

• Intermediate Sentence Completion 1

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

1) Despite the unfavorable attention brought on by the media, the press had a _____ effect on the campaign.

- A) positive
- B) negative
- C) inert
- D) amplified
- E) equal

2) It is no secret that prison can be rather _____; grim conditions and severe treatment have been known to _____ even the most hardened criminals.

- A) cruel...instigate
- B) harsh...dishearten
- C) pleasant...encourage
- D) strange...prevent
- E) hard...influence

3) Although Kate's report on her scientific findings was lengthy, the presentation she held was rather _____

- A) brief
- B) neutral
- C) mundane
- D) straightforward
- E) elaborate

4) The new building was expansive; its _____ foundation allowed for wider hallways than the previous building.

- A) deep
- B) small
- C) broad
- D) big
- E) thin

5) The famous pop singer, Michael Jackson, tragically died at age fifty. This was an _____ event for his _____ fans.

- A) unthinkable...healthy
- B) amazing...dubious
- C) awful...devoted
- D) amicable...strange
- E) emotional...heavy

6) Unlike the misleading television documentary, the biography written about Audrey Hepburn was _____.

- A) interesting
- B) accurate
- C) real
- D) phony
- E) false

7) The doctor took note of any _____ blemishes on the patient's skin; abnormalities on the skin are often _____ of skin cancer.

- A) abnormal...symptoms
- B) typical...clues
- C) interesting...signs
- D) tough...indications
- E) common...causes

8) Psychopaths _____ inflict harm on others because they lack a moral compass.

- A) sadly
- B) desperately
- C) painfully
- D) wickedly
- E) carefully

9) Although many diners ate their _____ meal at the dinner party, I could only eat half of mine because I am on a strict diet.

- A) delicious
- B) entire
- C) pure
- D) free
- E) festive

10) My neighbor's house is the _____ looking house on the block; it is in poor condition compared to all the other homes.

- A) worst
- B) best
- C) prettiest
- D) meanest
- E) weirdest

11) Although Maria usually dresses in _____ garments, she was feeling inspired and decided to wear an _____ outfit to the art opening.

- A) cheap...expensive
- B) frilly...elaborate
- C) lousy...great
- D) decorative...ugly
- E) plain...extraordinary

12) Despite his effort to combat his fear of heights, the alarming speed at which the roller coaster dipped and turned _____ John.

- A) excited
- B) terrified
- C) surprised
- D) angered
- E) pleased