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Vocabulary Assignment

Using the Word List

adversity calamity habitation peril relent subject to

A. Many words have related forms with similar meanings. For example, peril means “danger”; a related form is the adjective perilous, which means dangerous. Using your understanding of the Word List words, circle the letter of the best answer to the following questions.

1. Which word most likely means “residents”?
   A. inhabitants  B. subjects  C. adversaries

2. Which word most likely means “placing in danger”?
   A. subjugating  B. imperiling  C. relenting

3. Which word most likely means “persistent” or “never-ceasing”?
   A. subjective  B. uninhabitable  C. relentless

B. Directions: On the line, write the letter of the definition before the word or phrase it defines.

   ___ 1. subject to
   ___ 2. calamity
   ___ 3. habitation
   ___ 4. relent
   ___ 5. adversity
   A. become more merciful
   B. unfavorable circumstances
   C. disaster
   D. place to live; group of homes or
   E. affected by something

C. Directions: On the line provided, write the word or phrase from the Word List that best completes each of the following sentences. Use each word only once.

1. They fought the high seas and strong winds all day and feared the ship would break up, but then at dusk the winds began to ________________ and soon the ocean was calm again.

2. The heavy rains poured for days, which was inconvenient for travel, but then landslides began to pour down the slopes and the situation turned into a ________________.

3. The family experienced much financial ________________ before they were able to get their business off the ground and start to show a profit.