

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 7**

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

1) Creon, King of Thebes, had always been partial to \_\_\_\_\_; he was known to publically display his riches, and shower his subjects with lavish jewels and gold coins.

- A) inspiration
- B) expense
- C) retribution
- D) ostentation
- E) modesty

2) \_\_\_\_\_ metals do not contain any foreign bodies; they are slightly more \_\_\_\_\_, and harder to come by.

- A) Pure...ubiquitous
- B) Unadulterated...sparse
- C) Uncommon...salient
- D) Lucid...opaque
- E) Flawless...corrupt

3) Attila, the \_\_\_\_\_ emperor of the Huns, ruled his land with an iron fist, and had a reputation for being the epitome of cruelty and rapacity.

- A) powerful
- B) benevolent
- C) nefarious
- D) pacific
- E) uncouth

4) Today Dr. Lehr gave a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ lecture, on the philosophical doctrine of existentialism, to our freshman class. The topic was too esoteric, and should have been simplified for such a \_\_\_\_\_ audience.

- A) arcane...inveterate
- B) recondite...well trained
- C) transparent...lucid
- D) abstruse...fledgling
- E) plain...sophisticated

5) Peanut butter is similar to oil; it has a \_\_\_\_\_ consistency.

- A) salubrious
- B) mawkish
- C) savory
- D) viscous
- E) sinewy

6) She shook his hand, not with \_\_\_\_\_, but with a sort of shyness or modesty. He did not know whether she was behaving disingenuously, or whether she always greeted new people with such outward \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) force...dignity
- B) passion...defiance
- C) vigor...deference
- D) reservation...veneration
- E) dignity...disrespect

7) While it may be true that patience is a virtue, \_\_\_\_\_ has been occasionally known to yield favorable results.

- A) haste
- B) speed
- C) determination
- D) perseverance
- A) concentration

8) The family had fallen on hard times; they were forced to adopt more \_\_\_\_\_ spending habits to make ends meet.

- A) prodigal
- B) calculated
- C) fixed
- D) desperate
- E) parsimonious

9) Although the stunt man had broken both his legs, he refused to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ manner, even if it meant he had to crawl.

- A) abandon...ambulatory
- B) adopt...itinerant
- C) apply...irascible
- D) banish...stationary
- E) discard...iconic

10) Nuclear power plants have been known to emit \_\_\_\_\_ gasses into the atmosphere; those living in close proximity may exhibit deleterious side-effects in later life.

- A) pungent
- B) innocuous
- C) noxious
- D) benign
- E) arid

11) She was amazed to see the \_\_\_\_\_ hustle and bustle of the day fade into the \_\_\_\_\_ quiet of the night.

- A) hectic...dormant
- B) passionate...cacophonous
- C) irate...mundane
- D) lively...belligerent
- E) sedentary...mercurial

12) Ted was never inclined to verbosity; he was so \_\_\_\_\_ that not even the most engaging interlocutor could elicit more than a few words of him.

- A) laconic
- B) patient
- C) hesitant
- D) solemn
- E) serious