

Sentence Completion Practice Worksheet

1. Although the professor was quite prominent in her field, she wore an air of ____ while lecturing her students.

- (A) unanimity
- (B) sanction
- (C) modesty
- (D) parsimony
- (E) morose

2. Don't ____ ; you have to get over your disappointment and get on with your life.

- (A) deliberate
- (B) temper
- (C) rejoice
- (D) lament
- (E) obscure

3. While the winemakers were exhausted at the end of their first season, they took ____ in the fact that the vines would require much less effort in the coming years.

- (A) solace
- (B) prerogative
- (C) vagaries
- (D) urgency
- (E) divergence
- (DI)

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4. Sociologists have found that, paradoxically, many children of unorthodox, creative parents grow up to be rather tame _____.

- A. idealists
- B. conformists
- C. individualists
- D. alarmists
- E. elitists

5. A newborn infant's _____ skills are not fully _____, for it cannot discern images more than 10 inches away.

- A. perceptual..stimulated
- B. visual..developed
- C. descriptive..ripened
- D. olfactory..shared
- E. average..familiar

6. Because of the lead actor's _____ performance, the play received poor reviews from influential theater critics, and was canceled only one week after it opened.

- A. erudite
- B. corporeal
- C. overwrought
- D. fractious
- E. resplendent

7. Architects define a physical structure as a set of materials arranged in such a way that these materials can ----- the downward pull of gravity.

- (A) mimic
- (B) resist
- (C) amplify
- (D) dislodge
- (E) demonstrate

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8. It is said that as a legal team Charles Houston and Thurgood Marshall complemented each other thoroughly: Houston's sedate manner was ----- Marshall's -----.

- (A) analagous to . . trepidation
- (B) commensurate with . . formality
- (C) tempered by . . jocularly
- (D) adverse to . . gregariousness
- (E) superseded by . . inquisitiveness

9. In a society that abhors -----, the nonconformist is persistently -----.

- (A) creativity . . glorified
- (B) rebelliousness . . suppressed
- (C) insurgency . . heeded
- (D) smugness . . persecuted
- (E) stagnation . . denigrated

10. Ravens appear to behave _____, actively helping one another to find food.

- A. mysteriously
- B. warily
- C. aggressively
- D. cooperatively
- E. defensively

11. Alice Walker's *The Temple of My Familiar*, far from being a tight, ----- narrative, is instead ----- novel that roams freely and imaginatively over a half-million years.

- (A) traditional . . a chronological
- (B) provocative . . an insensitive
- (C) forceful . . a concise
- (D) focused . . an expansive
- (E) circuitous . . a discursive

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12. Just when the senator's opponent had ----- the lead in popularity polls, public opinion -----; as a result, the incumbent senator regained her front-runner position.

- (A) taken . . stabilized
- (B) challenged . . waned
- (C) captured . . shifted
- (D) conceded . . vacillated
- (E) relinquished . . changed

13. The board members, accustomed to the luxury of being chauffeured to corporate meetings in company limousines, were predictably ----- when they learned that this service had been -----.

- (A) satisfied . . annulled
- (B) stymied . . extended
- (C) displeased . . upheld
- (D) disgruntled . . suspended
- (E) concerned . . provided

14. Only if business continues to expand can it ----- enough new jobs to make up for those that will be ----- by automation.

- (A) produce . . required
- (B) invent . . introduced
- (C) create . . eliminated
- (D) repeal . . reduced
- (E) formulate . . engendered

15. Many people find Stanley Jordan's music not only entertaining but also -----; listening to it helps them to relax and to ----- the tensions they feel at the end of a trying day.

- (A) soothing . . heighten
- (B) therapeutic . . alleviate
- (C) sweet . . underscore
- (D) exhausting . . relieve
- (E) interesting . . activate

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16. The spacecraft has two ----- sets of electronic components; if one fails, its duplicate will still function.

- (A) divergent
- (B) identical
- (C) simulated
- (D) mutual
- (E) prohibitive

17. The theory of the ----- of cultures argues that all societies with highly developed technologies will evolve similar social institutions.

- (A) isolation
- (B) aesthetics
- (C) convergence
- (D) fragmentation
- (E) longevity

18. The two travelers may have chosen ----- routes across the continent, but the starting point was the same for each.

- (A) coinciding
- (B) direct
- (C) charted
- (D) divergent
- (E) intersecting

19. He ----- the practices of aggressive autograph seekers, arguing that anyone distinguished enough to merit such ----- also deserved to be treated courteously.

- (A) decried . . . adulation
- (B) defended . . . adoration
- (C) endorsed . . . brusqueness
- (D) ignored . . . effrontery
- (E) vilified . . . disdain

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20. Both _____ and _____, Wilson seldom spoke and never spent money.

A. vociferous .. generous

B. garrulous .. stingy

C. effusive .. frugal

D. taciturn .. miserly

E. reticent .. munificent