**SAMPLE Vocabulary Quiz**

***[Note: This is a composite of various types of quiz questions; you can decide which approach(es) you prefer. Notice the prevalence of the question “Why?”]***

Scenarios: Pick the scenario that best matches the word and defend your answer (2 points each).

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| Word | Scenario 1 | Scenario 2 |
| interspersed | I was so angry that my writing was mixed with invectives.  | I was so angry that my writing was made up completely of invectives. . |
| Why? |
| redemption | My soul was saved because of my faith in God. | I saved a kitten from the pound and brought him home with me. |
| Why? |
| farce | The election was a joke because many people weren’t allowed to vote. It was ridiculous. | The election was a joke because the woman who won is so funny. She could be a stand-up comedian. |
| Why? |
| vigor | She was young and strong and full of life.  | She is old and dying.  |
| Why? |

Answer the question: Use your knowledge of our vocabulary to answer the following questions (2 points each).

5. Which of these do you think should be compulsory – buckling your seatbelt in a car or being in your house by 8:00 pm? Why?

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6. Which is more likely to petrify you – a spider or a growling dog? Why?

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7. Which is a priest more likely to sanctify – a wedding or a murder? Why?

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8. Which is more likely to make a throng disperse – free candy or rain? Why?

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9 – 12 Using stronger words in writing: Improve the paragraph below by crossing out the weak word(s) and replacing it with a stronger word. Write the stronger word above the crossed-out word. Make sure to use the correct form of the word. I am looking for **4 vocabulary words** to be used, but if you see other opportunities to use stronger vocabulary, I will give you extra credit for doing so (2 points each). *[NOTE TO TEACHER: Include a word bank.]*

In Night, Elie was very scared when he went to Auschwitz. When he arrived there was a big commotion, but then the guards forced all of the prisoners to line up and have their heads shaved. After this, they were told to strip and were given prison clothes to wear. It was a joke though, because they were given the wrong size clothes to wear. They were then looked at to see if they were strong enough. Of course, the guards treated them badly and yelled and cursed at them. These experiences, and seeing the crematorium, made Elie lose faith that God would rescue his people from the evil of the Nazis.

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Using Context Clues: Read the passages to figure out which definition is best for the word in bold (3 points each).

* 1 point = underlining context clues that make sense (underling the whole passage doesn’t count)
* 1 point = explaining your choice with reasons (even if you get the wrong answer, if your thinking is logical and clear, you can earn this point)
* 1 point = picking the correct answer

13. Which of these most closely matches the meaning of stocky in the passage below?

He was a stocky man with big shoulders, the neck of a bull, thick lips, and curly hair (47).

1. sturdy
2. thin
3. mean
4. angry

Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. Which of these most closely matches the meaning of extracted in the passage below?

Some twenty prisoners were waiting in line at the entrance. It didn’t take long to learn the reason for our summons: our gold teeth were to be extracted (51).

a. poked

b. examined

c. removed

d. cleaned

Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. Which of these most closely matches the meaning of famished in the passage below?

The bread, the soup – those were my entire life. I was nothing but a body. Perhaps even less: a famished stomach. The stomach alone was measuring time (52).

 a. full

 b. starving

 c. hungry

 d. large

Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_