**Bonus Unit 7**

**1. Charismatic**

Having charisma (a natural ability to attract and interest other people and make

them admire you)

*Martin Luther King was a very charismatic speaker.*

**2. Chore (n.)**

something you have to do that is very boring and unpleasant

*I find driving a real chore.*

**3. Clarity (n.)**

the clarity of a piece of writing, law, argument etc is its quality of being expressed clearly

*The clarity of Irving's writing style makes his books a pleasure to read.*

**4. Conceal (v.)**

to hide something carefully

*Customs officers found a kilogram of cocaine that Smith had concealed inside his suitcase.*

**5. Conjure (v.)**

if you conjure something out of nothing, you make it appear as if by magic

*Thirteen years ago she found herself having to conjure a career from thin air.*

**6. Contrive (v.)**

to arrange an event or situation in a clever way, especially secretly or by

deceiving people

*He contrived a meeting between his mother and her ex- husband.*

**7. Countermand (v.)**

to officially tell people to ignore an order, especially by giving them a different one

*Goldstein was expelled for countermanding a direct order from the supervisor.*

**8. Demystify (v.)**

to make a subject that seems difficult or complicated easier to understand

especially by explaining it in simpler language

*This book demystifies the male worlds of plumbing and carpentry.*

**9. Deviation (n.)**

a noticeable difference from what is expected or acceptable

*No deviation from the normal procedure would be tolerated.*

**10. Diminish (v.)**

to become or make something become smaller or less

*The party's share of the electorate has diminished steadily.*

**11. Dispel (v.)**

to make something go away, especially a belief, idea, or feeling:

*The Central Bank attempted to dispel rumors of a possible financial crisis.*

**12. Gravity (n.)**

the extreme and worrying seriousness of a situation

*The penalties should be proportionate to the gravity of the offence.*

**13. Pacifist (n.)**

someone who believes that wars are wrong and who refuses to use violence

*Bergson was imprisoned as a pacifist during the World War I.*

**14. Reiterate (v.)**

to repeat a statement or opinion in order to make your meaning as clear as possible

Let me reiterate the most important points.

**15. Rigidity (n)**

being very strict and difficult to change; inflexibility

*Andrew’s  rigidity in his attitudes towards child-rearing surprised even  his father who was very strict himself.*

**START THE TEST>**

**For each of Questions 1-4, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices.**

1. It is difficult to distinguish between the things that charismatic figures do

     spontaneously and those that are carefully --------- for effect.

A. countermanded

B. concealed

C. demystified

D. contrived

E. reiterated

2. The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities

      over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary genre  that permits very

      little --------- .  
A. clarity  
B. tradition  
C. deviation  
D. gravity  
E. rigidity

3. The trick for Michael was to (i) ---------his son an illusory orderliness; only alone at

     night, when the boy was asleep, could Michael (ii) --------- the chaos he kept hidden

  from his son.

**Blank i                                             Blank ii**

     A. demystify                                    D. dispel

     B. conjure for                                   E. conceal

     C. explore with                                F. abandon

4. Contrary to his reputation, the admiral was not a (i) ---------. He (ii) --------- his

     order to attack when he saw the white flag raised by the enemy sailors, and was

     actually relieved that he could bring an end to the (iii) ---------.

**Blank i                                       Blank ii                             Blank (iii)**

     A. flexible officer                      D. countermanded          G. hostilities

     B. a bloodthirsty man            E. reiterated                      H. formalities

     C. pacifist                                   F. forced                                I. chores

**For each of Questions 5- 6, select the two answer choices that when used to complete the sentence blank, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.**

5. The analyst’s report indicated that Gains Corp. had significantly underreported

      its capital depreciation; rather than remaining steady, the company’s value had

      actually ---------.

A. grown  
B. diminished  
C. hidden  
D. dispelled  
E. concealed

F. declined

6. Instead of serving fixed sentences, prisoners there were held until they had earned

     a number of marks, or credits, fixed in proportion to the -------- of their offenses. A

     prisoner became eligible for release when he had obtained the required number of

     credits.

A. strictness  
B. clarity  
C. gravity  
D. deviation  
E. seriousness

F. rigidity

**Answer key:** 1. D     2. C    3. B/E       4. B/D/G      5. B/F       6. C/E