

SAT vocab lesson 11

I. Matching. Match the word on the left with its definition on the right. You will use each letter once.

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| ___1. altruistic | A. _____ a rule of conduct or action |
| ___2. antipathy | B. _____ a cause of affliction or suffering, a source of severe punishment;
_____ to whip or punish severely |
| ___3. precept | C. _____ to bitterly severe, withering, causing great harm |
| ___4. salutary | D. _____ a strong dislike, hostile feeling |
| ___5. scathing | E. _____ beneficial, helpful; healthful, wholesome |
| ___6. scourge | F. _____ funereal, typical of the tomb; extremely gloomy or dismal |
| ___7. sepulchral | G. _____ not easily carried, handled, or managed because of size or complexity |
| ___8. soporific | H. _____ tending to cause sleep, relating to sleepiness or lethargy;
_____ something that induces sleep |
| ___9. unwieldy | J. _____ unselfish, concerned with the welfare of others |
| ___10. vapid | K. _____ dull, uninteresting, tiresome; lacking in sharpness, flavor, liveliness, force |

II. Fill in the blank. Choose from the following list of vocab words to complete the sentences. You might need to change the form of the word to make it fit correctly into the sentence. Be careful.

altruistic	antipathy	precept	salutary	scathing
scourge	sepulchral	soporific	unwieldy	vapid

23. Sensible people normally view any form of bigotry with the most profound _____.
24. We loaded the truck with the chairs and the coffee table, but the grand piano was too _____ for us to move.
25. Shakespeare's Juliet drinks a/an _____ so as to appear dead—a trick she soon regrets.
26. While critics called the movie _____, Jody thought the performers were very compelling.
27. Many religions follow the _____ that it is important to treat others as you, yourself, would like to be treated.
28. Most of the time, a carefully reasoned discussion does more to change people's minds than a/an _____ attack on their personal views.
29. My sister announced in a severe and _____ tone of voice that we were out of cookies.
30. The teams we oppose always consider my daughter the _____ of the soccer field because she is usually the sole cause of their defeat.
31. The cute new puppy had a/an _____ effect on the health of the nursing home patients, so the shelter brought a few more puppies for them to hold and play with.
32. Most people support _____ programs to help the less fortunate of this world.

III.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 given phrase. You will use all of these words.

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33. _____ the main **principle** of their religious beliefs
34. _____ a **cumbersome** stack of boxes
35. _____ his **lugubrious** attitude during the presentation
36. _____ her **selfless** attitude toward anyone in trouble
37. _____ the **hostility** that makes everything uncomfortable between them
38. _____ didn't enjoy the **inane** essays that he read aloud
39. _____ couldn't make use of the **biting, harsh** criticism he received from his peers
40. _____ the **beneficial** effect that a camping trip has on my sanity
41. _____ to use soothing music at bedtime **to help him go to sleep**
42. _____ the **affliction** of war

IV.Antonyms. Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. You will use five of these words.

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43. _____ a **zesty** dish
44. _____ the **deleterious** effect it has on people who take it
45. _____ his **mild** report on the need for more water fountains in the building
46. _____ his **stimulating** report on the need for more water fountains in the building
47. _____ was considered a **boon** to the industry
48. _____ packages that were **easy to carry**
49. _____ enjoyed the **easy familiarity** they had with each other after a 20-year friendship
50. _____ the boy who **didn't think of anyone but himself**

V. Choose the right word. From the pair, choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Write the correct word in the space provided. You will use only five of the ten unit words in this section.

51. _____ Few things are more (**salutary, unwieldy**) for a young person than an occasional painful reminder that life is not a bowl of cherries.
52. _____ I know now that Gulliver's Travels, far from being a "children's book," is a work of mature and (**scathing, vapid**) satire.
53. _____ I didn't expect the play to be particularly stimulating, but I certainly never anticipated its overwhelmingly (**altruistic, soporific**) power.
54. _____ Appointed by the Governor to be Commissioner of Investigations, she soon became the (**scourge, antipathy**) of dishonest and incompetent government officials.
55. _____ The ghost of Hamlet's father whispered in (**sepulchral, preceptuous**) tones the story of his tragic death.