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VOCABULARY 3

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1. **abject**

adjective

1 : sunk to or existing in a low state or condition

2 a : cast down in spirit : SERVILE, SPIRITLESS

b : showing utter hopelessness or resignation

3 : expressing or offered in a humble and often ingratiating spirit

synonym see MEAN

2. **affront**

verb

1 a : to insult especially to the face by behavior or language

b : to cause offense to

2 a : to face in defiance : CONFRONT

b : to encounter face-to-face

3 : to appear directly before

synonym see OFFEND

3. **beneficent**

adjective

1 : doing or producing good; especially : performing acts of kindness and charity

2 : BENEFICIAL

4. **chaste**

adjective

1 : innocent of unlawful sexual intercourse

2 : CELIBATE

3 : pure in thought and act : MODEST

4 a : severely simple in design or execution : AUSTERE

b : CLEAN, SPOTLESS

synonyms see CHASTE, PURE, MODEST, DECENT

5. **depreciatory**

verb

transitive senses

1 : to lower in estimation or esteem

2 : to lower the price or estimated value of

intransitive senses

to fall in value

synonym see DECRY

6. **descry**

verb

1 a : to catch sight of

b : FIND OUT, DISCOVER

2 : to make known : REVEAL

7. **diabolical**

adjective

of, relating to, or characteristic of the devil : DEVILISH

8. efficacy

noun

the power to produce an effect

9. epitaph

noun

1 : an inscription on or at a tomb or a grave in memory of the one buried there

2 : a brief statement commemorating or epitomizing a deceased person or something past

10. excrescence

noun

1 : a projection or outgrowth especially when abnormal

2 : a disfiguring, extraneous, or unwanted mark or part : BLOT

11. felicitous

adjective

1 : very well suited or expressed : APT

2 : PLEASANT, DELIGHTFUL

synonym see FIT

12. fortuitous

adjective

1 : occurring by chance

2 a : FORTUNATE, LUCKY

b : coming or happening by a lucky chance

synonym see ACCIDENTAL

13. gruff

adjective

1 : rough, brusque, or stern in manner, speech, or aspect

2 : being deep and harsh : HOARSE

synonym see BLUFF

14. hypocrite

noun

a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion

15. imbrue

verb

to STAIN

16. impertinent

adjective

1 : not pertinent : IRRELEVANT

2 a : not restrained within due or proper bounds especially of propriety or good taste

b : given to or characterized by insolent rudeness

synonyms see IMPERTINENT, OFFICIOUS, MEDDLESOME, INTRUSIVE, OBTRUSIVE

17. maudlin

adjective

1 : drunk enough to be emotionally silly

2 : weakly and effusively sentimental

18. morose

adjective

1 : having a sullen and gloomy disposition

2 : marked by or expressive of gloom

synonym see SULLEN

19. **ostentatious**

adjective

marked by or fond of conspicuous or vainglorious and sometimes pretentious display

synonym see SHOWY

20. **paroxysm**

noun

1 : a fit, attack, or sudden increase or recurrence of symptoms (as of a disease) : CONVULSION

2 : a sudden violent emotion or action : OUTBURST

21. **pervade**

verb

to become diffused throughout every part of

22. **propitiation**

noun

1 : the act of propitiating

2 : something that propitiates; specifically : an atoning sacrifice

23. **propriety**

noun

1 : true nature

2 : a special characteristic : PECULIARITY

3 : the quality or state of being proper : APPROPRIATENESS

4 a : conformity to what is socially acceptable in conduct or speech

b : fear of offending against conventional rules of behavior especially between the sexes

c : the customs and manners of polite society

24. **remonstrance**

verb

1 : the act of remonstrating.

2 : an expression of protest, complaint, or reproof, especially a formal statement of grievances.

25. **reproach**

noun

1 : an expression of rebuke or disapproval

2 : the act or action of reproaching or disapproving

3 a : a cause or occasion of blame, discredit, or disgrace

b : DISCREDIT, DISGRACE

4 : one subjected to censure or scorn

26. **sanctify**

verb

1 : to set apart to a sacred purpose or to religious use : CONSECRATE

2 : to free from sin : PURIFY

3 a : to impart or impute sacredness, inviolability, or respect to

b : to give moral or social sanction to

4 : to make productive of holiness or piety

27. **stolid**

adjective

having or expressing little or no sensibility : UNEMOTIONAL

synonym see IMPASSIVE

28. **subterfuge**

noun

1 : deception by artifice or stratagem in order to conceal, escape, or evade

2 : a deceptive device or stratagem

synonym see DECEPTION

29. **supercilious**

adjective

coolly and patronizingly haughty

synonym see PROUD

30. **synopsis**

noun

1 : a condensed statement or outline (as of a narrative or treatise) : ABSTRACT

2 : the abbreviated conjugation of a verb in one person only

31. **temporize**

verb

1 : to act to suit the time or occasion : yield to current or dominant opinion

2 : to draw out discussions or negotiations so as to gain time

32. **toady**

noun

one who flatters in the hope of gaining favors : SYCOPHANT

synonym see PARASITE

33. **tremulous**

adjective

1 : characterized by or affected with trembling or tremors

2 : affected with timidity : TIMOROUS

3 : such as is or might be caused by nervousness or shakiness

4 : exceedingly sensitive : easily shaken or disordered

34. **trepidation**

noun

1 : a tremulous motion : TREMOR

2 : timorous uncertain agitation : APPREHENSION

synonym see FEAR