

**SENTENCE COMPLETIONS TEST # 1**

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

- 1) Unlike her first novel, which received kudos for its \_\_\_\_\_, her second effort was widely criticized as uninventive and predictable.
- (A) monotony  
(B) originality  
(C) conventionality  
(D) prudence  
(E) literacy
- 2) Medieval alchemists tried to attain wealth by \_\_\_\_\_ lead and other base metals into gold.
- (A) transforming  
(B) encouraging  
(C) replicating  
(D) displacing  
(E) copying
- 3) The dance critic was \_\_\_\_\_ in her praise of the company, describing the choreography in glowing terms and \_\_\_\_\_ the poise and elegance of every dancer.
- (A) agreeable....insulting  
(B) vague....demonstrating  
(C) conciliatory....relating  
(D) timorous....describing  
(E) effusive....extolling
- 4) The British social philosopher Thomas Malthus predicted that population growth would eventually \_\_\_\_\_ world food production , resulting in massive famine and political unrest.
- (A) pressure  
(B) forbid  
(C) resist  
(D) surpass  
(E) confront
- 5) Bird species \_\_\_\_\_ to this island were exterminated by feral cats, \_\_\_\_\_ of pets abandoned here decades ago by sailors.
- (A) provincial....competitors  
(B) harmless....liberators  
(C) indigenous....descendants  
(D) unusual....signals  
(E) benign....ancestors
- 6) Soon after adopting a syllabic system of writing, the Greeks made the final step in developing a phonetic alphabet, dividing the consonants from the vowels and writing each \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) formally  
(B) abstractly  
(C) separately  
(D) mysteriously  
(E) accurately
- 7) In the early nineteenth century, some British agricultural workers felt that newly invented farm machinery threatened their jobs, and they \_\_\_\_\_ their fear of \_\_\_\_\_ by smashing machines.
- (A) lessened....injustice  
(B) aggravated....landlords  
(C) displayed....technology  
(D) accommodated....equipment  
(E) magnified....exploitation
- 8) The restaurant manager, who had \_\_\_\_\_ provided crayons and paper tablecloths for the amusement of small children, found that adult patrons were equally \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity to express themselves.
- (A) aggressively....delighted by  
(B) impulsively....anxious about  
(C) warily....shrewd about  
(D) initially....enthralled with  
(E) imaginatively....alarmed by
- 9) Before it became involved in the Second World War, the United States held to a policy of neutrality, setting up legislation explicit \_\_\_\_\_ the sale of weapons to \_\_\_\_\_ nations.
- (A) repealing....expatriate  
(B) forbidding....belligerent  
(C) enacting....dependent  
(D) prompting....arbitrary  
(E) defending....isolated
- 10) By 1918, the painter Andre Derain had \_\_\_\_\_ both Cubism and the new abstract art in favor of a more \_\_\_\_\_ approach based on the example of the old masters.
- (A) compiled....reticent  
(B) vexed....indulgent  
(C) thwarted....expressive  
(D) discarded....tentative  
(E) repudiated....traditional