

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

**(15 points) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word or phrase from the boxes below.**

conservative	copiously	divulge	eponymous
fortuitous	intoxicating	measure	negligible
nuanced	off the charts	slog	snippets

1. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ coincidence that brought Sophia and Graham together at a party twelve years ago. Now they are a happy family with three children.
2. Chef Gaggan Anand's \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant Gaggan is the only Indian venue to crack the top 10 on the "Asia's 50 Best Restaurants" list.
3. Jessie's love of literature helped lessen the \_\_\_\_\_ of reading.
4. After having cried \_\_\_\_\_ for days, the little girl finally learnt to enjoy herself at kindergarten.
5. The success of the band's debut album was \_\_\_\_\_. Many singles went platinum and the album won the Grammy Award that year.
6. Despite considerable pressure from reporters, the spokesperson refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the names of the political party members involved in the scandal.
7. Despite the constant complaints about GMOs in the media, the danger from these products is actually \_\_\_\_\_ .

accolades	atrocities	lambasted	hiatus
impeccable	heckled	sanguine	outstrip
spike	deleterious	bite the bullet	trivialize

8. She took a \_\_\_\_\_ from work for two years in order to look after her baby.
9. You may not like the boss's new rules. But what's the use of complaining. Just \_\_\_\_\_ and get on with your work.
10. His \_\_\_\_\_ reputation for honesty and integrity has been tarnished by allegations of corruption.
11. Academic critics \_\_\_\_\_ the proposed history curriculum for portraying people from different cultures negatively.
12. Among her \_\_\_\_\_ are being the youngest champion ever in the BWF World Junior Championship at the age of 14 and receiving the "Best Asian Sporting Icon" award this year.
13. There has been a huge \_\_\_\_\_ in automobile sales ever since the lowering of sales tax.
14. When children come to you with a problem, don't \_\_\_\_\_ it by saying, "It's no big deal." It may not seem like a big problem to you but it is to them.
15. Sarah is an optimistic person. She is \_\_\_\_\_ about the future of her company despite the daily challenges.