(D) *Select the correct word from the box to fill each gap.*

inedible	nibbles	fusion	eatery	connoisseur	beverage	casserole
fare	gourmet	consistency	culinary	assortment	accompaniment	palate

1. Why is it that soft drinks are so much more expensive than alcoholic _____s in pubs?
2. This is the chef's special; a(n) _____ of vegetables, each cooked in a different way.
3. This sparkling wine is the perfect _____ to spicy food.
4. This is a lamb _____ , cooked to perfection on a low heat for five hours.
5. He considers himself a(n) _____ of all things food-related. I consider him an arrogant know-it-all.
6. Just plating up this dish is a(n) _____ feat in itself; it must have taken the chef forever to achieve this level of detail in his presentation.
7. The local _____ which I frequent the most is Gardner's on 43rd Street.
8. You will struggle to find finer _____ in any restaurant in the city; this is truly a delight for the senses.
9. He runs a _____ restaurant downtown which is beloved of the hip and trendy, but, to me, his food sounds like an ill-conceived mishmash of Chinese and European flavours that were never meant to be combined.
10. You don't have a very discerning _____ , do you? I mean, I would have sent that plate of food back to the kitchen personally, but then who am I to say what you should or shouldn't do...
11. I'm not sure this _____ cooking malarkey is all it's cracked up to be; for me, I think the word is just an excuse to serve miserly portions of food on a plate and charge astronomical prices for doing so.
12. It's not really of the right _____ for a good rue sauce - far too runny, if you ask me.
13. The food in that restaurant was simply _____ , and while I felt a bit guilty about doing it, I was left with no choice but to return my plate to the kitchen, and get up and leave.
14. I bought some crisps, nuts and other _____ to have when the neighbours come around.

Holidays

(A) *Match the words or phrases in* ***Column A*** *with their strongest collocations in* ***Column B***.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) toilet		**(i)** luggage
(b) carry-on		**(ii)** lodge
(c) cab		**(iii)** bag
(d) foreign-exchange		**(iv)** sickness
(e) ski		**(v)** year
(f) cabin		**(vi)** miles
(g) departure		**(vii)** occupancy
(h) double		**(viii)** counter
(i) air		**(ix)** gate
(j) travel		**(x)** crew
(k) gap		**(xi)** fare

Which of the collocations above:

1. is a term used to describe a long break students often take before starting their third-level education? _____
2. is a form of accommodation? _____
3. is a type of hotel-room booking? _____

Select an appropriate collocation from those you matched above to fill each gap in the following sentences:

4. The _____ from the airport to the hotel was considerably less than I had feared it might be;I read horror stories before I got here of how tourists are frequently ripped off.
5. My _____ exceeded the weight limit and had to be put in the hold.
6. The _____ was changed at the last minute, causing considerable confusion amongst passengers wishing to board the flight.
7. I got 1,000 bonus _____ for using my frequent flyer number when booking.

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