

Emergency Closure- Honors English III

Home Instruction Packet for Honors English III

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In this packet you will find all of the materials and assessments you need to complete assignments over the course of our school closure. All work should be emailed back to me completed thoroughly no later than 12:00 PM on the day the work was assigned. For those of you without any internet access, I will collect this work upon our return to school. All work will be graded and counted towards your marking period grade. For those of you who do have internet access at home, the assignments will be posted on the school web site.

Here is the schedule of due dates for each assignment:

Lesson 1 will be due on Monday by midnight the week it is assigned.

Lesson 2 will be due on Wednesday by midnight the week it is assigned.

Lesson 3 will be due on Friday by midnight the week it is assigned.

I am available to support you during the hours 7:50am-2:50 pm to answer any of your questions. I will be responding to your emails within the hour.

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Week 4

Lesson 1

Complete Unit 15 vocabulary.

Lesson 2

Put all Unit 15 vocabulary words in to sentences with either semicolons, colons, or introductory participial phrases. You may mix and match.

Lesson 3

Complete Final Review test. (vocabulary)



## Definitions

Note the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank spaces in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms.

### 1. adamant (ad' ə mənt)

(*adj.*) firm in purpose or opinion, unyielding, obdurate, implacable, inflexible; (*n.*) an extremely hard substance

The government was \_\_\_\_\_ in its refusal to negotiate with terrorists.

When writers referred to \_\_\_\_\_ centuries ago, they sometimes meant diamonds or magnetized iron.

ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) yielding, flexible, pliable

### 2. brouhaha (brü' hä hä)

(*n.*) a confused hodgepodge of sounds, hubbub; an uproar or commotion that goes far beyond what is justified

After the \_\_\_\_\_ had finally subsided, we asked the group to give us a written list of all their complaints.

SYNONYMS: hullabaloo, tumult, pandemonium

### 3. bulwark (bəl' wərk)

(*n.*) a strong defense or protection, a solid wall-like structure for defense; (*v.*) to provide such defense or protection

The only evidence of a once thriving civilization is this \_\_\_\_\_ against the ocean tides.

The singer's staff had to \_\_\_\_\_ him against fans who wanted to get near him.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) bastion, rampart; ANTONYM: (*n.*) breach

### 4. choleric (käl' ə rik)

(*adj.*) easily made angry, bad-tempered

His \_\_\_\_\_ temperament and erratic behavior made him an ineffective ruler.

SYNONYMS: irascible, testy, splenetic, bilious  
ANTONYMS: affable, genial, even-tempered

### 5. cloy (kloi)

(*v.*) to spoil or destroy an appetite by too much indulgence, especially in sweet or rich things; to glut, satiate, surfeit

A steady diet of TV began to \_\_\_\_\_, and I was glad to begin a book.

ANTONYMS: stimulate, whet

### 6. curtail (kər tāl')

(*v.*) to cut short, bring to a halt, or end sooner than expected; to reduce

It is time yet again to \_\_\_\_\_ the flow of unsolicited nonsense that somehow reaches me as e-mail.

SYNONYMS: limit, abbreviate, abridge, contract  
ANTONYMS: protract, extend

## Unit 15

### 7. deference (def' ə rəns)

(*n.*) courteous yielding to the wishes and ideas of another person; great respect marked by submission, as to a superior

Some moderate \_\_\_\_\_ is due the boss, but too much can seem to conceal other motives.

SYNONYMS: respect, consideration; ANTONYMS: contempt, disda

### 8. definitive (də fin' ə tiv)

(*adj.*) conclusive, final, the limit of what can be done

She is working on what she hopes will be the \_\_\_\_\_ biography of Emily Dickinson.

SYNONYMS: exhaustive, authoritative; ANTONYM: tentative

### 9. demeanor (di mē' nər)

(*n.*) the way a person behaves, overall impression made by comportment, manner, etc.; facial appearance, mien

Charles Dickens's Mr. Pickwick has such a cheerful and sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_ that few can resist him.

SYNONYMS: conduct, behavior, carriage

### 10. enigmatic (en ig mat' ik)

(*adj.*) puzzling, perplexing, inexplicable, not easily understood

He was staring me straight in the eye, neither pleased nor displeased, his expression \_\_\_\_\_.

SYNONYMS: baffling, mysterious, inexplicable  
ANTONYMS: intelligible, understandable, fathomable

### 11. impromptu (im prāmp' tü)

(*adj., adv.*) without preparation, offhand, suddenly or hastily done; (*n.*) an extemporaneous composition or remark; a minim piece suggestive of improvisation

His \_\_\_\_\_ speech allowed him to express not only what he was thinking but also what he was feeling.

An \_\_\_\_\_ by Schubert may not stun you first, but you'll find hours later that you haven't forgotten it.

SYNONYMS: (*adj.*) spontaneous, improvised, unrehearsed  
ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) rehearsed, planned, premeditated

### 12. mawkish (mō' kish)

(*adj.*) excessively and objectionably sentimental; having a mild sickening flavor

Jimmy Stewart's portrayal of his character in *It's a Wonderful Life* was poignant without being \_\_\_\_\_.

SYNONYMS: sentimentalized, mushy, nauseating  
ANTONYMS: unsentimental, callous, insensitive

### 13. mollify (mäl' ə fi)

(*v.*) to soften; to calm, allay (as an emotion); reduce in intensity

The senator hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ her angry public, but nothing she said was likely to get her reelected.

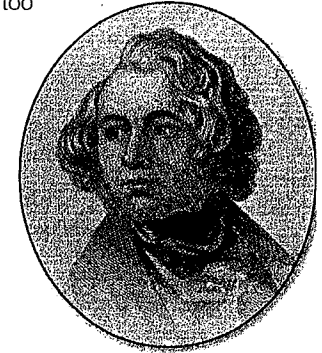
SYNONYMS: pacify, placate; ANTONYMS: aggravate, exacerbate

- 14. onus**  
(ō' nəs)  
(*n.*) something that is heavy or burdensome (especially an unwelcome responsibility); a stigma; blame  
If the \_\_\_\_\_ for a defective product is placed on the consumer, some complicated legal and ethical questions are sure to arise.  
SYNONYMS: obligation, duty
- 15. presentiment**  
(pre.zen'tə.mənt)  
(*n.*) a vague sense of approaching misfortune  
Ironically, by denying their \_\_\_\_\_, they made their worst fears come true.  
SYNONYMS: foreboding, premonition, hunch
- 16. profligate**  
(präf'lə.gət)  
(*adj.*) given over to dissipation and self-indulgence, immoral; recklessly extravagant; (*n.*) a person given to wild spending  
He was the family's \_\_\_\_\_ son, the charming one from whom nothing was expected.  
She was a \_\_\_\_\_, and no matter how much money she earned, she always spent more than she had.  
SYNONYMS: (*adj.*) prodigal, improvident; (*n.*) spendthrift  
ANTONYMS: (*adj.*) penny-pinching, frugal, economical
- 17. remit**  
(ri.mit')  
(*v.*) to send or hand in (as money); to cancel (as a penalty or punishment), forgive; to lessen, diminish; postpone, defer  
They would \_\_\_\_\_ a certain sum each year to a local charity.  
SYNONYMS: absolve, subside, abate, pardon
- 18. requisite**  
(rek'wə.zit)  
(*adj.*) needed, necessary, regarded as essential or indispensable  
If you have the \_\_\_\_\_ coordination and an ear for music, I'll pay for your first year of dance instruction.  
SYNONYMS: required, obligatory, incumbent  
ANTONYMS: nonessential, superfluous, optional
- 19. sartorial**  
(sär.tôr'ē.əl)  
(*adj.*) of or pertaining to a tailor or his work; having to do with clothes or dress (especially men's)  
Paging through historical picture books is a fascinating study in \_\_\_\_\_ standards through the centuries.
- 20. thwart**  
(thwört)  
(*v.*) to oppose successfully; to prevent, frustrate  
Our dog's friendliness would \_\_\_\_\_ the sternest efforts of the most expensive guard-dog trainer.  
SYNONYMS: foil, baffle  
ANTONYMS: aid, assist, abet, further

## Choosing the Right Word

Select the **boldface** word that better completes each sentence. You might refer to the selection on pages 184–185 to see how most of these words are used in context.

- I am a great admirer of Charles Dickens, but even I must admit that the death of Little Nell in *The Old Curiosity Shop* is too (**sartorial, mawkish**) to be truly effective.
- The scientific method stands as a(n) (**bulwark, onus**) against the tides of irrationality and superstition.
- His constant blustering and (**definitive, choleric**) behavior may be no more than an unconscious attempt to conceal his lack of self-confidence.
- I am surprised that she now shows such exaggerated (**deference, adamant**) to people whose "aristocratic" pretensions she has always regarded with contempt.
- After years of (**profligate, enigmatic**) living, he experienced a profound change of heart and devoted the rest of his life to serving humanity.
- Her bitter anger was eventually (**mollified, thwarted**) by our skillful appeals to her vanity.
- Let us place the (**presentiment, onus**) for the defeat where it belongs—on each and every one of us!
- Our coach is (**adamant, mawkish**) that we not drink sugary sports drinks before a game and insists that we hydrate only with water.
- When you have a feeling that something is about to happen, you may unconsciously act in a way that will help the (**brouhaha, presentiment**) to come true.
- Though my sister has many close friends, she is a(n) (**bulwark, enigma**) who is reluctant to share her private thoughts and feelings.
- His aggressive and suspicious (**deference, demeanor**) led the detectives to suspect that he was more involved with the crime than he alleged.
- Scholastic proficiency, emotional stability, and a genuine interest in young people are (**profligate, requisite**) qualities for a good teacher.
- After tallying the bills and invoices, the young newlyweds began the odious task of (**remitting, mollifying**) payments to the wedding planner, florist, and photographer.
- Far from being (**impromptu, profligate**), all those jokes and wisecracks you hear on TV talk shows are usually prepared by professional writers and are carefully rehearsed.
- When we received bad news from home, we had to (**remit, curtail**) our vacation and return a few days earlier than planned.



Many of Dickens's novels, including *The Old Curiosity Shop*, were originally published as weekly serials.

16. Their efforts to win the game by a last-minute trick play were (**thwarted, remitted**) when our alert safety intercepted the deep pass.
17. The special privileges extended to the senior class have not been entirely withdrawn, but they have been sharply (**thwarted, curtailed**) for the rest of the term.
18. Her unvarying sweetness, like a diet composed entirely of desserts, does begin to (**cloy, mollify**) after a while.
19. Expressing his mystification at the Soviet Union, Churchill referred to it as a "riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an (**enigma, onus**)."
20. We all admired her (**demeanor, presentiment**), which was dignified without any suggestion of superiority or stuffiness.
21. The recent (**presentiment, brouhaha**) over the choice of a host for our local beauty pageant seemed to me nothing more than a "tempest in a teapot."
22. He delivered his speech poorly, but since he was the best-dressed man on the dais that afternoon, he enjoyed a (**sartorial, profligate**) if not an oratorical triumph.
23. I came to realize that the demure little woman who never raised her voice had a will of pure (**adamant, deference**).
24. There are so many aspects to Shakespeare that there will never be a truly (**definitive, impromptu**) study of his work.
25. You can't enroll in this advanced class without the (**requisite, definitive**) courses.

## Synonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. a clearly expressed yet **mystifying** statement \_\_\_\_\_
2. a solemn and mournful **bearing** \_\_\_\_\_
3. a heavy **burden** to bear \_\_\_\_\_
4. would **pay** the fine \_\_\_\_\_
5. received an **omen** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **obstruct** a complicated plot \_\_\_\_\_
7. a **maudlin** love story \_\_\_\_\_
8. his **crotchety** reaction to any interruption \_\_\_\_\_
9. felt protected inside the **fortress** \_\_\_\_\_
10. sweet snacks **slaked** her appetite for dinner \_\_\_\_\_

## Antonyms

Choose the word from this unit that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the phrase. Write that word on the line. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. an **unsympathetic** response to her tale of woe \_\_\_\_\_
2. show **scorn** for the leader \_\_\_\_\_
3. a **prepared** statement for the press \_\_\_\_\_
4. **foment** an interest in golf \_\_\_\_\_
5. an **amiable** reply to the question \_\_\_\_\_

## Completing the Sentence

From the words in this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. I think that the phrase "having a short fuse" aptly describes my new boss's \_\_\_\_\_ and curmudgeonly disposition.
2. We heard that the South High fans were planning to "kidnap" our mascot before the game, and we were determined to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
3. In his black jacket, light gray slacks, and tailored sport shirt, he was a model of \_\_\_\_\_ elegance.
4. Somehow, whenever more money is needed for our club activities, the \_\_\_\_\_ of raising it always seems to fall on me.
5. The candidate seems much more human and appealing when she delivers a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ speech than when she reads a prepared text.
6. Throughout the trial she maintained a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of quiet dignity and confidence that made a favorable impression on the jury.
7. In \_\_\_\_\_ to the wishes of the widow, the funeral services will be brief, and no eulogy will be delivered.
8. When the chairperson saw that the speakers were becoming more heated, without offering any new facts or ideas to clarify the situation, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion period.
9. Although we must have armed forces to protect the country, the most important \_\_\_\_\_ of national security is the devotion of the people to our democratic institutions.
10. How can you watch those silly reruns of old family shows day after day without being \_\_\_\_\_ by their gooey sentimentality?

11. I was surprised that so trivial an incident should have provided such a fearful \_\_\_\_\_ in the popular press.
12. We are still looking for a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ answer to the question of whether or not our prisons can rehabilitate as well as punish.
13. I see no point in your applying for that job when it is perfectly clear that you lack the \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications.
14. The circumstances surrounding the death are so \_\_\_\_\_ that the police are not even sure that a crime was committed.
15. Attached to every bill for the merchandise was a brief notice asking the customer to \_\_\_\_\_ payment promptly.
16. By talking so much about your \_\_\_\_\_ that "we're going to have an accident," you are making me nervous and preventing me from driving properly.
17. By getting the students to apologize for their thoughtless discourtesy, we \_\_\_\_\_ the anger of the elderly elevator operator.
18. He was willing to compromise on many issues, but elimination of the ridiculous requirements for those jobs was the one point on which he was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_.
19. He was so \_\_\_\_\_ with his inheritance that he consumed in a few years the fortune it had taken his parents a lifetime to accumulate.
20. At first, I was glad to see my old classmate again, but he embarrassed me with his \_\_\_\_\_ talk about "those wonderful, golden school days."

### Writing: Words in Action

1. Look back at "New Tribe Discovered in Amazon" (pages 184–185). Suppose you were hired to persuade Brazilian officials and others that we should not interfere with the way of life of indigenous peoples in the Amazon. Write your argument using at least two details from the passage and three unit words.
2. What, if anything, do you think citizens or governments should do to protect indigenous peoples? What responsibility do nations have to respect indigenous people's way of life and protect the areas where they live? In a brief essay, support your opinion with specific details from your observations, studies, and the reading (pages 184–185). Write at least three paragraphs, and use three or more words from this unit.

## Vocabulary in-Context

### Literary Text

The following excerpts are from *Tales of a Traveller* by Washington Irving. Some of the words you have studied in this unit appear in **boldface** type. Complete each statement below the excerpt by circling the letter of the correct answer.

1. To see him on Sunday, so stiff and starched in his **demeanor**; so precise in his dress; with his daughter under his arm, and his ivory-headed cane in his hand, was enough to deter all graceless youngsters from approaching.

A person's **demeanor** is his or her

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| a. viewpoint | c. upbringing |
| b. manner    | d. profession |

2. A deep sleep had already fallen upon this primitive little burgh; nothing disturbed this awful silence, excepting now and then the bark of some **profligate** night-walking dog, or the serenade of some romantic cat:

A **profligate** dog is NOT

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| a. unrestrained  | c. wild     |
| b. irresponsible | d. cautious |

3. He would now have entered into a full detail, but was **thwarted** by the Englishman, who seemed determined not to credit or indulge him in his stories.

If a storyteller is **thwarted**, he or she is

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| a. changed     | c. discouraged |
| b. exaggerated | d. abetted     |

4. There was a story also of a gentleman of Rome, who delayed **remitting** the ransom demanded for his son, detained by the banditti, and received one of his son's ears in a letter with information that the other would be remitted to him soon, if the money were not forthcoming, and that in this way he would receive the boy by installments until he came to terms.

The act of **remitting** involves

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| a. paying      | c. obtaining |
| b. distracting | d. producing |

5. The faintly lighted apartment had all the qualifications **requisite** for a haunted chamber. It began in my inflected imagination to assume strange appearances. The old portraits turned paler and paler, and blacker and blacker; the streaks of light and shadow thrown among the quaint old articles of furniture, gave them singular shapes....

Qualifications that are **requisite** are

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| a. pleasurable | c. unexpected |
| b. compulsory  | d. terrifying |



Often called "the father of the American short story," Washington Irving was the first American author to make a living from his writing.

Interactive Quiz



Snap the code, or go to [vocabularyworkshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com)

## FINAL MASTERY TEST

### Synonyms

Select the two words or expressions that are most nearly the same in meaning.

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. a. foment         | b. cause        | c. repress      | d. elicit       |
| 2. a. deleterious    | b. gauche       | c. graceless    | d. clever       |
| 3. a. enthrall       | b. horrify      | c. charm        | d. prate        |
| 4. a. onus           | b. approbation  | c. approval     | d. indifference |
| 5. a. scintillating  | b. choleric     | c. discordant   | d. witty        |
| 6. a. hiatus         | b. disagreement | c. pause        | d. coalition    |
| 7. a. recognition    | b. autonomy     | c. decadence    | d. independence |
| 8. a. lassitude      | b. clangor      | c. eagerness    | d. weariness    |
| 9. a. enthusiastic   | b. motley       | c. diverse      | d. dowdy        |
| 10. a. disabuse      | b. learn        | c. recapitulate | d. summarize    |
| 11. a. saturate      | b. scour        | c. permeate     | d. foist        |
| 12. a. grandiose     | b. profitable   | c. extravagant  | d. punctilious  |
| 13. a. cowardice     | b. perfidy      | c. amnesty      | d. treachery    |
| 14. a. sanctimonious | b. hypocritical | c. spontaneous  | d. evanescent   |
| 15. a. gratuitous    | b. unstated     | c. implicit     | d. overt        |

### Antonyms

Select the two words that are most nearly opposite in meaning.

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|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 16. a. impassive  | b. imperious  | c. remarkable  | d. subservient  |
| 17. a. hackneyed  | b. provincial | c. novel       | d. insular      |
| 18. a. infirmity  | b. sadistic   | c. decisive    | d. humane       |
| 19. a. dissension | b. gossamer   | c. simple      | d. agreement    |
| 20. a. fractious  | b. dilatory   | c. expensive   | d. prompt       |
| 21. a. enigmatic  | b. deliberate | c. inadvertent | d. harsh        |
| 22. a. produce    | b. aver       | c. disavow     | d. supplicate   |
| 23. a. politic    | b. imprudent  | c. abundant    | d. resilient    |
| 24. a. grisly     | b. torpid     | c. energetic   | d. intellectual |
| 25. a. collate    | b. extricate  | c. embroil     | d. rearrange    |

## FINAL MASTERY TEST

### Analogies

Select the item that best completes the comparison.

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|---|---|
| 26. <b>deft</b> is to <b>aplomb</b> as            | 30. <b>inscrutable</b> is to <b>decipher</b> as |
| a. vitriolic is to tact                           | a. invisible is to overlook                     |
| b. nonchalant is to sangfroid                     | b. immutable is to persist                      |
| c. unctuous is to wisdom                          | c. irrevocable is to retract                    |
| d. seditious is to persistence                    | d. innocuous is to harm                         |
| 27. <b>millennium</b> is to <b>year</b> as        | 31. <b>crypt</b> is to <b>sepulchral</b> as     |
| a. quart is to pint                               | a. mansion is to penurious                      |
| b. mile is to foot                                | b. palace is to indigent                        |
| c. kilo is to gram                                | c. prison is to soporific                       |
| d. meter is to yard                               | d. slum is to squalid                           |
| 28. <b>circuitous</b> is to <b>twists</b> as      | 32. <b>grisly</b> is to <b>horror</b> as        |
| a. sinuous is to gaps                             | a. jejune is to interest                        |
| b. serrated is to knots                           | b. revolting is to disgust                      |
| c. gnarled is to curves                           | c. appalling is to joy                          |
| d. jagged is to irregularities                    | d. ominous is to exultation                     |
| 29. <b>transient</b> is to <b>pass through</b> as | 33. <b>corpulent</b> is to <b>obese</b> as      |
| a. itinerant is to occupy                         | a. nebulous is to lucid                         |
| b. pioneer is to settle                           | b. succinct is to terse                         |
| c. resident is to visit                           | c. slovenly is to untidy                        |
| d. tourist is to colonize                         | d. skinny is to cadaverous                      |

### Two-Word Completions

Select the best word pair from among the choices given.

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ manner of the hostess, who greeted us with warmth, left us unprepared for the \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of the wait staff.
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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. adamant . . . bovine   | c. affable . . . brusque   |
| b. bizarre . . . culpable | d. crass . . . meritorious |
35. To our disappointment and \_\_\_\_\_, the author made a host of \_\_\_\_\_ demands in return for appearing at the book fair.
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| a. adulation . . . beneficent | c. penury . . . insurgent       |
| b. odium . . . jejune         | d. consternation . . . petulant |
36. Rather than \_\_\_\_\_, the response of the boisterous crowd in the theater grew more and more \_\_\_\_\_.
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| a. abate . . . bombastic     | c. ferment . . . ignoble  |
| b. abominate . . . anomalous | d. infringe . . . heinous |
37. My dog knows she can \_\_\_\_\_ treats from me because I am \_\_\_\_\_ to her sad, imploring eyes.
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| a. wheedle . . . susceptible       | c. exhort . . . unwieldy |
| b. remonstrate . . . surreptitious | d. transcend . . . jaded |

## FINAL MASTERY TEST

### Supplying Words in Context

To complete each sentence, select the best word from among the choices given. Not all words in the word bank will be used. You may modify the word form as necessary.

debase	amnesty	equitable	contraband
ingratiate	nominal	decadence	austere
fetter	coalition	mitigate	elicit
axiomatic	erudite	anathema	anomalous

38. If people pay their overdue fines by the end of the month, they will be given \_\_\_\_\_ regarding late fees.
39. In an effort to \_\_\_\_\_ himself, he offered to do all of the chores.
40. Speaking in such a disrespectful way would have been \_\_\_\_\_ to my grandparents.
41. In order to tackle so difficult an issue, I recommend we seek to form a \_\_\_\_\_ of interested groups that will work together.
42. The police dogs are specially trained to be able to detect \_\_\_\_\_.
43. Both sides involved in the recent controversy were pleased by the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the settlement.

propensity	flout	impugn	castigate
assuage	sedulous	desecrate	enjoin
surmise	filch	acculturation	aspersion
astute	proclivity	vicarious	novice

44. To \_\_\_\_\_ the rules in such an obvious manner could not help but draw attention.
45. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ may involve a complete immersion in the new language and habits of living.
46. Your \_\_\_\_\_ observation indicates a great deal of experience in this academic field.
47. As I had been warned repeatedly, for the teacher to \_\_\_\_\_ me was completely understandable.
48. For a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ at the sport, she performed extremely well.
49. Speaking soothingly, my father sought to \_\_\_\_\_ my sorrowful feelings when my best friend moved to Europe.

## FINAL MASTERY TEST

### Word Associations

Select the word or expression that best completes the meaning of the sentence or answers the question, with particular reference to the meaning of the word in **boldface** type.

50. The distinguishing symptom of a person suffering from **megalomania** is  
 a. chronic depression  
 b. high blood pressure  
 c. delusions of grandeur  
 d. problem dandruff
51. Taking **umbrage** would be a reasonable reaction when you are  
 a. complimented  
 b. insulted  
 c. rewarded  
 d. introduced to someone new
52. Which of the following is the best remedy for being **callow**?  
 a. time and experience  
 b. dancing lessons  
 c. vitamins  
 d. sun and surf
53. Which of the following reactions would best characterize someone suffering from **ennui**?  
 a. a smile  
 b. a wink  
 c. a yawn  
 d. a grimace
54. A person who is the **epitome** of wit  
 a. uses it maliciously  
 b. is actually not very witty  
 c. is an ideal example of wittiness  
 d. employs wit in a strange way
55. Which of the following would by definition be guilty of **peculation**?  
 a. a judge  
 b. a coward  
 c. an embezzler  
 d. a philanthropist
56. If you receive a **noncommittal** reply to a request, you will probably be  
 a. in a state of uncertainty  
 b. deeply depressed  
 c. overjoyed  
 d. ready to fight
57. To describe an author as **prolific** refers to  
 a. nationality  
 b. the size of the author's bank account  
 c. relations with critics  
 d. the number of books produced
58. The usual reason for **expurgating** a book is to  
 a. get rid of objectionable material  
 b. make it more readable  
 c. translate it into a foreign language  
 d. reissue it as an e-book
59. A person who has suffered an **egregious** defeat has lost  
 a. gloriously  
 b. conspicuously  
 c. by a close score  
 d. as a result of unfair tactics
60. You would **buttress** an argument if you wanted to  
 a. incite it  
 b. support it  
 c. avoid it  
 d. repudiate it
61. Good advice to someone who is constantly being **dunned** is  
 a. Go home!  
 b. Keep your eye on the ball!  
 c. Don't waste fuel!  
 d. Pay your bills!

## FINAL MASTERY TEST

### Choosing the Right Meaning

Read each sentence carefully. Then select the item that best completes the statement below the sentence.

62. The **acrimonious** nature of our first encounter has made our relationship extremely difficult ever since.  
The word **acrimonious** most nearly means  
a. hostile                      b. herculean                      c. magnanimous                      d. weird
63. Our school principal projected such an **aura** of competence that no one questioned her ability to make the right decisions on behalf of the school.  
The word **aura** most nearly means  
a. atmosphere                      b. cause                      c. fear                      d. expectation
64. The children's reaction to the strange man's behavior only served to further **disconcert** the other people in the park.  
The word **disconcert** most nearly means  
a. praise                      b. replace                      c. upset                      d. aggrandize
65. The administrator said he would **expedite** our application so we would not have to spend the afternoon waiting for the results.  
The word **expedite** most nearly means  
a. augment                      b. berate                      c. delay                      d. facilitate
66. The author's wise **precepts** laid out a philosophy of life that it would be fruitful to use as a model.  
The word **precepts** most nearly means  
a. caveats                      b. infractions                      c. principles                      d. innuendos
67. The polar expedition's exploits have been **blazoned** on the pages of history, inspiring generations of geographers and adventurers.  
The best definition for the word **blazoned** is  
a. cajoled                      b. displayed                      c. ignored                      d. absolved
68. The planners recognize the need to **transmute** the economic system from an industrial base to a concentration on providing services.  
The word **transmute** most nearly means  
a. converge                      b. accrue                      c. change                      d. inveigh
69. Nothing in the politician's record could lead anyone to **ascribe** to him such outlandish views.  
The word **ascribe** most nearly means  
a. revive                      b. attribute                      c. expiate                      d. reverberate
70. Taking the medication for the full course prescribed will serve best to **ameliorate** the condition.  
The word **ameliorate** is best defined as  
a. disavow                      b. lament                      c. improve                      d. contrive