**Week 9 – Day 1**

**It Pays to Increase your Word Power!**

Language is man’s unique and inexhaustible resource. In this challenging test, circle the letter of the word or phrase you believe is ***nearest in meaning*** to the key word.

1. abut : A) to carve B) hammer out C) touch D) protrude

2. environs: A) surroundings B) clouds C) haunts D) slums

3. conformation: A) dedication B) proof C) willingness D) general structure

4. infinitesimal: A) limited B) minute C) without limit D) indivisible

5. manifold: A) unusual B)complex C) changeable D) multiple

6. symmetry: A) balanced arrangement of parts B) tension between parts

C) whole D) likeness

7. inverse: A) curved inward B) curved outward C) reversed

D) roundabout

8. mobile: A) snow tractor B) moving, suspended sculpture

C) weather vane D) tool

9. amplitude: A) size B) result C) saturation D) direction

10. immaterial: A) intangible B) unworldly C) worthless D) unimportant

**Week 9 – Day 2**

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1. efface : A) to degrade B) disfigure C) erase D) avoid

2. incipient: A) beginning B) prominent C) unnoticed D) exhausted

3. baroque: A) old-fashioned B) elaborately decorated C) gilt-edged

 D) royal

4. verge: A) truth B) climax C) edge D) funeral hymn

5. convocation: A) speech B) opening prayer C) agreement D) meeting

6. dispel: A) to drive away B) dismiss C) spread out D) heal

7. antecedent: A) prior B) contemporary C) inseparable D) conflicting

8. commensurate: A) appropriate B) disparate C) equal D) agreeable

9. itinerant: A) haphazard B) traveling C) temporary D) planned

10. ephemeral: A) unmanly B) ghostlike C) soft D) short-lived

**Week 9 – Day 3**

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1. ample : A) casual B) just enough C) total D) plentiful

2. raffish: A) bawdy B) risky C) vulgar D) comical

3. homily: A) poem B) sermon C) witticism D) parable

4. impartial: A) aloof B) unfair C) unbiased D) cautious

5. stickler: A) pompous person B) quick-tempered person C) burr

D) fussy person

6. tirade: A) argument B) compliant C) angry speech D) barrage

7. finale: A) ending B) dance C) flourish D) theme

8. serendipity: A) luxury B) tranquility C) making a discovery by happy accident

D) nonchalance

9. leaven: A) smoothness B) ballast C) truth D) transforming influence

10. decimate: A) to rip B) to slaughter C) select D) outline

**Week 9 – Day 4**

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1. ecological : A) pertaining to evolution B) relating to weather C) moral

D) pertaining to the balance of nature

2. compliant: A) calm B) yielding C) orderly D) querulous

3. orbit : A) to revolve B) enclose C) rotate D) suspend

4. welter: A) confusion B) heat C) mire D) swelling

5. recidivist: A) recluse B) habitual offender C) incisive speaker

D) advocate of revision

6. vintage: A) of distinctive quality B) happy C) timely D) stylish

7. mediate: A) to decide B) intercede C) explain D) demand

8. conglomerate: A) mixture B) insecticide C) gluey material

 D) oversize city

9. interim: A) previous B) hidden C) deliberate D) temporary

10. execrable: A) difficult B) painful C) detestable D) scornful