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English 10 Honors Vocabulary Lesson 3

Part I: Directions: Each of the following sentences correctly uses a vocabulary word. Write the definition of each word under the sentence. Underline the words in the sentence that could help you guess what the word means.

1. We Americans do not believe that honest criticism of public officials should be regarded as **seditious**.

Definition:

2. He claims to be a close friend of the Senator, but I believe the connection is extremely **tenuous**.

Definition:

3. She seems to have a strong **proclivity** for both science and service to others. I think she should plan to study medicine.

Definition:

4. If, as you say, your slamming the door was purely **inadvertent** then you should be more careful.

Definition:

5. Wines from that part of France are produced by **fermenting** the juice of the luscious grapes that grow on the hillside.

Definition:

6. We had hoped to learn his opinion of the new energy program, but he remained completely **noncommittal** during the interview.

Definition:

7. As charming, clever and persuasive as she may be, she will certainly not **wheedle** me into lending her my tennis racquet.

Definition:

8. You could have indicated frankly what you thought was wrong without embittering them with such **vitriolic** criticism.

Definition:

9. The noted humanitarian **enjoined** her audience to play some part, however small, in her great crusade for human betterment.

Definition:

10. He **expiated** the crime committed during his youth by a lifetime of service to humanity.

Definition:

11. His line of questioning was so **circuitous** that I began to suspect that he himself was not sure of what he was trying to prove.

Definition:

12. Much of the money that the “robber barons” **peculated** from the public trust was never recovered- or even missed.

Definition:

13. While he remained the **nominal** leader of the group, the real power passed into the hands of his wily aide.

Definition:

14. Some people say that they cannot understand her defeat in the election, but I **ascribe** it to her failure to discuss the issues in simple, down-to-earth terms.

Definition:

15. Contacts with the modern world may still be infrequent, but the primitive peoples of New Guinea are already showing sign of **acculturation**.

Definition:

16. No matter what their other likes or dislikes are, all Americans thoroughly **abominate** slavery in all its forms.

Definition:

17. We must distinguish between the truly basic policies of our political party and those which are **adventitious** and have little connections with the essential program.

Definition:

18. Who in the world can hope to match the unshakable **sangfroid** of the indestructible James Bond in moments of great peril?

Definition:

19. Only someone who has suffered from bursitis can fully **commiserate** with me when I am in the throes of an acute attack.

Definition:

20. The new computerized referral system will greatly **expedite** the processing of complaints by customers.

Definition:

Part II: Now that you have a better understanding of the meaning of your vocabulary words, write each word next to its corresponding definition and write the part of speech.

Vocabulary Word	Part of Speech	Definition
		To make amends, atone, make up for
		To make easy; to cause to progress faster
		Intense dislike or hatred for
		To assign or refer to; attribute
		Resulting from chance rather than from inherent cause
		To direct or order; authoritative
		Sympathize with; have pity or sorrow for; share distress
		The change of one society because of interaction with another
		Roundabout; not direct
		To work into a state; to produce alcohol by chemical reaction; great excitement, agitation, or turbulence
		Bitterly sarcastic; like strong acid
		To use coaxing or flattery to gain some desired end
		Natural or habitual tendency
		To steal; take improperly for one's own use
		Too small to be considered; exists in name only
		Resistant to lawful authority; overthrowing government
		Thin, slender; slight importance; lacking sound base
		Not definite; unwilling to say yes or no or make a decision
		Composure or coolness, especially in trying circumstance
		Unintentional or accidental; lack of attention

