

• **Advanced Sentence Completion 9**

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

1) Seppuku, the ritual suicide by disembowelment, was a \_\_\_\_\_ act performed by Chinese Samurai in order to avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ of being captured by the enemy, and being cast into a life of ignominy.

- A) disgusting...disrespect
- B) loyal...treachery
- C) impulsive...integrity
- D) challenging...shame
- E) voluntary...disgrace

2) While some political \_\_\_\_\_ tend not to have any viable solution, others are not so \_\_\_\_\_, and can be resolved in a relatively short period of time.

- A) issues...easy
- B) problems...simple
- C) quagmires...complicated
- D) predicaments...ephemeral
- E) explanations...complex

3) Jared often espoused the virtue of \_\_\_\_\_; likewise, he was frequently rewarded by the blessings of good karma.

- A) munificence
- B) patience
- C) avarice
- D) perseverance
- E) charisma

4) His was not a hasty but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ approach; however \_\_\_\_\_ he came to make his move he was almost always able to anticipate the actions of his opponent.

- A) slow...rapidly
- B) patient...determinedly
- C) precipitous...gradually
- D) leisurely...carefully
- E) calculating...ploddingly

5) Despite the increased time most people have \_\_\_\_\_ the internet, there has been a \_\_\_\_\_ in the popularity of several television shows.

- A) spent on...decline
- B) given to...dip
- C) devoted to...growth
- D) taken from...fluctuation
- E) allotted to...rise

6) Most politicians are \_\_\_\_\_ to admit the benefits of increased campaign funding; likewise, most voters are unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A) scared...see
- B) ready...acknowledge
- C) reluctant...expose
- D) silly...denounce
- E) hesitant...outlaw

7) The prospect of atmospheric reentry was \_\_\_\_\_ for the crew of Apollo 13, yet they managed to \_\_\_\_\_ this obstacle and perform a successful oceanic landing.

- A) poor...circumvent
- B) unlikely...overcome
- C) probable...subvert
- D) uncertain...detect
- A) doubtful...identify

8) While it is true that some beavers have the \_\_\_\_\_ to build dams, others are \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in such activity.

- A) propensity...disinclined
- B) tendency...predisposed
- C) antipathy...used
- D) penchant...inured
- E) inclination...accustomed

9) Since Justin had already attempted to persuade his parents to buy him a new pet several times in the past, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself to playing with his old dog, Max.

- A) relegated
- B) relinquished
- C) entertained
- D) reconciled
- E) compromised

10) Unless something is done to \_\_\_\_\_ the emission of harmful greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, the earth may have to \_\_\_\_\_ a future of global warming.

- A) prevent...avoid
- B) limit...embrace
- C) curtail...accept
- D) precipitate...comply with
- E) slow...admit

11) From promotion to advertising, Mark exhibits a firm grasp of \_\_\_\_\_ in corporate operation.

- A) marketing
- B) budgeting
- C) purchasing
- D) manufacturing
- E) engineering

12) While some divers consider the scuba tank \_\_\_\_\_, others prefer to make their decent absent the burden of this ponderous apparatus.

- A) necessary
- B) a nuisance
- C) harmless
- D) protocol
- A) a boon