**POLYSEMANTIC WORDS**

**23. Which of the following words are monosemantic (use a dictionary)? Write down them with their one meaning.**

Abandon, abdicate, aphorism, apathy, application, arch, band, behold, bronchitis, catapult, central, denture, divide, flabby, flask, intercede, measure, memorial, mischance, miser, minx, plangent, prominent, promise, promote, prompt, sinecure, upstanding, wreath, xenophobia.

**24. Read the sentences (1 - 3) below. What does the word *smart* mean in each one (*clever, fashionable,* or *formal*)?**

1. He wore a *smart* suit to the meeting.

2. She’s the *smartest* girl in her class.

3. They stayed in a *smart* hotel in New York.

**25. Identify the meanings of the polysemantic words that they represent in the following word-combinations. For example, smart clothes –** *neat and stylish clothes.*

Smart, adj.: smart clothes, smart answer, smart car, smart lawyer, smart blow, smart officer, smart garden, smart punishment, smart wine, at a smart pace, smart bomb, smart materials.

Golden, adj.: golden ring, golden hair, golden opportunity, golden chain, golden wedding, the golden age, golden boy, golden deeds, golden earth, golden handcuffs, golden hello, golden hours, golden mean, golden rectangle, golden section, the golden rule, golden ball, golden gates

Sound, adj.: sound health, sound views, sound teeth, sound advice, sound whipping, sound fruit, sound constitution, sound sleeper, sound tennis player, to be of sound mind, sound timber, safe and sound, sound currency, sound title to inheritance.

Root, n.: the root of the tree, edible roots, the root of the tooth, the root of the matter, the root of all evil, square root, cube root, roots of a sea, root of a mountain, to go back to roots.

Perform, v.: to perform a task, to perform an operation, to perform one's duty, to perform a dance, to perform a play, to perform a contract, perform on the piano.

**26. Explain the logical associations in the meanings of the same words in the following word combinations. Define which the method of referring of a meaning and write whether metaphors or metonymys are used in each example.**

A wing of a bird - a wing of a building - on wings of joy; an eye of a man - an eye of a needle; the heart of a man - the heart of the matter; a hand of a man - a hand of a clock - a farm hand; a foot of a man - the foot of a mountain; the coat of a girl - the coat of a dog; a star in the sky - a film star; a green leaf - green years - green with envy; warm weather - a warm welcome; black shoes - black winter - black despair; the father of the family - the father of invention; nickel'(meta1) - a nickel (coin); bronze - a bronze; glass - a glass; Ford (proper name) - a Ford (car); Kashmir (town in North India) - cashmere.

**27. Which word(s) from the box could replace the words in bold in the sentences?**

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| withdrew stopped produced damaged told off  succeeded started moving opened dragged extracted |

1. The lorry **pulled away** very slowly because of its heavy load.

2. I think I must have **pulled** a muscle.

3. The man **pulled out** a gun and aimed it at the bank clerk.

4. It was still dark when I **pulled back** the curtains.

5. Surprisingly, when the dentist **pulled out** my tooth, I didn't feel a thing.

6. I think it's amazing that Jack **pulled it off** - I never thought he'd do it.

7. The United Nations **pulled out** their troops from the capital.

8. Mike was **pulled up** by his boss for making a joke about the Chairman.

9. They **pulled** the heavy sandbag along as it was too heavy to carry.

10. A police car **pulled up** outside the Burtons' house.

**28. Decide in which of the following sentences the verb *run* fits correctly.**

1. **I'll run** your message to John and see what he thinks.

2. Would you like me **to run** you to the bus station?

3. I can't stand all the chlorine in the pool - it makes my eyes **run**.

4. Your home address **isn't run** correctly in our records.

5. They sometimes **run** an extra train if they know it's going to be busy.

6. It is thought that the total cost will **run** 50% higher than the estimate.

7. Well I'm extremely busy, but, at **a run**, I might be able to do it for you.

8. **The run** of the matter is, we've decided to get married in August.

9. My contract still has six months **to run**.

10. Karen hasn't decided yet if she wants **to run** for the Presidency again this year.

**29. Complete the spaces by finding one polysemantic word from the box which fits in all three sentences.**

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| board; low; took; tread; turn; |

1. Later in the programme we have highlights of two big matches played earlier today: Ajax met Juventus while Barcelona ….. on Porto.

The weightlifter who allegedly ….. performance-enhancing drugs has been named today.

On my doctor’s advice, I ….. up yoga in order to relax.

2. The transfer of Mario Rossi to Manchester United has been approved by the ….. of directors.

The new pool has a slide, water chute and diving ….. .

In any game of chess, the queen is the most powerful piece on the whole …..

3. Right now Evans is very ….. in confidence; she needs to start winning a few races again.

There was a disappointingly ….. turnout for the youth club’s open day.

When you’re cycling up a steep hill you will need to be in a ….. gear.

4. ….. the earth down around the roots after you’ve planted the flower.

Jim’s Dad took him out into the middle of the pool and showed him how to ….. water.

I’ve got my photos drying out on the kitchen floor, so whatever you do, don’t …..on them!

5. Unbelievable – what an amazing ….. around! Smith has come from behind to take the gold medal!

As I’d never played this card game before, the others let me have another ….. .

And Walton showed a ….. of speed that left his opponents for dead.

**30. Complete the spaces by finding one word which fits in all three sentences.**

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| Change, lump, drowned, occupy, straight |

1. Glaciers provide vital evidence of climate …

What you need is not pills but a simple … of scene.

If you need money, there's some spare ... in my coat pocket.

2. Grassland and savannah … a substantial part of Southern Africa.

It's a long journey - let's take some books to … the children.

The protesting students intend to … the Holman Building.

3. The vet said the … on the dog's face was not cancerous.

She had a … in her throat and a tear in her eye when she said goodbye.

Get up and do some work, you lazy …

4. Many of the wildebeest didn't make it and … half-way across the river.

My voice was … out by the sound of builders drilling.

I … my meal in sauce to hide the bitter taste.

5. The falconer trained the hawk to fly in a perfectly … line.

So let's get this … ; you say you saw the man break in through the window.

Why can't you just give me a … answer for once in your life?

**31. Comment on the change of meanings in the italicized words.**

1. They sat on the rug before the fireplace, watching the rising *tongues of flame*. 2. He inspired universal confidence and had *an iron nerve*. 3. He was *burning with a desire* to meet his old friends. 4. As I spoke, *rage sparkled* in my eyes. 5. Emotion *squeezed* Soames' heart. 6. Here was the great mysterious city which was still *a magnet* for her. 7. Carrie's anger *melted* on the instant. 8. Some books are *to be tasted*, others *swallowed*, and some few *to be chewed* and *digested*.

**32. Define the meanings of the italicized words in the following sentences.**

1. I began to search the flat, looking in drawers and boxes to see if I could find *a key*. I tumbled with a sort of splash upon *the keys* of a piano. Now the orchestra is playing yellow cocktail music and the opera of voices pitches *a key* higher.

2. I sat down with *my head* in my hands, until I heard the phone taken up inside and the butler's voice calling a taxi. G.Quarterman possessed more power than many *heads* of the state.

3. I walked into Hyde Park, *fell* flat upon the grass and almost immediately *fell* asleep.

4. *Her mouth* opened crookedly half an inch, and she shot a few words at one like pebbles. Would you like me to come to *the mouth* of the river with you? I put the letter into *the mouth* of the box and let it go.