**Diocesan Boys’ School**

**Grade 9 Vocabulary List Exercise 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. broadsheets (n.) – a large piece of paper printed with text or pictures

2. cat burglar (idiom.) – a skillful thief that breaks in and steals without setting off any alarms or without being seen

3. computer buff (n.) – someone who is very knowledgeable and interesting with computers

4. computer literate (n.) – having sufficient understanding to use computers

5. convict (n.) – a person found guilty of a criminal offence

6. corporal punishment (n.) – a physical punishment intended to cause physical pain

7. crime doesn’t pay (idiom) – crime doesn’t benefit the criminal and end up being punished

8. dowdy (adj.) – not stylish or not fashionable in appearance

9. epitome (n.) – a person or thing that is the perfect example of a particular quality or type

10. execrable (adj.)- extremely bad or unpleasant

**Exercise A**

Fill in the blanks with the words given above.

1. Max is quite the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as he is always tinkering and improving his personal computer at home to make it faster and more efficient.
2. According to BBC news, there are still many schools in Asia that use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to discipline their students and are being under investigation.
3. My cousin was an embarrassment at the wedding as he wore a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outfit consisting of ripped jeans and a dirty sleeveless shirt.
4. The police are still piecing together information of the infamous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of London who stole the renowned crown jewels of the Royal Family.
5. There is a survey reporting that the general population would prefer smaller, compact newspapers rather than the traditional \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the past.
6. Charities and organizations for human rights tend to display \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working conditions of people in poor countries to gather attention to help fight against this.
7. The cheetah, the fastest land animal in the world is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of speed.
8. When Steve stole the candy bar he thought it was no big deal, but he learned it the hard way that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and had to go to jail.
9. Did you hear the news that one of the most violent\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Stanley Prison has escaped?
10. I told my dad to subscribe to the magazine “Computer Now” so he can build up his knowledge and become more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not always rely on me to help him with simple tasks.

**Exercise B**

Underline the wrong word in the sentence. Replace it with the correct word by circling the answer.

1. The poor man was dressed in a trendy manner.

(chic / dowdy)

2. Li Ka-shing is the extension of wealth in Hong Kong.

(epitome / execrable)

3. Sitting on an uncomfortable chair for 3 hours is quite pleasurable.   
 (execrable / loving)

4. Whenever I go to the computer mall to buy new items, I need Steven to help me as he is much more ignorant.

(computer literate / convict)

5. My dad reminded me about his youth that passengers on the bus used to read letters and how it was very annoying as it took up so much space.

(magazines / broadsheets)

**Exercise C**

Match the correct synonyms or antonyms with the vocabulary learnt.

crime doesn’t pay

dowdy

computer literate

corporal punishment

epitome

computer buff

cat burglar

broadsheets

convict

execrable

atrocious

exemplar

thief

prisoner

criminals will be punished

tech-savvy

newspaper

shabby

understands computers

whipping and spanking