

1. The crew of the air balloon \_\_\_\_\_ the sand bags to help the balloon rise over the hill.

- A. capsized
- B. jettisoned
- C. salvaged
- D. augmented
- E. enumerated

2. We were not fooled by his \_\_\_\_\_ arguments; his plan was obviously \_\_\_\_\_ .

- A. cogent - brilliant
- B. hackneyed - banal
- C. convoluted - labyrinthine
- D. specious - untenable
- E. lucid - intelligible

3. Hawkins is \_\_\_\_\_ in his field; no other contemporary scientist commands the same respect.

- A. disparaged
- B. ignominious
- C. obsolete
- D. anachronistic
- E. preeminent

4. The model paraded in front of the celebrities with \_\_\_\_\_ ; it was impossible to tell that this was her first assignment.

- A. panache
- B. opprobrium
- C. shame
- D. trepidation
- E. terror

5. The term lead pencil is a \_\_\_\_\_ ; pencils are filled with graphite not lead.

- A. misnomer
- B. misdemeanor
- C. peccadillo
- D. euphemism
- E. metaphor

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather forced us to stay indoors.

- A. enticing
- B. glorious
- C. restorative
- D. inclement
- E. congenial

7. It will be hard to \_\_\_\_\_ Leonid now that you have so \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- A. pacify - soothed
- B. mollify - incensed
- C. antagonize - irritated
- D. anger - ruffled
- E. subdue - subjugated

8. The lectures on quantum physics were invariably \_\_\_\_ ; the lecturer \_\_\_\_ his ill-prepared material in a manner guaranteed to send even the most ardent student to sleep.

- A. stimulating - delivered
- B. pedestrian - enthused about
- C. soporific - droned
- D. scintillating - intoned
- E. stimulating - delivered

9. Edward was understandably upset that he had lost the position, but he was \_\_\_\_ by the conviction that he had done nothing to \_\_\_\_ the dismissal.

- A. consoled - merit
- B. warmed - avoid
- C. comforted - mar
- D. miffed - delay
- E. saddened - earn

10. Elinor \_\_\_\_ to counteract her negative feelings, but only succeeded in \_\_\_\_ them.

- A. tried - allaying
- B. hoped - mitigating
- C. desired - ameliorating
- D. hesitated - deprecating
- E. endeavoured - intensifying

11. She was roundly condemned for her \_\_\_\_ ; she betrayed the woman to whom she owed her success.

- A. truculence
- B. perfidy
- C. serendipity
- D. pragmatism
- E. discernment

12. The progress of the disease is \_\_\_\_ ; it spreads stealthily without any symptoms in the early stages.

- A. dramatic
- B. acute
- C. blatant
- D. insidious
- E. inexorable