1. He was treated like a ____ and cast out from his community.
   A. ascetic  
   B. prodigy  
   C. prodigal  
   D. pariah  
   E. tyro  

2. The teacher accused me of ____ because my essay was so similar to that of another student.
   A. procrastination  
   B. plagiarism  
   C. celerity  
   D. confusion  
   E. decorum  

3. We live in a ____ age; everyone thinks that maximizing pleasure is the point of life.
   A. ubiquitous  
   B. propitious  
   C. sporadic  
   D. corrupt  
   E. hedonistic  

4. Thankfully the disease has gone into ____ ; it may not recur for many years.
   A. treatment  
   B. sequestration  
   C. quarantine  
   D. remission  
   E. oblivion  

5. People from all over the world are sent by their doctors to breathe the pure, ____ air in this mountain region.
   A. invigorating  
   B. soporific  
   C. debilitating  
   D. insalubrious  
   E. aromatic  

6. As were many colonial administrators, Gregory was ____ in his knowledge of the grammar of the local language, though his accent was ____ .
   A. deficient - poor  
   B. competent - adequate  
   C. faultless - awful  
   D. well-versed - effective  
   E. erratic - eccentric  

7. Though Adam Bede is presented to us by the author as ____ fiction, there are none of the life-like meanderings of the story of Amos Barton.
   A. realistic  
   B. romantic  
   C. imaginative  
   D. educational
8. There is a general ____ in the United States that our ethics are declining and that our moral standards are ____.

A. feeling - normalizing
B. idea - futile
C. optimism - improving
D. complaint - deteriorating
E. outlook - escalating

9. Homo sapiens, the proud splitter of the atom, inventor of the electronic computer, ____ of the genetic code may be humbled by a lowly ____ of the sewers and soils - the microbe.

A. designer - inhabitant
B. discoverer - rodent
C. writer - organism
D. decipherer - denizen
E. author - purifier

10. After centuries of obscurity, this philosopher's thesis is enjoying a surprising ____.

A. dismissal
B. remission
C. decimation
D. longevity
E. renaissance

11. The threat of war, far from ____ , lay heavily in the air, and the villagers, while ____ going about their normal activities, were unable to shake off the feeling of impending catastrophe.

A. receding - ostensibly
B. diminishing - contentedly
C. increasing - apparently
D. escalating - joyfully
E. subsiding - felicitously

12. Although alarmed by the ____ , Professor Symes had no reason to doubt the ____ of his student's results, for this student was nothing if not reliable.

A. conclusions - folly
B. deductions - impudence
C. implications - veracity
D. errors - truth
E. inferences - invalidity