

• Intermediate Sentence Completion 13

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

1) Ancient cave carvings found worldwide _____ that our ancestors were using tools many thousands of years ago.

- A) foreshadow
- B) disprove
- C) demonstrate
- D) relate
- E) diagram

2) Looking up at _____ constellations, we _____ the vastness of the universe.

- A) similar...subsumed
- B) gargantuan...proved
- C) disappointing...deflated
- D) innumerable...contemplated
- E) increasing...revisited

3) The windmill design of a central point with blades _____ around it, though a very old machine, is often used in modern applications.

- A) arranged
- B) surrounded
- C) gathered
- D) scattered
- E) protracted

4) Though the two fingerprints were quite _____, they were not a match, so no identification could be made.

- A) impressive
- B) identical
- C) smudged
- D) similar
- E) interesting

5) Because some of the measurements had been incorrect, the architect needed to _____ his original plan.

- A) reinvent
- B) recreate
- C) revise
- D) revitalize
- E) redirect

6) In an attempt to _____ more parts in less time, manufacturing processes on assembly lines are frequently updated.

- A) reshape
- B) maintain
- C) repair
- D) invent
- E) create

7) To _____ the healthy exchange of ideas, organizers of the symposium _____ many meetings of great minds.

- A) encourage...facilitated
- B) impart...scheduled
- C) cajole...attended
- D) stifle...participated in
- E) control...prevented

8) The actors were exhausted after multiple nights of the _____ performance. No matter how the actors tried, their audiences _____ applause.

- A) piquant...rescinded
- B) typical...refused
- C) irreverent...forgot
- D) forgettable...withheld
- E) unfortunate...delivered

9) During cellular _____, genetic material is _____ at an astounding rate.

- A) degradation...hastening
- B) mitosis...enervated
- C) division...replicated
- D) respiration...recreated
- E) generation...ostracized

10) The archeological information gathered from a new excavation was _____; it completed many old theories that were misunderstood before.

- A) illuminating
- B) anticipated
- C) requested
- D) ingratiating
- E) infuriating

11) Newspaper reporters frequently _____ the mayor's whereabouts.

- A) inquire about
- B) correspond with
- C) respond to
- D) authenticate
- E) importunate

12) The old city was often attacked in past centuries, but its thick iron gates usually _____ invaders.

- A) retreated
- B) trapped
- C) defeated
- D) distracted
- E) repelled