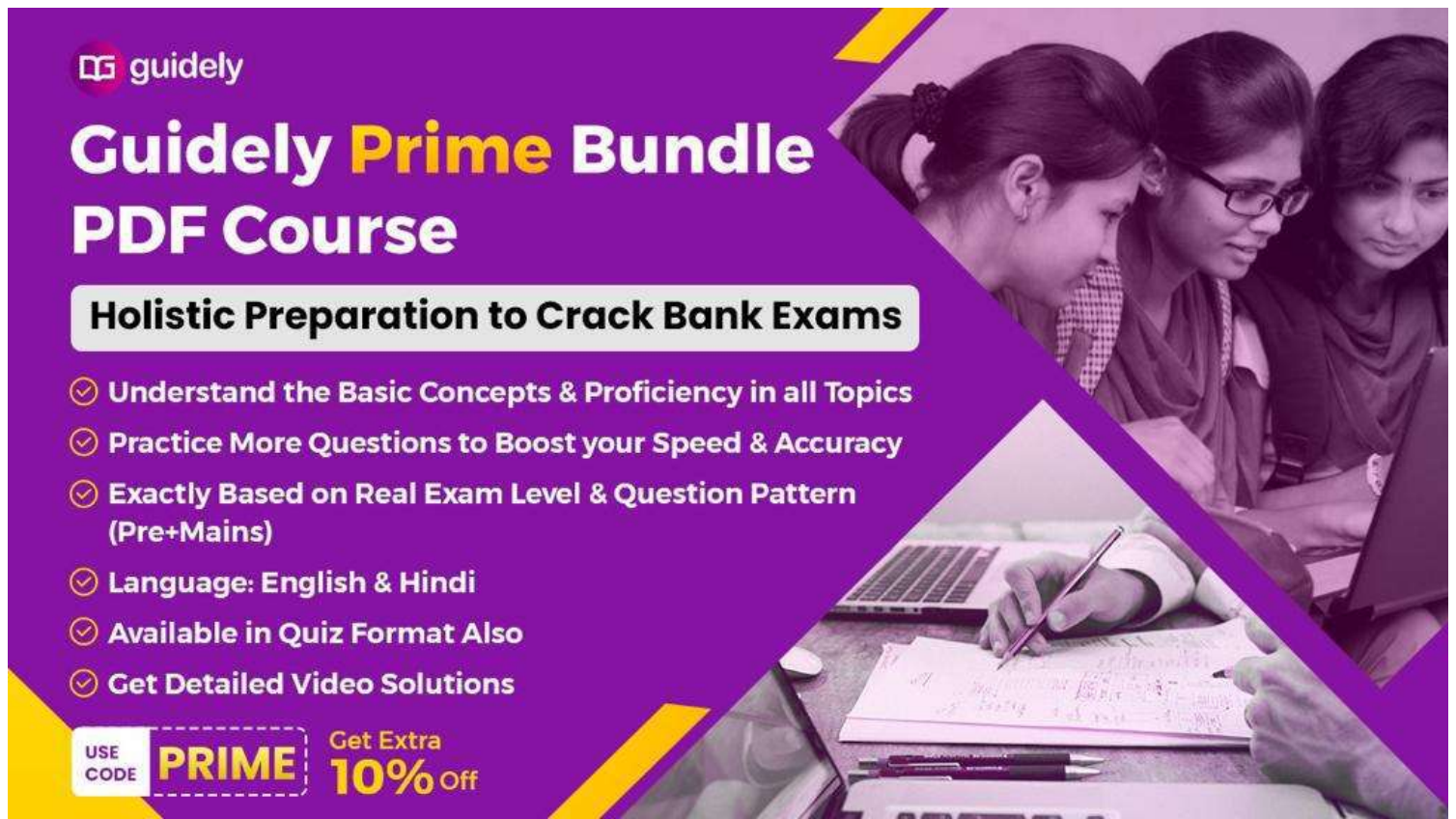


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Direction (1-12): A word is given in bold followed by four sentences. Some sentences are provided with meanings of the given word. One sentence may be provided with the opposite meaning of the given word. So you have to find an odd sentence which describes the opposite meaning to the given word.

### 1) Repugnant

- A. The repellent odor was strong enough to keep the children out of the bathroom
- B. The obscene dancing was not appropriate for a church function.
- C. The man was asked to leave the restaurant because of his obnoxious behavior.

- D. The politician worked hard to make innocuous speeches that would not offend anyone.
- E. All of the above

### 2) Tenuous

- A. The Totonacs have the dubious distinction of allying themselves with Cortes against the Aztecs.
- B. She felt the piercing sting of humiliation and her heart being broken and torn apart like some fragile letter.
- C. The fancy Spanish architecture was both elegant and well-designed

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D. A discourse for which there were few takers earlier began to sound plausible.

E. None of the above

### 3) Sanguine

A. Jenny is optimistic and hopes for the best even when things look bleak

B. Jim was buoyant after he received a job offer during his first interview.

C. The handshake between the two men was their implicit agreement to the terms of the contract.

D. The dog groomer assured the dog's owner that she would be satisfied with the pet's haircut.

E. All of the above

### 4) Incite

A. The surgeon used a mild sedative to tranquilize the anxious patient prior to surgery.

B. The pictures of the victim's body are sure to provoke feelings of anger within the jury.

C. The road construction will definitely instigate major traffic delays during rush hour.

D. The media tried to ferment public unrest by repeatedly publishing articles about the crooked police officer.

E. None of the above

### 5) Enervate

A. The lecture on calculus was enervating to the new students.

B. If you are idle then it will definitely enervate your progress towards success.

C. The energy drink enervated him to such an extent that he ran faster than the others.

D. The long journey from Kolkata to Bhubaneswar is quite enervating.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. Only D

E. All are correct

### 6) Adamant

A. The doctors at Apollo hospital had been absolutely adamant that Meena's grandmother was not going to get better.

B. Raani is so adamant in her political beliefs that no one can change her mind!

C. Kunal is a very sweet, amiable and adamant boy.

D. Unemployed youths of this country are adamant about finding a suitable job.

A. Only B

B. Only A

C. Only D

D. Only C

E. All are correct

### 7) Negligent

A. Piangshuk is quite punctual and negligent when it comes to official works.

B. I was utterly shocked to find out how negligent Arun had been during these years.

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C. Please do not be negligent in your work else you will suffer.

D. Pulak seems quite negligent about his health.

A.Only A

B.Only B

C.Only C

D.Only D

E.All are correct

### 8) Approbation

A. With your approbation she can stay at my house.

B. You need to build a powerful resume to gain approbation from the hiring company.

C. The clerks need prior approbation from the manager on this issue.

D. Without my prior approbation, there should not be any absentees tomorrow.

A.Only A

B.Only B

C.Only C

D.Only D

E.All are correct

### 9) Extirpate

A.The birch copses were extirpated in support of discipline.

B.All four valued white supremacy and promoted the extirpation of Indian society.

C.To explore an operative method for the extirpation of hysteromyoma with laparoscope.

D.Both C & B

E.None of the above

### 10) Fervent

A.My fervent wish for you is a lifetime of success and happiness.

B.The terrorist's fervor made him believe that giving his life for his cause was his purpose in life.

C.Moments of fervent inspiration are also part of this very short but telling musical prayer.

D.The portrayals of factory life would make even the most fervent capitalists turn to Marx and Engels.

E.All are correct

### 11) Fierce

A.They brushed away every difficulty and pushed on fiercely.

B.The commanders fight fiercely and win the day against the traitorous forces.

C.They could not withstand the fierceness of attack of those soldiers.

D.Joe is a fierce debater who browbeats his opponents into defeat

E.All are correct

### 12) Denounce

A.The dictator made a speech to denounce the actions of his enemies.

B.Management was quick to denounce the hard work done by the union representatives

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C.Ministers took the floor to denounce the decision to suspend constitutional rule.  
D.I encouraged them to denounce the callow subjugation of women and switch from heels to flats.

E.All are correct

### ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

#### 1. Answer: D

**Repugnant** – making you feel disgust, incompatible, inconsistent  
The synonym of repugnant is repellent, obscene, obnoxious and the antonym of the word is innocuous.  
Hence option D is the answer.

#### 2. Answer: D

**Tenuous** – having little substance or strength, weak  
The synonym of Tenuous is dubious, fragile, elegant and the antonym is plausible.  
Hence option D is the answer.

#### 3. Answer: E

**Sanguine** – optimistic or positive  
Here all words denotes the same meaning of Sanguine  
Hence option E is the answer.

#### 4. Answer: A

**Incite** – to encourage something, to spur on, to urge on  
The synonym of Incite is provoke, instigate, ferment and the antonym is Tranquilize.  
Hence option A is the answer.

#### 5. Answer: C

**Enervate** means (lacking) or drained of energy or vitality. In sentence C it gives just the opposite sense of enervate and hence is incorrect.  
Therefore, in the given question the correct answer is option C.

#### 6. Answer: D

**Adamant** means refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.  
If we look at the sentences given here we can easily understand that in sentence C the context does not quite match with the word adamant. We need a word which has a positive sense. So it is incorrectly used here.  
Therefore, the correct answer is option D.

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### 7. Answer: A

Negligent means failing to take proper care over something.

In the very first question we can see that there is a clear contradiction of senses. A person cannot be punctual as well as negligent both. Hence we can understand that it is incorrectly used here.

Therefore, in the given question the correct answer is option A.

### 8. Answer: E

Approbation is a noun which actually means approval or praise.

In all the given sentences the word has been correctly used.

Therefore, the correct answer is option E.

### 9. Answer: A

Extirpate (verb) – eradicate or destroy completely

Here only sentence A is in verb form where other sentences are not in verb form

Hence option A is the answer.

### 10. Answer: B

**Fervent (adjective)** – having or showing strong feelings

Here option B explains in verb form where other options belong to adjective form of fervent.

Hence option B is the answer.

### 11. Answer: D

**Fierce (adjective)** – violent, anger, aggressive

Here the sentence D alone gives the form of adjective where other options do not belong to adjective form.

Hence option D is the answer.

### 12. Answer: E

**Denounce (verb)** – to say publicly that something is wrong

Here all the given sentences are in noun form.

Hence option E is the answer.

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