

Read the paragraphs and match the words under A with their antonyms under B

1. My austere father used to avoid (a) all inessential (b) comforts (c) and luxuries. However, all necessities were provided for, in terms of food, medicine or clothes. In fact, I would say mine was a very secure (d) childhood.

'A'		'B'
(a) avoid	()	1. discomfort
(b) inessential	()	2. insecure
(c) comfort	()	3. face
(d) secure	()	4. essential

2. Many wars that are fought in the world are fought over natural (a) resources. Some wars are fought because the environment is so degraded (b) that it is not able to support (c) communities and so they fight over the little (d) that is left.

'A'		'B'
(a) natural	()	1. large
(b) degraded	()	2. man-made
(c) support	()	3. oppose
(d) little	()	4. upgraded

3. At age ten Nick tried to drown himself in the bath but luckily the attempt was unsuccessful (a). 'I felt there was no purpose when you lack purpose and strength (b). It is hard to hold on,' he said. But with the help of his religion, friends and family, Nick managed to pull through to become a symbol of triumph (c) over adversity (d)

'A'		'B'
(a) unsuccessful	()	1. defeat
(b) strength	()	2. weakness
(c) triumph	()	3. prosperity
(d) adversity	()	4. winning

4. Mrs. Slater : Don't look so daft. (a) Why not?

Henry : It doesn't seem delicate. (b) somehow.

Mrs.Slater : We could put that shabby (c) old chest of drawers upstairs where the bureau is Now. Elizabeth could have that and welcome. I've always wanted to get rid (d) of it.

'A'		'B'
(a) daft	()	1. strong
(b) delicate	()	2. sensible
(c) shabby	()	3. keep
(d) get rid of	()	4. decent, new

5. On the whole, the small society of Rameswaram was very rigid (a) in terms of the segregation (b) of different (c) social groups. However, my science teacher Sivasubramnia Iyer, though an orthodox (d) Brahmin with a very conservative wife, was something of rebel.

'A'		'B'
(a) rigid	()	1. unorthodox
(b) segregation	()	2. same
(c) different	()	3. flexible
(d) orthodox	()	4. integration