



Subject: Grade 8 English: Home Language

Topic: Synonyms and antonyms

Total: 34 Marks

1. unaware | divorced

4 marks

Explanation:

You are **aware** of the fact that he is **married**, aren't you?

You are **unaware** of the fact that he is **divorced**, aren't you?

2. true

2 marks

Explanation:

I took a **cab** to the baseball game.

Taxi and **cab** have the same meaning.

The meaning is a car that is licensed to transport passengers for payment.

3. false

2 marks

Explanation:

An **antonym** means the opposite of the word.

loud - with a great deal of volume

quiet - making little or no noise

The concert was **quiet**.

4. false

2 marks

Explanation:

Upset means to be sad or unhappy about something.

Upbeat means to be cheerful and optimistic.

The boy was **hurt** when he fell off the swing.

An appropriate synonym for **upset** is: **hurt**.

5. B: father

4 marks

Explanation:

Father is the opposite of mother.

6. frightened | sobbing

4 marks

Explanation:

I was **afraid** that you would start **crying**.

I was **frightened** that you would start **sobbing**.

7. small | retreated | defeat

6 marks

Explanation:

The **huge** army **advanced** after its **victory**.

The **small** army **retreated** after its **defeat**.

8. close | open

4 marks

Explanation:

Every time I **close** the cookie jar, my sneaky brother goes over to **open** it so that he can eat more cookies.

9. A: hot

4 marks

Explanation:

Today is a very **hot** day! There are no clouds in the sky.

warm and hot have a similar meaning.

10. true

2 marks

Explanation:

The antonym for **mountain** is a **valley**.

A **mountain** is a large elevation of the earth's surface.

A **valley** is a low area of land between hills or mountains.

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