

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS TEST # 9

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

- 1) The famous movie star regarded her mountain cabin as ____; she felt safe there from the annoying ____ of reporters and photographers.
- (A) a retreat....writings
(B) a liability....prying
(C) an excuse....adulation
(D) a haven....intrusions
(E) an occupation....attentions
- 2) The congressman promised that he would consider all viewpoints and that he was willing, not only to discuss his proposal, but to ____ it.
- (A) amend
(B) state
(C) silence
(D) accept
(E) approve
- 3) The ombudsman was critical of the city's law enforcement agencies for the ____ of their efforts to stem the increase in criminal activity.
- (A) renewal
(B) inadequacy
(C) rejection
(D) ratification
(E) model
- 4) The review board ruled that the intern's behavior had been ____; he had violated the high standards required of members of the profession.
- (A) usual
(B) exemplary
(C) laudatory
(D) unethical
(E) ineffective
- 5) Critics ____ the play and described the playwright as prolific, brilliant, and ____.
- (A) acclaimed....incisive
(B) berated....entertaining
(C) praised....prosaic
(D) welcomed....derivative
(E) censured....imaginative
- 6) Because of her ____ views, the professor frequently found herself defending traditional values and the status quo in arguments with her more radical students.
- (A) liberal
(B) extreme
(C) conservative
(D) unorthodox
(E) economic
- 7) The dramatist lived ____ life and his fame was achieved ____; few people had ever heard of him, or his works, until several years after his death.
- (A) a hapless....effortlessly
(B) an obscure....posthumously
(C) an infamous....gradually
(D) a monastic....publicly
(E) an eventful....prematurely
- 8) Despite his usual sensitivity to criticism, the commissioner did not ____ his position on the issue, even after he was ____ in the press.
- (A) develop....approached
(B) abandon....ridiculed
(C) alter....acclaimed
(D) explain....covered
(E) relinquish....substituted
- 9) In his later work, the artist finally attained a maturity of style utterly ____ his early, amateurish pieces
- (A) descriptive of
(B) superseded by
(C) absent from
(D) celebrated in
(E) featured in
- 10) The ambitions of tyrants are not ____, but excited, by partial concessions; that is why we must be ____ in opposing their demands.
- (A) realized....clement
(B) stimulated....adamant
(C) satisfied....yielding
(D) appeased....resolute
(E) inhibited....generous