

• **Word Definition 3** Level 8

**Directions:** Choose the answer choice that best defines the word in capital letters.

**1) DOCTRINE**

- A. a belief
- B. a desire
- C. a path
- D. a medicine

**2) ENVIOUS**

- A. common
- B. jealous
- C. cheerful
- D. honest

**3) TEDIOUS**

- A. original and creative
- B. beautiful and elegant
- C. firm and persevering
- D. tiresome and dull

**4) STANCE**

- A. a victory
- B. a vision
- C. a text
- D. a position

**5) GROPE**

- A. to twist around
- B. to feel for
- C. to decrease
- D. to result in

**6) CONFISCATE**

- A. to stare at
- B. to begin again
- C. to speed up
- D. to take away

**7) SERVILE**

- A. excessively aggressive toward others
- B. excessively tense or awkward around others
- C. excessively willing to please others
- D. excessively devoted to religious faith

**8) DECEPTIVE**

- A. misleading
- B. strict
- C. regretful
- D. missing

**9) INSTITUTE**

- A. to capture
- B. to immigrate
- C. to establish
- D. to block

**10) SLEEK**

- A. sharp
- B. smooth
- C. obvious
- D. successful

## Answers and Explanations

1) **A**

**doctrine** (noun): a belief: *The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of papal infallibility, the belief that the Pope's decrees can never be wrong.*

2) **B**

**envious** (adjective): jealous: *Christina starts feeling very envious whenever her friends have new clothes or hairstyles; she wants to look as good as them, or even better.*

3) **D**

**tedious** (adjective): too long, slow, dull, tiresome, and monotonous: *The professor kept rambling on, making for a very tedious class that each of us could not wait to leave.*

4) **D**

**stance** (noun): a position: *The Republican candidate said he'd consider a military strike against Iran, but the Democrat remained devoted to his more anti-war stance.*

5) **B**

**grope** (verb): to feel for: *I couldn't see anything, so I groped for the light switch until I found it.*

6) **D**

**confiscate** (verb): to take away: *Ms. Mills confiscated my cell phone when she noticed that I was secretly using it in class, and she did not give it back to me until the end of the school day.*

7) **C**

**servile** (adjective): having an excessive to serve or please others: *He has a very servile attitude whenever he interacts with his boss; even though he dislikes her, he does everything she says without question.*

8) **A**

**deceptive** (adjective): misleading: *The company is very deceptive: it says you can make \$500 a week as a salesman, but what it doesn't tell you is that you have to buy all the company's products upfront and then resell them on your own.*

9) **C**

**institute** (verb): to set in motion or establish something: *When the city instituted the new law banning smoking indoors, it became illegal to consume most tobacco products indoors.*

10) **B**

**sleek** (adjective): smooth: *Although Hanna's hair was usually a frizzy mess, the stylist made it look sleek and beautiful.*