

SYNONYMS

I. Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

1. I will not stand for your bad attitude any longer.
A. like B. mean C. tolerate D. care
2. The twentieth century saw a rapid rise in life expectancy due to improvements in public health, nutrition and medicine.
A. expectation B. span C. prospect D. anticipation
3. The tiny irrigation channels were everywhere and along some of them the water was running.
A. flushing out with water B. washing out with water
C. supplying water D. cleaning with water
4. The use of lasers in surgery has become relatively commonplace in recent years.
A. absolutely B. relevantly C. almost D. comparatively
5. The workforce is generally accepted to have the best conditions in Europe.
A. gang B. working class C. crew D. personnel
6. For a decade, that scientist has studied centenarians, looking for genes that contribute to longevity.
A. people who live to be 100 or older B. people who are vegetarians
C. people who want to be fruitarians D. people who are extraordinary
7. As children we were very close, but as we grew up we just drifted apart.
A. not as friendly as before B. not as serious as before
C. not as sympathetic as before D. not as childlike as before
8. The notice should be put in the most conspicuous place so that all the students can be well-informed.
A. easily seen B. beautiful C. popular D. suspicious
9. I prefer to talk to people face to face rather than to talk on the phone.
A. facing them B. in person C. looking at them D. seeing them
10. The washing machine I have just bought is very simple to use.
A. boring B. interesting C. easy D. difficult