Lesson 10  Review Exercise

1. Wealth was distributed very unequally in Guatemala. A few were very rich, while the
great majority lived in _________________ misery.

2. Those at the top of the social ladder lived in closely guarded homes. Among the
______________ were the country's top generals and politicians.

3. Many took up arms against government forces. Rather than _______________
under a brutal dictatorship, they chose to fight back.

4. The civil war in Guatemala lasted for thirty years. It ________________ enormous
harm on the country.

5. Under military rule, many crimes went unpunished. The most _______________
abuse of the peasant population was tolerated by the generals.

6. A village suspected of harboring rebels could expect no mercy. The
______________ by government forces would be swift and deadly.

7. A village could be leveled to the ground. Whether it was ________________ by
government forces or by rebels hardly mattered to the innocent victims.

8. Neither side gained from the armed conflict in Guatemala. It was hoped that an
agreement in 1996 between the government and rebel forces would end the
______________.
9. The coming of peace did little to improve conditions. Despite ________________
   warnings of the need for change, little was accomplished in the years that followed.

10. Rigoberta Menchu became famous for her autobiography. By writing it, she became an
    ________________ for all the native people of the Americas.

11. The book is called I, Rigoberta Menchu. It describes the ________________ behavior
    of the military toward the peasant population.

12. Rigoberta Menchu wrote in Spanish, which she learned as a teenager. Until she was
    sixteen, she spoke only the Quiche ________________.

13. The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the world's highest honors. It ________________
    those who have done most to promote world peace.

14. Rigoberta Menchu was honored with the award in 1992. Winning the Nobel Peace Prize
    ________________ criticism of Menchu in her native Guatemala.

15. Menchu received the Nobel Peace Prize almost ten years after writing her book. The
    award ________________ her reputation and made her a worldwide figure.