

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 5**

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

<p>1) While most corporations maintain a balance sheet – a ledger with up-to-date records of their current _____ situation - some less _____ businesses neglect this responsibility, allowing their assets and liabilities to go undocumented.</p>	<p>7) While _____ number of modern-day individuals live alarmingly sedentary lives, there remains a _____ minority who enjoy the salient benefits of local motion.</p>
<p>A) economic...contentious B) monetary...calculating C) fiscal...mathematical D) financial...scrupulous E) legal...dependable</p>	<p>A) an increasing...peripatetic B) a falling...stationary C) a rising...migratory D) a pitiful...laudatory E) a declining...mobile</p>
<p>2) The archeologists studied the hieroglyphic for days, and still were not able to decipher its _____ meaning.</p>	<p>8) The little boy had trouble controlling his _____ nature during the sermon, and his mother urged him to sit still.</p>
<p>A) covert B) bizarre C) suppressed D) auspicious E) enigmatic</p>	<p>A) dilettantish B) restive C) perturbed D) enlightened E) desperate</p>
<p>3) Although it is difficult to grasp how such _____ expanse could support any life - for all life must have access to at least one source of water, the Banded Gila Monster continues to thrive along the _____ plains of the Mohave Desert, and baffle ecologists around the globe.</p>	<p>9) While pure gold is the most _____ metal, iron requires considerably more effort to pound into a sheet.</p>
<p>A) a barren...lush B) an uninhabited...rugged C) a desiccated...arid D) a remote...windswept E) an isolated...desolate</p>	<p>A) valuable B) complete C) precious D) malleable E) sturdy</p>
<p>4) The _____ succession of events imbued the play with a _____ quality, devoid of rhythm and harmony.</p>	<p>10) Although most predicted Phillip I to _____ his father, he was more _____, and surprised them by reversing several of his father's more malevolent policies.</p>
<p>A) incongruous...chaotic B) various...strange C) ordinary...musical D) seamless...disjointed E) orthodox...typical</p>	<p>A) dislike...likeable B) resemble...magnanimous C) mirror...influential D) surpass...measured E) outlive...intelligent</p>
<p>5) Although the average citizen _____ has enough money to provide for their own families, incidents of _____ donations among members of the lower class are not as uncommon as one may think.</p>	<p>11) The extreme _____ of his stock portfolio translated into a _____ display of emotion: on lucrative days he felt ecstatic; on losing days he acted despondent.</p>
<p>A) barely...widespread B) hardly...avaricious C) scarcely...magnanimous D) usually...negligent E) typically...malignant</p>	<p>A) aggressiveness...consistent B) nature...passionate C) position...crazy D) variation...pacific E) volatility...mercurial</p>
<p>6) Most were expecting him to fumble the ball, but he proved them _____ by making a surprisingly _____ catch and running in for a touchdown.</p>	<p>12) While it is true that many Holocaust victims felt _____ during their incarceration, they did not let this lack of _____ destroy their spirit.</p>
<p>A) incorrect...simple B) mistaken...uncoordinated C) wrong...adroit D) erroneous...good E) accurate...adept</p>	<p>A) despondent...hope B) weakened...sadness C) passionate...feeling D) enervated...health E) desperate...emotion</p>