Eng 10 H Vocabulary: Group C, Set One

- 1) **Iniquity** (n.) immoral or grossly unfair behavior; sin "The writer reflects on human injustice and iniquity."
- 2) **inanition** (n.) exhaustion caused by lack of nourishment; lack of mental or spiritual vigor or enthusiasm

"She believed that old age necessarily brought on a state of inanition."

- 3) **Insouciant** (adj.) showing a lack of concern; indifferent "She was serenely unconcerned. One might say that she was insouciant."
- 4) Incandescent (adj.) emitting light as a result of being heated; full of strong emotion; passionate "Passing by the earth's atmosphere, the meteor became incandescent."
- Ineluctable (adj.) unable to be resisted or escaped; unavoidable
 "Mr. Giorgi has the irritating habit of arguing his opinions as ineluctable facts."
- 6) Inane (adj.) silly; studip "He derailed the conversation with his inane commentary."
- 7) **insipid** (adj.) lacking qualities that interest, stimulate or challenge; dull "His insipid commentary added little to the conversation."
- 8) **Bedlam** (n.) a state or scene of uproar or confusion (note: Bedlam also refers to an asylum for the mentally ill.) "The park had never had so many visitors at once. It was total bedlam."
- 9) **Eclectic** (adj.) selective in choosing from a variety of sources "The restaurant's menu was eclectic, incorporating foods from a number of ethnic groups and cultures."
- 10) **Labyrinth** (n.) a bewildering maze; any confusing or complicated situation "The older section of the town is a labyrinth of narrow and dirty streets."
- 11) **Gaudy** (adj.) ostentatiously fine; showy "He seemed to delight in wearing expensive, but gaudy, neckties."
- 12) **Nadir** (n.) the lowest point; time of greatest depression "The crushing loss we experienced last Thursday represented the nadir of our season.."

- 13) **Bequeath** (v.) leave to someone by a will; hand down "Upon her death, my aunt intends to bequeath her collection of porcelain figurines to her niece."
- 14) **Havoc** (n.) wide and general destruction; devastation "Left untreated, the disease can play havoc with the body's immune system."
- 15) **Immutable** (adj.) unchangeable "There is only one immutable rule in this company: don't be late."