

Trimester 1

VOCAB 1

- 1 **abject** of the most contemptible kind
- 2 **aberration** a state or condition markedly different from the norm
- 3 **abjure** formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief
- 4 **abnegation** the denial and rejection of a doctrine or belief
- 5 **abrogate** revoke formally
- 6 **abscond** run away
- 7 **abstruse** difficult to penetrate
- 8 **accede** yield to another's wish or opinion
- 9 **accost** speak to someone
- 10 **accretion** an increase by natural growth or addition
- 11 **acumen** shrewdness shown by keen insight
- 12 **adamant** impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason
- 13 **admonish** scold or reprimand; take to task
- 14 **adúmbrate** describe roughly or give the main points or summary of
- 15 **adverse** in an opposing direction

VOCAB 2

- 1 **advocate** a person who pleads for a person, cause, or idea
- 2 **affluent** having an abundant supply of money or possessions of value
- 3 **aggrandize** add details to
- 4 **alacrity** liveliness and eagerness
- 5 **alias** a name that has been assumed temporarily
- 6 **ambivalent** uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow
- 7 **amenable** disposed or willing to comply
- 8 **amorphous** having no definite form or distinct shape
- 9 **anachronistic** chronologically misplaced
- 10 **anathema** a formal ecclesiastical curse accompanied by excommunication
- 11 **annex** attach to
- 12 **antediluvian** of or relating to the period before the biblical flood
- 13 **antiseptic** thoroughly clean and free of disease-causing organisms
- 14 **apathetic** showing little or no emotion or animation
- 15 **antithesis** exact opposite

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VOCAB 3

- 1 **apocryphal** being of questionable authenticity
- 2 **approbation** official approval
- 3 **arbitrary** based on or subject to individual discretion or preference
- 4 **arboreal** of or relating to or formed by trees
- 5 **arcane** requiring secret or mysterious knowledge
- 6 **archetypal** of an original type after which other things are patterned
- 7 **arrogate** seize and take control without authority
- 8 **ascetic** someone who practices self denial as a spiritual discipline
- 9 **aspersion** a disparaging remark
- 10 **assiduous** marked by care and persistent effort
- 11 **atrophy** a decrease in size of an organ caused by disease or disuse
- 12 **bane** something causing misery or death
- 13 **bashful** self-consciously timid
- 14 **beguile** influence by slyness
- 15 **bereft** sorrowful through loss or deprivation

VOCAB 4

- 1 **blandishment** flattery intended to persuade
- 2 **bilk** cheat somebody out of what is due, especially money
- 3 **bombastic** ostentatiously lofty in style
- 4 **cajole** influence or urge by gentle urging, caressing, or flattering
- 5 **callous** emotionally hardened
- 6 **calumny** a false accusation of an offense
- 7 **camaraderie** the quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability
- 8 **candor** the quality of being honest and straightforward
- 9 **capitulate** surrender under agreed conditions
- 10 **carouse** engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking
- 11 **carp** any of various freshwater fish of the family Cyprinidae
- 12 **caucus** meet to select a candidate or promote a policy
- 13 **cavort** play boisterously
- 14 **circumlocution** an indirect way of expressing something
- 15 **circumscribe** to draw a geometric figure around another figure

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VOCAB 5

- 1 **circumvent** surround so as to force to give up
- 2 **clamor** utter or proclaim insistently and noisily
- 3 **cleave** separate or cut with a tool, such as a sharp instrument
- 4 **cobbler** a person who makes or repairs shoes
- 5 **cogent** powerfully persuasive
- 6 **cognizant** having or showing knowledge or understanding or realization
- 7 **commensurate** corresponding in size or degree or extent
- 8 **complement** something added to embellish or make perfect
- 9 **compunction** a feeling of deep regret, usually for some misdeed
- 10 **concomitant** following or accompanying as a consequence
- 11 **conduit** a passage through which water or electric wires can pass
- 12 **conflagration** a very intense and uncontrolled fire
- 13 **congruity** the quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate
- 14 **connive** form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner
- 15 **consign** give over to another for care or safekeeping

Trimester 2

VOCAB 6

- 1 **constituent** one of the individual parts making up a composite entity
- 2 **construe** make sense of; assign a meaning to
- 3 **contusion** an injury in which the skin is not broken
- 4 **contrite** feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses
- 5 **contentious** showing an inclination to disagree
- 6 **contravene** go against, as of rules and laws
- 7 **convivial** occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
- 8 **corpulence** the property of excessive fatness
- 9 **covet** wish, long, or crave for
- 10 **cupidity** extreme greed for material wealth
- 11 **dearth** an insufficient quantity or number
- 12 **debacle** a sudden and violent collapse
- 13 **debauch** a wild gathering involving excessive drinking
- 14 **debunk** expose while ridiculing
- 15 **defunct** no longer in force or use; inactive

VOCAB 7

- 1 **demagogue** a leader who seeks support by appealing to popular passions
- 2 **denigrate** charge falsely or with malicious intent
- 3 **derivative** a compound obtained from another compound
- 4 **despot** a cruel and oppressive dictator
- 5 **diaphanous** so thin as to transmit light
- 6 **didactic** instructive, especially excessively
- 7 **dirge** a song or hymn of mourning as a memorial to a dead person
- 8 **disaffected** discontented as toward authority
- 9 **discomfit** cause to lose one's composure
- 10 **disparate** fundamentally different or distinct in quality or kind
- 11 **dispel** to cause to separate and go in different directions
- 12 **disrepute** the state of being held in low esteem
- 13 **divisive** dissenting with the majority opinion
- 14 **dogmatic** pertaining to a code of beliefs accepted as authoritative
- 15 **dour** showing a brooding ill humor

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VOCAB 8

- 1 **duplicity** acting in bad faith
- 2 **duress** compulsory force or threat
- 3 **eclectic** selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas
- 4 **edict** a formal or authoritative proclamation
- 5 **ebullient** joyously unrestrained
- 6 **egregious** conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
- 7 **elegy** a mournful poem; a lament for the dead
- 8 **elicit** call forth, as an emotion, feeling, or response
- 9 **embezzlement** the fraudulent appropriation of funds or property
- 10 **emend** make corrections to
- 11 **emollient** a substance with a soothing effect when applied to the skin
- 12 **empirical** derived from experiment and observation rather than theory
- 13 **emulate** strive to equal or match, especially by imitating
- 14 **enervate** weaken mentally or morally
- 15 **enfranchise** grant freedom to, as from slavery or servitude

VOCAB 9

- 1 **engender** call forth
- 2 **ephemeral** anything short-lived, as an insect that lives only for a day
- 3 **epistolary** written in the form of letters or correspondence
- 4 **equanimity** steadiness of mind under stress
- 5 **equivocal** open to two or more interpretations
- 6 **espouse** choose and follow
- 7 **evanescent** tending to vanish like vapor
- 8 **evinced** give expression to
- 9 **exacerbate** make worse
- 10 **exhort** spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts
- 11 **execrable** unequivocally detestable
- 12 **exigent** demanding immediate attention
- 13 **expedient** appropriate to a purpose
- 14 **expiate** make amends for
- 15 **expunge** remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line

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VOCAB 10

- 1 **extraneous** not belonging to that in which it is contained
- 2 **extol** praise, glorify, or honor
- 3 **extant** still in existence; not extinct or destroyed or lost
- 4 **expurgate** edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate
- 5 **fallacious** containing or based on incorrect reasoning
- 6 **fatuous** devoid of intelligence
- 7 **fetter** a shackle for the ankles or feet
- 8 **flagrant** conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible
- 9 **foil** hinder or prevent, as an effort, plan, or desire
- 10 **forbearance** good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence
- 11 **fortuitous** occurring by happy chance
- 12 **fractious** easily irritated or annoyed
- 13 **garrulous** full of trivial conversation
- 14 **gourmand** a person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess
- 15 **grandiloquent** lofty in style

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VOCAB 11

- 1 **gratuitous** unnecessary and unwarranted
- 2 **hapless** deserving or inciting pity
- 3 **hegemony** the dominance or leadership of one social group over others
- 4 **heterogenous** consisting of elements that are not of the same kind
- 5 **iconoclast** someone who attacks cherished ideas or institutions
- 6 **idiosyncratic** peculiar to the individual
- 7 **impecunious** not having enough money to pay for necessities
- 8 **impetuous** characterized by undue haste and lack of thought
- 9 **impinge** infringe upon
- 10 **impute** attribute or credit to
- 11 **inane** devoid of intelligence
- 12 **inchoate** only partly in existence; imperfectly formed
- 13 **incontrovertible** impossible to deny or disprove
- 14 **incumbent** necessary as a duty or responsibility; morally binding
- 15 **inexorable** not to be placated or appeased or moved by entreaty

VOCAB 12

- 1 **inimical** not friendly
- 2 **injunction** a judicial remedy to prohibit a party from doing something
- 3 **inoculate** impregnate with the germ of a disease to render immune
- 4 **insidious** working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way
- 5 **instigate** provoke or stir up
- 6 **insurgent** in opposition to a civil authority or government
- 7 **interlocutor** a person who takes part in a conversation
- 8 **intimation** a slight suggestion or vague understanding
- 9 **inure** cause to accept or become hardened to
- 10 **invective** abusive language used to express blame or censure
- 11 **intransigent** impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, reason
- 12 **inveterate** habitual
- 13 **irreverence** a mental attitude showing lack of due respect
- 14 **knell** the sound of a bell rung slowly to announce a death
- 15 **laconic** brief and to the point

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VOCAB 13

- 1 **largesse** liberality in bestowing gifts
- 2 **legerdemain** an illusory feat
- 3 **libertarian** an advocate of freedom of thought and speech
- 4 **licentious** lacking moral discipline
- 5 **linchpin** a central cohesive source of support and stability
- 6 **litigant** (law) a party to a lawsuit; someone involved in litigation
- 7 **maelstrom** a powerful circular current of water
- 8 **maudlin** effusively or insincerely emotional
- 9 **maverick** someone who exhibits independence in thought and action
- 10 **mawkish** effusively or insincerely emotional
- 11 **maxim** a saying that is widely accepted on its own merits
- 12 **mendacious** given to lying
- 13 **modicum** a small or moderate or token amount
- 14 **morass** a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot
- 15 **mores** the conventions embodying the fundamental values of a group

VOCAB 14

- 1 **munificent** very generous
- 2 **multifarious** having many aspects
- 3 **nadir** the lowest point of anything
- 4 **negligent** characterized by undue lack of attention or concern
- 5 **neophyte** any new participant in some activity
- 6 **noisome** offensively malodorous
- 7 **noxious** injurious to physical or mental health
- 8 **obdurate** stubbornly persistent in wrongdoing
- 9 **obfuscate** make obscure or unclear
- 10 **obstreperous** noisily and stubbornly defiant
- 11 **officious** intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner
- 12 **onerous** not easily borne; wearing
- 13 **ostensible** appearing as such but not necessarily so
- 14 **ostracism** the act of excluding someone from society by general consent
- 15 **palliate** lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of

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VOCAB 15

- 1 **panacea** hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases
- 2 **paradigm** a standard or typical example
- 3 **pariah** a person who is rejected from society or home
- 4 **partisan** a fervent and even militant proponent of something
- 5 **paucity** an insufficient quantity or number
- 6 **pejorative** expressing disapproval
- 7 **pellucid** transparently clear; easily understandable
- 8 **penchant** a strong liking
- 9 **penurious** excessively unwilling to spend
- 10 **pert** characterized by a lightly exuberant quality
- 11 **pernicious** exceedingly harmful
- 12 **pertinacious** stubbornly unyielding
- 13 **phlegmatic** showing little emotion
- 14 **philanthropic** of or relating to charitable giving
- 15 **pithy** concise and full of meaning

VOCAB 16

- 1 **platitute** a trite or obvious remark
- 2 **plaudit** enthusiastic approval
- 3 **plenitude** a full supply
- 4 **plethora** extreme excess
- 5 **portent** a sign of something about to happen
- 6 **potentate** a ruler who is unconstrained by law
- 7 **preclude** make impossible, especially beforehand
- 8 **predilection** a predisposition in favor of something
- 9 **preponderance** exceeding in heaviness; having greater weight
- 10 **presage** a foreboding about what is about to happen
- 11 **probity** complete and confirmed integrity
- 12 **proclivity** a natural inclination
- 13 **profligate** unrestrained by convention or morality
- 14 **promulgate** state or announce
- 15 **proscribe** command against

VOCAB 17

- 1 **protean** taking on different forms
- 2 **prurient** characterized by lust
- 3 **puerile** displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity
- 4 **pugnacious** tough and callous by virtue of experience
- 5 **pulchritude** physical beauty, especially of a woman
- 6 **punctilious** marked by precise accordance with details
- 7 **quaint** attractively old-fashioned
- 8 **quixotic** not sensible about practical matters
- 9 **quandary** state of uncertainty in a choice between unfavorable options
- 10 **recalcitrant** stubbornly resistant to authority or control
- 11 **redoubtable** inspiring fear
- 12 **relegate** assign to a lower position
- 13 **remiss** failing in what duty requires
- 14 **reprieve** postpone the punishment of a convicted criminal
- 15 **reprobate** a person without moral scruples

VOCAB 18

- 1 **rescind** cancel officially
- 2 **requisition** an authoritative request or demand
- 3 **rife** excessively abundant
- 4 **sanctimonious** excessively or hypocritically pious
- 5 **sanguine** confidently optimistic and cheerful
- 6 **scurrilous** expressing offensive reproach
- 7 **semaphore** an apparatus for visual signaling
- 8 **serendipity** good luck in making unexpected and fortunate discoveries
- 9 **sobriety** the state of being sober and not intoxicated by alcohol
- 10 **solicitous** full of anxiety and concern
- 11 **solipsism** the philosophical theory that the self is all that exists
- 12 **spurious** plausible but false
- 13 **staid** characterized by dignity and propriety
- 14 **stolid** having or revealing little emotion or sensibility
- 15 **subjugate** make subservient; force to submit or subdue

VOCAB 19

- 1 **surfeit** indulge (one's appetite) to satiety
- 2 **surreptitious** marked by quiet and caution and secrecy
- 3 **swarthy** naturally having skin of a dark color
- 4 **tangential** of superficial relevance if any
- 5 **tome** a large and scholarly book
- 6 **toady** a person who tries to please someone to gain an advantage
- 7 **torpid** in a condition of biological rest or suspended animation
- 8 **travesty** a composition that imitates or misrepresents a style
- 9 **trenchant** having keenness and forcefulness and penetration in thought
- 10 **trite** repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse
- 11 **truculent** defiantly aggressive
- 12 **turpitude** a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice
- 13 **ubiquitous** being present everywhere at once
- 14 **umbrage** a feeling of anger caused by being offended
- 15 **upbraid** express criticism towards

VOCAB 20

- 1 **utilitarian** having a useful function
- 2 **veracity** unwillingness to tell lies
- 3 **vestige** an indication that something has been present
- 4 **vicissitude** a variation in circumstances or fortune
- 5 **vilify** spread negative information about
- 6 **virtuoso** someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field
- 7 **vitriolic** harsh, bitter, or malicious in tone
- 8 **vituperate** spread negative information about
- 9 **vociferous** conspicuously and offensively loud
- 10 **wanton** lewd or lascivious woman
- 11 **winsome** charming in a childlike or naive way
- 12 **yoke** join with stable gear, as two draft animals
- 13 **zephyr** a slight wind
- 14 **wily** marked by skill in deception
- 15 **tirade** a speech of violent denunciation