

SAT vocabulesson 21

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

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| <p>___ 1. acrimonious</p> <p>___ 2. bovine</p> <p>___ 3. consternation</p> <p>___ 4. corpulent</p> <p>___ 5. disavow</p> <p>___ 6. dispassionate</p> <p>___ 7. dissension</p> <p>___ 8. dissipate</p> <p>___ 9. expurgate</p> <p>___ 10. gauntlet</p> | <p>A. ___ free from passion, emotion, or bias; impartial; calm</p> <p>B. ___ fat and fleshy; stout; obese</p> <p>C. ___ having oxlike qualities; slow, dull, stupid, stolid, etc.</p> <p>D. ___ bitter and caustic in temper, manner, and speech</p> <p>E. ___ series of troubles or difficulties</p> <p>F. ___ to remove passages considered obscene or otherwise objectionable</p> <p>G. ___ a difference of opinion; disagreement; violent quarreling or wrangling</p> <p>H. ___ to break up and scatter; to disperse; to drive completely away; to make disappear</p> <p>J. ___ great fear or shock that makes one feel helpless or bewildered</p> <p>K. ___ to deny any knowledge or approval of or responsibility for; to disclaim or disown</p> |
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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.

acrimonious	bovine	consternation	corpulent	disavow
dispassionate	dissension	dissipate	expurgate	gauntlet

21. At the first mention of a problem, he became so _____ that any continued conversation became impossible.
22. The more time he spent playing video games, the more _____ he became, unable to carry on intelligent conversations and unaware of the things that were going on around him.
23. As he was being mugged, he tried to shake off his extreme _____ by singing the National Anthem very loudly. The muggers thought he was a lunatic and left him alone.
24. Her diet consists of bacon, Cheetos, McDonald's hamburgers, and Braum's ice cream, so it's no wonder that she has grown quite _____.
25. Tom DeLay tried to _____ any connection to Jack Abramoff, but the link between them is already fairly well established.
26. The best that we can hope for in a Supreme Court Justice is that s/he will rule _____, thinking only about the laws and not about the politics of a decision.
27. When her cancer returned, the doctor proposed a whole new _____ of procedures, each one more trying than the first.
28. Because it was an outside wedding, she hoped the rain would _____ before the caterers arrived to set up the canopy.
29. Our views on censorship require us to replace all of the passages that were previously _____.
30. The slightest bit of _____ in the ranks can result in additional and unnecessary bloodshed because some will question orders and hesitate to act.

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 each of these words once.

31. _____ the painful **difficulties** the family went through

32. _____ a **censored** scene in the movie “Romeo and Juliet”
33. _____ **disagreement** between a husband and wife
34. _____ the **impartial** person who helped them arbitrate the disagreement
35. _____ his bad decision to mock the **obese** teacher
36. _____ the teacher’s **caustic** response to the young man
37. _____ his **vapid** response to the girl’s invitation
38. _____ the **grief** he felt when he didn’t make the team
39. _____ **swore he never knew** what evil scheme his secretary was plotting
40. _____ caused her happiness to **evaporate over time**

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 each of these words once.

acrimonious bovine consternation corpulent disavow
dispassionate dissension dissipate expurgate gauntlet

41. _____ her **affable** personality
42. _____ his quiet **acknowledgement** that he had met the Senator before
43. _____ a **lively** discussion of current events
44. _____ his new **slender** physique
45. _____ as grumblings about the Senator’s wrongdoings **increased**
46. _____ because the group was in **complete agreement**
47. _____ thrown out because the judge was **biased**
48. _____ the **happiness** he felt when he aced the semester exam
49. _____ asked that the record **remain exactly the same as it always was**
50. _____ had a **very easy, smooth-sailing** time

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. _____ We can only hope that some of this unwanted media attention will (**disavow, dissipate**) by the time of the couple’s wedding.
52. _____ His conversation was so (**acrimonious, expurgated**) that people often commented on his overly negative attitude and he began to lose friends .
53. _____ Her (**corpulence, consternation**) was visible to all of us who know her, but those who were unfamiliar with her might not have noticed the shock that registered on her face.
54. _____ Her bill would have to run the (**gauntlet, dissension**) of the Ways and Means committee and several media outlets before it would go to a vote on the House floor.
55. _____ There is a fine line between being dull and boring and simply exhibiting fairness and a (**bovine, dispassionate**) nature.
56. _____ Imagine our (**consternation, dissension**) when the brakes failed and we headed full speed toward the busy intersection.