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Unit 7 Vocabulary and Spelling Homework Packet (8th Grade)

Packet and test will be due Friday 11/1/19

annul	deplore
frivolous	nonentity
obsess	blasé
oust	bolster
muster	ornate

Part A (Definitions): Put each word in *alphabetical order* and define them.

Annul: to reduce to nothing; to make ineffective or inoperative; to declare legally invalid or void

Blasé : indifferent, bored as a result of having enjoyed many pleasures; apathetic

Bolster: (v.) to support, give a boost to; (n.) a long pillow or cushion; a supporting post

Deplore: to feel or express regret or disapproval

Frivolous: of little importance, not worthy of serious attention; not meant seriously

Muster: (v.) to bring together for service or battle; to gather or summon; to amount to, comprise, include; (n.) a list of men for military service; a gathering, accumulation

Nonentity: a person or thing of no importance

Obsess: to trouble, haunt, or fill the mind

Ornate: elaborately decorated; showily splendid

Oust: to remove, drive out of a position or place

Part B (Sentence Completion): Choose the proper word from above and complete each sentence.

1. Jimmy's _____ attitude toward the issue of childhood slavery shocked me to my core.
2. If you constantly _____ about the little things, it will be impossible for you to focus on accomplishing the main goal of the assignment.
3. Many voters are looking to _____ the president after the next election because of his poor management of the country.
4. We used a brick underneath our bed to _____ it so it would not collapse.
5. Brooke had to _____ up all of her courage and strength before skydiving.
6. They bought an _____ and elegant Louis XIV sofa for their living room.
7. The students _____ the death of one of their classmates.
8. After a strong disagreement, Danny and Tricia decided it would be best to _____ their marriage.
9. Kristen gave a _____ and unnecessary suggestion during a meeting that was not received well by her colleagues.
10. In the grand scheme of things, Jillian realized that she was a _____ in Bob's life now.

Part C: Synonyms

Directions: Choose the word from this unit that is the same or most nearly the same in meaning as the boldface word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.

11. **Gathered** all of their strength to accomplish the task _____

12. Annoyed by the reporter's **silly** questions _____

13. May **strengthen** your ability to resist illness _____

14. Chose a very **decorative** silverware pattern _____

15. Painful memories that **preoccupied** their minds _____

16. **Regretful** conditions in the refugee camp _____