The use of Amicable in sentence **B, C** is **incorrect** as the above meaning doesn't fit in sentences meaningfully.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of the above**.

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab. We have to find the sentence(s) that are coherent with the word.

Among the given statements, all sentences **A, B, C** seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word.

- The word '**Unauthorised**' means without someone's official permission to do something or be in a particular place.

All sentences seems to portray the exact meaning contextually.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **A only**.

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The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab. We have to find the sentence(s) that are coherent with the word.

Among the given statements, only sentence **A** seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word.

- The word '**insinuating**' means suggesting ideas without saying them directly.
- In sentence **B** '**further**' should be used instead of the given word.
- In sentence **C** '**revised**' should be used instead of the given word.

The use of in sentence **B, C** is **incorrect** as the above meaning doesn't fit in sentences meaningfully.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of the above**.

The question is to find out the correct statement representing the given vocab. We have to find the sentence(s) that are coherent with the word.

Among the given statements, all sentences **A, B, C** seems to portray the exact denotation of the provided word.

- The word '**vilified**' means to say or write unpleasant things about someone or something, in order to cause other people to have a bad opinion of them.

All sentences seems to portray the exact meaning contextually.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **only iii**.

The word 'entrance' has multiple meanings:

As a noun, an entrance is **a point of access and entry**. It could also be used to describe **a dramatic arrival, like a bride at her wedding**. However, as a verb, to entrance means **to bewitch and delight**.

Now, here in sentence A, 'entrance' is used as a noun and refers to the entry point.

Similarly, in sentences (i) & (ii), it refers to the point of entry. Moving ahead, the word 'entrance' in sentence (iii), used as a verb which is used to describe how the beauty of the city filled the author with wonder and delight.

So, sentence (iii) gives a different meaning to the given sentence A. **Hence option D is the correct answer**.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Both i & iii**.

The word 'minute' can be used in different ways with different meanings. As a verb and noun, it can be used as a period of time. Also, it can be used to refer to a summarized record of the proceedings at a meeting. Moreover, as an adjective, the word 'minute' means extremely small.

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In sentence A, the word 'minute' is used to refer to the time period. And in sentence (ii) 'minute' is used in the same way where it refers to the time period.

In sentence (i), 'minute' refers to extremely small, i.e. Joe is capable of telling the extremely small shades difference the size of the thread.

In sentence (iii), 'minute' refers to the summarized record of the proceedings at a meeting.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **only iii**

The word 'lead' has two different meanings.

- As a verb, it can be used to refer to guide someone or something.
- Moreover, as a noun, the word 'lead' has a different meaning. 'Lead' is also a soft, heavy, ductile bluish-grey metal.

Now, in sentence A, 'lead' is used as a verb and guiding Aarushi to her sister's house. Sentence (i) & (ii) use the word in the same sense. In sentence (i) The principle at work in this technology could guide us to a cure for other autoimmune diseases and in sentence (ii) a few trends or developments that guide us toward peace. But in the sentence (iii) it is used as a noun and refers to the lead metal.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 5** i.e. **all i, ii, & iii.**

The word 'Bolt' has three different meanings.

- First, it is used to refer a bar that slides into a socket to fasten a door or window.
- Second, The word 'bolt' is also used for a single ray of lightning (a lightning bolt).
- And third, it is also meant to move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape.

In sentence A, the word 'bolt' is used for a single ray of lightning.

- Moving towards (i) & (ii) the word 'bolt' is used to refer a bar that slides into a socket to fasten a door or window.
- And in sentence (iii) it is used in the sense of 'move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape'.

Congratulations on completing 10 Word Usage questions of varying difficulty levels. Your dedication to practice is commendable and will undoubtedly enhance your English Language skills. Comment your thoughts below and let us know how was your experience practising these specially curated questions for you. If you have any doubts, you can ask in the comment section and we'll be right there with answers in no time. Keep up the great work, and you'll be well-prepared to tackle similar challenges in your exams.

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