

Sentence Completion Practice

1. Despite our best efforts to protect the environment and keep it safe, until the problems of pollution are _____, the future of our environment seems, at best, _____.
 - (A) Created . . . Gloomy
 - (B) Revoked . . . Secure
 - (C) Solved . . . Uncertain
 - (D) Replaced . . . Revered
 - (E) Increased . . . Unknown
2. The model of _____, he displayed impeccable manners and excellent taste.
 - (A) Duplicity
 - (B) Decorum
 - (C) Depravity
 - (D) Versatility
 - (E) Efficiency
3. The detectives believed that the fingerprints on the glass was _____ evidence; it definitely placed the defendant at the scene of the crime.
 - (A) Negligible
 - (B) Incurable
 - (C) Incriminating
 - (D) Inevitable
 - (E) Inadmissible
4. Carl had a reputation for being a _____ because he fearlessly skied down the steepest trail.
 - (A) Leader
 - (B) Dreamer
 - (C) Coward
 - (D) Clown
 - (E) Daredevil
5. Knowledgeable dog owners recommend obtaining a purebred dog from a _____ breeder, one who is _____ and respected by customers and breeders alike.
 - (A) Discerning . . . Equivocal
 - (B) Demanding . . . Flexible
 - (C) Churlish . . . Charming
 - (D) Reputable . . . Admired
 - (E) Humble . . . Feared
6. 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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7. Any biographer of this playwright, who assumed an elaborate public facade in order to conceal private concerns, must examine the impulse behind such -----.
- (A) Artifice
 - (B) Joviality
 - (C) Conceit
 - (D) Disbelief
 - (E) Erudition
8. Conflicting standards for allowable radiation levels in foods made ----- appraisals of the damage to crops following the reactor meltdown extremely difficult.
- (A) Reliable
 - (B) Private
 - (C) Intrusive
 - (D) Conscious
 - (E) Inflated
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. Instead of presenting a balanced view of both sides of the issue, the speaker became increasingly -----, insisting on the correctness of his position.
- (A) Inarticulate
 - (B) Dogmatic
 - (C) Elliptical
 - (D) Tactful
 - (E) Ambiguous
11. The attorney was expert in identifying ----- in contracts, ambiguities that could cause difficulties and therefore needed to be revised.
- (A) Clauses
 - (B) Forgeries
 - (C) Loopholes
 - (D) Intervals
 - (E) Thresholds
12. Anderson's callous habit of ----- the suggestions of his coworkers made him seem ----- to them.
- (A) Reviling . . . Amenable
 - (B) Soliciting . . . Accessible
 - (C) Revisiting . . . Cantankerous
 - (D) Ignoring . . . Approachable
 - (E) Deriding . . . Abhorrent

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13. Business letters are largely -----, conveying unadorned information in a clear and concise manner.
- (A) Functional
 - (B) Patronizing
 - (C) Superfluous
 - (D) Opaque
 - (E) Individualistic
14. The exterminators ----- increased the fire ant population by using a pesticide that killed a natural predator of the species.
- (A) Inadvertently
 - (B) Auspiciously
 - (C) Unsuccessfully
 - (D) Tediously
 - (E) Ideally
15. During her interview with local students, the dignitary exchanged her ----- public manner for a friendlier, less pretentious one.
- (A) Lofty
 - (B) Modest
 - (C) Gushing
 - (D) Amicable
 - (E) Precocious
16. The ----- of Sandra Cisneros' works, which have sold many thousands of copies, is reflected in her ----- readership.
- (A) Variety . . . Narrow
 - (B) Popularity . . . Wide
 - (C) Provincialism . . . Liberal
 - (D) Integrity . . . Scattered
 - (E) Control . . . Concerned
17. Much work was needed to determine the distances between the atoms, the angles between the chemical bonds, and other ----- features.
- (A) Structural
 - (B) Expressive
 - (C) Indefinite
 - (D) Rational
 - (E) Non-existent

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18. The collection of animals in the laboratory was a virtual ----- that included sea urchins, mice, dogs, monkeys, and chimpanzees.
- (A) Milieu
 - (B) Sanctuary
 - (C) Arboretum
 - (D) Cavalcade
 - (E) Menagerie
19. When autumn comes to the Southwest, the chamisa plant blooms, and this previously ----- shrub suddenly seems to be everywhere.
- (A) Omnipresent
 - (B) Precipitous
 - (C) Flowering
 - (D) Dazzling
 - (E) Inconspicuous
20. In sharp contrast to the previous night's revelry, the wedding was ----- affair.
- (A) A fervent
 - (B) A dignified
 - (C) A chaotic
 - (D) An ingenious
 - (E) A jubilant
21. The historian noted irony in the fact that developments considered ----- by people of that era are now viewed as having been -----.
- (A) Inspirational . . Impetuous
 - (B) Bizarre . . Irrational
 - (C) Intuitive . . Uncertain
 - (D) Actual . . Grandiose
 - (E) Improbable . . Inevitable
22. Unlike his brother, who sought solitude, Kahil was extremely -----.
- (A) Gregarious
 - (B) Amenable
 - (C) Terse
 - (D) Avaricious
 - (E) Cantankerous
23. Only ----- stress is harmful to the immune system; the effects of short-term stress may be ----- or even, in some cases, beneficial.
- (A) Unexpected . . Salutary
 - (B) Acute . . Predictable
 - (C) Unequivocal . . Persistent
 - (D) Continuous . . Inconsequential
 - (E) Initial . . Pernicious

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24. Florida Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen chose to focus on how national issues affect her own -----, those voters she represents.
- (A) Opponents
 - (B) Constituents
 - (C) Successors
 - (D) Mentors
 - (E) Colleagues
25. In the early 1840's the Grand Duchy of Tuscany had one of the most ----- governments in its region; the grand duke's benign rule ----- both civil and religious liberty.
- (A) Tolerant . . Sanctioned
 - (B) Despotic . . Administered
 - (C) Democratic . . Terminated
 - (D) Dictatorial . . Condoned
 - (E) Amenable . . Eliminated