

Word Association/Verbal Analogy

Answer Key

1) Answer: A

Explanation: The words *indigent : penurious* are synonyms. Hence, the missing word should be synonymous with the word *gibberish*. Among the given options, the word *nonsense* is the one that is closest to the meaning of *gibberish*.

2) Answer: A

Explanation: The pair of *joey: kangaroo* is a "young to old" word analogy in which the first word is the younger version of the second word. Hence, the missing word should be the older version of "foal." Among the given options, a horse is the older version of a foal.

3) Answer: C

Explanation: The first pair of words *crown: authority* is a "symbol to representation" analogy. Here, the crown symbolizes authority (because during the era of monarchies, the king, who wore a crown, had the highest authority). Thus, the missing word must be the one that a raven symbolizes. The raven best represents death (because a raven feeds on corpses).

4) Answer: D

Explanation: The pair of words *impure : degenerate* are synonyms. Hence, the missing pair of words should be synonyms as well. Among the given options, the pair *fragrant : aromatic* has the same meaning.

5) Answer: D

Explanation: The pair of words is a "category to item" word analogy, whereas the first word is the category (element) and the second word is an item that belongs to this category (carbon is an element). Therefore, the missing pair should follow the "category to item" analogy. Among the given options, *art : sculpture* follows the "category to item" relationship since *art* is the category and *sculpture* is an item that belongs to the art category.

