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## Shatter Lexical Ambiguity: 11th Grade Semantic Analysis Quiz

Students dissect linguistic nuance by evaluating high-level diction, contextual shifts in meaning, and the subtle mechanics of rhetorical precision.

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**1. In a legal brief regarding property rights, which synonym for 'relinquish' carries the most specific connotation of a formal, often involuntary, surrender of a claim?**

- A. Abandon
- B. Cede
- C. Forgo
- D. Yield

**2. The words 'discrete' (distinct/separate) and 'discreet' (unobtrusive/judicious) are homophones that function as precise antonyms in technical scientific writing.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The diplomat's \_\_\_ behavior was a direct contrast to her predecessor's 'insolence,' demonstrating the importance of professional decorum.**

- A. Amiable
- B. Deference
- C. Obsequious
- D. Impertinent

**4. Identify the homophones in this sentence: 'The council sought to alter the altar before the commencement of the solemn rite.'**

- A. Council / Commencement
- B. Alter / Altar
- C. Solemn / Rite
- D. Sought / Solemn

**5. High-level SAT vocabulary often utilizes 'enervate' as a deceptive word. Its most accurate antonym in a physiological context is \_\_\_.**

- A. Exhaust
- B. Invigorate
- C. Debilitate
- D. Sate

**6. Which set of homophones would be appropriate to complete this sentence concerning economics: 'The \_\_\_ of the company refused to compromise on his ethical \_\_\_.'**

- A. Principle / Principals

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- B. Principal / Principles
- C. Prince / Principles
- D. Principal / Principals

**7. Analyze the shift in tone: A writer replaces the word 'persistent' with 'tenacious' to describe a character's journey. By using this synonym, the writer is most likely \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Softening the character's flaws
- B. Suggesting a more negative obsession
- C. Implying a virtuous, firm resolve
- D. Indicating the character is repetitive

**8. In the sentence 'The canvas was stationary as the artist reached for his stationery,' the word 'stationery' correctly refers to writing materials.**

- A. True
- B. False

**9. Evaluate the relationship: EPHEMERAL is to PERMANENT as TRANSITORY is to \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Fleeting
- B. Perpetual
- C. Ethereal
- D. Temporal

**10. To avoid 'pleonasm' (redundancy) in academic writing, one should avoid using 'consensus' as a synonym for '\_\_\_\_ agreement' because the phrase is redundant.**

- A. Vocal
- B. General
- C. Partial
- D. Specific