**Unit 7 Vocab Activities**

Part I: Circle the word that best completes the sentence.

1. Though the federal government does much to help the (indigent, garish), private charities play no small part in their welfare.
2. The famous sleuth pursued his investigation with all the (pertinacity, conviviality) of a lion stalking its dinner.
3. Ralph Waldo Emerson and a (coterie, indigent) of like-minded friends led the American Transcendentalism movement in the mid-nineteenth century.
4. To anyone as fond of the horses as I am, the stable and the tack room provide as (indigent, convivial) an atmosphere as one could wish for.
5. Often the antonym of a given English word is not so much its opposite as its (embellishment, counterpart)- for example, actor and actress.
6. The atrocities committed by the (garish, bestial) commanders of such concentration camps as Auschwitz appalled the civilized world.
7. The kind of (garish, misanthropic) theatrical makeup used by circus clowns is not suitable for an elegant fashion model.
8. When the facts of the matter speak so plainly for themselves, we shouldn’t seek to (embellish, jettison) them.
9. She has neither the starry-eyed optimism of the idealist nor the mordant cynicism of the (misanthrope, allay).
10. An emotion so fickle and (ephemeral, pertinacious) does not deserve to be categorized as love.
11. Every dynamic and successful society must be able to (allay, jettison) ideas and institutions that have outlived their usefulness.
12. To celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, my grandfather described the (felicitous, indigent) choice he made to to ask my grandmother out for a first date.
13. Sadly, in our celebrity-obsessed culture, professional athletes make (inordinate, embellished) amounts of money while professional educators make little.
14. Effective coaches are able to (allay, embellish) the doubts of their players.
15. If installment buying is not carefully controlled, the benefits that can accrue from it may prove wholly (illusory, inordinate).
16. I can always come up with the crushing rejoinder, the dazzling witticism, or the (furtive, felicitous) phrase--about an hour after I need it!
17. The presidency is the “toughest job in the world” because it makes such (bestial, inordinate) demands on a person’s time, energy, and ingenuity.
18. Nothing we could say seemed to (demur, allay) her grief over the loss of her dog.
19. As the rock star’s popularity began to skyrocket, what had been a small (coterie, raiment) of admirers became an unruly mob.
20. I am flattered that you want me to chair the meeting, but I must (demur, embellish) on the grounds of my youth and inexperience.
21. The famous sleuth pursued his investigation with all the (pertinacity, conviviality) of a lion stalking its dinner.
22. “You mean you had the (effrontery, demur) to ask for a raise when everyone knows you’ve been goofing off lately?” I asked in amazement.
23. The proofreader didn’t notice any significant flaws in the writing, but he did find a few (ephemeral, picayune) errors in the punctuation.
24. Somehow it depresses me to think that with the approach of winter this magnificent old tree will surrender all its leafy (raiment, effrontery).
25. Not surprisingly, my sister’s solemnly made commitment to daily clarinet practice for one month was (garish, ephemeral), lasting only five days.

Part IIA: Choose the word that is a SYNONYM for the phrase below.

1. Willingly **abandoned** their prejudices 6. The **dogged** researcher
2. A well-known **despiser of mankind** 7. The **fleeting** nature of power
3. Prone to **fanciful** get-rich quick schemes 8. **Ornamented** with nice phrases
4. Condemned the militia’s **depraved behavior** 9. Had to **gall** to demand an apology
5. A **clandestine** midnight meeting 10. Ignore those **inconsequential** objections

Part IIB:

1. The **social** inhabitants of the big cities 3. A very **grim** lunch meeting
2. **Moderate** increases in profit 4. **Humane** behavior

 5. Their **forthright** attempt to withdraw

Part III: Fill in the blank with the word that best completes the sentence.

1. The politician made a speech in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his constituents’ fears.
2. I have admit I was frightened of my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the other team because she held the high jump record.
3. In beating their prisoner, the guards were guilty of a truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ act.
4. The best storytellers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their tales in ways that help readers visualize the setting.
5. The storefront was painted in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ colors so that it would attract the attention of passersby.
6. Only the greatest of writers and artists achieve anything other than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ popularity.
7. The number of homeless and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ persons has increased since the economy took a downturn.
8. The captain ordered the crew to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ballast so the ship could move more quickly through the water.
9. In view of the high prices for home heating oil, the mild winter was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ turn of events.
10. The millionaire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left all her money to an animal shelter and not a single penny to a human being.
11. Who wouldn’t have had fun among such a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ group?
12. Police state tactics provide an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sense of security in an unjust society.
13. The “Old 400” was a very small and exclusive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of prominent old families that dominated East Coast society for decades.
14. “If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again” seems to be the motto of that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ young woman.
15. The press showered the popular actor with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ praise for what seemed a rather ordinary performance.