

2007 - MBA

GENERAL ENGLISH

General English for MBA, Bank PO, MCA exams

Section 1

Read the list of words given below and choose from the options the word that is the nearest in meaning to the given word.

1. Exiguous

- a) tall
- b) large
- c) wide
- d) scanty
- e) broad

2. Recreancy

- a) recreation
- b) recuperation
- c) bravery
- d) cowardice
- e) obstinate

3. Proscribe

- a) to nominate
- b) to be supportive of
- c) to give early warning signals
- d) outlaw
- e) none of these

4. Ingest

- a) enrage
- b) invigorate
- c) to absorb
- d) burn up completely
- e) to stir up

5. Monticule

- a) a small river
- b) a small hut
- c) a lane
- d) a small hill
- e) a small plane

6. Compendious

- a) comprehensive
- b) illustrative
- c) unbearable
- d) elaborate
- e) none of the above

7. Nadir

- a) asylum
- b) heaven
- c) depth
- d) nebulous
- e) none of the above

8. Somnambulist

- a) sleepwalking
- b) ghost dancing
- c) women's group activity
- d) colourful scenario
- e) over-eating

9. primordial

- a) feeling of elation
- b) original
- c) elementary
- d) daunting
- e) none of the above

10. Somber

- a) Causing sleep
- b) Squalid
- c) Gloomy
- d) Complacent
- e) Malicious

Section 2

Against each key word are given by alternative meanings. Choose the one that is the opposite in meaning to the given word.

11. Sanctimonious

- a) holy
- b) Realistic
- c) Humble
- d) Callous
- e) Pessimistic

12. Munificent

- a) Miserly
- b) Faulty
- c) Perplexing
- d) Rudimentary
- e) Grandiose

13. Opaque
a) Vague
b) Firm
c) Transparent
d) Poor
e) None of the above

14. Restive
a) Unrestrained
b) Communicate
c) Peaceful
d) Quarrel
e) Disturbing

15. Catapult
a) Reach great heights
b) Downfall
c) Caterpillar
d) Gaining
e) Losing

16. Enigmatic
a) Industrious
b) Mysterious
c) Enthusiastic
d) Straightforward
e) Sincere

17. Traipse
a) Walk
b) Stroll
c) Crawl
d) Run
e) None of the above

18. Piquant
a) Jovial
b) Merry
c) Blunt
d) Rigorous
e) Shocking

19. Bigoted
a) Dignified
b) Tolerant
c) wide
d) Contrite
e) Sincere

20. Obliquity
a) Thin
b) Frank
c) Self-righteous
d) Depreciation
e) Conformity

Section 3

In each of the following questions, a part of the sentence is given in bold letters. Five alternative meanings of the bold part of the sentence are given below. Choose the correct one.

11. The soldiers had been shut up for a long time; they **panicked** the town red when they were let out.

- a) ran about wildly trying to kill people
- b) decided to shun fighting and shedding blood
- c) caused disturbance in the town by noisy merry-making
- d) were asked to be ready for any emergency
- e) were advised not to incur troubles by thoughtless actions.

12. John used very ugly words against his kind uncle; he **threw down the gauntlet** before him.

- a) he behaved as if he was a very great and important person
- b) he put several conditions for negotiations
- c) he abused and insulted uncle's son
- d) he showed his readiness to leave the place
- e) he threw the challenge

13. He is a strange fellow and it is very difficult to deal with him; it **seems** that he has a bee in his bonnet.

- a) an obsession about something
- b) peculiar habit of confusing others
- c) unreliable and inconsistent way of behaving
- d) to face problems as a result of his senseless actions
- e) an achievement to be proud of

14. I am reasonably sure that all his schemes will **end in smoke**.

- a) will produce good results
- b) bear no fruits
- c) benefit the poor and the downtrodden
- d) motivate the employees to produce more
- e) be severely criticized by the public

15. The dacoits **took to their heels** when the police arrived.

- a) took shelter in the thick jungle
- b) opened indiscriminate fire
- c) took to flight
- d) unconditionally challenged
- e) renewed their resolve to fight