CONTEXT CLUES

Choose the answer that is **closest in meaning** to the **bold printed word**.

Number 1

The reporter insisted that the letter he used was **authentic**. He said that he had shown it to many experts before he used it in his story.

a. genuine, or real

b. carefully written

c. full of tasty worms

d. very old

Number 2

If your plan fails, we’ll have to find someone who can **devise** a better one.

a. design

b. dislike

c. appliance

d. to use peanut butter as toothpaste

Number 3

Brea and Elizabeth are having a **dispute** over which radio station to play at work. They have different taste in music.

a. musical instrument

b. choice of music

c. discovery

d. disagreement

Number 4

No word must ever leak out about this military action! It has to be a **clandestine** operation in order to succeed.

a. family

b. useful

c. dangerous

d. secret

Number 5

Put this medicine on your arm and rub it into your skin until it's invisible. It will inhibit the infection's attempt to spread.

a. live in a certain place

b. block or slow down

c. itch or burn

d. help to do something important

Number 6

If you don't **curtail** your money spending, you'll be broke in no time at all!

a. reduce

b. follow

c. behind

d. buy

Number 7

We have rather **lofty** expectations for you, son. We hope you will attend college, become rich and famous, and will be elected president of the United States before you turn forty.

a. high

b. doubtful

c. small

d. lowly

Number 8

No one thought that Jerry was a spy. He acted like any normal citizen. When his **covert** activity was discovered and announced to the world, we were all shocked.

a. friendly

b. helpful

c. loud

d. hidden

Number 9

“I am going to **rescind** the permission I gave you to use my motorbike!” T. J. announced angrily. “I thought you would take good care of it, but I was wrong!”

a. repeat

b. celebrate

c. continue

d. cancel

Number 10

I am working very hard for the same candidate that you support. You are doing it for pay. I’m not doing this for money. I’m doing it out of **conviction**.

a. being found guilty

b. strong belief

c. anger

d. a desire to eat prunes