

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS TEST # 4

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

- 1) Happy _____ have replaced the _____ outcomes of some stories in the updated English translations of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.
- (A) plots....silly
(B) endings....gloomy
(C) characters....mythical
(D) results....lanky
(E) moods....historic
- 2) A report that the corporation was precariously close to the _____ of bankruptcy caused panic among its creditors and stockholders.
- (A) cessation
(B) deficit
(C) brink
(D) absorption
(E) absence
- 3) Gary was _____ about the _____ of his family heirlooms and personal mementos in the fire.
- (A) depressed....meaning
(B) noncommittal....eradication
(C) incensed....recovery
(D) mournful....insurance
(E) distraught....destruction
- 4) Julio's good mood was _____; within minutes, his normally _____ partners were grinning and choking back laughter.
- (A) promiscuous....glum
(B) genial....famished
(C) ghastly....intolerable
(D) pretentious....forlorn
(E) infectious....stolid
- 5) Many novels by the Bronte sisters and other nineteenth-century female authors were initially published under masculine _____ in the belief that works by _____ authors would meet more favorable reception.
- (A) monikers....patriarchal
(B) aliases....established
(C) rubrics....famous
(D) pseudonyms....male
(E) criteria talented
- 6) Moira forced herself to eat every morsel on her plate; although she found the food practically _____, she wanted to avoid offending her hosts.
- (A) egregious
(B) nourishing
(C) inedible
(D) overheated
(E) sodden
- 7) Architect Tadao Ando's penchant for placing _____ concerns above technical practicalities sometimes _____ unsettling, even precarious, structures,
- (A) artistic....results in
(B) monetary....clashes with
(C) mundane....replaces
(D) lofty....cuts down
(E) social....supports
- 8) With his army already _____ in the snow, Napoleon's retreat from the outskirts of Moscow turned into a rout after Russian troops began to _____ his soldiers.
- (A) vacillating....ravage
(B) jangling....harass
(C) plummeting....insinuate
(D) foundering....assault
(E) tottering....upbraid
- 9) Traditionally, any citizen is entitled to be tried by a jury of her peers; however, the law does not _____ how or to what extent jurors must _____ the defendant.
- (A) monitor....assess
(B) specify....resemble
(C) indicate....charge
(D) necessitate....enable
(E) predict....mirror
- 10) The features of *Noh*, the oldest form of Japanese drama, are highly _____; verse sections must be sung, and the vocal style in the prose passages has to be based on the chanting of specific Buddhist prayers.
- (A) prescribed
(B) undertaken
(C) ineffectual
(D) frugal
(E) absolute