

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS TEST # 3

Directions: Select the lettered word or set of words that best completes the sentence.

- 1) The first primitive fish had lungs; in most of their descendants, these _____ have _____ into swim bladders.
- (A) animals....merged
(B) organs....evolved
(C) ancients....combined
(D) organisms....stretched
(E) functions....barged
- 2) Martha's wardrobe looked as though it had been _____ from a rag bin ;her expensive boots were her sole _____ fashion.
- (A) swiped....agreement with
(B) compartmentalized....return to
(C) beguiled....contribution to
(D) salvaged....concession to
(E) bought....interruption from
- 3) John Price was _____ from the slave-hunters who had abducted him by the citizens of Oberlin and the neighboring towns; 37 of these citizens were then _____ under the Fugitive Slave Act.
- (A) kidnapped....legislated
(B) recovered....deemed
(C) rescued....indicted
(D) serenaded....jailed
(E) pressured....penalized
- 4) The 150-year- old church had been _____ for demolition until architects and neighborhood residents _____ to have it declared an historic landmark.
- (A) scheduled....declined
(B) excommunicated....prayed
(C) slated....rallied
(D) exchanged....paid
(E) repaired....sought
- 5) In 1883, _____ eruption of Mount Krakatoa killed many thousands of people and _____ havoc on the coasts of Java and Sumatra.
- (A) a fateful....diminished
(B) an inoffensive....spawned
(C) an immoral....reigned
(D) a blistering....authorized
(E) a disastrous....wreaked
- 6) The contractor first quoted an outrageous price to repair the roof but appeared willing to _____ when Ben _____ at the price.
- (A) negotiate....balked
(B) bargain....floundered
(C) participate....recoiled
(D) reconsider....waived
(E) intensify....fainted
- 7) Because the ancient Egyptians _____ the hour as one-twelfth of the time from dawn to dusk, its length varied during the _____ of the year.
- (A) measured....remainder
(B) revered....occurrence
(C) imagined....dates
(D) defined....course
(E) idealized....seasons
- 8) The candidate answered tough questions with _____ candor, winning over many viewers who had previously supported her rival.
- (A) presumptuous
(B) impatient
(C) unintentional
(D) dogmatic
(E) disarming
- 9) Henry Louis Gates Jr. believes that Frederick Douglass _____ patterned his 1845 autobiography after the _____ of former slave Olaudah Equiano, whose life story was published in 1789.
- (A) patronizingly....reminder
(B) consciously....narrative
(C) anxiously....capture
(D) expectantly....epitaph
(E) belatedly....antiquity
- 10) It was difficult to imagine George, _____ man, as a psychiatrist; listening while others talked was not his style.
- (A) a voluble
(B) an insensitive
(C) a pessimistic
(D) a truculent
(E) a depressed