

Assessment Preparation: Analogies

Act Three Vocabulary

Analogies are a condensed way of revealing relationships between words and concepts. One type of analogy reveals the relationship between two synonyms. Note: (The symbol ":" means "is to" and the symbol "::" means "as"). For example:

ordinary : common :: scheme : plot

This means that the relationship between ordinary and common is the same as the relationship between scheme and plot. They are both synonym pairs.

Similarly, an analogy can also involve antonyms. For example:

succeed : fail :: original : reproduction

So, this analogy is read: "succeed is to fail as original is to reproduction." They are antonym pairs.

Directions: Circle the word pair that best matches each of the following relationships.

1. pleased : delighted ::
 - a. clock : wind
 - b. vengeance : revenge
 - c. dejected : received
 - d. boss : subordinate
2. shiny : dull ::
 - a. catastrophe : disaster
 - b. shovel : gardener
 - c. success : calamity
 - d. applause : audience
3. condemn : praise ::
 - a. flute : orchestra
 - b. absent : present
 - c. scene : act
 - d. generosity : unselfishness
4. fluency : eloquence ::
 - a. fire : matches
 - b. pen : writer
 - c. freedom : liberty
 - d. paper : printer
5. type : style ::
 - a. abhor : hate
 - b. CD : CD player
 - c. pedal : bicycle
 - d. skill : inability
6. banishment : exile ::
 - a. cheap : expensive
 - b. unusual : odd
 - c. paint : wall
 - d. anger : calm
7. prevail : fail ::
 - a. triumph : win
 - b. start : finish
 - c. reach : attain
 - d. stare : gaze
8. soar : fly ::
 - a. discord : conflict
 - b. open : door
 - c. red : azure
 - d. surrender : persist
9. reconcile : settle ::
 - a. water : air
 - b. personal : private
 - c. peace : war
 - d. sentence : word