

Vocabulary for IBPS Clerk Prelims Exam

1. ADJUDICATION (noun)

Meaning: a formal judgment on a disputed matter.

Synonyms: arbitration, decision, assessment, verdict.

Antonyms: incomprehension, indecision, enigma, amnesty.

Example: Articles 5 and 6 both deal with the promptness with which an adjudication must proceed against criminal defendants.

2. AGHAST(Adjective):

Meaning: suddenly filled with strong feelings of shock and worry

Synonyms: anxious, dismayed

Antonyms: unsurprised, calm

Example: Workers and union officials were aghast at the layoffs.

3. ALIENATED (Adjective)

Meaning: experiencing or inducing feelings of isolation or estrangement.

Synonym: disaffect, disgruntle

Antonym: endear, ingratiate

Sentence: The Prime Minister's policy alienated many of her followers.

4. AMNESTY(Noun)

Meaning: a decision by a government to forgive people who have committed particular illegal acts or crimes, and not to punish them

Synonyms: forgiveness, absolution

Antonyms: conviction, sentence

Usage: The state has declared an amnesty for individuals who pay their outstanding back taxes.

5. ARDUOUS(Adjective)

Meaning: demanding great effort or labor; difficult

Synonyms: exhausting, grueling

Antonyms: facile, easy

Example: Needless to say, mastering a foreign language is an arduous challenge.

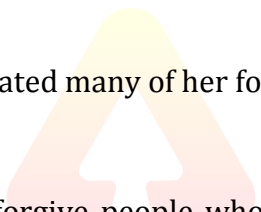
6. ARRAIGN (Verb)

Meaning: to call (a defendant) before a court to answer to an indictment

Synonym: appeal, book, cite, summon, accuse, charge, criminate

Antonym: advocate, champion, defend, excuse, forgive, justify

Usage: They wanted to arraign the thief for stealing cars on the same day he was arrested.



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7. ATTRITION(Noun)

Meaning: the process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure.

Synonyms: erosion, abrasion, attenuation

Antonyms: strengthening

Usage: As a result of teacher attrition, a lot of classrooms are overcrowded.

8. Banter (Noun)

Meaning: the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks.

Synonym: wisecracks, crosstalk, wordplay, ribbing.

Antonym: flattery, praise, work

Sentence: If the banter between the award presenters is not exciting, no one will watch the show.

9. BEWAIL (verb)

Meaning: express great regret, sadness, or disappointment about (something).

Synonyms: bemoan, deplore, lament, mourn.

Antonyms: cheer, laugh, smile, rejoice.

Example: He invariably spends more time bewailing his predicament than trying to fix it.

10. BLATANT (Adjective)

Meaning: (of bad behavior) done openly and unashamedly.

Synonym: flagrant, glaring

Antonym: inconspicuous, subtle

Sentence: The whole episode was a blatant attempt to gain publicity

11. BOLSTER (verb)

Meaning: support or strengthen.

Synonyms: strengthen, support, reinforce, boost

Antonyms: undermine

Example: In order to bolster its profits, the computer company is cutting its workforce.

12. BRAZEN

Meaning: obvious, without any attempt to be hidden

Synonyms: blatant, bold

Antonyms: humble, meek

Example: In a brazen assault, the gang fired their weapons at the policeman.

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13. BUCOLIC (adjective)

Meaning: relating to the pleasant aspects of the countryside and country life.

Synonyms: rustic, rural, pastoral, country

Antonyms: urban

Example: Even though I was born in the city, I still prefer the quiet of a small bucolic village any day.

14. CAJOLE (Verb)

Meaning: to persuade someone to do something they might not want to do, by pleasant talk and (sometimes false) promises

Synonyms: deceive, influence

Antonyms: repulse, dissuade

Example: He really knows how to cajole people into doing what he wants.

15. CONDIGN (adjective)

Meaning: (of punishment or retribution) appropriate to the crime or wrongdoing; fitting and deserved.

Synonyms: earned, merited, warranted, justifiable.

Antonyms: unjust, undue, unsuitable, unfair.

Example: I may pity him, and even understand his motives, but a murderer is still deserving of condign punishment.

16. CONTRIBUTE (Adjective)

Meaning: feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.

Synonym: remorseful, repentant, penitent, regretful

Antonym: unrepentant, defiant

Example: She must be humble and contrite.

17. CONTRITE (Adjective)

Meaning: feeling or expressing remorse at the recognition that one has done wrong.

Synonym: remorseful, repentant, penitent, regretful

Antonym: unrepentant, defiant

Example: She must be humble and contrite.

18. CONNIVANCE (Noun)

Meaning: Secretly involved in immoral or illegal activity.

Synonym: Involvement, assistance, conspiracy, intrigue

Antonym: Disapprobation, rejection, dislike

Usage: With the connivance of the government, the Indian army planned a surgical strike.

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19. CONVULSION (Noun)

Meaning: a violent social or political upheaval.

Synonym: upheaval, eruption

Antonym: calm, peaceful

Sentence: The country was in ruin and convulsion.

20. COPIOUS (Adjective)

Meaning: abundant in supply or quantity.

Synonym: abundant, ample, extensive

Antonym: lacking, meager, rare

Example: The storm produced a copious amount of rain.

21. CORUSCATE (Verb)

Meaning: (of light) flash or sparkle.

Synonyms: scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle.

Antonyms: converge, darkle, dull.

Usage: The flashlight was used to coruscate a message to the other campers across the lake.

22. COUP (Noun)

Meaning: an instance of successfully achieving something difficult.

Synonyms: success, triumph, feat,

Antonyms: failure

Example: There have been seven coup attempts against the beleaguered government.

23. DRACONIAN (Adjective)

Meaning: excessively harsh and severe.

Synonyms: cruel, brutal, oppressive, ruthless.

Antonyms: mild, amenable, temperate, gentle.

Usage: There was a time when I would have argued that our libel laws were Draconian and should be amended.

24. DEFECTION (Noun)

Meaning: the desertion of one's country or cause in favor of an opposing one.

Synonyms: desertion, absconding, decamping, flight.

Antonyms: commitment, reliability, fidelity, devotion.

Usage: Her defection from the Democrats occurred soon after the failure of the coalition proposal.

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25. DILATORY (Adjective)

Meaning: slow to act

Synonyms: sluggish, slothful, lax, slack.

Antonyms: fast, prompt, brisk, quick.

Example: They were dilatory in providing the researchers with information.

26. DIMINUTION (Noun)

Meaning: a reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something.

Synonyms: curtailment, contraction, constriction, restriction, limitation

Antonyms: increase, expansion, growth

Sentence: The diminution of cafeteria monitors has resulted in an increase in food fights at the high school.

27. DISORIENTATION (Noun)

Meaning: the condition of having lost one's sense of direction.

Synonym: addle, baffle

Antonym: reassure, satisfy

Sentence: A vague feeling of disorientation or strangeness relative to the immediate environment.

28. DISTRATE (Adjective)

Meaning: distracted or absent-minded.

Synonyms: forgetful, inattentive, oblivious, heedless.

Antonyms: alert, attentive, focused, unperturbed.

Usage: He grew more and more distraught as hours passed without confirmation that there were survivors of the plane crash

29. DULY (Adverb)

Meaning: in accordance with what is required or appropriate; following proper procedure or arrangement.

Synonyms: fittingly, aptly, appropriately, suitably.

Antonyms: improperly, inappropriately, incongruously, incorrectly.

Example: I never trust a buyer until I have his contract in my hand, duly signed and witnessed.

30. DURESS (noun)

Meaning: threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgment.

Synonyms: coercion, compulsion, pressurization, enforcement.

Antonyms: agreement, approval, consent, persuasion.

Example: I think Harry was under duress when she signed the agreement; he never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

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