

**WORD FORMATION: ABSTRACT VOCABULARY**

**A) Word formation**

**Complete each sentence with the correct word derived from the word in capitals following the sentence. First, decide what part of speech you need; only then complete the sentence.**

- 1 A strong painkiller is the most \_\_\_\_\_ way of getting rid of headaches. (EFFECT)
- 2 The dean has made an \_\_\_\_\_ about the next Tuesday holiday. (ANNOUNCE)
- 3 My mother's \_\_\_\_\_ has been a great help in my life. (ENCOURAGE)
- 4 Travelling by train is more \_\_\_\_\_ than travelling by bus. (COMFORT)
- 5 Safety in the workplace has become an issue of great \_\_\_\_\_. (IMPORT)
- 6 Doing a Ph.D. can sometimes be \_\_\_\_\_ demanding. (EXTREME)
- 7 The new memorandum was supported by \_\_\_\_\_ of the scientists present. (MAJOR)
- 8 Being a good teacher requires, among others, a good \_\_\_\_\_ of psychology. (KNOW)
- 9 Many companies represent a very \_\_\_\_\_ environment. (COMPETE)
- 10 As far as she was \_\_\_\_\_ there was not anything else to be discussed. (CONCERN)
- 11 It is our \_\_\_\_\_ to help the disabled. (OBLIGE)
- 12 Recent statistics show that \_\_\_\_\_ has reached the highest rate over last 3 years. (EMPLOY)
- 13 Many young people seem to be very \_\_\_\_\_ today. (AMBITION)
- 14 They made a \_\_\_\_\_ of students' results. (COMPARE)
- 15 We came to the \_\_\_\_\_ that many of these methods can work together. (CONCLUDE)
- 16 She did an \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem and proposed solutions to it. (ANALYSE)
- 17 He holds his \_\_\_\_\_ in science and special education. (SPECIALISE)
- 18 We do many \_\_\_\_\_ in chemistry class each week. (EXPERIMENT)
- 19 His ideas are only \_\_\_\_\_ and have not been tested yet. (THEORY)
- 20 They asked what my plans were after \_\_\_\_\_. (GRADUATE)

**B) Common abstract nouns**

**Complete the sentences with a suitable noun.**

qualification	abilities	decision	intention	assessment
growth	approval	solution	improvement	judgement

- 1 John's grades were poor at first, but showed some \_\_\_\_\_ by half term.
- 2 The poor \_\_\_\_\_ of the situation resulted in disaster.
- 3 The committee refused to give their \_\_\_\_\_ to the new proposal.
- 4 You need to get the required \_\_\_\_\_ in order to become a teacher.
- 5 I have no \_\_\_\_\_ of applying for a job next year.
- 6 It seems to be desperate, but we strive to find an effective \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem.
- 7 The country experienced a steady industrial \_\_\_\_\_ in 1970s.
- 8 She is totally indecisive and it takes her ages to make the right and final \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Today, schools try to develop practical skills and \_\_\_\_\_ more than they did in the past.
- 10 There hasn't been an unanimous opinion on the way of \_\_\_\_\_ of primary school children.