(F) *Match the noun in the column on the left with its definition in the column on the right.*

1. prodigy	[ ]	basic
2. proximity	[ ]	a barrier to progress, an obstacle
3. rudimentary	[ ]	abuse, lack of care, failure to carry out your responsibilities
4. tyro	[ ]	vague, unclear, uncertain, open to interpretation
5. uproar	[ ]	the act of weakening or damaging by harassment, abuse or attack
6. vehemence	[ ]	sickness, when you feel ill enough to vomit
7. vestige	[ ]	dishonest talk or behaviour, saying contradictory things to different sides
8. consensus	[ ]	a novice, someone new to an activity
9. attrition	[ ]	general agreement, majority of opinion
10. ambiguous	[ ]	a right you have not necessarily afforded to everyone
11. animosity	[ ]	exposure to death, loss, threat etc., at risk
12. duplicity	[ ]	a slight difference in appearance, meaning, or sound etc.
13. impediment	[ ]	the expression of strong feelings
14. nuance	[ ]	a lot of angry complaints about something
15. nausea	[ ]	a trace, mark or sign left by something which has now disappeared
16. prerogative	[ ]	ill will or bad feeling
17. neglect	[ ]	nearness to something
18. jeopardy	[ ]	a person with great ability that shows itself early on in life

(G) *Use words **1 - 18** from the previous exercise to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will need to use each word once only. You will not have to change the form. Pluralise if required.*

1. There is a lot of _____ between them stemming from when she left him for his younger brother. Naturally, he found it hard to forgive her for that and the tension in the room is palpable when they are together.
2. It is a rather _____ role; I am not sure it is entirely clear from the job specification what will be required of me, but all I can do is go in there an give it my best shot.
3. This is quite simply a war of _____ and the winner will be the last man standing.
4. I am afraid that my job will be in _____ when this merger finally goes through; I mean, there are sure to be some non-core members of staff who lose their jobs as a result of synergy. Will I be one of them?
5. The general _____ is that she will stand down at the next election and allow the deputy leader to take over.
6. Whether and when I take time off is entirely up to me; that is my _____ - one of the luxuries of actually owning the company.
7. The most significant _____ to change in the company is its CEO; sadly, while he's at the helm our problems look certain to continue.
8. She suffered from _____ at the hands of her abusive, alcoholic mother.
9. It's a fairly _____ piece of kit - no complicated technology inside or anything - but, that said, I have yet to find a more modern rival product to match its accuracy and portability.
10. One of the _____ of my new role as Financial Officer compared to my previous job title of Accounts Manager is that I am now officially responsible for allocating departmental spending. Other than that, the two jobs are virtually identical.
11. _____ is a common side-effect of undergoing a course of chemotherapy treatment.
12. He is but a(n) _____ and I wouldn't go taking his advice too seriously. If you want the views of an old hand, why don't you ask Max Minton? He's been working here for donkey's years.
13. This engine is the last _____ of a once great car manufacturer of the early 20th century.
14. She is some sort of child _____ ; at the age of twelve she has already been enrolled in an undergraduate degree course.
15. Residents on the east coast of Ireland are extremely hostile to the idea of further development of the Sellafield nuclear power plant given its relatively close _____ to them; should disaster strike and an easterly wind be blowing, they will be right in the line of fire of the radioactive gasses.
16. The announcement of a new value-based tax on houses has caused _____ with many saying they will refuse to pay the charge.
17. His _____ really is quite remarkable; he told our firm that he wanted the merger as much as anyone and would help us convince the major shareholders to come on board, but now I learn that he has advised them to reject the bid.
18. Such was the _____ with which she spoke that it was difficult not to be convinced by her argument.

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