A. Replace the words or phrases in bold with their synonyms from the box:

| Simultaneously- meet the deadline- provisional- fleeting- discrepancies- emaciated- comes across- proliferated- transitory- subsequent- deduct- negligible- on the spur of the moment- infinite- make a mountain out of a molehill- |

1. In most states you can get a **temporary** driving license at the age of 16. **PROVISIONAL**

2. If you are shopping on a tight budget, it is best to keep away from **passing** fashions. **TRANSITORY**

3. Hundreds of screaming fans gathered in hopes of getting even a brief **glimpse** of the rock star. **FLEETING**

4. Although the product got initial interest from consumers, during the **following** months demand began to dwindle. **SUBSEQUENT**

5. I am sorry I did not get a chance to inform you, but the decision was made **impulsively**. **ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT**

6. I will have to work all night if I am going to have it finished on time. **MEET THE DEADLINE**

7. Please, please! I can’t have everyone speaking **at the same time**. **SIMULTANEOUSLY**

8. Duty Free Stores sell their product cheaper because they **subtract** all taxes. **DEDUCT**

9. I don’t know him well, but he **gives the impression of** being friendly. **COMES ACROSS**

10. There was an **endless** choice of food at the buffet. **INFINITE**

11. Oh, for heaven’s sake, it is just a pimple on your forehead; **don’t make out of this simple thing a serious problem**. **MAKE A MOUNTAIN OUT OF A MOLEHILL**

12. The side effects of this medicine are **insignificant**. **NEGLIGENCE**

13. Video clubs **multiplied rapidly** in the 80s… **PROLIFERATED**

14. After a week of searching, the children found their lost dog, **extremely thin** because of lack of food and full of fleas. **EMACIATED**

15. The new accountant noticed certain **differences** in the company’s accounts. **DISCREPANCIES**

B. Fill in the blanks with a word or phrase from the box:


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1. The **BEWILDERED** eyewitness tried to give the police a statement.
2. The widow had to **SUSTAIN** her three children with no help from anyone else.
3. He expanded his **BOOMING** business by opening another three stores.
4. Greece is a favorite tourist destination thanks to its good weather and cultural **DIVERSITY**.
5. You have been a **STAUNCH** supporter in this campaign.
6. Meteorologists warned residents of an **IMPENDING** hurricane.
7. **DISPARITIES** between men and women still exist in some parts of the world.
8. He was unemployed but still managed to spend an **EXTRAVAGANT** amount of money on a new car.
9. She **BURIED HER HEAD IN THE SAND** and refused to believe the rumors about her husband.
10. I inherited a **PLOT** of land in the mountains.
11. **FINDINGS** of the study suggest that detoxification has better results when a combination of medical and psychiatric treatment is used.
12. There has been a **MODERATE** improvement in her performance, but nothing spectacular.
13. What **INFERENCES** have been made from these observations?
14. The water meter **READING** indicated that he had consumed 20 cubic feet of water.
15. We tried to be optimistic, but the future looked **BLEAK**.
16. On such a measly **PENSION**, the old couple hardly made ends meet.
17. Retirement was **IMPENDING** and he still hadn’t made any plans.
18. The **AFFLUENT** couple owned much of the real estate in the neighboring towns.
19. Studies have shown a strong **CORRELATION** between unemployment and crime.
20. Consumer activity **PEAKS** during the holidays.
21. Do you really think it is an **AUSPICIOUS** time to ask for a raise?
22. After the fire, firefighters worked for many days cleaning up the **REMNANTS** of the forest.
23. As she was taking a walk in the woods, he got the fright of her life when she heard the **UNCANNY** screech of some animal.
24. A black cat crossed my path; I hope it is not a bad **OMEN**.
25. Hostilities between the two countries have **CEASED** and normal life can soon be resumed.
26. She does beautiful work with **PAINSTAKING** attention to detail.
27. The caravan crossed the **ARID** desert until it reached an oasis.
28. After years of success, the business **ENCOUNTERS** financial problems.
29. The illusionist performed a breathtaking FEAT by making the Eiffel Tower disappear.
30. The student did not give his teacher a very ……CREDIBLE…excuse for coming in late.
31. The President’s speech was cancelled as there was a rumor that he was in IMMINENT ……danger.
32. I bought this carpet from an Indian WEAVER………..during my travels.
33. Archeologists found a ……RELIC……of a fallen church from the Byzantine era.
34. Internet is affordable and ………UBIQUITOUS……in most parts of Europe.
35. Working conditions here are good and employees have ……SCOPE…..for initiative.
36. The honeymooners took a ……STROLL……along the Parisian boulevard.
37. The fans SURGED…..forward to get a glimpse of the famous baseball player.
38. When walking through the forest, make sure you ……TREAD…on one of the paths.
39. He got rid of his cast last month, but he is still ………..LIMPING………..
40. The teenager silently ……..CREPT……out of the house and joined his friends who were partying in the parking lot.
41. Australian aborigines used to ………..HURL …boomerangs in order to lure birds into a net.
42. I am not a strong swimmer so I prefer to stay on the SHALLOW…..end of the pool.
43. The cook …….SPRINKLED…… some salt on the ……..CHOPPED…..onions and put them in the salad he was preparing.
44. The mother felt APPREHNSIVE………..about letting her daughter come home late at night.
45. The spectators watched in AWE…..as the space shuttle took off from the Kennedy Space Center.
46. I have never seen this man before, but there was something ………..SINISTER………..about him.

C. Fill in the blanks with a word(s) from the box:

Dashed- elation- striving- scrutiny- rivals-idolized- endeavored- defeated- assertion-
embezzlement- a close shave- succumbed- haul- victorious- renowned- paragon-
strikingly- scruples-

1. ……..STRIVING…for perfection goes hand to hand with hard work.
2. Ricky Martin is ………..IDOLIZED………by his fans, who absolutely worship him.
3. Many Hollywood starts want to keep details of their personal lives private and dislike public …SCRUTINY.. of everything they do.
4. Diane studies a lot and always gets good grades — she’s a ………..PARAGON………..of hard work.
5. The soccer team endeavored to win the World Cup, but they didn’t play well enough to get through to the final.
6. The two tennis players were rivals and both of them were desperate to win the French Open.
7. George Clooney is renowned for his good looks, but you can’t ignore how talented an actor he is.
8. The Olympic medal winners returned victorious from the games and were welcomed by a large, cheering crowd.
9. Despite the belief that the French had the larger army, the English defeated them at the famous battle of Agincourt in 1415.
10. The businessman who had transferred company money into his own bank account was accused of embezzlement.
11. His assertion that he is the best musician in the orchestra cannot be justified as all the musicians are extremely talented.
12. The seasons in Canada are strikingly different with hot summer months and cold snowy winters.
13. Do you still have scruples about eating meat, or are you no longer a vegetarian?
14. Nearly crashing the car on the highway was a close shave—you should be more careful, you know.
15. My luggage was heavy and I found it hard to haul all the way to my car.
16. The crash victim was rushed to the hospital, but doctors couldn’t save him and he succumbed to his injuries.
17. The feeling of elation the tennis player felt when she won the championship was indescribable.
18. The team’s hopes of winning the tournament were dashed when they lost in the semi-final.

D. Fill in the blanks with a word(s) from the box:

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1. Many pop singers embark on careers in music at a very young age.
2. Sofoklis Schortsanitis is a high-flying Greek basketball player whose nickname is ‘Baby Shack.’
3. She sang well in the talent show, but her performance was overshadowed by a seven-year-old who played the piano like a professional musician.
4. Scott’s objective was to reach the South Pole before his rival, Amundsen.
5. Reports about famous stars are always popular in the media, but ‘Brangelina’ seem to have hit the headlines more often than anyone lately.
6. The runner did not have the ……STAMINA……to continue the marathon and had to stop after 12 miles.
7. The violent protesters behaved ……ABOMINABLY……and many of them were arrested because they had damaged public buildings.
8. Gerry often tries to UNDERMINE…….his colleagues’ work in order to make his work seem better.
9. After the political candidate was accused of embezzling money, his reputation was ……….TARNISHED…………
10. The ……….PERVASIVE…….influence of computers has transformed the world into a technological jungle.
11. His refusal to go against his values showed great strength and ……….NOBILITY…….of character.
12. Celebrities who enjoy posing for photographers must enjoy being in the ……….LIMELIGHT…………
13. For a brief SPELL……., Nintendo was more popular than Sony, but has now changed with the arrival of the new Sony Playstation.
14. Fashion magazines help ……….REINFORCE…….the false notion that perfect people are tall, thin and good- looking.
15. In order to figure out what makes him ……TICK……., you will have to get to know him better.

E. **Rewrite the following sentences using the given prompts:**

1. I loved the part where the actress discovers she has super powers. (emphatic structure)
   What I loved was the part where the actress………..

2. He is fearless; he always goes on daredevil adventures. (emphatic structure)
   So **fearless** is he that he always goes on……………..

3. I made sure she was totally comfortable before I left. (emphatic structure)
   What **I did** was make sure she was totally………..

4. She **went** sailing in the ocean to challenge herself. (emphatic structure)
   All she **did** was go sailing in the ocean to challenge herself.

F. **Rewrite the following sentences using participle clauses.**

1. Janice asked herself if Diana was really right for her younger brother. Janice was worried about the upcoming marriage.
   Worried about the upcoming marriage of her brother, Janice asked herself if………..

2. John let himself dream for a moment about world unity. The flags of dozens of countries were rippling together in front of the UN building.
Rippling together in front of the UN building, the flags of dozens of countries made John dream for a moment about…..

Watching the flags ripping together in front of the UN building, John let himself……

3. He was frequently criticized for his self-centered attitude but was nonetheless popular.

Despite being popular, he was frequently criticized……

4. I had been out all day so I was quite happy to stay in for the evening.

Having been out all day, I was quite happy ………

5. Mary had been shoplifting for many years before she was found out.

Before being found out, Mary had been shoplifting ………

6. He couldn’t understand the message. He hadn’t learnt any Chinese.

Not having learnt Chinese, he couldn’t …………………

7. If people drink red wine with moderation, it is thought to protect against coronary diseases.

Drinking red wine with moderation, people can protect themselves against……

Drunk with moderation, red wine is thought to …………………

8. She was doing the high jump. She twisted her ankle.

(While) doing the high jump, she twisted……

9. I ordered a steak and was annoyed when the waiter got me fish.

Having ordered a steak, I was annoyed when the waiter got me fish.

10. Not all the people showed up early. Thus, the concert was cancelled.

Not all the people having shown up, the concert was cancelled.

G. Rewrite the following sentences starting with the word(s) given:

a- John wouldn’t be in trouble if Mark hadn’t convinced him to cheat.

Had Mark not convinced him to cheat, John wouldn’t be ………

b- They only realized the gravity of the situation when they couldn’t find the keys.

Only when they couldn’t find the keys did they realize the ………

c- She was always confident about her skills to become a talented writer.

At no time was she unconfident/ hesitant about her ………

d- They have never been able to understand their children.

Never have they been able to ………………………

e- The Indian guru is extremely optimistic; he always looks at the bright side of things.

So optimistic is the Indian guru that he always looks…..
f- The spectators didn’t only cheer during the game; they also came up with a special
dance.

Not only did the spectators cheer during the game, but they also came up with……

  g- After Mary left her apartment, she noticed she had forgotten to bring her
  briefcase.
  
  Hardly / scarcely had Mary left her apartment when she noticed she ……………
  No sooner had Mart left her apartment than she noticed……

  h- He must be informed about the new product.
  It is vital that he be informed about the ………

  i- I hope he leaves before dark.
  It is desirable that he leave before dark.

  j- I wanted Amy to hand in her homework that week.
  I insisted that Amy hand in her homework…………..