

1. The success of the business venture ____ his expectations; he never thought that the firm would prosper.

- A. confirmed
- B. belied
- C. nullified
- D. fulfilled
- E. ratified

2. For centuries there was no ____ between their descendents; in fact ____ strife continued until modern times.

- A. peace - internecine
- B. hostility - intermittent
- C. malevolence - intense
- D. amity - contrived
- E. difference - feudal

3. The journalist ____ the efforts of the drug squad to control drug peddling, claiming that they had actually ____ the problem.

- A. commended - increased
- B. lauded - intensified
- C. decried - solved
- D. deprecated - exacerbated
- E. noted - caused

4. Since the Romans failed to ____ the tribes in Northern Britain, they built a wall to ____ the tribes.

- A. conquer - alienate
- B. impress - intimidate
- C. subjugate - exclude
- D. pacify - enrage
- E. neutralize - barricade

5. The professor became increasingly ____ in later years, flying into a rage whenever he was opposed.

- A. taciturn
- B. voluble
- C. subdued
- D. contrite
- E. irascible

6. Although the deep sea has a typically ____ fauna, near vents in the sea bed where warm water emerges live remarkable densities of invertebrates and fish.

- A. verdant
- B. unique
- C. lush
- D. pallid
- E. sparse

7. Their bantering talk seemed ____, but in fact it masked an underlying ____ .

- A. hostile - antipathy
- B. amicable - antagonism
- C. jovial - assumptions
- D. exasperating - frustrations

E. friendly - geniality

8. The new nomenclature was so ____ that many chemists preferred to revert to the older trivial names that were at least shorter.

- A. succinct
- B. cumbersome
- C. irrational
- D. facile
- E. systematic

9. Even though the auditors ____ the accountant, his reputation was ____ by the allegations of fraud.

- A. vindicated - enhanced
- B. indicted - blemished
- C. betrayed - ruined
- D. exonerated - tarnished
- E. cleared - condoned

10. Many so-called social playwrights are distinctly ____ ; rather than allowing the members of the audience to form their own opinions, these writers force a viewpoint on the viewer.

- A. conciliatory
- B. prolific
- C. iconoclastic
- D. didactic
- E. contumacious

11. The archaeologist, viewing the fragmentary remains of the ancient city, reflected on the ____ of human ____ .

- A. impermanence - endeavour
- B. transience - thought
- C. dearth - aspirations
- D. futility - humility
- E. durability - constructs

12. He was normally entirely ____ , but in the embarrassing situation in which he found himself he felt compelled to ____ .

- A. equable - evade
- B. considerate - concede
- C. forthright - prevaricate
- D. mendacious - equivocate
- E. amenable - capitulate