Vocab Activities Unit 5

Part I: Fill in the blank:

1. Competing teams consider my daughter the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the soccer field.
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pennies from the cash drawer, you are unlikely, after a while, to be satisfied with only pennies.
3. Many political prisoners were freed under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ granted by the new regime.
4. The ring must have slid off my finger as I was trying to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fish from the net.
5. He did more work, so a sixty-forty split of the profits seemed an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ arrangement.
6. It seems as if even the smoothest-running organizations contain one or two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elements.
7. The cute new puppy had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ effect on her health.
8. They will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ results of the election across the Internet and every television set in the land.
9. Even after the thirteen colonies gained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from England, many Americans clung to English traditions.
10. The well known Latin phrase “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emptor” means “let the buyer be ware.”
11. Many religions follow the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it is important to treat others as you, yourself, would like to be treated.
12. My sister announced in a severe and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tone of voice that we were out of cookies.
13. While critics called the movie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I though the performers were very compelling.
14. His bad mood was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and by the time he’d finished his breakfast, he was smiling.
15. Travelers may find overseas people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in some ways, but surprisingly free in others.

Part IIA: Synonyms

1. Guided by stern principles
2. A doleful atmosphere during the service
3. A warning regarding possible difficulties
4. Pardon for the former rebels
5. Working toward a reasonable treaty
6. Disengage the cat from the tree
7. To purloin some coins from petty cash
8. An argumentative, refractory congress
9. Ephemeral as a rainbow
10. Flog the oxen unmercifully
11. An insipid little five-note tune

Part IIB: Antonyms

1. Subjection of the small nation
2. The indulgent grandmother
3. To conceal the famous trademark

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

1. How easy it is for a nation to become trapped in an inflationary price rise; how difficult to (blazon, extricate) itself form the upward spiral!
2. Instead of brooding about past wrongs, I suggest that you declare a personal (amnesty, caveat) and start thinking about the future.
3. I intend to be guided by the simple (scourges, precepts) that have proven their value over long periods of human experience.
4. Unabridged dictionaries often alert the reader to common mistakes in the use of a word by including brief (caveats, scourges).
5. The ghost of Hamlet’s father whispered in (sepulchral, salutary) tones the story of his tragic death.
6. Appointed by the Governor to be Commissioner of Investigations, she soon became the (scourge, autonomy) of dishonest and incompetent officials.
7. Some sadly misguided individuals seem to go through life trying to (filch, blazon) petty advantages from everyone they encounter.
8. Arriving at (equitable, fractious) arrangements in human affairs often requires sound judgment, as well as good intentions.
9. The Judeo-Christian tradition teaches that material things are (transient, fractious), while spiritual values are eternal.
10. Young people, tired of being controlled by their parents, teachers, and others, often have strong imposes to gain (amnesty, autonomy).
11. In spite of the tremendous sales of that novel, I found it to be mediocre and (vapid, salutary) in every respect.