

Answers

Exercise #1

1. VAGARY
2. HARBOR
3. IN KIND
4. UNDUE
5. WAGER
6. POORHOUSE
7. DISMAL
8. RESURGENT
9. INDICT
10. ENDORSE

Exercise #2

1. repent
2. eschew
3. a dud
4. smooching
5. ardent
6. assuage
7. withering
8. badgering
9. endowment, extemporaneous
10. gratuitous

Exercise #3

1. c
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. b
6. a
7. c
8. b
9. a
10. b

Exercise #4

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. a
6. a
7. b
8. c

Exercise #5a

brevity – the use of brief expressions

denote – mean, be a sign of

discernible – capable of being perceived clearly

emulate – imitate

inadvertently – without knowledge or intention

menial – referring to unskilled work

palatable – acceptable

rein – any means of control

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relish – get enjoyment from
tangentially – remotely

Exercise #5b

1. discernible
2. relish
3. denote
4. rein
5. inadvertently
6. tangentially
7. palatable
8. brevity
9. menial
10. emulate

Exercise #6

1. A
2. C
3. E
4. B
5. C
6. E
7. A
8. C, D, E
9. C
10. D
11. B
12. C
13. A
14. A
15. B
16. E

Exercise #7a

- 2#** normalcy shredded endowment
3# painstakingly
6# anticlimactic coda humbled
7# permeate
8# budgeted
9# forthcoming
13# falling off the face of the earth digs
14# grapple roll out
15# unstintingly
18# missive
20# converging keynote
22# treading

Exercise #7b

c, a, a

Exercise #8

- flabby** – lacking firmness or stiffness
sluggish – slow and apathetic; INACTIVE
tinker – do random, unplanned work; FIDDLE
elusive – difficult to detect, grasp; SUBTLE
quack – an untrained person dispensing medical advice
hawk – sell or offer for sale; VEND

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unravel – *literally*: separate the fibers or threads of sth; DISENTANGLE
strain – difficulty that causes worry or emotional tension; BURDEN
tack – fix to, attach; APPEND
defy – resist; WITHSTAND
pang – a sudden sharp feeling
inflammation – a response of body tissues to injury or irritation; characterized by pain and swelling and redness and heat; REDNESS
hinder – prevent the progress of sth; BLOCK
crumple – fall apart, destroy
much-heralded – widely announced
skinny – unattractive thinness; UNDERWEIGHT
lean – lacking excess flesh; THIN
blockbuster – an unusually successful hit; MEGAHIT
forestall – keep from happening; PREVENT
battery – a collection of related things intended to be used together
gauge – measure precisely usually against a standard

Exercise #9

1. **elated** – jubilant, in high spirits
2. **hubbub** – tumult
3. **abruptly** – suddenly
4. **bereft** – sorrowful through loss or deprivation
5. **sweep up** – embrace, adopt
6. **backing** – support
7. **jolt** – disturb, upset
8. **damped** – stifle, mute
9. **detached** – uninvolved
10. **boon** – blessing