Unit 9

Words in Action

Exercise A >>> Match Column I with Column II (Synonyms) and Column III (Opposites).

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1 alluring	___ harmful; noxious	___ cool; collected
2 deteriorate	___ digressive; deviating	___ tidy; neat
3 cheeky	___ despicable; loathsome	___ repellent; repugnant
4 fetid	___ attractive; tempting	___ aromatic; fragrant
5 detrimental	___ slipshod; slatternly	___ steadfast; stable
6 rattled	___ fickle; capricious	___ beneficial; salutary
7 abhorrent	___ stinking; offensive	___ affable; civil
8 slovenly	___ insolent; rude; blunt	___ lovable; amiable
9 discursive	___ impair; degenerate	___ coherent; connected
10 whimsical	___ confused; embarrassed	___ improve; ameliorate

Exercise B >>> Fill in the blanks with the correct word, **a, b, c** or **d**.

1 His behavior is horrible; even his family _____ him.
a adore **b** abhor **c** admire **d** allure

2 I can't bear _____ in a child. Her cheek will not go unpunished.
a decency **b** obedience **c** respect **d** audacity

3 Firemen must be _____ in the face of danger.
a alluring **b** bald **c** darling **d** daring

4 A _____ breath is often an indication of dental cavities.
a fragrant **b** aromatic **c** defensive **d** fetid

5 He studied _____; hence he passed his test hands down.
a relatively **b** slovenly **c** diligently **d** lazily

6 It's not enough to swelter in this _____ weather; we've got smog to boot.
a chilly **b** sultry **c** discursive **d** pensive

7 Never be _____ and ask a woman how old she is.
a affable **b** false **c** acute **d** indiscreet

8 Her condition seems to be _____. We'll have to take her to intensive care.
a ameliorating **b** deteriorating **c** amputating **d** imitating

9 The girl playfully ran away, but before she disappeared round the corner, she turned and gave us a ____ smile.
a valuable **b** musical **c** despicable **d** whimsical

10 The lawyer's aggressive questioning seemed to _____ the witness on the stand.
a rattle **b** battle **c** stable **d** ladle

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Vocabulary Development

Task One >>> Rewrite the following sentences to express the same meaning by replacing the word in **bold** with an **ADJECTIVE** derived from it. Make whatever other changes are necessary.

Example: *Peter behaves like a **child**.*
Answer: *Peter behaves in a childish way.*

1 With eyes filled with **tears**, she begged him to forgive her.

_____ .

2 In all **likelihood**, he will come.

_____ .

3 He shows no **respect** for his elders.

_____ .

4 He feels nothing but **contempt** for thieves and liars.

_____ .

5 They **melted** the iron and poured it into special molds.

_____ .

6 They couldn't **explain** his behaviour.

_____ .

7 There is no **possibility** of his passing the exam.

_____ .

8 Both machines and people often **fail**.

_____ .

Task Two >>> Fill in the blanks with appropriate **PREPOSITIONS**.

1 'Did the manager promise you a raise?' 'Yes, he committed himself _____ it some time ago.'

2 'Is he really as incompetent as they say?'
'Yes, it is his incompetence that has prevented him _____ being promoted.'

3 'Sweden is said to have plenty of raw materials.' 'It abounds_____ them.'

4 'John's car was badly damaged in the accident.' 'Exactly, he may as well write it _____.'

5 'Did you protest about the assistant's rude behavior?'
'Of course, I couldn't pass the matter _____ without protesting.'

6 'Why does he go for brunettes?' 'They appeal _____ him, I think.'

7 'Did Pete join the Navy as he said he would?'
'No, he decided _____ a career in the Army, I think.'

8 'Did he say 'yes' to their demand?'
'To accede _____ such a demand would establish a dangerous precedent.'

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Task Three >>> Underline the correct word in each parenthesis.

1 Missionaries usually try to (convert - pervert) pagans to Christianity.
2 It's my (convention - conviction) that he is a fraud.
3 Mr. Jones is our baseball (coach - couch).
4 Unfortunately, he (reverted - retorted) to drinking again.
5 I don't like people who are (cross - gross) with me.
6 Contagious diseases are not easy to (localise - locate).
7 When I broke the news to her, she began to (wipe - weep).
8 Eskimos used to travel on (ledges - sledges).
9 The bloodthirsty (mop - mob) wanted revenge.
10 The police have (inclusive - conclusive) evidence as to who committed the murder.

Task Four >>> Fill in the blanks with appropriate **PREPOSITIONS**.

1 'Do you like your new English teacher?' 'Yes, I think I have a crush _____ him.'
2 'Did you take on the new job, eventually?' 'I did, but it calls _____ a lot of work.'
3 'Do you think Gary is the sort of man to be entrusted with so much money?'
'Oh yes. He's a man _____ impeccable honesty.'
4 'He's in complete disagreement with you, isn't he?'
'Yes, it'll be some time before I bring him _____ to my point of view.'
5 'What about that clever scheme of yours? Did you pull it off?' 'No, it fell _____ like all the others.'
6 'What a vicious-looking dog the Browns have got!'
'Yes, it came _____ me all of a sudden when I passed their house the other day.'
7 'It's rumored that he is a billionaire!' 'He's not so rich as people make him _____ to be.'
8 'Can I sleep on this sofa?' 'It is not meant _____ sleeping on, you know.'
9 'What time did you get home last night?'
'At three in the morning. The party didn't break _____ before two.'
10 'I have a complaint to make.'
'The manager is not available at the moment, madam, but I could look _____ the matter if you like.'

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Vocabulary Practice

A. Read the text below and choose the correct word A, B C or D to fit the gaps.

Slavery was not the only **(11)**..... of life in New Orleans that would have been unfamiliar to men like Captain Amos Stoddard, a New Englander who became one of the **(12)**..... of the new lands. Stoddard might have been **(13)**..... by the odd cultural mix that New Orleans represented, and which it still **(14)**....., in some forms, to this day. After the Spanish ceded Louisiana to the French, much of the Spanish population in New Orleans departed for Cuba. As they left and French immigrants came in from Francophone **(15)**..... like San Domingue, New Orleans took on a Gallic tinge. At the same time, traces of Spanish occupation remained strong, with luxurious homes in the city built in Spanish style, around courtyards and with stucco walls. As a further **(16)**..... of the territory's past governments, the Louisiana State Legislature met in the former palace of the Spanish governors, until it burned down in 1827. In what might **(17)**..... readers today as a particularly chilling reminder of the city's previous masters, two pillories stood on Chartres Street. The Spanish authorities had locked prisoners in those stocks and sometimes publicly humiliated and abused them.

Thomas Jefferson, the American President, in purchasing Louisiana and bringing about the **(18)**..... of control that occurred on December 20, opened a new **(19)**..... in American history and closed the old one, of which he had been a principal author. Only a few years before, he had rejected Alexander Hamilton's proposal for a national bank by **(20)**..... that the Constitution didn't empower the U.S. government to create such an institution. By 1803 he seems to have changed his feelings about the problem of "implied powers" - or at least been excited enough about the possible uses of 828,000 square miles of property to set aside any legal qualms.

11. **A.** aspect	**B.** position	**C.** view	**D.** look
12. **A.** slave traders	**B.** numbers	**C.** governors	**D.** many
13. **A.** interested	**B.** frightened	**C.** perplexed	**D.** humoured
14. **A.** refrains	**B.** retains	**C.** relinquishes	**D.** replaces
15. **A.** continents	**B.** industries	**C.** colonies	**D.** pasts
16. **A.** examination	**B.** reference	**C.** plunder	**D.** reminder
17. **A.** present	**B.** strike	**C.** inspire	**D.** instill
18. **A.** hand-over	**B.** transaction	**C.** ownership	**D.** transfer
19. **A.** chapter	**B.** book	**C.** piece	**D.** paragraph
20. **A.** registering	**B.** arguing	**C.** bickering	**D.** demanding

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B. Fill the gaps in the following sentences with the correct answer A, B C or D.

21 It's my _____ that he's a fraud.

a conviction **b** choice **c** indignation **d** mistrust

22 He _____ hard to make a success of his life.

a saved **b** plunged **c** strove **d** throve

23 He took no _____ of what I said.

a advice **b** revenge **c** warning **d** notice

24 Could you possibly _____ me at the next committee meeting?

a stand in for **b** make up for **c** go back on **d** keep in with

25 Tax _____ deprives the nation or several million dollars a year.

a retention **b** evasion **c** invasion **d** desertion

26 The minister let it be known that he would sue for _____.

a praise **b** diligence **c** deface **d** defamation

27 Her derisive remark _____ the crowd.

a engulfed **b** engrossed **c** enlivened **d** enraged

28 She was so infuriated that she found it difficult to _____ her temper.

a contain **b** abstain **c** retain **d** detain

29 The theory he put forward concerning the origin of species was highly _____.

a disgraced **b** discredited **c** debased **d** dishonored

30 Hostile rivalry often involves defaming one's _____.

a friends **b** relatives **c** colleagues **d** opponents

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