**Bonus Unit 8**

1.      **apocryphal (adj.):**

an apocryphal story is well-known but probably not true

*I am still not sure whether these stories were apocryphal or not, but the danger was clearly present.*

2.      **calumny (n.):**

an untrue and unfair statement about someone that is intended to give people a bad opinion of them

*The chairman who was force to resign was the victim of calumny.*

3.      **demands (n.):**

the difficult, annoying, or tiring things that you need to do, or a skill you need to have

*Many people find it hard to cope with the demands of modern life.*

4.      **exceed (v.):**

go beyond; surpass

*Those drivers who exceed the speed limit are penalized.*

5.      **expatiate  on (v.):**

to speak or write in detail about a particular subject

*Maybe you can expatiate on his general physical well-being.*

6.      **extemporize (v.):**

 to speak or perform without preparation or practice

*He completely departed from the text and extemporized in a very energetic fashion.*

               7.**forgo (v**.):

if you forego something, you decide to do without it, although you would like it.

*Keen skiers are happy to forego a summer holiday to go skiing.*

8.      **hyperbole (n.):**

a way of describing something by saying it is much bigger, smaller, worse etc than it actually is; exaggeration

*It was not hyperbole to call the recent storm the worst storm in twenty years.*

9.      **impending (adj.):**

an impending event or situation, especially an unpleasant one, is going to happen very soon

*She had a sense of impending disaster.*

10.  **irony (n.):**

a situation that is unusual or amusing because something strange happens, or the opposite of what is expected happens or is true

The irony is that some of the poorest countries have the richest natural resources.

11.  **rapacious (adj.):**

always wanting more money, goods etc than you need or have a right to; avaricious; greedy

*The oil fields have been depleted by a rapacious exploitation policy.*

12.  **replenish (v.):**

 to put new supplies into something, or to fill something again

*More vaccines are needed to replenish our stocks.*

13.  **resemble (v.):**

to look like or be similar to someone or something:

*It's amazing how closely Brian and Steve resemble each other.*

14.  **substantiate (v.):**

to prove the truth of something that someone has said, claimed etc

*Katzen offered little evidence to substantiate his claims.*

15.  **unfounded (adj.):**

unfounded statements, feelings, opinions etc are wrong because they are not based on facts

*Of the 40,000 asylum applications made last year, nine out of 10 were unfounded.*

**START THE TEST>**

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

1. Every novel invites us to enter a world that is initially strange; our gradual and

     selective orientation to its manners ------ infants’ adjustment to their

     environment.

A. replenishes

B. expatiates

C. resembles

D. exceeds

E. forgoes

2. It is true that the seeds of some plants have geminated after two hundred years of

     dormancy, but reports that viable seeds have been found in ancient tombs such as

     the pyramids are entirely ------.

A. rapacious

B. unfounded

C. irrelevant

D. extemporized

E. substantiated

3. Stress is experienced when an individual feels that the (i) ------ of the environment

     (ii) ------ that individual’s resources for handling them.

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A. guiles                                   D. exceed

B. proclivities                            E.  replenish

C. demands                              F.  forgo

4. Allowing distinguished figures to (i) ------ on their experiences, lives and wisdom

     learned, the memoir genre has given us such significant works as Ulysses S.

    Grant’s Personal Memoirs, an interesting, well-written account of his days as a

    general and a president. At the opposite end of the spectrum, the genre also

    provides an outlet for anyone who wants to share any (ii) ------ experience, as

    evidenced by the (iii) ------      release of a fly-by-night internet celebrity’s memoir

    next month.

**Blank i                                      Blank ii                    Blank iii**

      A. extemporize                     D. apocryphal           G. laughable                     
      B. expatiate                           E. plausible                H. laudable  
      C. substantiate                     F. predatory               I. impending

**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.**

3. He never demonstrated the wisdom I had claimed for him, and my friends quickly

     dismissed my estimate of his ability as ------.

A. irony

B. celerity

C. hyperbole

D. paradox

E. exaggeration

F. calumny

6. Aimed at curbing European attempts to seize territory in the Amercias, the

    Monroe Doctrine was a warning to ------ foreign powers.

A. plausible

B. cautionary

C. venerable

D. rapacious

E. predatory

F. remote

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