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Grade:

I. Instructions: Select the correct word from the options to complete each sentence.

parsimony, coveted, meretricious, swanky, mendicancy, facade, compulsion, threshold, nimble, congenial, prudence, infold, emanate, ransack, instigate, preserve, depreciate, dither, lapse, peculiar, brisk, lingering, dotty, tantalizing.

1. After years of hard work, she finally bought the _____ award she had dreamed of for so long.
2. The old mansion had a grand _____, but inside it was falling apart.
3. His extreme _____ prevented him from spending money even on basic necessities.
4. Thieves managed to _____ the house while the family was away on vacation.
5. The cold winter wind caused the car's value to _____ rapidly over time.

6. She felt a _____doubt about accepting the job offer.
7. The detective noticed a _____ smell coming from the basement.
8. With _____fingers, the pianist played the complex melody effortlessly.
9. He showed great _____by saving a portion of his salary every month.
10. The villain tried to _____ a rebellion among the citizens.

II. Instructions: Read the short paragraphs below. Answer the comprehension questions and identify the structure of the highlighted sentences.

Paragraph A

Mr. Harrison lived in a **swanky** penthouse downtown, surrounded by expensive but **meretricious** decorations. Although he projected an aura of wealth, his fortune had long since **lapsed**. A **rapacious** landlord threatened to evict him, forcing him onto the **threshold** of **mendicancy**. [S1] **Though he struggled silently, a tantalizing hope kept his spirits alive.**

1. What is Mr. Harrison's true financial situation?

2. Analyze sentence [S1]: "Though he struggled silently, a tantalizing hope kept his spirits alive."

Paragraph B

Clara walked at a **brisk** pace through the **congenial** neighborhood. She was **dithering** over whether to accept the new job offer, feeling an overwhelming **compulsion** to make a decision quickly. Her **dotty** old aunt gave her advice, but warm memories began to **infect** her mind as warm light seemed to **emanate** from the kitchen windows. [S2] **The town had preserved its charm for decades, and Clara felt safe here.**

3. **Reading Comprehension:** How does Clara feel about her decision?

4. **Sentence Structure:** Analyze sentence [S2]: "The town had preserved its charm for decades, and Clara felt safe here."

III. Instructions: Select the correct type of figurative language for each sentence.

1. "The stars danced playfully in the night sky."
2. "He was a lion in the fight, showing no fear."
3. "Her smile was as bright as the morning sun."
4. "I have told you a million times to clean your room!"

5. "There was a deafening silence in the empty room."

IV. Instructions: Select the correct sentence type for each sentence below.

1. "The rain stopped, and the sun came out."
2. "Although it was raining, we went for a walk in the park."
3. "Because the weather was warm, we went to the beach, and we ate ice cream."
4. "The old clock on the wall ticks loudly."