

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 9**

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

1) Seppuku, the ritual suicide by disembowelment, was a _____ act performed by Chinese Samurai in order to avoid the _____ of being captured by the enemy, and being cast into a life of ignominy.

- A) disgusting...disrespect
- B) loyal...treachery
- C) impulsive...integrity
- D) challenging...shame
- E) voluntary...disgrace

2) While some political _____ tend not to have any viable solution, others are not so _____, and can be resolved in a relatively short period of time.

- A) issues...easy
- B) problems...simple
- C) quagmires...complicated
- D) predicaments...ephemeral
- E) explanations...complex

3) Jared often espoused the virtue of _____; likewise, he was frequently rewarded by the blessings of good karma.

- A) munificence
- B) patience
- C) avarice
- D) perseverance
- E) charisma

4) His was not a confident but rather a calculating approach, however _____, he came to _____ almost every one of his opponents moves.

- A) slowly...appreciate
- B) patiently...rebuke
- C) hastily...accept
- D) leisurely... predict
- E) gradually...anticipate

5) Despite the increased time most people have _____ the internet, there has been a _____ in the popularity of several television shows.

- A) spent on...decline
- B) given to...dip
- C) devoted to...growth
- D) taken from...fluctuation
- E) allotted to...rise

6) Most politicians are _____ to admit the benefits of higher campaign funding; on the other hand, most voters are unwilling to _____ it.

- A) scared...see
- B) ready...acknowledge
- C) reluctant...expose
- D) silly...denounce
- E) hesitant...outlaw

7) The prospect of atmospheric reentry was _____ for the crew of Apollo 13, yet they managed to _____ this obstacle and perform a successful oceanic landing.

- A) poor...circumvent
- B) unlikely...overcome
- C) probable...subvert
- D) uncertain...detect
- A) doubtful ...identify

8) While it is true that some beavers have the _____ to build dams, others are _____ to participate in such activity.

- A) propensity...disinclined
- B) tendency...predisposed
- C) antipathy...used
- D) penchant...inured
- E) inclination...accustomed

9) Since Justin had already attempted to persuade his parents to buy him a new pet several times in the past, he _____ himself to playing with his old dog, Max.

- A) relegated
- B) relinquished
- C) entertained
- D) reconciled
- E) compromised

10) Unless something is done to _____ the emission of harmful greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, the earth may have to _____ a future of global warming.

- A) prevent...avoid
- B) limit...embrace
- C) curtail...accept
- D) precipitate...comply with
- E) slow...admit

11) From marketing to advertising, Mark understands most of the _____ side aspects of corporate operations.

- A) consumer
- B) seller
- C) private
- D) vendor
- E) retailer

12) While some divers consider the scuba tank _____, others prefer to make their decent absent the burden of this ponderous apparatus.

- A) necessary
- B) a nuisance
- C) harmless
- D) protocol
- A) a boon