
Union Public Service Commission
**Assistant Provident Fund
Commissioners Examination**
December 2004 Question Paper (Fully Solved)

**GENERAL ABILITY TEST
ENGLISH**

SYNONYMS

Directions (Qs. 1 to 5) : Each of these questions consists a word in capital letters, followed by four words or groups of words. Selects the word or group of words that is most *similar* in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. MASQUERADE
(A) To provide support
(B) To go in disguise
(C) To mesmerise
(D) To run in a marathon race
2. PONDEROUS
(A) Facile (B) Exorbitant
(C) Cautious (D) Unwieldy
3. COGENT
(A) Forceful
(B) Objectionable
(C) Exceptional
(D) False
4. SLIPSHOD
(A) Vulgar
(B) Careless
(C) Commonplace
(D) Retaliatory
5. COMMISERATION
(A) Commission
(B) Vastness
(C) Sympathy
(D) Commendation

ANTONYMS

Directions (Qs. 6 to 10) : Each of these questions consists of a word in capital letters, followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is most nearly *opposite* in meaning to the word in capital letters.

6. PONTIFICATE
(A) To pilfer
(B) To leave one's country
(C) To speak in a humble manner
(D) To spend recklessly
7. RECTITUDE
(A) Self-condemnation
(B) Deceitfulness
(C) Reprisal
(D) Punctuality
8. PROPENSITY
(A) Disinclination (B) Forecast
(C) Stagnation (D) Restlessness
9. SCANTY
(A) Arrogant (B) Plentiful
(C) Painful (D) Handsome
10. OUTLANDISH
(A) Stubborn
(B) Conventional
(C) Agitated
(D) Fearful