

Sentence Completion Practice

1. Ravens appear to behave -----, actively helping one another to find food.

- (A) mysteriously
- (B) warily
- (C) aggressively
- (D) cooperatively
- (E) defensively

2. Both ----- and -----, Wilson seldom spoke and never spent money.

- (A) vociferous. .generous
- (B) garrulous. .stingy
- (C) effusive. .frugal
- (D) taciturn. .miserly
- (E) reticent. .munificent

3. 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

4. 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

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

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

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6. The editor expected her reporters to be -----, but the number of ----- in the articles submitted clearly showed that her expectations were often not met.

- (A) impartial . . clichés
- (B) frank . . predictions
- (C) decisive . . facts
- (D) creative . . errors
- (E) accurate . . misquotations

7. Records documenting the presence of Africans among the crews of explorers like Christopher Columbus ----- the antiquity of the African presence in the Americas.

- (A) create
- (B) illustrate
- (C) compromise
- (D) overlook
- (E) modify

8. Business letters are largely -----, conveying unadorned information in a clear and concise manner.

- (A) functional
- (B) patronizing
- (C) superfluous
- (D) opaque
- (E) individualistic

9. 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

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10. Through the years, financial misfortunes and personal tragedies turned his early cynicism into hardened -----.

- (A) sentimentality
- (B) bitterness
- (C) blitheness
- (D) ambivalence
- (E) optimism

11. 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

12. 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) nonexistant

13. The establishment of a women's college by the Cherokee nation during the 1850's is one of many ----- of the considerable status traditionally ----- by Cherokee women.

- (A) illustrations . . held
- (B) refutations . . sustained
- (C) demonstrations . . relinquished
- (D) explications . . enjoyed
- (E) manifestations . . studied

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14. Because Ruth's parents often ----- their plans as soon as they were formed, she assumed all adults were as ----- as her parents.

- (A) cancelled . . indulgent
- (B) developed . . vivacious
- (C) solidified . . capricious
- (D) changed . . mercurial
- (E) altered . . obstinate

15. 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

16. Anticipating a ----- outcome, the candidate prepared an ----- speech.

- A) divisive...adamant
- B) reputable...apologetic
- C) predictable...unresponsive
- D) positive....acrimonious
- E) favorable... acceptance

17. 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

18. The model of -----, he displayed impeccable manners and excellent taste.

- A) duplicity
- B) decorum
- C) depravity
- D) versatility
- E) efficiency

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19. The detectives believed that the fingerprint 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

20. Carl had a reputation for being a ----- because he fearlessly skied down the steepest trails.

- A) leader
- B) dreamer
- C) coward
- D) clown
- E) daredevil

21. The museum's panel of experts was ----- collection of former curators and art historians; so each of them had ----- knowledge of the Renaissance.

- A) an erudite...ample
- B) a tenacious...extensive
- C) a scholarly...scant
- D) an educated...corpulent
- E) a diversified...sparse

22. Paradoxically, the effects of the hurricane were both ---- and -----; it demolished homes and businesses in its wake, but it spurred an economic revival by creating jobs for many previously unemployed workers.

- A) destructive...constructive
- B) tangible...intangible
- C) empirical...scientific
- D) practical...theoretical
- E) fearsome...dreaded

23. 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

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24. Despite its innocuous appearance, the fish has a ----- sting.

- A) deadly
- B) benign
- C) persistent
- D) complacent
- E) predictable

25. Having suffered numerous injuries over the course of her career, the gymnast demonstrated her ----- by overcoming adversity and winning the gold medal.

- A) consternation
- B) apprehension
- C) viscosity
- D) resilience
- E) dexterity