

Words from Heinrich Harrer's Seven Years in Tibet

ANTEDILUVIAN, BENEVOLENT,
BIVOUACKED, CLEFT, DEBOUCHED
DESIGNATIONS, DELETERIOUS,
DESPONDENT, DISHEARTENED,
EMACIATED, EMINENCE,
EVOCATION, GESTICULATING,
OBEISANCE, PETERED, POLEAXED,
RAMSHACKLE, RAREFIED,
REVERENTLY, SUBMISSIVENESS,
TORRENT

Avocabo Unit 44

Exercise 44-1: Fill-in-the-blanks

Complete each sentence with the most appropriate list word by writing it in the line. (21 marks)

1. "...after crossing a few hundred miles of desert in our _____ car we manage to reach Las Bela..."
2. "In one of the smaller valleys we walked into a _____ so narrow that we could not get on, and had to wait till morning."
3. "Marchese could not resist the temptation of asking for one- but he had barely taken a couple of puffs when he fell unconscious, as if he had been _____."
4. "...Marchese slipped and fell into the water-luckily on top of the trunks, or he would otherwise have been carried away by the _____."
5. "As I came round a heap of boulders, I found myself right under the houses of a village, in front of which stood a swarm of _____ people."
6. "It appears that the dye I had used for my Indian disguise was _____."
7. "It was evening before we reached the plateau and we _____ in icy cold."
8. "I was very glad that Kopp had attached himself to me as he was a clever, practical and cheerful companion, and his vein of Berlin never _____ out."
9. "Our young friend had an _____ muzzle-loader and in a breast-pocket carried leaden bullets, gunpowder and a quick-match."
10. "We halted by the roadside and our guide, with whom we had never got on really friendly terms, made a deep, stiff _____ and put out his tongue in greeting- a perfect picture of _____."
11. "For the Tibetans, who are accustomed to give a symbolical religious sense to all _____, the names of these rivers are associated with the sacred animals..."
12. "White silk veils are draped round the gilded statues as a special mark of respect, and the worshippers _____ lay their foreheads against them."
13. "For seven days they danced, sang and drank under the _____ eyes of the monks"
14. "I was tormented by visions of a warm, comfortable room, delicious and steaming hot drinks. Curiously enough it was the _____ for a commonplace buffet at Graz, known to me in my student days, which nearly drove me crazy."
15. "We felt very _____ and asked for his advice."
16. "He had not had enough grass to eat for weeks and was fearfully _____."
17. "So this was our second New Year's Eve in Tibet. Thinking what we had achieved in all this time made on _____."



18. "The climb through the _____ air had left us breathless, and the prospect of an ascent to nearly 20,000 feet was paralyzing"

19. "After crossing the district of Yangpachen we entered a valley which _____ into the plain of Lhasa."

20. "I could not help thinking how attractive Lhasa, with its cubical houses and flat roofs, looked from this _____."

Sentences taken from Heinrich Harrer's Seven Years in Tibet.

Exercise 44-2: Synonyms

From the three choices, circle the one that is closest in meaning to the list word. (21 marks)

1. ANTEDILUVIAN
a) prehistoric b) modern c) fancy
2. BENEVOLENT
a) self-centered b) aloof c) kind
3. BIVOUACKED
a) camped temporarily b) watched at night
c) descended a cliff-face
4. CLEFT
a) crevice b) creek c) donkey
5. DEBOUCHED
a) climbed b) emerged c) walked
6. DESIGNATIONS
a) places b) arrivals c) titles
7. DELETERIOUS
a) harmless b) disintegrate c) harmful
8. DESPONDENT
a) sorrow b) energetic c) hopeless
9. DISHEARTENED
a) discouraged b) distant c) sultry
10. EMACIATED
a) weathered b) drowsy c) thin

11. EMINENCE
a) distinction b) awareness c) shameful

12. EVOCATION
c) suggestion b) information c) shout

13. GESTICULATING
a) waving b) gesturing c) speaking

14. OBEISANCE
a) bow b) embrace c) refusal

15. PETERED
a) fallen b) grown c) diminished

16. POLEAXED
a) strike with an ax b) whipped c) hammer

17. RAMSHACKLE
a) rickety b) wooden cabin c) old car

18. RAREFIED
a) polluted b) thinned c) heavy

19. REVERENTLY
a) sternly b) rudely c) respectfully

20. SUBMISSIVENESS
a) obedience b) modesty c) arrogance

21. TORRENT
a) wind b) boat c) violent flow

Exercise 44-3: Antonyms

For each list word, provide an antonym (6 marks)

1. RAMSHACKLE _____
2. ANTEDILUVIAN _____
3. BENEVOLENT _____
4. REVERENTLY _____
5. SUBMISSIVENESS _____
6. DELETERIOUS _____

Exercise 44-4: Making Connections

Use a few sentences to describe the relationship between each pair of words (8 marks)

1. DEBOUCHED CONFINED

2. EVEREST RAREFIED

3. WORSHIP REVERENTLY

4. TORRENT CURRENT

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