**Eng 9: Writing Definitions**

**from Context Clues (#3)**

**Directions**: For each highlighted word, write a definition that fits the context of the passage. Then, check your answers by looking the words up in the dictionary.

1. “An icy wind was blowing violently. But we marched without **faltering**.”

*Define* **falter***using context****:***

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*Dictionary definition of* **falter*:***

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2. “We were no longer marching, we were running. Like **automatons**. The SS were running as well, weapons in hand.”

*Define* **automaton** *using context****:***

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3. “We were the masters of nature, the masters of the world. We had **transcended** everything—death, fatigue, our natural needs.”

*Define* **transcend** *using context****:***

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4. “When the SS were tired, they were replaced. But no one replaced us. Chilled to the bone, our throats parched, **famished**, out of breath, we pressed on.”

*Define* **famished** *using context****:***

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5. “Among the stiffened corpses, there were logs of wood. Not a sound of distress, not a **plaintive** cry, nothing but mass agony and silence. Nobody asked anyone for help.”

*Define* **plaintive** *using context****:***

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6. “Next to him lay his violin, trampled, an eerily **poignant** little corpse.”

*Define* **poignant** *using context****:***

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7. “I was hungry and thirsty. I must have been very dirty and **disheveled**, to judge by what the others looked like.”

*Define* **disheveled** *using context****:***

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