

• Advanced Sentence Completion 8

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

1) While some assert that America's marked _____ to the Metric System is based on an inherent dislike of decimals, others argue that it stems from _____, and a general affinity for American tradition.

- A) devotion...abhorrence
- B) loyalty...reliability
- C) aversion...patriotism
- D) attraction...nationalism
- E) repulsion...betrayal

2) Unless a precedent has already been set in a previous trial, the outcome of a novel case may be _____, and serve as a _____ in subsequent situations.

- A) precedential...guide
- B) useful...right
- C) favorable...compass
- D) beneficial...obstacle
- E) partial...model

3) Many regarded his work as _____; consequently he was _____ by the church.

- A) influential...accepted
- B) simple...excommunicated
- C) immoral...acclaimed
- D) heretical...outcast
- E) unorthodox...lauded

4) Due to the prevalence of _____ content on the internet, such as viruses and malignant spyware, a(n) _____ number of computers are being equipped with firewalls and anti-virus software.

- A) deleterious...increasing
- B) harmful...decreasing
- C) shameful...rising
- D) humorous...growing
- E) sophisticated...slowing

5) Rather than compromise his reputation for _____, the bishop revealed the deceitful nature of his plan, and retired from his position at the church prematurely.

- A) probity
- B) wisdom
- C) justice
- D) fidelity
- E) devotion

6) Regardless of the carrying capacity of a given ecosystem, a(n) _____ of predators will almost always result in mass migration.

- A) reduction
- B) paucity
- C) upturn
- D) overabundance
- E) contraction

7) Based on his _____ of biblical textual evidence, Yohanan Ahroni was able to _____ the site of Ramat Rachel - an important Iron Age ruin between Jerusalem and Bethlehem which was first excavated in 1954.

- A) discovery...outline
- B) history...distinguish
- C) study...remember
- D) reading...detect
- A) interpretation...identify

8) While Queen Elizabeth I knew that Spain could _____ England because of England's poor economy and social _____, King Phillip refrained from doing so for religious reasons.

- A) defeat...prosperity
- B) crush...instability
- C) obliterate...strength
- D) support...injustice
- E) conquer...hierarchy

9) Davis has vowed to refrain from assailing his opponent with _____ language and diatribe when arguing his position, however it appears he has _____ his promise from the harrowed expression on the face of his interlocutor.

- A) shrewd...upheld
- B) caustic...broken
- C) harsh...kept
- D) soothing...honored
- E) vituperative...maintained

10) The popular _____, "Practice makes perfect," is a mere _____, for I have practiced playing the violin for years and have yet to master a single piece.

- A) axiom...platitude
- B) saying...novelty
- C) statement...aphorism
- D) sentence...phrase
- E) utterance...maxim

11) Although Maria usually dons _____ garments, she was feeling inspired and decided to wear an _____ outfit to the art opening.

- A) cheap...expensive
- B) frilly...elaborate
- C) lousy...great
- D) decorative...ugly
- E) plain...extraordinary

12) Although the region was thoroughly _____ in 1901, the alleged wonders were never _____.

- A) searched...abandoned
- B) explored...misplaced
- C) studied...located
- D) constructed...built
- E) excavated...unearthed