

## Part One Vocabulary

### Assessment Preparation: Vocabulary in Context

*Directions: Each of the following sentences have been taken directly from the text of **Fahrenheit 451**. Read each sentence, which includes vocabulary words from Part One, then use the context of the sentence (the words around the vocabulary word) to come up with your own definition of each vocabulary word. Once you have come up with your own definition, use a dictionary to help you find the exact definition of each vocabulary word.*

1. "With the brass nozzle in his fists, with this great python spitting its venomous kerosene upon the world..."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
2. "With his symbolic helmet numbered 451 on his stolid head, and his eyes all orange flame with the thought of what came next, he flicked the igniter and the house jumped up in a gorging fire that burned the evening sky red and yellow and black."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
3. "He walked of the fire station and along the midnight street toward the subway where the silent air-propelled train slid soundlessly down its lubricated flue in the earth..."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
4. "What—the smell of kerosene? My wife always complains,' he laughed. 'You never wash it off completely.'"
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
5. "What incredible power of identification the girl had; she was like the eager watcher of a marionette show, anticipating each flicker of an eyelid, each gesture of his hand, each flick of a finger, the moment before it began."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
6. "It was like coming into the cold marbled room of a mausoleum after the moon had set."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
7. "He felt his smile slide away, melt, fold over and down on itself like a tallow skin, like the stuff of a fantastic candle burning too long and now collapsing and now blown out."
  - a. Context definition \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Dictionary definition \_\_\_\_\_
8. "And then the men with the cigarettes in their straight-lined mouths, the men with the eyes of puff adders, took up their load of machine and tube, their case of liquid melancholy and the slow dark sludge of nameless stuff, and strolled out the door."