

• **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