

**Choose the answer that best completes the sentence or answers the question.**

1. A person who has a strong *vocation* to do something has
    - a. a calling
    - b. time off
    - c. an incentive
    - d. a bonus
  2. Read this sentence.  
My cousin has a Ph.D. in biology and is looking for a job in *academia*.  
  
*Academia* means
    - a. a hospital
    - b. a high-school military academy
    - c. a nursery school
    - d. the field of college-level education
  3. A synonym for *ratio* is
    - a. measure
    - b. proportion
    - c. concept
    - d. amount
  4. Which of the following might be satisfying to *pulverize*?
    - a. a tablecloth
    - b. a watermelon
    - c. a door
    - d. a rosebush
- The star cluster Pleiades is one of the most visible in the *cosmos*. Astronomers refer to the Pleiades as an open cluster of stars, meaning the stars are loosely bound together but still move in a group. There is *empirical* evidence that after a few hundred million years, the Pleiades stars will split up. This *thesis*, while fascinating, describes events happening so far in the future it is almost impossible to grasp! NASA's largest supercomputer is named for the Pleiades; it is one of the most powerful in the world. The computer Pleiades has a wide *repertoire* of applications. Scientists use it for a broad *spectrum* of cutting-edge research and number crunching. Of course, users must know special *codes* in order to access this highly classified tool.
5. Which word could be substituted for *cosmos* (line 1)?
    - a. cluster
    - b. universe
    - c. constellation
    - d. solar
  6. In line 3, what does *empirical* mean?
    - a. possible
    - b. theoretical
    - c. verifiable
    - d. practical
  7. Which is NOT another way to say *thesis* (line 3)?
    - a. proposition
    - b. false idea
    - c. claim
    - d. unifying idea
  8. A wide *repertoire* (line 6) means the computer has
    - a. more power than most computers
    - b. many international users
    - c. a lot of memory
    - d. a range of uses or capabilities
  9. In line 6, *spectrum* means
    - a. range
    - b. publication
    - c. instruction
    - d. use
  10. In line 7, another word for *codes* is
    - a. words
    - b. labels
    - c. symbols
    - d. log in

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**Answer Section**

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| 1. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 2. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 3. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 4. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 5. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 6. ANS: C  | PTS: 1 |
| 7. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 8. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 9. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 10. ANS: C | PTS: 1 |