

1. His one vice was gluttony and so it is not surprising that as he aged he became increasingly \_\_\_\_ .

- A. emaciated
- B. despondent
- C. corpulent
- D. carping
- E. lithe

2. Our once thriving High School Nature Club is now \_\_\_\_ ; the programs have had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

- A. defunct
- B. extant
- C. resurgent
- D. burgeoning
- E. renovated

3. Having been chief accountant for so many years, Ms. George felt herself to be \_\_\_\_ and was unwilling to \_\_\_\_ control of the department after the merger.

- A. slighted - truncate
- B. irreplaceable - assume
- C. insubordinate - retain
- D. decisive - continue
- E. indispensable - relinquish

4. Because Elaine's father was a field entomologist who trekked over the continent studying insect infestations, and insisted on taking his young family with him, Elaine and her brother had a(n) \_\_\_\_ childhood.

- A. idyllic
- B. itinerant
- C. sedentary
- D. propitious
- E. equable

5. Frederica was \_\_\_\_ when her supervisor took only a \_\_\_\_ look at her essay over which she had taken so much care.

- A. exultant - superficial
- B. vexed - studious
- C. disappointed - cursory
- D. pleased - patronizing
- E. relieved - perfunctory

6. When he was young he \_\_\_\_ ideas of becoming a doctor; however, he was \_\_\_\_ by his father who wanted him to join the family business.

- A. harbored - backed
- B. entertained - dissuaded
- C. produced - critical
- D. repudiated - deterred
- E. eschewed - encouraged

7. Literary criticism has in recent years become increasingly \_\_\_\_ ; it is almost impossible for the non-literary person to understand its analyses.

- A. abstruse
- B. accessible

- C. colloquial
- D. wide-ranging
- E. professional

8. The alchemists, though they are often supposed to have been \_\_\_\_ or confidence tricksters, were actually skilful technologists.

- A. empiricists
- B. polemicists
- C. pragmatists
- D. theorists
- E. charlatans

9. Bullock carts and hand pumps seem \_\_\_\_ in a village whose skyline is dominated by telephone cables and satellite dishes.

- A. anachronisms
- B. exigencies
- C. diversions
- D. provocations
- E. portents

10. A \_\_\_\_ child, she was soon bored in class; she already knew more mathematics than her junior school teachers.

- A. obdurate
- B. querulous
- C. precocious
- D. recalcitrant
- E. contemporary

11. Stuart reveled in \_\_\_\_; he would never seek \_\_\_\_ until all possibilities for debate had been exhausted.

- A. altercation - clarification
- B. polemics - conciliation
- C. ambiguities - consolation
- D. asceticism - indulgence
- E. digressions - direction

12. Turner claimed to paint what he saw; yet no painter ever departed further from close \_\_\_\_ or took more \_\_\_\_ with subjects.

- A. imitation - liberties
- B. observation - care
- C. definition - vagaries
- D. imagination - pains
- E. resemblance - trouble