

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 12**

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

1) To criticism involving the insufferable verbosity of his "Logical Atomism," Russell replied that his logically perfect language was for \_\_\_\_\_ purposes useless; he was well aware of its intolerable \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to its having a vocabulary largely private to one speaker.

- A) practical...effectiveness
- B) reasonable...poignancy
- C) pragmatic...prolixity
- D) utilitarian...composition
- E) intensive...circumlocution

2) As organization and unity of the Inca steadily \_\_\_\_\_, the incentive of the Spanish - as well as the British - soldiers waxed; it was only a matter of time before the still largely outnumbered armies came to \_\_\_\_\_ an entire race.

- A) deteriorated...vanquish
- B) increased...exterminate
- C) amassed...eliminate
- D) weakened...ostracize
- E) declined...extinguish

3) If not for their audacious overthrow of the larger, more advanced civilization, the Mongol empire would have been lost, and their remarkable acts of \_\_\_\_\_ obliterated.

- A) bravery
- B) ingenuity
- C) competence
- D) tradition
- E) creativity

4) When \_\_\_\_\_ about a key foible in his theory, the piqued Rodman took umbrage, and \_\_\_\_\_ his opponent for ever asking such a question.

- A) questioned...berated
- B) asked...disliked
- C) appealed...scolded
- D) engaged...acquiesced
- E) challenged...loathed

5) In every aspect of \_\_\_\_\_, from invention to manufacture, Becca is aware of the importance of maintaining \_\_\_\_\_, and takes necessary steps to ensure that not one imperfection goes unchecked.

- A) operation...superiority
- B) production...excellence
- C) organization...quality
- D) commission...standards
- E) business...values

6) Genuine inspiration is the artist's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) assistant
- B) motivation
- C) menace
- D) persuasion
- E) associate

7) Despite a marked increase in the number of voters registered, the most recent election numbers indicate \_\_\_\_\_ in voter turnout.

- A) an increase
- B) a discrepancy
- C) a decline
- D) a disruption
- E) an effect

8) Given the substantial cutbacks in social welfare funding, plans for the new initiative to curb homelessness must be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) absolved
- B) truncated
- C) remanded
- D) stifled
- E) capped

9) Due to substantial fluctuations in altitudinal and barometric pressure readings, the pilot lost her bearing and rapidly became \_\_\_\_\_; after a final evaluation of the situation, she deemed it \_\_\_\_\_ to start heading for the nearest viable runway.

- A) shaky...important
- B) anxious...fair
- C) intoxicated...wise
- D) bewildered...safe
- E) disoriented...prudent

10) The warring tribes were weary of conflict; both were eager to forge a peaceful \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) negotiation
- B) victory
- C) insurgency
- D) resolution
- E) feud

11) Tyrants demand that others do their wishes, while \_\_\_\_\_ take a softer approach, considering the individual interests of all others.

- A) dictators
- B) socialists
- C) diplomats
- D) fascists
- E) communists

12) Because the test has been deemed inaccurate, the \_\_\_\_\_ we obtained are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) findings...valuable
- B) failures...interesting
- C) readings...inestimable
- D) results...inconclusive
- E) outcomes...worthwhile