

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 12**

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

- 1) To criticism involving the insufferable verbosity of his "Logical Atomism," Russell replied that his logically perfect language was for _____ purposes useless; he was well aware of its intolerable _____ in addition to its having a vocabulary largely private to one speaker.
- A) practical...effectiveness
B) reasonable...poignancy
C) pragmatic...prolixity
D) utilitarian...composition
E) intensive...circumlocution
- 2) As organization and unity of the Inca steadily _____, the incentive of the Spanish - as well as the British - soldiers waxed; it was only a matter of time before the still largely outnumbered armies came to _____ an entire race.
- A) deteriorated...vanquish
B) increased...exterminate
C) amassed...eliminate
D) weakened...ostracize
E) declined...extinguish
- 3) If not for their audacious overthrow of the larger, more advanced civilization, the Mongol empire would have been lost, and their remarkable acts of _____ obliterated.
- A) bravery
B) ingenuity
C) competence
D) tradition
E) creativity
- 4) When _____ about a key foible in his theory, the piqued Rodman took umbrage, and _____ his opponent for ever asking such a question.
- A) questioned...berated
B) asked...disliked
C) appealed...scolded
D) engaged...censured
E) challenged...loathed
- 5) In every aspect of _____, from invention to manufacture, Becca is aware of the importance of maintaining _____, and takes necessary steps to ensure that not one imperfection goes unchecked.
- A) operation...superiority
B) production...excellence
C) organization...quality
D) commission...standards
E) business...values
- 6) Unfettered inspiration is the gymnast's ultimate _____.
- A) assistant
B) incentive
C) menace
D) persuasion
E) associate

- 7) Despite a marked increase in the number of voters registered, the most recent election numbers indicate _____ in voter turnout.
- A) an increase
B) a discrepancy
C) a decline
D) a disruption
E) an effect
- 8) Given the substantial cutbacks in social welfare funding, plans for the new initiative to curb homelessness must be _____.
- A) absolved
B) truncated
C) remanded
D) stifled
E) capped
- 9) Due to substantial fluctuations in altitudinal and barometric pressure readings, the pilot lost her bearing and rapidly became _____; after a final evaluation of the situation, she deemed it _____ to start heading for the nearest viable runway.
- A) shaky...important
B) anxious...fair
C) intoxicated...wise
D) bewildered...safe
E) disoriented...prudent
- 10) The warring tribes were weary of conflict; both were eager to forego a peaceful _____.
- A) negotiation
B) victory
C) insurgency
D) resolution
E) feud
- 11) Tyrants demand that others do their wishes, while _____ take a softer approach, considering the individual interests of all others.
- A) dictators
B) socialists
C) diplomats
D) fascists
E) communists
- 12) Because the test has been deemed inaccurate, the _____ we obtained are _____.
- A) findings...valuable
B) failures...interesting
C) readings...inestimable
D) results...inconclusive
E) outcomes...worthwhile