

THEME: PHILOSOPHY

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ABSOLUTISM** – the idea that reality is absolute
Synonym – despotism, rationalism
Antonym- liberality; magnanimity
- 2. ABSURDISM** – the belief that the world is meaningless
Synonym – preposterous, ludicrous
Antonym- N.A
- 3. ELITISM** – leadership or rule by an elite
Synonym – bumptious; intellectualism
Antonym- egalitarian; equalitarian
- 4. EMANATION** – a manifestation of God
Synonym – effusion; exhalation
Antonym- inundation, ingress
- 5. FALLACY** – a mistaken belief
Synonym – misconception; misbelief
Antonym- factualism; clarity
- 6. NORMATIVE** – deriving from a standard or norm
Synonym – foundation, instauration
Antonym- non-standard, deviate
- 7. ONTOLOGY** – the nature of being
Synonym – metaphysics, viewpoint
Antonym- epistemology
- 8. PARADOX**– a statement that seems absurd
Synonym – contradiction; incongruity
Antonym- normality, accuracy
- 9. SEMANTICS** – the study of meaning or truth
Synonym – connotation, denotation
Antonym- solecistic; ungrammatical
- 10. SYLLOGISM**– a form of reasoning
Synonym – argument, dialectic
Antonym- absurdity; daftness

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. FALLACY | a) misbelief | b) clarity | c) efficient | d) correct |
| 2. ONTOLOGY | a) worldly | b) mystical | c) metaphysics | d) effusion |
| 3. ELITISM | a) bumptious | b) absurdism | c) dialectic | d) secular |
| 4. ABSURDISM | a) normality | b) pageant | c) ludicrous | d) explain |
| 5. SEMANTICS | a) denotation | b) sentence | c) interpretation | d) mosaic |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. PARADOX | a) idealistic | b) overall | c) normality | d) cynicism |
| 2. ABSOLUTISM | a) liberality | b) obfuscate | c) implication | d) irrational |
| 3. SYLLOGISM | a) linearity | b) normality | c) conclusion | d) daftness |
| 4. EMANATION | a) ingress | b) ludicrous | c) amalgamation | d) equality |
| 5. NORMATIVE | a) deviate | b) standard | c) theoretical | d) expel |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. _____ is making _____ ethical decisions based on objective rules.
2. The _____ of exclusive premises occurs when a _____ has two premises that are negative.
3. He stated that Kauffman is proposing an _____ and evolution without any _____ of spirit.
4. _____ and irony are characteristics of her style, only few can understand the _____ of her writing.
5. _____ is the search for a meaning to life, while _____ is the dominance of a society or system by an elite.