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SPICE (a) FLAVOUR (b) BITTER-SWEET (c)

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We're simply not the _____ of the month, but our turn will come again.

You should try for yourself. Then you'd get the _____ of it.

They have a delicate _____ like that of hazelnuts, and can be eaten raw or fried.

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_____s are important in Indian food for their qualities as a digestive as well as their taste.

Variety is the _____ of life.

At the time, there was a lot of interest in both of us from Italian clubs, and that added _____ to the game.

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At 30, George will have the best part of his career still ahead of him, decades that are sure to be filled with more _____ ballads and funky dance numbers, for the man is a virtuoso of pop music.

When I saw my childhood home, it brought back _____ memories.

This is a witty and _____ tale of love and marriage spun from the threads of the three characters, in their respective voices.

IV Complete the following expressions with either BITTER (a) or SOUR (b).

- 19 to the _____ end
- 20 the wine was _____
- 21 a _____ pill to swallow
- 22 their marriage turned _____
- 23 a _____ disappointment or experience
- 24 a _____ easterly wind
- 25 to be _____ about the way sb has been treated
- 26 the relationship was going _____
- 27 it is going to leave a _____ taste
- 28 general suspicion continues to _____ the atmosphere
- 29 perhaps that was _____ grapes
- 30 the argument became more _____

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JUICY (a) PEPPERY (b) SALTY (c)

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And there it was, my *soufflé de moules au thym citronne*, the most perfect creation, fractionally _____ but cloud-like with mussels small and plump and juicy tucked inside.

Out on the coast, where you'll be buffeted by _____ sea breezes, there are panoramic views to savour at every turn.

His vocabulary includes some quite _____ language.

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Its comforting and _____ aroma has a warming action on the mind and body - helping to relax and ease nervous tension and stress.

_____ cresses and chives are thrown at the last minute into a risotto with white wine and baby leeks.

According to Michael Jackson, an expert who knows more about malt whisky than is good for him,

Glendibble has a _____ character which explodes on the palate and makes your temples steam.

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Of the remake of the 1982 French cult classic, *The Return of Martin Guerre*, Gere says: 'We wanted to make something more emotional and _____.'

Think of hot sunshine, _____ oranges, tart limes, and Aegean blue, and you have a perfect holiday.

But if you like _____ Tuscan soups served just warm; deep-fried artichokes and courgette flowers; flat, crisp pizzas with melting cheese and herbs; and fish and meats from the grill, this is definitely the place for you.

IV Complete the following expressions with either SWEET (a) or SOUR (b).

- 19 Illusions of youth have turned _____ on his tongue.
- 20 to have a _____ tooth
- 21 Do tip the barman to keep him _____.
- 22 as bitter as the _____ after-taste of bad wine
- 23 She tutted. She had a pleasant face but she looked quite _____ now.
- 24 My grandparents were very _____ to me.
- 25 She'll go her own _____ way.
- 26 The milk has gone _____.
- 27 Try not let them _____ your day.
- 28 Look at that kitten. How _____!
- 29 a sack of _____ potatoes
- 30 He's a little sad but not _____.