**Unit 8 Vocab Activities**

**Part I: Fill in the Blank**

1. She whirled to face me when I spoke, and her answer startled me by its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bluntness.
2. Being a neighbor but not quite a family friend, he was called in to give a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ view of our plan.
3. After I told him what had happened, he sat there with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expression and said nothing.
4. His father looked at the mess with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hardly knowing what to say first.
5. Though she had grown \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the years, the opera singer’s voice was the same.
6. Even if they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him to a mere clerical job, he is determined to make his presence felt.
7. The political party was torn by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and finally split into two wings.
8. Experience taught her to control her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outbursts of anger.
9. You can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the senator’s facts, but you cannot accuse her of concealing her intentions.
10. Rulers in Shakespeare’s plays often find themselves armed against enemies but not against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Science is not based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assumptions, but on proven facts.
12. Most people will agree that a noble purpose does not justify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means.
13. In the Middle Ages, a knight threw down his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a challenge, and another knight picked it up only if he accepted.
14. As chairman he is fair and open, but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his energies on trivial things.
15. According to the unwritten law of journalism, the editor alone has the right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the article.

**Part IIA: Synonyms**

1. Standing before us in bewilderment
2. To disown any credit for herself
3. Deciding to bowdlerize the passage
4. Unwilling to question his honor
5. Setting aside her conjectural motive
6. The brutal challenge he endured
7. A dishonorable end to a shadowy life
8. Consigned to the highest bleachers
9. Not a hint of duplicity in him
10. A show of unrestrained scorn
11. To deliberately waste her wealth
12. Give a detached account
13. His caustic way of speaking

**Part IIB: Antonyms**

1. A family vacation marked by harmony 2. An intern’s domineering manner

**Part III: Choosing the Right Word**

1. A certain amount of disagreement is healthy in an organization, but in our club (dissension, perfidy) has almost become a way of life.
2. Imagine our (consternation, dissension) when the brakes failed and we headed full speed toward the busy intersection.
3. Though I was annoyed by the child’s behavior, the father’s outburst of anger seemed to me deplorably (intemperate, bovine.)
4. By reference to (hypothetical, ignoble) cases, you may be able to clarify the difference between “murder” and “manslaughter” for the law students.
5. It is not for me to (expurgate, impugn) his motives, but how could anyone except an overambitious scoundrel have misled his friends in that way?
6. Aren’t you going a little far when you accuse me of (consternation, perfidy) because I didn’t vote for you in the beauty contest?
7. There is often a thin line between the kind of debate that is spirited and useful and that which is (acrimonious, hypothetical) and non-productive.
8. Not too long ago in our society, a (corpulent, bovine) body was generally admired as a sign of prosperity and physical vigor.
9. When Mr. Kummer saw my pathetically inept efforts to prepare a banana split, I was (impugned, relegated) to the ranks of the unemployed.
10. Far from being (ignoble, dispassionate), her failure after making a valiant effort may serve as an inspiration for young people.