Vocabulary – *The Westing Game* Chapters 21-25

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. Judge Ford strode in as regally as an African princess, her noble head ***swathed*** in a turban, her tall body draped in yards of hand printed cloth.

2. Rows of ***wretched*** souls sat hunched on wooden benches.

3. He had to be ***meticulous*** in order to prove he was better than his eighth-grade education. It’s a pity he had not gone further, he was quite a clever man.

4. The pain was too great to be put into words. Five inches of Turtle’s braid were badly ***singed***.

5. The bomb squad, faced with six hours’ overtime filling out forms and delivering the ***delinquent*** to a juvenile detention facility, decided it was best for all concerned to escort the prisoner to apartment 4D and place her in the custody of Judge Ford.

6. She was paired with the one person who could confound her plans, ***manipulate*** her moves, keep her from the truth.

7. Rosalie was squat and square and squinty, her protruding tongue was too large for her mouth, her head ***lolled*** to one side.

8. Judge Ford strode in as ***regally*** as an African princess, her noble head swathed in a turban, her tall body draped in yards of hand printed cloth.

9. Their clues: a chemical formula for an explosive and the letters *o-t-i-s*. Doug, ***basking*** in the glory, didn’t care.

10. “Ladies and gentlemen, heirs (for we all inherited something), let us bow our heads in silent prayer for our benefactor Sam Westing, ***alias*** Sandy the doorman.

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ swathed A. to burn something slightly so that only the surface, edge, or tip is affected
2. \_\_\_\_\_ wretched B. extremely careful and precise
3. \_\_\_\_\_ meticulous C. characteristic of or suitable
4. \_\_\_\_\_ singed D. somebody, especially a young person, who has acted antisocially or broken the law
5. \_\_\_\_\_ delinquent E. to wrap somebody or something completely with bandages or a covering
6. \_\_\_\_\_ manipulate F. to lie in or expose yourself to enjoyable warmth
7. \_\_\_\_\_ lolled G. to droop or hang down in a loose floppy way
8. \_\_\_\_\_ regally H. an assumed name that somebody uses, otherwise or also known as
9. \_\_\_\_\_ basking I. feeling very unhappy or ill
10. \_\_\_\_\_ alias J. control or influence (a person or situation) cleverly or unfairly