

1. The candidate _____ when asked why he had left his last job; he did not want to admit that he had been _____ .

- A. demurred - promoted
- B. confided - banned
- C. dissembled - dismissed
- D. rejoiced - wrong
- E. hesitated - lauded

2. Tennyson was a well-loved poet; no other poet since has been so _____ .

- A. lionized
- B. attacked
- C. decried
- D. poetical
- E. abhorred

3. The parliamentary session degenerated into _____ with politicians hurling _____ at each other and refusing to come to order.

- A. mayhem - banter
- B. disarray - pleasantries
- C. tranquillity - invectives
- D. chaos - aphorisms
- E. anarchy - insults

4. The admiral _____ his order to attack when he saw the white flag raised by the enemy sailors; he was relieved that he could bring an end to the _____ .

- A. reiterated - hostilities
- B. countermanded - fighting
- C. commandeered - truce
- D. renounced - hiatus
- E. confirmed - aggression

5. In a fit of _____ she threw out the valuable statue simply because it had belonged to her ex-husband.

- A. pique
- B. goodwill
- C. contrition
- D. pedantry
- E. prudence

6. Many 17th century buildings that are still in existence have been so _____ by successive owners that the original layout is no longer _____ .

- A. preserved - visible
- B. modified - apparent
- C. decimated - enshrouded
- D. salvaged - required
- E. neglected - appropriate

7. Since ancient times sculpture has been considered the _____ of men; women sculptors have, until recently, consistently met with _____.

- A. right - acceptance
- B. domain - approbation

- C. domicile - ridicule
- D. realm - condolence
- E. prerogative - opposition

8. ____ action at this time would be inadvisable; we have not yet accumulated sufficient expertise to warrant anything other than a ____ approach.

- A. precipitate - cautious
- B. hesitant - wary
- C. vacillating - circuitous
- D. decisive - firm
- E. ponderous - direct

9. Many biologists have attempted to ____ the conditions on earth before life evolved in order to answer questions about the ____ of biological molecules.

- A. mimic - fitness
- B. standardize - shapes
- C. replicate - reactions
- D. simulate - origin
- E. ameliorate - evolution

10. Harding was unable to ____ the results of the survey; although entirely unexpected, the figures were obtained by a market research firm with an ____ reputation.

- A. accept - peerless
- B. discount - impeccable
- C. fault - mediocre
- D. counter - unenviable
- E. believe - fine

11. The quantum theory was initially regarded as absurd, unnatural and ____ with common sense.

- A. consanguineous
- B. discernible
- C. incompatible
- D. decipherable
- E. consistent

12. Do not be fooled by her ____ manner; her superficial ____ belies her worldliness.

- A. ingenuous - proficiency
- B. worldly - simplicity
- C. unsophisticated - naïveté
- D. gregarious - isolation
- E. off-hand - serious