ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Verbal Advantage – Level 03 Word 1 – Word 10 MCQ Test

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## Explanations

**1.** Would a year-end bonus help defray your holiday expenses?
✔ **A) yes**
To **defray** means to pay or help pay the cost of something. A year-end bonus gives you extra money, so it can **defray** holiday expenses: **The company defrayed our travel costs.**

**2.** Is a garrulous or loquacious person also taciturn?
✔ **B) no**
**Garrulous** and **loquacious** both mean very talkative. **Taciturn** means the opposite: quiet and saying very little. A talkative person cannot also be taciturn.

**3.** Is a terse speaker long-winded and tedious?
✔ **B) no**
**Terse** means brief and to the point, using few words, sometimes to the point of sounding abrupt. A **long-winded** speaker talks too much and for too long, which is the opposite of terse.

**4.** Would winning the lottery be a boon?
✔ **A) yes**
A **boon** is a blessing, benefit or welcome gift: **The new bridge was a boon to local businesses.** Winning the lottery would usually be seen as a great benefit, so it is a boon.

**5.** Is the aristocracy the opposite of the proletariat?
✔ **A) yes**
The **aristocracy** is the highest, privileged class in a society, usually the nobility. The **proletariat** is the working class, the lowest economic class. They are at opposite ends of the social scale.

**6.** Is American society heterogeneous?
✔ **A) yes**
**Heterogeneous** means made up of different or varied parts. American society includes people of many backgrounds, cultures and beliefs, so it is heterogeneous. The opposite is **homogeneous**: all of the same kind.

**7.** Will some people work for a pittance if the job is rewarding?
✔ **A) yes**
A **pittance** is a very small, inadequate amount of money: **He works for a pittance at the animal shelter.** Some people accept very low pay when the work itself is satisfying, so the answer is yes.

**8.** Is a glib speaker earnest and excited?
✔ **B) no**
**Glib** describes someone who speaks smoothly and easily but without real thought or sincerity: **a glib salesman with an answer for everything.** An **earnest** speaker is serious and sincere, so a glib speaker is not earnest.

**9.** When you have a penchant for something, do you find it irritating or disagreeable?
✔ **B) no**
A **penchant** is a strong liking or taste for something: **She has a penchant for old films.** If you have a penchant for something, you enjoy it. You do not find it irritating.

**10.** Can you be solicitous about someone's health?
✔ **A) yes**
**Solicitous** means showing care, concern or attention for someone's well-being: **He was solicitous about his mother's health.** So you can certainly be solicitous about someone's health.

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