

## VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT: Test A

A. For each item below, underline the **examples** that suggest the meaning of the italicized term. Then, in the space provided, write the letter of the meaning of that term.

- \_\_\_ 1. Most daydreams concern such *mundane* events as paying the telephone bill and picking up the groceries.  
A. complicated  
B. ordinary  
C. proper  
D. exciting
- \_\_\_ 2. Everyone has their *foibles*, and I admit that mine include eating with my hands and being late everywhere I go.  
A. strengths  
B. minor faults  
C. hobbies  
D. crimes
- \_\_\_ 3. The supervisor's day was filled with one minor *calamity* after another. In the morning, his car broke down; at lunchtime, he lost his wallet; and at the end of the day, his computer crashed and he lost a day's work.  
A. requirement  
B. claim  
C. question  
D. disaster

B. Each item below includes a word or words that are a **synonym** of the italicized word. Write the synonym of the italicized word in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. You can't do algebra until you have mastered *rudimentary* math skills—basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Love is not always considered a *prerequisite* for marriage. In some cultures, social status or economic potential is a more important requirement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. According to recent studies, a shortage of sleep due to long work or study hours will not cause any permanent damage to your health. One good night of sleep, researchers say, can make up for a week of sleep *deficit*.

C. Each item below includes a word or words that are an **antonym** of the italicized word. Underline the antonym of each italicized word. Then write the letter of the meaning of the italicized word.

- \_\_\_ 7. The children wanted us to adopt an older German shepherd from the pound, but we were told he was rather wild, so instead we chose a collie that was more *docile*.  
A. manageable  
B. disobedient  
C. expensive  
D. temporary

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- \_\_\_ 8. Though the United States is one of the most *affluent* nations in the world, one in four children grow up in poor circumstances.
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| A. famous | C. wealthy |
| B. active | D. large   |

**D.** Use the **general sense of each sentence** to figure out the meaning of each italicized word. Then write the letter of the meaning of the italicized word.

- \_\_\_ 9. The journalism instructor *denounced* local news shows for emphasizing crime, fires, and the like at the expense of more important city issues.

A. stopped	C. admired
B. joined	D. criticized

- \_\_\_ 10. After a hundred years of its “boys only” policy, a military school finally decided to *deviate* from its tradition and let females in.

A. depart	C. learn
B. borrow	D. accept