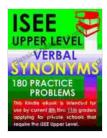
# Mastering the ISEE Upper Level Verbal Synonyms: A Comprehensive Guide with 180 Practice Problems

The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) Upper Level is a standardized test designed for students applying to independent and preparatory schools in grades 9-12. The exam consists of five sections: Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics Achievement, and Essay. The Verbal Reasoning section includes a Synonyms sub-section, which tests students' ability to identify the correct synonym for a given word.



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Mastering the Synonyms sub-section is crucial for achieving a high score on the ISEE Upper Level. This comprehensive guide will provide you with an in-depth overview of the Synonyms sub-section, including the types of questions you can expect to encounter, expert strategies for answering questions accurately, and 180 practice problems to help you hone your skills.

### **Types of Synonyms Questions**

The ISEE Upper Level Verbal Synonyms sub-section consists of three types of questions:

- Single-Choice Questions: You will be given a word and four answer choices. Select the answer choice that is the most precise synonym for the given word.
- Multiple-Choice Questions: You will be given a word and four answer choices. Select all answer choices that are synonyms for the given word.
- Analogies: You will be given two pairs of words. Select the answer choice that completes the second pair of words in the same way that the first pair is related.

# **Expert Strategies for Answering Synonyms Questions**

To excel in the Synonyms sub-section, it is essential to employ effective strategies. Here are some expert tips to help you answer questions accurately:

- Read the Instructions Carefully: Make sure you fully understand the type of question you are being asked before selecting your answer.
- Identify the Key Word: Determine the exact word that you need to find a synonym for. Pay attention to the part of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb) and the context of the word.

- Eliminate Obvious Incorrect Answers: Read through the answer choices and immediately eliminate any options that are clearly not synonyms for the given word.
- Consider the Context: In some cases, the context of the passage may provide clues about the correct synonym. For example, if the passage is about a happy occasion, the correct synonym for "joyful" might be "merry" or "jubilant."
- Use Your Vocabulary: Draw upon your existing vocabulary to identify the correct synonym. If you are unfamiliar with a word, try to deduce its meaning from the context of the passage.
- Use Analogies: Analogies can be a helpful way to understand the relationships between words. If you are unsure of the correct synonym, try to find an analogy that connects the given word to one of the answer choices.

### **180 Practice Problems**

To solidify your understanding of ISEE Upper Level Verbal Synonyms, it is highly recommended to practice as much as possible. The following 180 practice problems cover a wide range of synonym types and difficulty levels:

### **Single-Choice Questions**

Choose the best synonym for the word "abrogate": (A) Enforce (B)
 Repeal (C) Enact (D) Modify 2. Choose the best synonym for the word
 "ephemeral": (A) Permanent (B) Fleeting (C) Insignificant (D) Important 3.
 Choose the best synonym for the word "gregarious": (A) Outgoing (B)
 Introverted (C) Reserved (D) Antisocial

# **Multiple-Choice Questions**

4. Choose all synonyms for the word "magnanimous": (A) Generous (B)
Stingy (C) Forgiving (D) Vindictive 5. Choose all synonyms for the word "audacious": (A) Bold (B) Creative (C) Timid (D) Cautious 6. Choose all synonyms for the word "loquacious": (A) Talkative (B) Quiet (C) Eloquent (D) Reserved

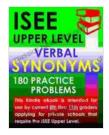
### Analogies

7. Joyful is to Merry as Sad is to: (A) Cheerful (B) Depressed (C) Serious
(D) Angry 8. Abolish is to Law as Create is to: (A) Concept (B) Order (C)
Government (D) Chaos 9. Egregious is to Error as Ordinary is to: (A) Deed
(B) Mistake (C) Success (D) Act

### **Answer Key**

1. B 2. B 3. A 4. A, C 5. A 6. A, C 7. B 8. B 9. B

By understanding the types of questions, employing effective strategies, and practicing regularly, you can significantly improve your performance in the ISEE Upper Level Verbal Synonyms sub-section. Remember, the key to success is consistent practice and a strong vocabulary foundation. Embrace the challenge and strive for excellence on the ISEE Upper Level!



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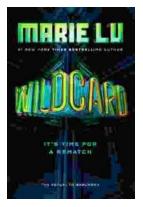
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