Homework 3A—Definitions, Synonyms, Antonyms

BASIC MEANINGS. Directions: Fill in the bubble of the identifying letter of the item that most nearly means the same as the underlined word or expression in the introductory phrase.

1. myriad forms of life a. many b. familiar c. new d. alien
2. grappled with my opponent a. chatted b. joked c. wrestled d. dealt
3. sang in unison a. in one voice b. out of tune c. like a bird d. a solo
4. comply with our wishes a. mock b. obey c. refuse d. ignore
5. perturbed by the remarks a. troubled b. overjoyed c. surprised d. satisfied
6. members of the elite a. old guard b. middle class c. lower orders d. upper crust
7. allot the money a. steal b. count c. apportion d. collect
8. relevant to the discussion a. connected to b. unrelated to c. preceding d. following
9. a prodigious quantity a. small b. minute c. average d. immense
10. a willful child a. doomed b. headstrong c. charming d. reasonable
11. instigate the incident a. overlook b. observe c. provoke d. deplore
12. incapacitated by medication a. disabled b. stimulated c. confused d. revitalized
13. amass a large fortune a. donate b. gamble c. lose d. gather
14. different perspective a. costume b. viewpoint c. address d. language

SYNONYMS. Directions: Fill in the bubble of the identifying letter of the item that most nearly means the same as the introductory word.

15. vie a. compete b. perish c. hope d. wait
16. devoid a. full b. lacking c. rejected d. uncomfortable
17. tether a. fence b. transience c. panic d. rope
18. skittish a. grumpy b. bumpy c. lumpy d. jumpy
19. audacious a. daring b. professional c. clumsy d. nervous
20. longevity a. long life b. long distance c. long suit d. long shot

ANTONYMS. Directions: Fill in the bubble of the identifying letter of the item that most nearly means the opposite of the introductory word.

21. longevity a. gravity b. depravity c. levity d. brevity
22. myriad a. many b. few c. some d. any
23. tether a. unroll b. unfold c. undress d. untie
24. comply a. fit b. comfort c. refuse d. pay
25. audacious a. hopeful b. daring c. timid d. awesome
26. willful a. docile b. obstinate c. contend d. deliberate
Vocabulary Unit 3

**WORD BANK**

- a) Amass
- b) Allot
- c) Audacious
- d) Comply
- e) Devoid
- f) Elite
- g) Grapple
- h) Incapacitate
- i) Instigate
- j) Longevity
- k) Myriad
- l) Perspective
- m) Perturb
- n) Prodigious
- o) Relevant
- p) Skittish
- q) Tether
- r) Unison
- s) Vie
- t) Willful

**ANTONYMS**

1) _____ bold, daring, reckless, cool
2) _____ brevity, transience
3) _____ delight, gladden, please
4) _____ docile, obedient, tractable
5) _____ few, scant, sparse

6) _____ full, teeming, abounding
7) _____ puny, minuscule, insignificant
8) _____ rank & file, dregs of society
9) _____ rehabilitate, restore
10) _____ reject, refuse, decline
11) _____ scatter, dissipate, squander
12) _____ stop, quell, squelch, quash
13) _____ timid, cowardly
14) _____ unconnected, extraneous
15) _____ untie, let loose

**DEFINITIONS & SYNONYMS**

16) ____ a point of view from which different things are viewed
17) ____ a rope/chain used to fasten something to a fixed object
18) ____ a sounding together; agreement or accord
19) ____ accumulate, pile up, garner
20) ____ an iron hook used to grab/hold
21) ____ apportion, parcel out, allocate
22) ____ bold, adventurous, recklessly daring
23) ____ connected with or related to the matter at hand
24) ____ contend, rival
25) ____ cream of the crop, upper crust
26) ____ disable, debilitate, paralyze, cripple
27) ____ enterprising, brave
28) ____ extremely nervous/easily frightened; shy or timid
29) ____ gigantic, tremendous, astounding
30) ____ harmony, concord, assent
31) ____ headstrong, obstinate, premeditated
32) ____ immense; extraordinary in bulk, size, or degree
33) ____ in very great numbers; very great number
34) ____ innumerable, countless
35) ____ jumpy, restive, capricious, fickle
36) ____ long life, long duration, length of life
37) ____ not having or using, lacking
38) ____ pertinent, germane, applicable
39) ____ stubbornly self-willed; done on purpose, deliberate
40) ____ submit to, consent to, acquiesce in
41) ____ tackle, confront, struggle with
42) ____ the choice part of a group of people or things; superior
43) ____ tie up, chain up, leash
44) ____ to assign or distribute into shares or portions
45) ____ to bring together, collect, gather, esp. for oneself
46) ____ to come to grips with, wrestle/fight with
47) ____ to compete; to strive for victory or superiority
48) ____ to deprive of strength or ability; make legally ineligible
49) ____ to disturb greatly; to throw into confusion
50) ____ to fasten with a rope/chain
51) ____ to urge on; to stir up, provoke, start, incite
52) ____ to yield to a request or command
53) ____ upset, agitate, anger, irritate
54) ____ viewpoint, sense of proportion
55) ____ wanting, bereft
Directions: Fill in the bubble of the identifying letter of the word that best completes the meaning of the sentence.

1. As the season wound down and the plaudits of the fans rose, the two rival teams ___ for first place and ___ the home-team advantage in the playoffs.
   a. amassed   b. incapacitated   c. vied   d. complied

2. The Supreme Court Justice decreed that the White House should ___ with the court order and turn over ___ the documents sought by the special prosecutor.
   a. comply   b. grapple   c. perturb   d. instigate

3. "The point you make is an interesting one," the teacher remarked to her student, "but I fail to see how it is ___ to the topic we are currently discussing."
   a. audacious   b. devoid   c. willful   d. relevant

4. Before the cowboy entered the sheriff's office, he dismounted his horse and ___ it to the hitching rail out front.
   a. amassed   b. tethered   c. allotted   d. grappled

5. Though some creatures live in this world for only a very short time, others are noted for their ___.
   a. perspective   b. elite   c. unison   d. longevity

6. The bitter strike closed shops, shut down factories, and ___ an entire industry for months.
   a. instigated   b. allotted   c. incapacitated   d. grappled

7. The enterprising young businessman stated, "We will never have a well-organized or effective company if all the employees ___ insist on doing things their own way".
   a. willfully   b. prodigiously   c. audaciously   d. skittishly

8. The icy conditions of the congested interstate highway unnerved the extremely ___ driver as she attempted to complete her driver's test.
   a. audacious   b. skittish   c. willful   d. perturbed

9. The President, an avowed supporter of peace, delivered a simple, low-key speech, completely ___ of fancy language or emotional appeals.
   a. devoid   b. audacious   c. relevant   d. willful

10. Our life science course has given us some idea of the ___ varieties of plants and animals inhabiting the earth.
    a. unison   b. audacious   c. myriad   d. perspective

11. Perhaps in the long-term ___ of a person's life, some childhood events that seem very important now will prove to be minor.
    a. longevity   b. perspective   c. elite   d. unison

12. Mother Teresa devoted her life to serving the world's poor and not to ___ material riches.
    a. allotting   b. perturbing   c. complying   d. amassing

13. Unless you want to ___ a nasty wrangle, don't tell Ray that you saw me at the rink with another boy.
    a. allot   b. grapple   c. instigate   d. amass

14. People who come from rich and socially prominent families don't always belong to the intellectual ___.
    a. myriad   b. unison   c. perspective   d. elite
Vocab 3E
Completing the Sentence

1. The _________________ child insisted on wearing sneakers to her sister’s wedding.
2. Trying to navigate through rush-hour traffic on a high-speed expressway can be a nightmare for a(n) _________________ driver.
3. You will have to use a _____________ to recover the lobster trap from the bottom of the bay.
4. He joined the _________________ group of athletes who have run a mile in under four minutes.
5. A number of cities _______________ with one another to be chosen as the site of the national political convention.
6. Since the town meeting tonight has been called to deal with conservation, only discussion _________________ to that subject will be allowed.
7. Before setting out on the camping trip, Mr. Silver _________________ special tasks to all of us.
8. I am completely _________________ of sympathy for anyone who loses a job because of carelessness or indifference.
9. The disease had so _________________ the poor woman that she was no longer able to leave her bed.
10. The autumn night sky, with its _________________ of stars, always fills me with awe.
11. There in the middle of the garden was a goat _________________ to a stake.
12. Even though Ellen is a bright student, I don’t quite understand how she could _________________ such a vast store of information so quickly.
13. If all members of the cast work in _________________, I am sure we will have a successful class show.
14. When he seemed hopelessly defeated, Washington crossed the Delaware and launched a(n) _________________ surprise attack on the Hessians.
15. Some of our best secret agents were sent behind enemy lines in an effort to _________________ a rebellion.
16. Father said, “I am _________________ not because you failed the exam but because you still seem unable to understand why you failed the exam.”
17. Though we have made many outstanding contributions to the conquest of space, landing men on the moon is probably our most _________________ achievement.
18. Someday, when you see this event in its proper _________________, you will realize that it is not as important as it seems now.
19. We can thank modern medical science for the increased _________________ of human beings in most parts of the world.
20. I refuse to _________________ with any order issued by a person who has absolutely no knowledge of the project I’m working on.