

## VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT: Test B

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. I'm happy sightseeing *vicariously*, for instance, by watching travel TV shows and visiting faraway places on the Internet.

- A. personally  
B. expensively  
C. indirectly  
D. energetically

\_\_\_\_ 2. There are good reasons to think TV has a *detrimental* influence on kids. After all, TV watching keeps them from exercising, encourages them to eat unhealthy foods, and teaches them to be violent.

- A. deadly  
B. dull  
C. strong  
D. harmful

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. New inventions make old ones *obsolete*. For instance, because of the compact disk, the phonograph record is now outdated.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. During the fourteenth century, the Black Death *decimated* one third of the population of Europe. Two centuries later, smallpox wiped out 95 percent of the native population of Mexico.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Until recently, immunization seemed to have erased the *peril* of diseases such as measles, rubella, and mumps, but now the threat of these dangerous illnesses is growing.

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.

\_\_\_\_ 6. To a person sitting by the shore of a peaceful lake, the environment seems silent. But to the sensitive ears of a dog, the same area may be a *clamorous* place filled with the buzzing of insects and the bustling of small animals.

- A. natural  
B. noisy  
C. boring  
D. dangerous

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- \_\_\_ 7. Some scientists think dreams express hidden wishes and desires. Others disagree, arguing instead that dreams deal with more *overt* concerns, such as the people and problems in our everyday lives.
- A. obvious  
B. informal  
C. damaging  
D. mysterious
- \_\_\_ 8. While the passion of love may *wane* over time, intimacy tends to grow. This change often results in a more rewarding connection than the emotional roller coaster that is often the case in the early stages of relationships.
- A. frighten  
B. expand  
C. lessen  
D. transfer
- 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. Watching television is, above all, a *passive* experience. One sits back and waits to be entertained.
- A. complicated  
B. expensive  
C. aggressive  
D. inactive
- \_\_\_ 10. Today many young couples are *ambivalent* about having children; they cannot decide which is more important—pursuing their careers or building a family.
- A. knowledgeable  
B. having mixed feelings  
C. sure  
D. tired