

English 30-1
Diploma-exam preparation (Part B)

The following words (with some of their variants shown) are drawn from multiple-choice answers in past diploma exams.

- absolution / absolve
- acquiescence / acquiescent
- adeptness / adept
- aesthetic
- affectation / affected
- aloofness / aloof
- ambiguity / ambiguous
- ambivalence / ambivalent
- anecdote / anecdotal
- animosity
- apathy / apathetic
- aptitude
- arbitrary
- arbitration / arbitrate / arbiter
- austerity / austere
- avarice / avaricious
- barbarism / barbaric (barbarous)
- benevolence / benevolent
- berate
- chastise / chastisement
- chivalry / chivalrous
- complement / complementary
- conciliatory
- condescension / condescending
- contemplative
- contempt / contemptuous
- contemptible
- contrivance / contrived
- corroboration / corroborate
- cosmopolitan
- cynicism (cynic) / cynical
- debase
- deferred / defer
- deference
- deliberation
- demeaning / demean
- denunciation / denounce
- derogatory
- despondence / despondent
- devout
- dexterity / dexterous
- didactic
- diffuse
- disarm / disarming
- discrepancy / discrepant
- discretion / discrete
- disdain / disdainful
- dismissive
- dissolution / dissolute
- dissonance / dissonant
- doggedness / dogged
- dogma / dogmatic
- effusion / effusive
- elation / elated
- elusive
- empathy / empathic (empathetic)
- emulate / emulation
- erratic
- evasion / evasive
- explicit
- extol
- facility / facile
- fawning
- feigned / feign
- fidelity
- flippancy / flippant
- foreboding
- frivolity / frivolous
- futility / futile
- gentility
- guile / guileful / guileless
- habitual
- histrionics / histrionic
- humility
- idyll / idyllic
- illusory
- impassioned
- imperiousness / imperious
- impiety / impious
- implicit
- incongruity / incongruous
- inconsequential
- indifference / indifferent
- indignation / indignant
- indulgence / indulgent
- ineptitude (ineptness) / inept
- inert / inertia
- infidelity
- inherent
- innate
- insatiability / insatiable
- inscrutability / inscrutable
- insolence / insolent
- irrefutability / irrefutable
- irrevocability / irrevocable
- jubilant
- juxtaposition / juxtaposed
- leniency / lenient
- linguistic
- malevolence / malevolent

- melancholy / melancholic
- mercurial
- naïveté
- nostalgia / nostalgic
- objectivity / objective
- obstinacy / obstinate
- omnipotence / omnipotent
- parody
- passivity / passive
- pathos
- pessimism (pessimist) / pessimistic
- patronizing
- petulance / petulant
- piety / pious
- plight
- pragmatism / pragmatic
- prescriptive
- pretence
- pretension (pretentiousness) / pretentious
- profusion / profuse
- prolific
- promiscuity / promiscuous
- propriety
- prosaic
- reconciliation / reconciled
- refutability / refutation / refutable
- repulsion / repulsed
- resignation / resigned
- resolution / resolute (resolved)
- revulsion
- rhetoric
- rustic
- sardonic
- satire / satirical
- skepticism / skeptical
- subjectivity / subjective
- sublimity / sublime
- submission
- submissiveness / submissive
- subservience / subservient
- thwart
- undermine
- utility / utilitarian
- veneration / venerable
- vindication / vindicate
- vindictive
- volatility / volatile
- wanton
- warranted / warrant
- wistfulness / wistful
- zeal (zealotry, zealousness) / zealous