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

1. After years of hard work, she finally bought the [choose:parsimony/coveted/meretricious/swanky] award she had dreamed of for so long.
2. The old mansion had a grand [choose:mendicancy/facade/compulsion/threshold], but inside it was falling apart.
3. His extreme [choose:nimble/parsimony/congenial/prudence] prevented him from spending money even on basic necessities.
4. Thieves managed to [choose:infold/emanate/ransack/instigate] the house while the family was away on vacation.
5. The cold winter wind caused the car's value to [choose:preserve/depreciate/dither/lapse] rapidly over time.
6. She felt a [choose:swanky/brisk/lingering/peculiar] doubt about accepting the job offer.
7. The detective noticed a [choose:congenial/dotty/peculiar/rapacious] smell coming from the basement.
8. With [choose:dotty/rapacious/nimble/tantalizing] fingers, the pianist played the complex melody effortlessly.
9. He showed great [choose:mendicancy/prudence/dithering/compulsion] by saving a portion of his salary every month.
10. The villain tried to [choose:infold/emanate/instigate/depreciate] 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. **Reading Comprehension:** What is Mr. Harrison's true financial situation?

[choose:He is genuinely wealthy and generous/He is facing poverty despite his luxurious surroundings/He is a landlord who collects rent/He lives in a small rural cottage]

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

[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]

## 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 **infold** 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?

[choose:Confident and relaxed/Indecisive and pressured/Angry and rebellious/Excited without any doubt]

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

[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]

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

1. "The stars danced playfully in the night sky."  
[choose:Metaphor/Simile/Personification/Hyperbole/Oxymoron]
2. "He was a lion in the fight, showing no fear."  
[choose:Metaphor/Simile/Personification/Hyperbole/Oxymoron]
3. "Her smile was as bright as the morning sun."  
[choose:Metaphor/Simile/Personification/Hyperbole/Oxymoron]
4. "I have told you a million times to clean your room!"  
[choose:Metaphor/Simile/Personification/Hyperbole/Oxymoron]
5. "There was a deafening silence in the empty room."  
[choose:Metaphor/Simile/Personification/Hyperbole/Oxymoron]

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

1. "The rain stopped, and the sun came out."  
[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]

2. "Although it was raining, we went for a walk in the park."  
**[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]**
3. "Because the weather was warm, we went to the beach, and we ate ice cream."  
**[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]**
4. "The old clock on the wall ticks loudly."  
**[choose:Simple/Compound/Complex/Compound-Complex]**