Vocabulary and Word Forms

*Instruction:* choose the correct word for each blank line.

1a. She will be studying _________ at the university.
   b. Flushing money down the toilet is an _________ unwise decision.
   c. Buying in bulk can be quite ________.

   economy   economical   economically   economics

2a. Did you _________ what courses you will be taking next semester?
   b. My son is very _________ when choosing friends.
   c. The book _________ in our library is small.

   selective   selection   select   selected

3a. You cannot operate a business in a _________ zoned area.
   b. He was a _________ of the town of Paramus.
   c. The mayor of New York _________ in Gracie Mansion.

   resides   residentially   resident   residence

4a. My Honda failed _________ due to a small crack in the windshield.
   b. The town _________ the building before giving permission to open the day-care center.
   c. The _________ was not successful in finding the hidden flaws.

   inspection   inspected   inspect   inspector

5a. Can you _________ grammatical errors in the sentence?
   b. The killer’s _________ was revealed in Act II of the play.
   c. Please remember to bring proper _________ to the employment agency.

   identify   identification   identifiable   identity

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   b. The movie is _________ to 17 years old and older.
   c. Many people in the United States would like to _________ immigration into the country.

   restrict   restricted   restrictions   restrictive
7a. Although the twins are identical, they ________ in many ways.
b. The two artists paint ________.
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differ differ difference differentiate differently

8a. The hurricane ________ were discovered on the roof of their house.
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survivor survived survival survivors

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concluded concluded conclusion conclusive conclude

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b. His last ________ did not come true.
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predict predict predict predict predict predictably

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contribute contributor contributions contributing

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individualism individual individually individualized

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motive motivation motivate motivated
14a. Do you know who the __________ of that new television series is?
   b. The entrepreneur solved the problem __________.
   c. The designer’s latest __________ was very unusual.
      creative          creator          creation          creatively

15a. Please __________ to the survey within five days.
   b. The __________ to my job application was negative.
   c. This car is__________; it has wonderful handing.
      respond          responsive          responsibly          response

16a. He has shown a __________ improvement in his grades this semester.
   b. Caps and gowns have great __________ to graduates.
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      signify          significantly          significance          significant

17a. Upon __________, we will send you your passport.
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      validation          validity          validate          valid

18a. Your __________ will be greatly appreciated in this matter.
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      cooperate          cooperation          cooperative          cooperatively

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      making decisions.
   c. He has to __________ on public transportation since his car broke down.
      rely          reliably          reliable          reliance

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      emphatically          emphasis          emphasize          emphatic
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   c. Politicians often make __________ statements.
      contradiction                 contradictory                 contradicting                 contradict

22a. He tried to __________ his selfish behavior.
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      rational                    rationality                  rationally                  rationalize

23a. After I woke up, I realized that the __________ buzzing sound in my ear was a mosquito.
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   c. Even though John came in last place in the Boston Marathon, he __________ in competing in it.
      persistence                  persistent                  persisting                  persisted

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      presumably                  presumption                 presumed                   presumptuous

25a. The weather is __________. It changes every day.
   b. Try to __________ your words and sentences for more effective writing.
   c. There is a great deal of __________ in the plant life in the desert.
      variable                     variation                    vary                      invariably
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