Vocab Unit 9 Activities

Part I: Fill in the Blank

1. We stood on the dock on that moonless night, waiting for the storm to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Athletes have little choice but to enjoy the sometimes puzzling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their fans.
3. The author’s views on bringing up children are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to my dad but a delight to my mother.
4. Her career exhibited both the miser’s ever-growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the miser’s diminishing charm.
5. It was the inspector’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ neglect of duty that left such old buses in service.
6. Whoever allowed that man on a stage in guilty of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ blunder.
7. I won’t soon give my vote to a candidate who shows such a marked tendency to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Looking back, I see that the magic of that summer was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. You must be patient and realize that all his mistakes are typical of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this line of work.
10. We never seem to tire of stories of people who go from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sudden wealth.
11. Talking about one’s wealth is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in poor taste.
12. Don’t bother to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the plot of the book; instead, tell me if you liked it.
13. We need someone who can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our neighborhood council and thus perk up the community spirit.
14. Her room was in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ state, and it took her an entire Saturday to clean it up.
15. Guided by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that turned out to be false, they made some disastrous decisions.

Part IIA: Synonyms:

1. Driven by a limitless cupidity
2. Guilty of a flagrant rudeness
3. A delicate, transitory beauty
4. Sum up your requirements
5. Ashamed of a slipshod job
6. Struggle along in destitution
7. Revive the dull party
8. A reasonable presumption
9. The clumsiness of a neophyte
10. The hurricane’s winds subsided

Part IIB: Antonyms:

1. A laudable decision to walk away
2. Ready to meet the scorn of the crowd
3. Speak plainly on important subjects
4. An unassuming house near the city limits

Part III: Choosing the right word:

1. Biologists have a theory that every plant or animal in the course of its development (abates, recapitulates) all the stages of its evolution.
2. As the election drew nearer, the candidates went from reasonable discussion to quarrelsomeness to (anathematizing, recapitulation) each other.
3. Only a (penury, novice) at golf would have tried to use a driver when hitting into such a strong wind.
4. In everyone’s life, a situation may arise that calls for a basic moral choice to be made, without compromise or (abatement, equivocation).
5. Is it any wonder that a 17 year old star athlete becomes smug when she receives such (adulation, recapitulation) from the entire school?
6. Since he is known to be a multimillionaire, it seems almost (culpable, pretentious) of him, in an inverted sense, to drive around in a small, battered, inexpensive car.
7. In the densely populated and underdeveloped countries we visited, we saw the depths to which people can be reduced by (penury, anathema).
8. The (slovenly, pretentious) physical appearance of the report was matched by its careless writing and disorganized content.
9. They say that school spirit at Central High is dead, but I am confident that it can be (resuscitated, equivocated) if the right methods are used.
10. You may be right in your belief that she won’t let us use her car, but remember that this is still only a(n) (anathema, supposition).
11. As soon as the hurricane (abated, equivocated), rescue teams rushed out to help people in the devastated area.