

SAT vocabulesson 35

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. bulwark | A. _____ of or pertaining to a tailor or his work; having to do with clothes or dress (especially men's) |
| _____ 2. cloy | B. _____ to send or hand in (as money); to cancel (as a penalty or punishment), forgive, pardon; to lessen, diminish; to put off, postpone, defer |
| _____ 3. extant | C. _____ given over to dissipation and self-indulgence, immoral; recklessly extravagant; _____ a person given to wild and self-indulgent spending |
| _____ 4. extirpate | D. _____ a vague sense of approaching misfortune |
| _____ 5. mawkish | E. _____ something that is heavy or burdensome (especially an unwelcome responsibility); a stigma; blame |
| _____ 6. onus | F. _____ excessively and objectionably sentimental; having a mildly sickening flavor |
| _____ 7. presentiment | G. _____ to tear up by the roots; to destroy totally |
| _____ 8. profligate | H. _____ still existing; not exterminated, destroyed, or lost |
| _____ 9. remit | J. _____ to spoil or destroy an appetite by too much indulgence, especially in sweet or rich things; to glut, satiate, surfeit |
| _____ 10. sartorial | K. _____ a strong defense or protection, a solid wall-like structure for defense; or _____ to provide such defense or protection |

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.

bulwark cloy extant extirpate mawkish
onus presentiment profligate remit sartorial

23. The only remaining evidence of their once-thriving civilization are these _____ against the encroachments of the sea.
24. Paging through historical picture books is a fascinating study in _____ standards through the years.
25. A steady diet of TV began to _____, and I was happy to begin a new book.
26. In *It's a Wonderful Life*, Jimmy Stewart was praised for avoiding _____ while he made his character poignant and believable.
27. We must do everything we can to _____ racism from American society.
28. The paintings of animals and human hands in Spain's Altamira caves are among oldest _____ specimens of Stone Age art.
29. This was the _____ son in the family, the one who could charm, the one of whom nothing was expected.
30. If the _____ for a defective product is placed on the consumer, some complicated legal and ethical questions are sure to arise.
31. They decided to _____ a certain sum each year to a local charity.
32. It was a strange irony that in denying their _____, they made their worst fears come true.

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.

33. _____ the **heavy burden** of caring for an chronically ill family member
34. _____ decided to stop arguing and **pay** the fine
35. _____ visited by a **premonition** in her dream
36. _____ a highly **sentimentalized** love story
37. _____ felt protected inside the **citadel**
38. _____ to **surfeit** my taste for ice cream
39. _____ **improvident** with her energies
40. _____ a store for all your **tailoring** needs
41. _____ **uproot** evil from our midst
42. _____ all of the **surviving** members of his family

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 six of these words, one of them twice.

bulwark **cloy** **extant** **extirpate** **mawkish**
onus **presentiment** **profligate** **remit** **sartorial**

43. _____ to **foster** the characteristics we hope to see in our young people
44. _____ just enough to **whet** my appetite
45. _____ got in through a **weak point in the defense**
46. _____ an **extinct** flightless bird
47. _____ hurt by his **insensitive** remarks
48. _____ a desire to **endender** integrity in him
49. _____ blithe and carefree, with **no encumbering burdens**

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 seven of the ten unit words in this section.

50. _____ Scientific knowledge and the scientific method stand as a/n (**bulwark, onus**) against the tides of irrationality, superstition, and wishful thinking.
51. _____ According to psychologists, when we have an “uncanny” feeling that something is about to happen, we may unconsciously act in a way that will help the (**presentiment, onus**) come true.
52. _____ After years of (**mawkish, profligate**) living, he experienced a religious conversion and devoted the rest of his life to serving mankind.
53. _____ I am a great admirer of Dickens, but even I must admit that the death of Little Nell in *The Old Curiosity Shop* is too (**mawkish, sartorial**) to be truly effective.
54. _____ Let us place the (**onus, presentiment**) for defeat where it belongs—on each ! and every one of us!
55. _____ Her unvarying sweetness, like a diet composed entirely of desserts, does become (**cloying, mawkish**) after a while.
56. _____ He delivered his speech poorly, but since he was the best dressed man on the dais that afternoon, he enjoyed a (**profligate, sartorial**) if not an oratorical triumph.