**DENOTATION/CONNOTATION EXERCISES**

**I.** *For each pair of words and a phrase, list the one that is positive in the “Positive Connotation” category, the one that is negative in the “Negative Connotation” category, and the phrase that is a more neutral definition for both words in the "Denotation" column.*

Which is better? ...or

Is the glass half empty or half full?

**Your Choices:**

1. gaze, look steadily, stare

2. fragrance, odor, a smell sensed by the olfactory nerve

3. brainwash, persuade, influence one way or another

4. delayed, not on time, tardy

5. somewhat interested, nosy, curious

6. lazily, without haste, leisurely

7. ask of someone, demand, request

8. gathering, a large group, mob

9. slim, skinny, less than average build

10. discuss with others, debate, argue

11. observe, watch, spy

12. a young age, youthful, immature

13. not having a care, irresponsible, carefree,

14. unique, not commonly found, strange

15. find, detect, snoop

16. inexpensive, fairly priced, or cheap

17. isolation, privacy, having an opportunity to be alone

18. assertive, firmly confident, pushy

19. extravagance, generosity, giving much,

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