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) Incorrigible
   (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
Sentence Completion Practice

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
Sentence Completion Practice

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
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