



**Ultimate**  
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**MCQs**

**The Write Tribe**



### Challenge 43

## Vocabulary

## Senses

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**For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.**

1. Dieticians recommend using \_\_\_\_\_ herbs to flavour food in our cooking so that the amount of fat and salt can be reduced.

(1) aromatic (2) balmy  
(3) perfumed (4) scented ( )

2. Durians, due to their \_\_\_\_\_ smell which is often compared to rotting meat or stinking socks, are banned in many hotels and from public transport.

(1) caustic (2) severe  
(3) pungent (4) virulent ( )

3. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ great pleasure from eating and some may even travel to faraway places in search of good food.

(1) derive (2) extract  
(3) acquire (4) procure ( )

4. Some people enjoy going on holidays to get away from the routine of life and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

(1) refurbish (2) renovate  
(3) regenerate (4) rejuvenate ( )

5. People are encouraged to \_\_\_\_\_ their senses by breaking out of their routines and learning new things.

(1) inflame (2) stimulate  
(3) instigate (4) embolden ( )

6. I enjoy going to this café because it has a warm and cosy \_\_\_\_\_ inviting us to relax and enjoy its offerings.

(1) tendency (2) disposition  
(3) ambience (4) demeanour ( )

7. When Mr Tan opened the door of his son's room, he was \_\_\_\_\_ with the sounds of ear-splitting heavy metal music.

(1) battered (2) besieged  
(3) bombarded (4) badgered ( )

8. When the police broke open the door, their noses were \_\_\_\_\_ by the smell of decomposing corpses.

(1) berated (2) ensnared  
(3) assailed (4) maltreated ( )

9. The Rafflesia flower gives off a \_\_\_\_\_ odour like that of a rotting corpse, attracting flies that will help to pollinate it.

(1) putrid (2) tainted  
(3) contaminated (4) noxious ( )

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of voices in the stadium fell silent when everyone bowed their heads to observe a minute's silence for the victims of the earthquake.

(1) bustle (2) turbulence  
(3) upheaval (4) cacophony ( )

## Challenge 44

## Vocabulary

## Time

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

1. Mrs Tan prefers watching \_\_\_\_\_ dance performances to classical ballet.  
(1) current (2) instant  
(3) contemporary (4) radical ( )

2. Genghis Khan was the \_\_\_\_\_ Mongol leader who created the biggest empire in history up to that time.  
(1) fanciful (2) authentic  
(3) legendary (4) customary ( )

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ noise in the night frightened me, knocking noises followed by long periods of silence.  
(1) infrequent (2) erratic  
(3) intermittent (4) flickering ( )

4. In the world of modelling, fame is \_\_\_\_\_ since the industry is always looking for the next fresh face.  
(1) flexible (2) variable  
(3) ephemeral (4) adjustable ( )



## Challenge 45

## Vocabulary

## Similarity and Variation

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**For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.**

5. We should stick to our main aim of helping the children who have learning needs and not \_\_\_\_\_ from it by adding unrelated programmes.  
(1) vary (2) deflect  
(3) avert (4) deviate ( )

6. He has made no progress in his work. His results have remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) still (2) dormant  
(3) stagnant (4) stationary ( )

7. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the witnesses' testimonies, the judge found them unreliable and dismissed the case.  
(1) abnormalities (2) deformities  
(3) inconsistencies (4) deficiencies ( )

8. She wrote on a \_\_\_\_\_ of subjects, ranging from career and work-life balance to the joy and difficulties of married life.  
(1) plethora (2) sequence  
(3) prosperity (4) continuity ( )

9. \_\_\_\_\_ everyone in class likes our form teacher Miss Amanda because she is caring but firm.  
(1) Virtually (2) Relatively  
(3) Specifically (4) Tentatively ( )

10. The losing team suffered a/an \_\_\_\_\_ disappointment after their epic victory the previous week.  
(1) ample (2) bulky  
(3) colossal (4) substantial ( )

## Challenge 46

## Vocabulary

## Challenge

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

1. We managed to \_\_\_\_\_ our rivals and defend our title for the second time running.  
(1) ruin (2) hamper  
(3) trounce (4) suppress ( )

2. Wendy and I \_\_\_\_\_ pieced the thousand pieces of the jigsaw puzzle together over a month.  
(1) warily (2) consciously  
(3) vigilantly (4) painstakingly ( )

3. Road rage acts are a result of the offenders being unable to \_\_\_\_\_ their temper.  
(1) curb (2) limit  
(3) restrain (4) shun ( )

4. Our climb up the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ and there were several times that I almost turned back.  
(1) arduous (2) lofty  
(3) rigorous (4) adroit ( )

5. In some places, the use of drugs by athletes is reportedly \_\_\_\_\_. The authorities should clamp down on it.  
(1) rife (2) bountiful  
(3) profuse (4) voluminous ( )

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

I was nervous but excited. Having worked hard, I was ready for my last (6) challenge—the high wire. It was (7) probably the greatest of all circus stunts, an act that was both terrifying and elegant. I (8) vowed to myself that I would accomplish it.

Initially, I had to start low and safe, with a wire three metres off the ground. Stepping onto the wire with one foot, I held my arms out. Every time I fell, I got on again. Training finally (9) reached its finale with a move to a higher wire, almost ten metres up. I was excited at the (10) opportunity to perform at a higher level.

Standing at the brink, I counted, "One, two, three." Though my knees were shaking, I stepped out.

6.	(1) feat	(2) test	
	(3) coup	(4) obstacle	( )
7.	(1) plainly	(2) absolutely	
	(3) plausibly	(4) conspicuously	( )
8.	(1) testified	(2) vouched	
	(3) pledged	(4) wagered	( )
9.	(1) abated	(2) ascended	
	(3) resolved	(4) culminated	( )
10.	(1) grant	(2) prospect	
	(3) option	(4) privilege	( )