

1. Scrooge, in the famous novel by Dickens, was a \_\_\_\_ ; he hated the rest of mankind.

- A. misanthrope
- B. hypochondriac
- C. philanthropist
- D. hedonist
- E. sybarite

2. A businessman must widen his horizons; a \_\_\_\_ attitude will get you nowhere in this age of global communications.

- A. moderate
- B. petrified
- C. parochial
- D. diversified
- E. comprehensive

3. Our bookshelves at home display a range of books on wide-ranging subjects and in many languages, reflecting the \_\_\_\_ tastes of our family members.

- A. anomalous
- B. limited
- C. arcane
- D. furtive
- E. eclectic

4. Plastic bags are \_\_\_\_ symbols of consumer society; they are found wherever you travel.

- A. rare
- B. ephemeral
- C. ubiquitous
- D. fleeting
- E. covert

5. Dr. Stuart needs to \_\_\_\_ his argument with more experimental data; as it stands his thesis is \_\_\_\_ .

- A. support - profound
- B. bolster - acceptable
- C. refine - satisfactory
- D. buttress - inadequate
- E. define - succinct

6. After an initially warm reception by most reviewers and continued \_\_\_\_ by conservative thinkers, Bloom's work came under heavy fire.

- A. criticism
- B. endorsement
- C. denigration
- D. counterattack
- E. refutation

7. Through the 19th Century, the classics of Western Civilization were considered to be the \_\_\_\_ of wisdom and culture, and an \_\_\_\_ person - by definition- knew them well.

- A. foundation - average
- B. epitome - uneducated
- C. cornerstone - obtuse

- D. font - ecclesiastical
- E. repository - educated

8. In this biography we are given a glimpse of the young man \_\_\_\_ pursuing the path of the poet despite \_\_\_\_ and rejection slips.

- A. doggedly - disappointment
- B. tirelessly - encouragement
- C. sporadically - awards
- D. successfully - acclaim
- E. unsuccessfully - failure

9. All European countries are seeking to diminish the check upon individual \_\_\_\_ which state examinations with their \_\_\_\_ growth have bought in their train.

- A. rights - liberating
- B. liberties - empowering
- C. spontaneity - tyrannous
- D. foibles - inevitable
- E. creativity - soporific

10. In keeping with his own \_\_\_\_ in international diplomacy, Churchill proposed a personal meeting of heads of government, but the effort was doomed to failure, as the temper of the times was \_\_\_\_ .

- A. ideas - pluralistic
- B. predilections - inimical
- C. aversions - hostile
- D. impulses - amicable
- E. maxims - salacious

11. The wall and floor decorations created by Indian housewives are usually \_\_\_\_ , remaining hours, days, or at most, weeks before being worn off by human activity or weather and replaced by new \_\_\_\_ .

- A. perennial - drawings
- B. ephemeral - designs
- C. trivial - purchases
- D. impermanent - furnishings
- E. innovative - pictures

12. The subtle shades of meaning, and still subtler echoes of association, make language an instrument which scarcely anything short of genius can wield with \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ .

- A. confidence - aloofness
- B. definiteness - certainty
- C. sincerity - hope
- D. conservatism - alacrity
- E. eloquence - ruthlessness