

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS TEST # 8

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

- 1) Rosa embarked on a _____ of strenuous exercise to build up the _____ to complete a marathon.
- (A) program....lethargy
(B) regimen....endurance
(C) pursuit....stamina
(D) commitment....strength
(E) complex....rhythm
- 2) An editorial praised the generosity of an anonymous _____, who had donated over a million dollars and several priceless paintings to the college.
- (A) mercenary
(B) agnostic
(C) curmudgeon
(D) benefactor
(E) harbinger
- 3) Some historians claim that the concept of courtly love is a _____ that dates from the age of chivalry, while others believe it has more _____ origins.
- (A) relic....simultaneous
(B) notion....ancient
(C) memento....discovered
(D) period....documented
(E) suitor....amorous
- 4) The general was _____ of low morale among his troops, but still refused to _____ his command.
- (A) informed....bequeath
(B) appreciative....subvert
(C) fearful....proscribe
(D) wary....deprecate
(E) cognizant....relinquish
- 5) In the wake of several tragic accidents caused by wind shear, major airports installed new radar systems _____ enough to _____ this complex atmospheric phenomenon.
- (A) generalized....track
(B) lamentable....honor
(C) flimsy....withstand
(D) sophisticated....detect
(E) sturdy....demolish
- 6) Although marine engineers claimed that the ship was _____, the Titanic sank after hitting an iceberg.
- (A) amorphous
(B) equivocal
(C) preeminent
(D) impenetrable
(E) viscous
- 7) Based on factual _____ rather than conjecture, Dr. Singh's report will _____ previously held views about the nesting habits of the rare species.
- (A) conjecture....ignore
(B) evidence....refute
(C) theory....negate
(D) projections....corroborate
(E) documentation....inspire
- 8) As they helped the community recover from the storm's devastation, the apparently _____ relief workers worked around the clock with an energy that never seemed to wane.
- (A) dexterous
(B) indefatigable
(C) obsequious
(D) syncopated
(D) transcendent
- 9) Although others found them impressive, Lewis found Senator Gantry's speeches _____ and believed that they _____ the real issues with elaborate but meaningless rhetoric.
- (A) bombastic....obscured
(B) verbose....clarified
(C) captivating....defined
(D) exuberant....misconstrued
(E) persuasive....illuminated
- 10) The characters in Jane Austen's novels never argue; rather, they employ more subtle verbal weapons: irony and _____.
- (A) candor
(B) humility
(C) innuendo
(D) farce
(E) pantomime