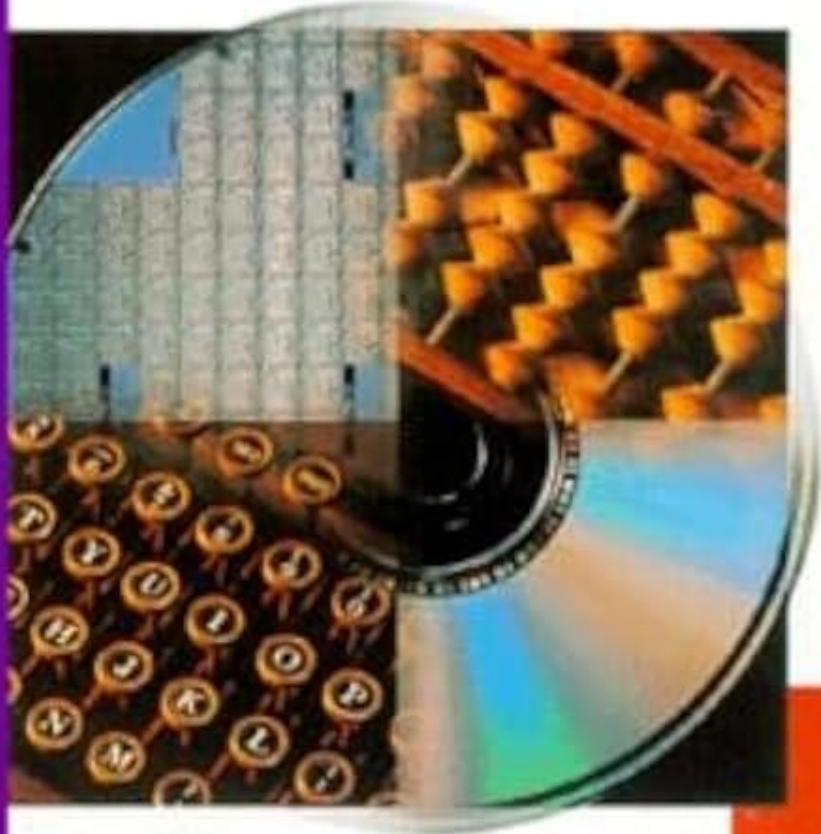




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Sentence Completion - Model Test 1

1. Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to _____ its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be _____.
- (A) acknowledge ... ignored
(B) decrease ... verified
(C) tolerate ... accepted
(D) address ... eliminated
(E) explain ... discussed
2. Since 1813 reaction to Jane Austen's novels has oscillated between _____ and condescension; but in general later writers have esteemed her works more highly than did most of her literary _____.
- (A) dismissal ... admirers
(B) adoration ... contemporaries
(C) disapproval ... readers
(D) indifference ... followers
(E) approbation ... precursors
3. There are, as yet, no vegetation types or ecosystems whose study has been _____ to the extent that they no longer _____ ecologists.
- (A) perfected ... hinder
(B) exhausted ... interest
(C) prolonged ... require
(D) prevented ... challenge
(E) delayed ... benefit
4. Under ethical guidelines recently adopted by the National Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which _____ treatments are unsatisfactory.
- (A) similar
(B) most
(C) dangerous
(D) uncommon
(E) alternative
5. It was her view that the country's problems had been _____ by foreign technocrats, so that to invite them to come back would be counterproductive.
- (A) foreseen
(B) attacked
(C) ascertained
(D) exacerbated
(E) analyzed

6. Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible _____; his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.
- (A) sincerity
(B) efficiency
(C) virtuosity
(D) rapidity
(E) energy
7. The actual _____ of Wilson's position was always _____ by his refusal to compromise after having initially agreed to negotiate a settlement.
- (A) outcome ... foreshadowed
(B) logic ... enhanced
(C) rigidity ... betrayed
(D) uncertainty ... alleviated
(E) cowardice ... highlighted
8. The senator's reputation, though _____ by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal _____.
- (A) shaken ... unscathed
(B) destroyed ... intact
(C) damaged ... impaired
(D) impugned ... unclear
(E) tarnished ... sullied
9. This poetry is not _____; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.
- (A) familiar
(B) democratic
(C) technical
(D) complex
(E) provincial
10. Experienced employers recognize that business students who can _____ different points of view are ultimately more effective as managers than are the brilliant and original students who _____ dogmatically to their own formulations.
- (A) discredit ... revert
(B) assimilate ... adhere
(C) impose ... refer
(D) disregard ... incline
(E) advocate ... relate
11. Poe's _____ reviews of contemporary fiction, which often find great merit in otherwise _____ literary gems, must make us respect his critical judgment in addition to his well-known literary talent.

- (A) thorough ... completed
(B) petulant ... unpopular
(C) insightful ... unappreciated
(D) enthusiastic ... acclaimed
(E) harsh ... undeserving
12. The significance of the Magna Carta lies not in its _____ provisions, but in its broader impact: it made the king subject to the law.
- (A) specific
(B) revolutionary
(C) implicit
(D) controversial
(E) finite
13. The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begun in a state of simplicity and _____, has _____ into great variety.
- (A) equilibrium ... modulated
(B) homogeneity ... differentiated
(C) contrast ... metamorphosed
(D) proportion ... accelerated
(E) intelligibility ... developed
14. Not wishing to appear _____, the junior member of the research group refrained from _____ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.
- (A) reluctant ... evaluating
(B) inquisitive ... offering
(C) presumptuous ... venturing
(D) censorious ... undercutting
(E) moralistic ... observing
15. In the British theater young people under thirty-five have not had much _____ getting recognition onstage, but offstage—in the ranks of playwrights, directors, designers, administrators—they have mostly been relegated to relative obscurity.
- (A) trouble
(B) satisfaction
(C) curiosity about
(D) success at
(E) fear of
16. An institution concerned about its reputation is at the mercy of the actions of its members; because the misdeeds of individuals are often used to _____ the institutions of which they are a part.
- (A) reform
(B) coerce
(C) honor

- (D) discredit
- (E) intimidate

17. Since many casual smokers develop lung cancer and many _____ smokers do not, scientists believe that individuals differ in their _____ the cancer-causing agents known to be present in cigarette smoke.

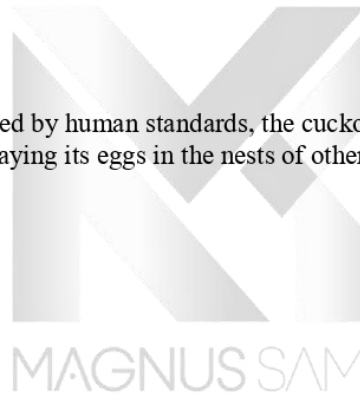
- (A) heavy ... susceptibility to
- (B) chronic ... concern about
- (C) habitual ... proximity to
- (D) devoted ... reliance upon
- (E) regular ... exposure to

18. We accepted the theory that as people become more independent of one another, they begin to feel so isolated and lonely that freedom becomes _____ condition that most will seek to _____.

- (A) a permanent ... postpone
- (B) a common ... enter
- (C) a negative ... escape
- (D) a political ... impose
- (E) an irreparable ... avoid

19. If animal parents were judged by human standards, the cuckoo would be one of nature's more _____ creatures, blithely laying its eggs in the nests of other birds, and leaving the incubating and nurturing to them.

- (A) mettlesome
- (B) industrious
- (C) domestic
- (D) lackluster
- (E) feckless



20. The current penchant for _____ a product by denigrating a rival, named in the advertisement by brand name, seems somewhat _____; suppose the consumer remembers only the rival's name?

- (A) criticizing ... inefficient
- (B) touting ... foolhardy
- (C) enhancing ... insipid
- (D) evaluating ... cumbersome
- (E) flaunting ... gullible

21. His imperturbability in the face of evidence indicating his deliberate fraud failed to reassure supporters of his essential _____; instead, it suggested a talent for _____ that they had never suspected.

- (A) culpability ... intrigue
- (B) wisdom ... reproof
- (C) remorse ... loquacity
- (D) probity ... guile
- (E) combativeness ... compromise

Answer Keys:

ABBED CC

AEBCA BC

ADACE BD

1. (A) acknowledge ... ignored
 - **Justification:** "Acknowledge" fits as communities must recognize injustices. "Ignored" contrasts well with "acknowledge," indicating these injustices can no longer be disregarded. "Decrease ... verified" and others do not capture the same necessity for recognition and addressing of injustices.
2. (B) adoration ... contemporaries
 - **Justification:** "Adoration" and "contemporaries" match the historical shift in literary perception of Austen's works. Other choices fail to reflect this change in critical reception over time accurately.
3. (B) exhausted ... interest
 - **Justification:** "Exhausted" and "interest" convey that no ecosystem study is complete enough to cease engaging ecologists. Alternatives do not capture this ongoing scientific curiosity and need for research.
4. (E) alternative
 - **Justification:** "Alternative" treatments need to be unsatisfactory for gene manipulation to be justified, aligning with ethical guidelines. "Similar" or "most" do not specify the necessary contrast in treatment efficacy.
5. (D) exacerbated
 - **Justification:** "Exacerbated" indicates foreign technocrats worsened problems, making their return counterproductive. "Foreseen" and others do not convey this worsening effect appropriately.
6. (C) virtuosity
 - **Justification:** "Virtuosity" describes McCay's exceptional skill in drawing. "Sincerity" or "efficiency" fail to capture the high artistic ability indicated.
7. (C) rigidity ... betrayed
 - **Justification:** "Rigidity" and "betrayed" align with Wilson's uncompromising stance, contrasting his initial negotiation agreement. "Outcome ... foreshadowed" and others do not fit the scenario of unyieldingness.
8. (A) shaken ... unscathed
 - **Justification:** "Shaken" suggests the reputation was disturbed but "unscathed" indicates it ultimately remained intact. "Destroyed ... intact" and others contradict this outcome.
9. (E) provincial
 - **Justification:** "Provincial" means limited to a region, contrasting with international appeal. "Familiar" or "democratic" do not address the specific scope of the audience.
10. (B) assimilate ... adhere
 - **Justification:** "Assimilate" indicates understanding diverse views, while "adhere" contrasts with stubbornly sticking to one's views, fitting the managerial effectiveness context. "Discredit ... revert" and others fail to align as well.
11. (C) insightful ... unappreciated

- **Justification:** "Insightful" reviews discover value in "unappreciated" works, showing Poe's critical skill. "Thorough ... completed" and others do not capture this discerning judgment.
12. (A) specific
- **Justification:** "Specific" indicates individual details, contrasting with Magna Carta's broader impact of subjecting the king to law. "Revolutionary" and others do not align with the described broader impact.
13. (B) homogeneity ... differentiated
- **Justification:** "Homogeneity" to "differentiated" reflects the evolution from simplicity to variety. "Equilibrium ... modulated" and others do not convey this transformation accurately.
14. (C) presumptuous ... venturing
- **Justification:** "Presumptuous" fits not wanting to overstep bounds by "venturing" criticism, reflecting junior member's caution. "Reluctant ... evaluating" and others fail to convey this hesitance.
15. (A) trouble
- **Justification:** "Trouble" suggests ease onstage, fitting the contrast with offstage obscurity. "Satisfaction" or "curiosity about" do not capture the described struggle.
16. (D) discredit
- **Justification:** "Discredit" aligns with misdeeds harming the institution's reputation. "Reform" or "honor" do not fit the negative impact described.
17. (A) heavy ... susceptibility to
- **Justification:** "Heavy" smokers and their "susceptibility" to cancer-causing agents fit the scientists' belief in individual differences. "Chronic ... concern about" and others do not fit the cancer context.
18. (C) a negative ... escape
- **Justification:** "Negative" freedom leading to isolation makes sense as something to "escape." "Permanent ... postpone" and others do not fit the negative connotation of freedom in context.
19. (E) feckless
- **Justification:** "Feckless" describes irresponsible behavior of cuckoo birds. "Mettlesome" or "domestic" do not fit the negligent parenting context.
20. (B) touting ... foolhardy

- **Justification:** "Touting" a product while "foolhardy" risks only rival's name being remembered, fitting the criticism. "Criticizing ... inefficient" and others do not capture the same marketing strategy risk.

21. (D) probity ... guile

- **Justification:** "Probity" (honesty) contrasted with "guile" (cunning) suggests a deceitful talent, fitting the fraud context. "Culpability ... intrigue" and others do not align with the moral judgment described.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 2

1. Although providing wild chimpanzees with food makes them less _____ and easier to study, it is also known to _____ their normal social patterns.
- (A) interesting ... reinforce
(B) manageable ... upset
(C) shy ... disrupt
(D) poised ... inhibit
(E) accessible ... retard
2. There is something _____ about the way the building of monasteries proliferated in eighteenth-century Bavaria, while in the rest of the Western world religious ardor was _____ and church building was consequently declining.
- (A) enigmatic ... coalescing
(B) destructive ... changing
(C) immutable ... dissipating
(D) incongruous ... diminishing
(E) momentous ... diversifying
3. Because they had various meanings in nineteenth century biological thought, "mechanism" and "vitalism" ought not to be considered _____ terms; thus, I find the recent insistence that the terms had single definitions to be entirely _____.
- (A) univocal ... erroneous
(B) problematic ... anachronistic
(C) intractable ... obtuse
(D) congruent ... suspect
(E) multifaceted ... vapid
4. Many Americans believe that individual initiative epitomized the 1890's and see the entrepreneur as the _____ of that age.
- (A) caricature
(B) salvation
(C) throwback
(D) aberration
(E) personification
5. Neither the ideas of philosophers nor the practices of ordinary people can, by themselves, _____ reality; what in fact changes reality and kindles revolution is the _____ of the two.
- (A) constitute ... divergence
(B) affect ... aim
(C) transform ... interplay
(D) preserve ... conjunction
(E) alter ... intervention

6. There has been a tendency among art historians not so much to revise as to eliminate the concept of the Renaissance — to _____ not only its uniqueness, but its very existence.
- (A) explain
 - (B) extol
 - (C) transmute
 - (D) regret
 - (E) contest
7. Employees had become so inured to the caprices of top management's personnel policies that they greeted the announcement of a company-wide dress code with _____.
- (A) astonishment
 - (B) impassivity
 - (C) resentment
 - (D) apprehension
 - (E) confusion
8. Although the feeding activities of whales and walrus give the seafloor of the Bering Shelf a devastated appearance, these activities seem to be actually _____ to the area, _____ its productivity.
- (A) destructive ... counterbalancing
 - (B) rehabilitative ... diminishing
 - (C) beneficial ... enhancing
 - (D) detrimental ... redirecting
 - (E) superfluous ... encumbering
9. In an age without radio or recordings, an age _____ by print, fiction gained its greatest ascendancy.
- (A) decimated
 - (B) denigrated
 - (C) dominated
 - (D) emphasized
 - (E) resurrected
10. Scientists' pristine reputation as devotees of the disinterested pursuit of truth has been _____ by recent evidence that some scientists have deliberately _____ experimental results to further their own careers.
- (A) reinforced ... published
 - (B) validated ... suppressed
 - (C) exterminated ... replicated
 - (D) compromised ... fabricated
 - (E) resuscitated ... challenged
11. Although Johnson's and Smith's initial fascination with the fortunes of those jockeying for power in the law firm _____ after a few months, the two paid sufficient attention to determine who their lunch partner should be.

- (A) revived
(B) emerged
(C) intensified
(D) flagged
(E) persisted
12. A war, even if fought for individual liberty and democratic rights, usually requires that these principles be _____, for they are _____ the regimentation and discipline necessary for military efficiency.
- (A) espoused ... contrary to
(B) suppressed ... fulfilled through
(C) suspended ... incompatible with
(D) followed ... disruptive of
(E) rejected ... inherent in
13. To test the _____ of borrowing from one field of study to enrich another, simply investigate the extent to which terms from the one may, without forcing, be _____ the other.
- (A) risk ... confused with
(B) universality ... applied to
(C) decorum ... illuminated by
(D) rate ... superseded by
(E) efficacy ... utilized by
14. The English novelist William Thackeray considered the cult of the criminal so dangerous that he criticized Dickens' *Oliver Twist* for making the characters in the thieves' kitchen so _____.
- (A) threatening
(B) riveting
(C) conniving
(D) fearsome
(E) irritating
15. The discovery that, friction excluded, all bodies fall at the same rate is so simple to state and to grasp that there is a tendency to _____ its significance.
- (A) underrate
(B) control
(C) reassess
(D) praise
(E) eliminate
16. Their mutual teasing seemed _____, but in fact it _____ a long-standing hostility.
- (A) aimless ... produced
(B) friendly ... masked
(C) playful ... contravened
(D) bitter ... revealed
(E) clever ... averted

17. Noting that few employees showed any _____ for complying with the corporation's new safety regulations, Peterson was forced to conclude that acceptance of the regulations would be _____, at best.
- (A) aptitude ... unavoidable
(B) regard ... indeterminate
(C) respect ... negotiable
(D) patience ... imminent
(E) enthusiasm ... grudging
18. It has been argued that politics as _____, whatever its transcendental claims, has always been the systematic organization of common hatreds.
- (A) a theory
(B) an ideal
(C) a practice
(D) a contest
(E) an enigma
19. In many science fiction films, the opposition of good and evil is portrayed as a _____ between technology, which is _____, and the errant will of a depraved intellectual.
- (A) fusion ... useful
(B) struggle ... dehumanizing
(C) parallel ... unfettered
(D) conflict ... beneficent
(E) similarity ... malevolent
20. Although scientists claim that the seemingly _____ language of their reports is more precise than the figurative language of fiction, the language of science, like all language, is inherently _____.
- (A) ornamental ... subtle
(B) unidimensional ... unintelligible
(C) symbolic ... complex
(D) literal ... allusive
(E) subjective ... metaphorical
21. In recent decades the idea that Cezanne influenced Cubism has been caught in the _____ between art historians who credit Braque with its invention and those who _____ Picasso.
- (A) crossfire ... tout
(B) interplay ... advocate
(C) paradox ... prefer
(D) deliberation ... attribute
(E) tussle ... substitute

Answer Keys:

CDAEC EB

CCDDC EB

ABECD DA

1. (C) shy ... disrupt
 - **Justification:** "Shy" indicates chimpanzees' initial behavior, and "disrupt" reflects the negative impact on social patterns. "Manageable ... upset" fits less well as "manageable" and "upset" don't strongly contrast like "shy" and "disrupt."
2. (D) incongruous ... diminishing
 - **Justification:** "Incongruous" reflects the contradiction in Bavaria's religious fervor versus the decline elsewhere. "Immutable ... dissipating" is incorrect because "immutable" means unchanging, not fitting the contrasting trend.
3. (A) univocal ... erroneous
 - **Justification:** "Univocal" means having one meaning, making it incorrect to insist on single definitions, thus "erroneous." "Problematic ... anachronistic" is less precise in describing the insistence as incorrect.
4. (E) personification
 - **Justification:** "Personification" means embodiment, fitting the entrepreneur's role in the 1890s. "Caricature" and "aberration" are negative and do not capture the positive epitome.
5. (C) transform ... interplay
 - **Justification:** "Transform" fits the significant change brought by combining philosophers' ideas and people's practices, "interplay" captures the necessary interaction. "Constitute ... divergence" doesn't convey transformation.
6. (E) contest
 - **Justification:** "Contest" means challenge, fitting historians' elimination of the Renaissance concept. "Explain" or "extol" do not match the idea of eliminating the concept.
7. (B) impassivity
 - **Justification:** "Impassivity" indicates a lack of reaction, fitting the employees' desensitization. "Astonishment" or "resentment" indicate stronger reactions not fitting the context of inurement.
8. (C) beneficial ... enhancing
 - **Justification:** "Beneficial" fits the activities improving productivity, "enhancing" aligns with the positive outcome. "Destructive ... counterbalancing" is incorrect as it implies harm mitigated by balance.
9. (C) dominated
 - **Justification:** "Dominated" by print fits the historical context, explaining fiction's rise. "Decimated" or "denigrated" do not fit the context of print being prevalent.
10. (D) compromised ... fabricated
 - **Justification:** "Compromised" fits the tarnishing of reputation, "fabricated" aligns with falsifying results. "Reinforced ... published" or "validated ... suppressed" do not match the negative impact described.
11. (D) flagged

- **Justification:** "Flagged" indicates initial interest that waned, yet enough remained to choose lunch partners. "Revived" or "persisted" contradict the idea of decreasing interest.
12. (C) suspended ... incompatible with
- **Justification:** "Suspended" indicates a temporary halt, fitting the wartime context, "incompatible with" highlights the conflict with military discipline. "Espoused ... contrary to" is less precise.
13. (E) efficacy ... utilized by
- **Justification:** "Efficacy" and "utilized by" suggest the usefulness and practical application of terms across fields. "Universality ... applied to" is less specific about effectiveness.
14. (B) riveting
- **Justification:** "Riveting" means captivating, fitting Thackeray's concern about glamorizing criminals. "Threatening" or "irritating" do not capture the appealing danger.
15. (A) underrate
- **Justification:** "Underrate" fits the tendency to underestimate the significance of a simple discovery. "Control" or "eliminate" do not convey the same sense of undervaluation.
16. (B) friendly ... masked
- **Justification:** "Friendly" teasing hid deeper hostility, "masked" fits concealing this. "Playful ... contravened" does not convey the same hidden enmity.
17. (E) enthusiasm ... grudging
- **Justification:** "Enthusiasm" lacking indicates reluctance, "grudging" acceptance fits the hesitant compliance. "Regard ... indeterminate" does not capture reluctance accurately.
18. (C) a practice
- **Justification:** "A practice" fits the systematic organization description of politics, indicating common hatreds. "An ideal" or "an enigma" do not align with systematic common hatreds.
19. (B) struggle ... dehumanizing
- **Justification:** "Struggle" indicates conflict, "dehumanizing" fits technology's portrayal in science fiction. "Fusion ... useful" does not capture the opposition described.
20. (D) literal ... allusive
- **Justification:** "Literal" contrasts with figurative language, "allusive" indicates indirect references, fitting inherent language characteristics. "Symbolic ... complex" does not capture the directness versus implication contrast.

21. (A) crossfire ... tout

- **Justification:** "Crossfire" captures the heated debate, "tout" fits those promoting Picasso's influence. "Interplay ... advocate" does not convey the same intensity of conflict.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 3

1. Although adolescent maturational and developmental states occur in an orderly sequence, their timing _____ with regard to onset and duration.

(A) lasts
(B) varies
(C) falters
(D) accelerates
(E) dwindles
2. Many of the earliest colonial houses that are still standing have been so modified and enlarged that the _____ design is no longer _____.

(A) pertinent ... relevant
(B) intended ... necessary
(C) embellished ... attractive
(D) appropriate ... applicable
(E) initial ... discernible
3. While the delegate clearly sought to _____ the optimism that has emerged recently, she stopped short of suggesting that the conference was near collapse and might produce nothing of significance.

(A) substantiate
(B) dampen
(C) encourage
(D) elucidate
(E) rekindle
4. The old man could not have been accused of _____ his affection; his conduct toward the child betrayed his _____ her.

(A) lavishing ... fondness for
(B) sparing ... tolerance of
(C) rationing ... antipathy for
(D) stinting ... adoration of
(E) promising ... dislike of
5. A leading chemist believes that many scientists have difficulty with stereochemistry because much of the relevant nomenclature is _____, in that it combines concepts that should be kept _____.

(A) obscure ... interrelated
(B) specialized ... intact
(C) subtle ... inviolate
(D) descriptive ... separate
(E) imprecise ... discrete

6. Among the many _____ of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goals of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive _____.
- (A) highlights ... efficiency
(B) features ... savings
(C) disadvantages ... innovation
(D) claims ... speed
(E) defects ... economy
7. Though science is often imagined as a _____ exploration of external reality, scientists are no different from anyone else: they are _____ human beings enmeshed in a web of personal and social circumstances.
- (A) fervent ... vulnerable
(B) neutral ... rational
(C) painstaking ... careless
(D) disinterested ... passionate
(E) cautious ... dynamic
8. Social scientists have established fairly clear-cut _____ that describe the appropriate behavior of children and adults, but there seems to be _____ about what constitutes appropriate behavior for adolescents.
- (A) functions ... rigidity
(B) estimates ... indirectness
(C) norms ... confusion
(D) regulations ... certainty
(E) studies ... misapprehension
9. As long as nations cannot themselves accumulate enough physical power to dominate all others, they must depend on _____.
- (A) allies
(B) resources
(C) freedom
(D) education
(E) self-determination
10. We realized that John was still young and impressionable, but were nevertheless surprised at his _____.
- (A) naïveté
(B) obstinateness
(C) decisiveness
(D) ingeniousness
(E) resolve
11. Although Mount Saint Helens has been more _____ during the last 4,500 years than any other volcano in the coterminous United States, its long dormancy before its recent eruption _____ its violent nature.

- (A) awe-inspiring ... restrained
(B) gaseous ... confirmed
(C) explosive ... belied
(D) familiar ... moderated
(E) volatile ... suggested
12. Changes of fashion and public taste are often _____ and resistant to analysis, and yet they are among the most _____ gauges of the state of the public's collective consciousness.
- (A) transparent ... useful
(B) ephemeral ... sensitive
(C) faddish ... underutilized
(D) arbitrary ... problematic
(E) permanent ... reliable
13. The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts _____ the _____ to abuse them.
- (A) negates ... temptation
(B) controls ... resolution
(C) engenders ... propensity
(D) tempers ... proclivity
(E) obviates ... inclination
14. The self-important cant of musicologists on record jackets often suggests that true appreciation of the music is an _____ process closed to the uninitiated listener, however enthusiastic.
- (A) unreliable
(B) arcane
(C) arrogant
(D) elementary
(E) intuitive
15. Heavily perfumed white flowers, such as gardenias, were favorites with collectors in the eighteenth century, when _____ was valued much more highly than it is today.
- (A) scent
(B) beauty
(C) elegance
(D) color
(E) variety
16. In a most impressive demonstration, Pavarotti sailed through Verdi's "Celeste Aida", normally a tenor's _____, with the casual enthusiasm of a folk singer performing one of his favorite _____.
- (A) pitfall ... recitals
(B) glory ... chorales
(C) nightmare ... ballads

- (D) delight ... chanteys
(E) routine ... composers
17. Dependence on foreign sources of heavy metals, though _____, remains _____ for United States foreign policy.
- (A) deepening ... a challenge
(B) diminishing ... a problem
(C) excessive ... a dilemma
(D) debilitating ... an embarrassment
(E) unavoidable ... a precedent
18. Cynics believe that people who _____ compliments do so in order to be praised twice.
- (A) bask in
(B) give out
(C) despair of
(D) gloat over
(E) shrug off
19. Although nothing could be further from the truth, freight railroads have been _____ of _____ the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging exorbitant fees to transport coal.
- (A) accused ... impeding
(B) proud ... accelerating
(C) guilty ... delaying
(D) conscious ... contributing to
(E) wary ... interfering with
20. Although the revelation that one of the contestants was a friend left the judge open to charges of lack of _____, the judge remained adamant in her assertion that acquaintance did not necessarily imply _____.
- (A) prudence ... tolerance
(B) detachment ... foreknowledge
(C) exoneration ... impropriety
(D) prejudice ... preference
(E) disinterestedness ... partiality
21. Within the next decade, sophisticated telescopes now orbiting the Earth will determine whether the continents really are moving, _____ the incipient _____ among geologists about the validity of the theory of continental drift.
- (A) obviating ... consensus
(B) forestalling ... rift
(C) escalating ... debates
(D) engendering ... speculation
(E) resolving ... rumors

Answer Keys:

BEBDE ED

CAACB CB

ACBEA EB

1. (B) varies
 - **Justification:** "Varies" accurately reflects the changes in timing regarding onset and duration of adolescent development. "Lasts" or "dwindles" do not capture this variability.
2. (E) initial ... discernible
 - **Justification:** "Initial" design suggests the original state, while "discernible" indicates it's no longer visible. "Pertinent ... relevant" do not fit the context of physical changes to houses.
3. (B) dampen
 - **Justification:** "Dampen" aligns with tempering optimism without suggesting collapse. "Substantiate" or "encourage" do not reflect reducing optimism.
4. (D) stinting ... adoration of
 - **Justification:** "Stinting" means withholding, contrasting with "adoration of," indicating the old man's affection. "Rationing ... antipathy for" implies dislike, which does not fit the context.
5. (E) imprecise ... discrete
 - **Justification:** "Imprecise" nomenclature leads to confusion, as concepts should remain "discrete" or separate. "Obscure ... interrelated" fails to convey the need for separation.
6. (E) defects ... economy
 - **Justification:** "Defects" and "economy" suggest the project is flawed but financially efficient. "Disadvantages ... innovation" do not capture the same contrast.
7. (D) disinterested ... passionate
 - **Justification:** "Disinterested" implies objective exploration, while "passionate" humanizes scientists. "Neutral ... rational" fails to capture the human element.
8. (C) norms ... confusion
 - **Justification:** "Norms" fit for children/adults, while "confusion" applies to adolescents, highlighting unclear standards. "Functions ... rigidity" does not capture the ambiguity.
9. (A) allies
 - **Justification:** Nations depend on "allies" when they cannot dominate alone. "Resources" or "self-determination" do not imply mutual support.
10. (A) naïveté
 - **Justification:** "Naïveté" fits John's impressionable nature, indicating innocence. "Obstinateness" or "resolve" do not align with being easily influenced.
11. (C) explosive ... belied
 - **Justification:** "Explosive" fits the volcano's nature, "belied" indicates dormancy misrepresented this. "Gaseous ... confirmed" does not fit the context of deception.
12. (B) ephemeral ... sensitive
 - **Justification:** "Ephemeral" changes are short-lived, yet "sensitive" indicators of public consciousness. "Permanent ... reliable" contradicts the fleeting nature described.
13. (C) engenders ... propensity

- **Justification:** "Engenders" means produces, fitting the idea that great gifts lead to a "propensity" for abuse. "Negates ... temptation" implies the opposite.
- 14. (B) arcane
 - **Justification:** "Arcane" suggests complexity inaccessible to novices, fitting the elitist tone. "Elementary" contradicts the idea of inaccessibility.
- 15. (A) scent
 - **Justification:** "Scent" was highly valued historically, fitting the context of eighteenth-century collectors. "Color" or "variety" do not capture the focus on fragrance.
- 16. (C) nightmare ... ballads
 - **Justification:** "Nightmare" fits the challenging nature of the aria, while "ballads" indicate ease for a folk singer. "Glory ... chorales" implies a positive experience, not difficulty.
- 17. (A) deepening ... a challenge
 - **Justification:** "Deepening" reliance remains "a challenge" for policy, fitting the context of ongoing issues. "Diminishing ... a problem" contradicts the persistence described.
- 18. (E) shrug off
 - **Justification:** "Shrug off" implies false modesty to receive more praise, fitting cynical views. "Bask in" or "gloat over" do not imply seeking additional compliments.
- 19. (A) accused ... impeding
 - **Justification:** "Accused" suggests a negative claim, "impeding" fits obstructing progress. "Proud ... accelerating" contradicts the complaint context.
- 20. (E) disinterestedness ... partiality
 - **Justification:** "Disinterestedness" implies impartiality, while "partiality" suggests bias, fitting the judge's defense. "Detachment ... foreknowledge" does not address bias.
- 21. (E) resolving ... rumors
 - **Justification:** "Resolving" debates addresses the theory's validity, "rumors" fits the uncertainty. "Obviating ... consensus" contradicts the context of establishing validity.

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Sentence Completion - Model Test 4

1. The commissions criticized the legislature for making college attendance dependent on the ability to pay, charging that, as a result, hundreds of qualified young people would be _____ further education.

(A) entitled to
(B) striving for
(C) deprived of
(D) uninterested in
(E) participating in
2. In most Native American cultures, an article used in prayer or ritual is made with extraordinary attention to and richness of detail: it is decorated more _____ than a similar article intended for _____ use.

(A) delicately ... vocational
(B) colorfully ... festive
(C) creatively ... religious
(D) subtly ... commercial
(E) lavishly ... everyday
3. Having no sense of moral obligation, Shieler was as little subject to the _____ of conscience after he acted as he was motivated by its _____ before he acted.

(A) rewards ... chastisement
(B) balm ... eloquence
(C) reproaches ... promptings
(D) ridicule ... allure
(E) qualms ... atonement
4. Freud derived psychoanalytic knowledge of childhood indirectly: he _____ childhood processes from adult _____.

(A) reconstructed ... memory
(B) condoned ... experience
(C) incorporated ... behavior
(D) released ... monotony
(E) inferred ... anticipation
5. While she initially suffered the fate of many pioneers – the incomprehension of her colleagues – octogenarian Nobel laureate Barbara McClintock has lived to _____ the triumph of her once _____ scientific theories.

(A) descry ... innovative
(B) regret ... insignificant
(C) perpetuate ... tentative

- (D) enjoy ... authoritative
(E) savor ... heterodox
6. Broadway audiences have become inured to _____ and so _____ to be pleased as to make their ready ovations meaningless as an indicator of the quality of the production before them.
- (A) sentimentality ... reluctant
(B) condescension ... disinclined
(C) histrionics ... unlikely
(D) cleverness ... eager
(E) mediocrity ... desperate
7. Any language is a conspiracy against experience in the sense that it is a collective attempt to _____ experience by reducing it into discrete parcels.
- (A) extrapolate
(B) transcribe
(C) complicate
(D) amplify
(E) manage
8. By divesting himself of all regalities, the former king _____ the consideration that customarily protects monarchs.
- (A) merited
(B) forfeited
(C) debased
(D) concealed
(E) extended
9. A perennial goal in zoology is to infer function from _____, relating the _____ of an organism to its physical form and cellular organization.
- (A) age ... ancestry
(B) classification ... appearance
(C) size ... movement
(D) structure ... behavior
(E) location ... habitat
10. The sociologist responded to the charge that her new theory was _____ by pointing out that it did not in fact contradict accepted sociological principles.
- (A) banal
(B) heretical
(C) unproven
(D) complex
(E) superficial
11. Industrialists seized economic power only after industry had _____ agriculture as the preeminent form of production; previously such power had _____ land ownership.

- (A) sabotaged ... threatened
(B) overtaken ... produced
(C) toppled ... culminated in
(D) joined ... relied on
(E) supplanted ... resided in
12. Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their _____.
(A) insight
(B) obstinacy
(C) introspection
(D) tolerance
(E) credulity
13. No longer _____ by the belief that the world around us was expressly designed for humanity, many people try to find intellectual _____ for that lost certainty in astrology and in mysticism.
(A) satisfied ... reasons
(B) sustained ... substitutes
(C) reassured ... justifications
(D) hampered ... equivalents
(E) restricted ... parallels
14. People should not be praised for their virtue if they lack the energy to be _____; in such cases, goodness is merely the effect of _____.
(A) depraved ... hesitation
(B) cruel ... effortlessness
(C) wicked ... indolence
(D) unjust ... boredom
(E) iniquitous ... impiety
15. Animals that have tasted unpalatable plants tend to _____ them afterward on the basis of their most conspicuous features, such as their flowers.
(A) recognize
(B) hoard
(C) trample
(D) retrieve
(E) approach
16. As for the alleged value of expert opinion, one need only _____ government records to _____ see evidence of the failure of such opinions in many fields.
(A) inspect ... questionable
(B) retain ... circumstantial
(C) distribute ... possible
(D) consult ... strong
(E) evaluate ... problematic

17. In scientific inquiry, it becomes a matter of duty to expose a _____ hypothesis to every possible kind of _____.
- (A) tentative ... examination
 - (B) debatable ... approximation
 - (C) well-established ... rationalization
 - (D) logical ... elaboration
 - (E) suspect ... correlation
18. Charlotte Salomon's biography is a reminder that the currents of private life, however diverted, dislodged, or twisted by _____ public events, retain their hold on the _____ recording them.
- (A) transitory ... culture
 - (B) dramatic ... majority
 - (C) overpowering ... individual
 - (D) conventional ... audience
 - (E) relentless ... institution
19. Philosophical problems arise when people ask questions that, though very _____, have certain characteristics in common.
- (A) relevant
 - (B) elementary
 - (C) abstract
 - (D) diverse
 - (E) controversial
20. Although Johnson _____ great enthusiasm for his employees' project, in reality his interest in the project was so _____ as to be almost non-existent.
- (A) generated ... redundant
 - (B) displayed ... preemptive
 - (C) expected ... indiscriminate
 - (D) feigned ... perfunctory
 - (E) demanded ... dispassionate
21. Not all the indicators necessary to convey the effect of depth in a picture work simultaneously; the picture's illusion of _____ three-dimensional appearance must therefore result from the viewer's integration of various indicators perceived _____.
- (A) imitative ... coincidentally
 - (B) uniform ... successively
 - (C) temporary ... comprehensively
 - (D) expressive ... sympathetically
 - (E) schematic ... passively

Answer Keys:

CECAE EE

BDBEE BC

ADACD DB

→ 1-(C) deprived of

Justification: "Deprived of" is correct as it indicates that qualified young people are denied further education due to financial constraints. "Entitled to" and "striving for" do not match the context of being blocked from access.

→ 2-(E) lavishly ... everyday

Justification: "Lavishly" and "everyday" suggest that ritual articles are made with more detail than daily items. "Delicately ... vocational" and other options do not capture the rich and detailed nature of ritual artifacts compared to mundane use.

→ 3-(C) reproaches ... promptings

Justification: "Reproaches" and "promptings" highlight a lack of moral influence before and after actions. "Rewards ... chastisement" and others do not appropriately describe the absence of moral guidance.

→ 4-(A) reconstructed ... memory

Justification: "Reconstructed" and "memory" indicate Freud's method of deriving knowledge from adult recollections of childhood. "Condoned ... experience" and others do not fit the indirect analysis method.

→ 5-(E) savor ... heterodox

Justification: "Savor" and "heterodox" align with McClintock's enjoyment of the success of her once unconventional theories. "Regret ... insignificant" and others do not capture the triumphant context.

→ 6-(E) mediocrity ... desperate

Justification: "Mediocrity" and "desperate" suggest that audiences accept subpar productions eagerly. "Sentimentality ... reluctant" and others fail to describe the readiness for ovation despite quality.

→ 7-(E) manage

Justification: "Manage" indicates reducing complex experiences into manageable parts. "Extrapolate" and "transcribe" do not convey the idea of simplifying or controlling experience.

→ 8-(B) forfeited

Justification: "Forfeited" fits as the former king lost the protection usually given to monarchs. "Merited" and "debased" do not imply the loss of customary consideration.

→ 9-(D) structure ... behavior

Justification: "Structure" and "behavior" relate an organism's physical form to its actions, fitting zoological study goals. "Age ... ancestry" and others do not link form and function.

→ 10-(B) heretical

Justification: "Heretical" is correct as it implies contradicting established principles, which the sociologist refutes. "Banal" and "unproven" do not suggest such a contradiction.

→ 11-(E) supplanted ... resided in

Justification: "Supplanted" and "resided in" indicate the shift from agriculture to industry as the primary economic power source. "Sabotaged ... threatened" and others do not fit the historical change in dominance.

→ 12-(E) credulity

Justification: "Credulity" fits as it indicates people accept rumors as facts due to gullibility. "Insight" and "obstinacy" do not describe the tendency to believe unverified information.

→ 13-(B) sustained ... substitutes

Justification: "Sustained" and "substitutes" indicate people replace lost certainty with astrology. "Satisfied ... reasons" and others do not fit the context of finding intellectual replacements.

→ 14-(C) wicked ... indolence

Justification: "Wicked" and "indolence" suggest that virtue without energy is mere laziness. "Depraved ... hesitation" and others do not imply a lack of effort leading to false virtue.

→ 15-(A) recognize

Justification: "Recognize" implies animals identify unpalatable plants by their features to avoid them. "Hoard" and "trample" do not fit the avoidance behavior described.

→ 16-(D) consult ... strong

Justification: "Consult" and "strong" suggest checking records shows evidence of expert opinion failures. "Inspect ... questionable" and others do not convey the same reliability of evidence.

→ 17-(A) tentative ... examination

Justification: "Tentative" and "examination" indicate that uncertain hypotheses must be thoroughly tested. "Debatable ... approximation" and others do not capture the duty of rigorous testing.

→ 18-(C) overpowering ... individual

Justification: "Overpowering" and "individual" suggest that public events significantly impact personal lives. "Transitory ... culture" and others do not emphasize the lasting personal effect.

→ 19-(D) diverse

Justification: "Diverse" indicates that different philosophical problems share common traits. "Relevant" and "elementary" do not capture the variety and commonality of philosophical questions.

→ 20-(D) feigned ... perfunctory

Justification: "Feigned" and "perfunctory" suggest Johnson's fake enthusiasm hides his real lack of interest. "Generated ... redundant" and others do not describe the superficiality of his interest.

→ 21-(B) uniform ... successively

Justification: "Uniform" and "successively" imply that depth in pictures results from integrating various indicators seen one after another. "Imitative ... coincidentally" and others do not describe the sequential perception process.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 5

1. Her _____ should not be confused with miserliness; as long as I have known her, she has always been willing to assist those who are in need.
- (A) intemperance
(B) intolerance
(C) apprehension
(D) diffidence
(E) frugality
2. Natural selection tends to eliminate genes that cause inherited diseases, acting most strongly against the most severe diseases; consequently, hereditary diseases that are _____ would be expected to be very _____, but, surprisingly, they are not.
- (A) lethal ... rare
(B) untreated ... dangerous
(C) unusual ... refractory
(D) new ... perplexing
(E) widespread ... acute
3. Unfortunately, his damaging attacks on the ramifications of the economic policy have been _____ by his wholehearted acceptance of that policy's underlying assumptions.
- (A) supplemented
(B) undermined
(C) wasted
(D) diverted
(E) redeemed
4. During the opera's most famous aria, the tempo chosen by the orchestra's conductor seemed _____, without necessary relation to what had gone before.
- (A) tedious
(B) melodious
(C) capricious
(D) compelling
(E) cautious
5. In the machinelike world of classical physics, the human intellect appears _____, since the mechanical nature of classical physics does not _____ creative reasoning, the very ability that had made the formulation of classical principles possible.
- (A) anomalous ... allow for
(B) abstract ... speak to
(C) anachronistic ... deny
(D) enduring ... value
(E) contradictory ... exclude

6. During the 1960's assessments of the family shifted remarkably, from general endorsement of it as a worthwhile, stable institution to widespread _____ it as an oppressive and bankrupt one whose _____ was both imminent and welcome.
- (A) flight from ... restitution
(B) fascination with ... corruption
(C) rejection of ... vogue
(D) censure of ... dissolution
(E) relinquishment of ... ascent
7. Documenting science's _____ philosophy would be _____, since it is almost axiomatic that many philosophers use scientific concepts as the foundations for their speculations.
- (A) distrust of ... elementary
(B) influence on ... superfluous
(C) reliance on ... inappropriate
(D) dependence on ... difficult
(E) differences from ... impossible
8. The spellings of many Old English words have been _____ in the living language, although their pronunciations have changed.
- (A) preserved
(B) shortened
(C) preempted
(D) revised
(E) improved
9. The sheer diversity of tropical plants represents a seemingly _____ source of raw materials, of which only a few have been utilized.
- (A) exploited
(B) quantifiable
(C) controversial
(D) inexhaustible
(E) remarkable
10. For centuries animals have been used as _____ for people in experiments to assess the effects of therapeutic and other agents that might later be used in humans.
- (A) benefactors
(B) companions
(C) examples
(D) precedents
(E) surrogates
11. Social tensions among adult factions can be _____ by politics, but adolescents and children have no such _____ for resolving their conflict with the exclusive world of adults.

- (A) intensified ... attitude
(B) complicated ... relief
(C) frustrated ... justification
(D) adjusted ... mechanism
(E) revealed ... opportunity
12. The state is a network of exchanged benefits and beliefs, _____ between rulers and citizens based on those laws and procedures that are _____ to the maintenance of community.
- (A) a compromise ... inimical
(B) an interdependence ... subsidiary
(C) a counterpoint ... incidental
(D) an equivalence ... prerequisite
(E) a reciprocity ... conducive
13. Far from viewing Jefferson as a skeptical but enlightened intellectual, historians of the 1960's portrayed him as _____ thinker, eager to fill the young with his political orthodoxy while censoring ideas he did not like.
- (A) an adventurous
(B) a doctrinaire
(C) an eclectic
(D) a judicious
(E) a cynical
14. To have true disciples, a thinker must not be too _____: any effective intellectual leader depends on the ability of other people to _____ thought processes that did not originate with them.
- (A) popular ... dismiss
(B) methodical ... interpret
(C) idiosyncratic ... reenact
(D) self-confident ... revitalize
(E) pragmatic ... discourage
15. Even though formidable winters are the norm in the Dakotas, many people were unprepared for the _____ of the blizzard of 1888.
- (A) inevitability
(B) ferocity
(C) importance
(D) probability
(E) mildness
16. As the first streamlined car, the Airflow represented a _____ in automotive development, and although its sales were _____, it had an immense influence on automobile design.
- (A) milestone ... disappointing
(B) breakthrough ... significant
(C) regression ... unimportant

- (D) misjudgment ... calculable
- (E) revolution ... tolerable

17. While nurturing parents can compensate for adversity, cold or inconsistent parents may _____ it.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) neutralize
- (C) eradicate
- (D) ameliorate
- (E) relieve

18. The architects of New York's early skyscrapers, hinting here at a twelfth-century cathedral, there at a fifteenth-century palace, sought to legitimize the city's social strivings by _____ a history the city did not truly _____.

- (A) revealing ... deserve
- (B) displaying ... desire
- (C) evoking ... possess
- (D) preserving ... experience
- (E) flouting ... believe

19. Actual events in the history of life on Earth are accidental in that any outcome embodies just one _____ among millions; yet each outcome can be _____ interpreted.

- (A) coincidence ... randomly
- (B) relationship ... predictably
- (C) fact ... readily
- (D) happening ... uniquely
- (E) possibility ... rationally

20. Although some of her fellow scientists _____ the unorthodox laboratory methodology that others found innovative, unanimous praise greeted her experimental results: at once pioneering and _____.

- (A) ignored ... untrustworthy
- (B) complimented ... foreseeable
- (C) welcomed ... mundane
- (D) decried ... unexceptionable
- (E) attacked ... inconclusive

21. Early critics of Emily Dickinson's poetry mistook for simplemindedness the surface of artlessness that in fact she constructed with such _____.

- (A) astonishment
- (B) vexation
- (C) allusion
- (D) innocence
- (E) cunning

Answer Keys:

EABCA DB

ADEDE BC

BAACE DE

→ 1-(E) frugality

Justification: "Frugality" indicates careful management of resources, which is not miserliness. "Intemperance," "intolerance," and other options do not fit the context of being willing to assist those in need.

→ 2-(A) lethal ... rare

Justification: "Lethal" and "rare" correctly reflect that severe diseases are expected to be uncommon due to natural selection. "Untreated ... dangerous" and others do not capture this relationship accurately.

→ 3-(B) undermined

Justification: "Undermined" indicates that acceptance of policy assumptions weakens his critiques. "Supplemented" and other options do not convey this weakening effect.

→ 4-(C) capricious

Justification: "Capricious" suggests the tempo was chosen randomly, unrelated to the previous music. "Tedious" and others do not fit the context of randomness.

→ 5-(A) anomalous ... allow for

Justification: "Anomalous" and "allow for" indicate the human intellect seems out of place in a mechanistic world that does not accommodate creative reasoning. Other options do not convey this contradiction.

→ 6-(D) censure of ... dissolution

Justification: "Censure" and "dissolution" reflect the shift to seeing the family as oppressive and its end as welcome. "Flight from ... restitution" and others do not fit this context.

→ 7-(B) influence on ... superfluous

Justification: "Influence on ... superfluous" means documenting the impact of philosophy on science is unnecessary since it is well-known. Other options do not convey this established influence.

→ 8-(A) preserved

Justification: "Preserved" means that Old English spellings have been kept in the modern language. "Shortened" and other options do not fit the context of retention despite pronunciation changes.

→ 9-(D) inexhaustible

Justification: "Inexhaustible" indicates an endless source of tropical plant materials. "Exploited" and other options do not match the context of potential resources.

→ 10-(E) surrogates

Justification: "Surrogates" means animals are used in place of humans in experiments. "Benefactors" and others do not fit the context of substitution.

→ 11-(D) adjusted ... mechanism

Justification: "Adjusted" and "mechanism" indicate that adults can resolve tensions through politics, while children lack such means. "Intensified ... attitude" and others do not fit the context of resolution.

→ 12-(E) a reciprocity ... conducive

Justification: "Reciprocity" and "conducive" indicate mutual exchange benefiting community maintenance. "A compromise ... inimical" and others do not convey mutual benefit and support.

→ 13-(B) a doctrinaire

Justification: "Doctrinaire" means Jefferson was seen as imposing rigid ideas. "An adventurous" and others do not fit the context of promoting orthodoxy while censoring others.

→ 14-(C) idiosyncratic ... reenact

Justification: "Idiosyncratic" and "reenact" indicate that unique thinkers need others to adopt their ideas to have true disciples. "Popular ... dismiss" and others do not fit the context of intellectual leadership.

→ 15-(B) ferocity

Justification: "Ferocity" describes the intense severity of the 1888 blizzard. "Inevitability" and others do not capture the unexpected harshness.

→ 16-(A) milestone ... disappointing

Justification: "Milestone" and "disappointing" indicate the Airflow was a significant development with poor sales but great design influence. "Breakthrough ... significant" and others do not fit this context.

→ 17-(A) exacerbate

Justification: "Exacerbate" means that cold or inconsistent parents can worsen adversity. "Neutralize" and others do not fit the context of increasing the problem.

→ 18-(C) evoking ... possess

Justification: "Evoking ... possess" suggests architects implied a historical depth New York lacked. "Revealing ... deserve" and others do not fit the context of suggestion without true ownership.

→ 19-(E) possibility ... rationally

Justification: "Possibility ... rationally" means outcomes are one of many possible but can be logically interpreted. "Coincidence ... randomly" and others do not fit the context of logical interpretation.

→ 20-(D) decried ... unexceptionable

Justification: "Decried" and "unexceptionable" indicate some criticized the methods while results were widely accepted. "Ignored ... untrustworthy" and others do not fit the context of mixed reception.

→ 21-(E) cunning

Justification: "Cunning" means Dickinson's apparent simplicity was skillfully constructed. "Astonishment" and others do not fit the context of intentional artlessness.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 6

1. This project is the first step in a long-range plan of research whose _____ goal, still many years off, is the creation of a new prototype.

(A) cooperative
(B) reasoned
(C) original
(D) ultimate
(E) intentional
2. Eric was frustrated because, although he was adept at making lies sound _____, when telling the truth, he _____ the power to make himself believed.

(A) plausible ... lacked
(B) convincing ... held
(C) honest ... found
(D) true ... acquired
(E) logical ... claimed
3. In certain forms of discourse such as the parable, the central point of a message can be effectively communicated even though this point is not _____.

(A) preferred
(B) explicit
(C) inferable
(D) discerned
(E) illustrated
4. Always circumspect, she was reluctant to make judgments, but once arriving at a conclusion, she was _____ in its defense.

(A) nonplussed
(B) obsequious
(C) intransigent
(D) deferential
(E) negligent
5. The techniques now available to livestock breeders will continue to be _____, but will probably be _____ by new ones under development.

(A) fruitful ... reversed
(B) refined ... upgraded
(C) inconvenient ... reassessed
(D) used ... supplemented
(E) harmless ... improved

6. Any population increase beyond a certain level necessitates greater _____ vegetable foods; thus, the ability of a society to choose meat over cereals always arises, in part, from _____ the number of people.
- (A) reliance on ... replenishing
(B) production of ... estimating
(C) spending on ... concealing
(D) recourse to ... limiting
(E) attention to ... varying
7. Ethologists are convinced that many animals survive through learning—but learning that is _____ their genetic programming, learning as thoroughly _____ as the most instinctive of behavioral responses.
- (A) superseded by ... primitive
(B) compatible with ... transient
(C) complementary to ... familiar
(D) derived from ... inventive
(E) dictated by ... stereotyped
8. Though some of the information the author reveals about Russian life might surprise Americans, her major themes are _____ enough.
- (A) familiar
(B) thorough
(C) vital
(D) original
(E) interesting
9. In the early twentieth century, the discovery of radium _____ the popular imagination; not only was its discoverer, Marie Curie, idolized, but its market value _____ that of the rarest gemstone.
- (A) stormed ... sank to
(B) horrified ... approached
(C) taxed ... was equal to
(D) enflamed ... exceeded
(E) escaped ... was comparable to
10. The president's secretary and his chief aide adored him, and both wrote obsessively _____ personal memoirs about him; unfortunately, however, _____ does not make for true intimacy.
- (A) fatuous ... frankness
(B) devoted ... idolatry
(C) garrulous ... confidentiality
(D) candid ... discretion
(E) rancorous ... criticism
11. Despite claims that his philosophy can be traced to _____ source, the philosophy in fact draws liberally on several traditions and methodologies and so could justifiably be termed _____.

- (A) a particular ... consistent
(B) a schematic ... multifaceted
(C) a dominant ... cogent
(D) an authoritative ... derivative
(E) a single ... eclectic
12. Du Bois' foreign trips were the highlight, not the _____, of his travels; he was habitually on the go across and around the United States.
- (A) idiosyncrasy
(B) result
(C) precursor
(D) culmination
(E) totality
13. Business forecasts usually prove reasonably accurate when the assumption that the future will be much like the past is _____; in times of major _____ in the business environment, however, forecasts can be dangerously wrong.
- (A) specified ... discontinuities
(B) questioned ... surges
(C) contradicted ... improvements
(D) entertained ... risks
(E) satisfied ... shifts
14. It is almost always desirable to increase the yield of a crop if _____ increases are not also necessary in energy, labor, and other inputs of crop production.
- (A) predetermined
(B) commensurate
(C) compatible
(D) measured
(E) equivocal
15. Job failure means being fired from a job, being asked to resign, or leaving _____ to protect yourself because you had very strong evidence that one of the first two was _____.
- (A) voluntarily ... impending
(B) abruptly ... significant
(C) knowingly ... operative
(D) understandably ... pertinent
(E) eventually ... intentional
16. The tone of Jane Carlyle's letter is guarded, and her feelings are always _____ by the wit and pride that made _____ plea for sympathy impossible for her.
- (A) masked ... a direct
(B) bolstered ... a needless
(C) controlled ... a circumspect

- (D) enhanced ... an intentional
(E) colored ... an untimely
17. French folktales almost always take place within the basic _____ that correspond to the _____ setting of peasant life: on the one hand, the household and village and on the other, the open road.
- (A) contexts ... hierarchical
(B) structures ... personal
(C) frameworks ... dual
(D) chronologies ... generic
(E) narratives ... ambivalent
18. Nurturing the Royal Ballet's artistic growth while preserving its institutional stability has been difficult, because the claims of the latter seem inescapably to _____ development; apparently, attaining artistic success is simpler than _____ it.
- (A) ensure ... promoting
(B) inhibit ... perpetuating
(C) undermine ... resurrecting
(D) modify ... appreciating
(E) supplement ... confining
19. Inspired interim responses to hitherto unknown problems, New Deal economic strategems became _____ as a result of bureaucratization, their flexibility and adaptability destroyed by their transformation into rigid policies.
- (A) politicized
(B) consolidated
(C) ossified
(D) ungovernable
(E) streamlined
20. Biologists _____ isolated oceanic islands like the Galapagos, because, in such small, laboratory-like settings, the rich hurly-burly of continental plant and animal communities is reduced to a scientifically _____ complexity.
- (A) explore ... diverse
(B) desert ... manageable
(C) exploit ... intimidating
(D) reject ... intricate
(E) prize ... tractable
21. The startling finding that variations in the rate of the Earth's rotation depend to an _____ degree on the weather has necessitated a complete _____ of the world's time-keeping methods.
- (A) unexpected ... overhaul
(B) anticipated ... recalibration
(C) indeterminate ... rejection
(D) unobservable ... review
(E) estimated ... acceptance

Answer Keys:

DABCD DE

ADBEE EB

AACBC EA

→ 1-(D) ultimate

Justification: "Ultimate" fits as the goal is still many years off, indicating the final or ultimate goal of the research project. "Cooperative" and other options do not convey this sense of the final objective.

→ 2-(A) plausible ... lacked

Justification: "Plausible" means believable, and "lacked" indicates that Eric could not make the truth sound convincing. "Convincing ... held" and others do not convey the same context of believability and deficiency.

→ 3-(B) explicit

Justification: "Explicit" means clearly stated, which is not necessary for effective communication in parables. "Preferred" and other options do not fit the context of implicit messaging.

→ 4-(C) intransigent

Justification: "Intransigent" means unwilling to change views, fitting her defense of her conclusions. "Nonplussed" and others do not capture the determined defense of her judgment.

→ 5-(D) used ... supplemented

Justification: "Used ... supplemented" indicates that current techniques will continue to be used but will be added to by new ones. "Fruitful ... reversed" and others do not fit the context of ongoing use and improvement.

→ 6-(D) recourse to ... limiting

Justification: "Recourse to ... limiting" indicates a reliance on vegetable foods due to population limits. "Reliance on ... replenishing" and others do not convey the same necessity and control.

→ 7-(E) dictated by ... stereotyped

Justification: "Dictated by ... stereotyped" means learning is controlled by genetic programming and is as fixed as instinctive responses. "Superseded by ... primitive" and others do not fit the context of genetic influence and fixed behavior.

→ 8-(A) familiar

Justification: "Familiar" means well-known, fitting the major themes despite surprising details about Russian life. "Thorough" and others do not fit the context of common themes.

→ 9-(D) enflamed ... exceeded

Justification: "Enflamed ... exceeded" indicates radium captured the imagination and its value surpassed that of gemstones. "Stormed ... sank to" and others do not convey the excitement and high value.

→ 10-(B) devoted ... idolatry

Justification: "Devoted ... idolatry" means their obsessive memoirs show extreme admiration, but this does not ensure true intimacy. "Fatuous ... frankness" and others do not fit the context of admiration and misunderstanding.

→ 11-(E) a single ... eclectic

Justification: "A single ... eclectic" means the philosophy draws from many sources, making it diverse. "A particular ... consistent" and others do not fit the context of varied influences.

→ 12-(D) culmination

Justification: "Culmination" means the highlight, fitting his foreign trips as the peak of his travels. "Idiosyncrasy" and others do not fit the context of key moments.

→ 13-(E) satisfied ... shifts

Justification: "Satisfied ... shifts" means forecasts are accurate when conditions are stable, but major changes make them wrong. "Specified ... discontinuities" and others do not fit the context of stability and change.

→ 14-(B) commensurate

Justification: "Commensurate" means corresponding in size or degree, fitting the need for proportional increases. "Predetermined" and others do not convey this balance.

→ 15-(A) voluntarily ... impending

Justification: "Voluntarily ... impending" means leaving willingly to avoid being fired soon. "Abruptly ... significant" and others do not fit the context of preemptive resignation.

→ 16-(A) masked ... a direct

Justification: "Masked ... a direct" means her feelings are hidden by wit, making direct pleas impossible. "Bolstered ... a needless" and others do not fit the context of concealed emotions.

→ 17-(C) frameworks ... dual

Justification: "Frameworks ... dual" means basic structures corresponding to peasant life settings. "Contexts ... hierarchical" and others do not fit the context of simple, dual settings.

→ 18-(B) inhibit ... perpetuating

Justification: "Inhibit ... perpetuating" means stability limits growth, and maintaining success is harder than achieving it. "Ensure ... promoting" and others do not fit the context of hindrance and continuation.

→ 19-(C) ossified

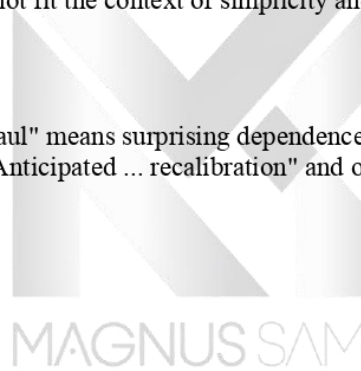
Justification: "Ossified" means became rigid, fitting the loss of flexibility in policies. "Politicized" and others do not convey the same sense of rigidity.

→ 20-(E) prize ... tractable

Justification: "Prize ... tractable" means scientists value isolated islands for their manageable complexity. "Explore ... diverse" and others do not fit the context of simplicity and control.

→ 21-(A) unexpected ... overhaul

Justification: "Unexpected ... overhaul" means surprising dependence on weather requires a complete change in time-keeping methods. "Anticipated ... recalibration" and others do not fit the context of surprise and major change.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 7

1. It was a war the queen and her more prudent counselors wished to _____ if they could and were determined in any event to _____ as long as possible.
- (A) provoke ... delay
(B) denounce ... deny
(C) instigate ... conceal
(D) curtail ... promote
(E) avoid ... postpone
2. Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated are not directly _____ to environmental questions; thus a new program of research specifically addressing such questions is _____.
- (A) analogous ... promising
(B) transferable ... contradictory
(C) antithetical ... unremarkable
(D) applicable ... warranted
(E) pertinent ... unnecessary
3. Unlike other creatures, who are shaped largely by their _____ environment, human beings are products of a culture accumulated over centuries, yet one that is constantly being _____ by massive infusions of new information from everywhere.
- (A) harsh ... unconfirmed
(B) surrounding ... upheld
(C) immediate ... transformed
(D) natural... mechanized
(E) limited ... superseded
4. Edith Wharton sought in her memoir to present herself as having achieved a harmonious wholeness by having _____ the conflicting elements of her life.
- (A) affirmed
(B) highlighted
(C) reconciled
(D) confined
(E) identified
5. In their preface, the collection's editors plead that certain of the important articles they _____ were published too recently for inclusion, but in the case of many such articles, this _____ is not valid.
- (A) discussed ... replacement
(B) omitted ... excuse
(C) revised ... clarification

- (D) disparaged ... justification
(E) ignored ... endorsement
6. The labor union and the company's management, despite their long history of unfailingly acerbic disagreement on nearly every issue, have nevertheless reached an unexpectedly _____, albeit still tentative, agreement on next year's contract.
- (A) swift
(B) onerous
(C) hesitant
(D) reluctant
(E) conclusive
7. In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not _____ inflamed indignation, but rather _____ the detachment and smooth aphoristic prose of an eighteenth-century wit.
- (A) display ... rails at
(B) rely on ... avoids
(C) suppress ... clings to
(D) express ... affects
(E) resort to ... spurns
8. Vaillant, who has been particularly interested in the means by which people attain mental health, seems to be looking for _____ answers: a way to close the book on at least a few questions about human nature.
- (A) definitive
(B) confused
(C) temporary
(D) personal
(E) derivative
9. The well-trained engineer must understand fields as diverse as physics, economics, geology, and sociology; thus, an overly _____ engineering curriculum should be avoided.
- (A) narrow
(B) innovative
(C) competitive
(D) rigorous
(E) academic
10. Although supernovas are among the most _____ of cosmic events, these stellar explosions are often hard to _____, either because they are enormously far away or because they are dimmed by intervening dust and gas clouds.
- (A) remote ... observe
(B) luminous ... detect
(C) predictable ... foresee

- (D) ancient ... determine
- (E) violent ... disregard

11. During the widespread fuel shortage, the price of gasoline was so _____ that suppliers were generally thought to be _____ the consumer.

- (A) reactive ... shielding
- (B) stable ... blackmailing
- (C) depressed ... cheating
- (D) prohibitive ... placating
- (E) excessive ... gouging

12. Art _____ science, but that does not mean that the artist must also be a scientist; an artist uses the fruits of science but need not _____ the theories from which they derive.

- (A) precedes ... anticipate
- (B) incorporates ... understand
- (C) transcends ... abandon
- (D) imitates ... repudiate
- (E) resembles ... contest

13. Imposing steep fines on employers for on-the-job injuries to workers could be an effective _____ to creating a safer workplace, especially in the case of employers with poor safety records.

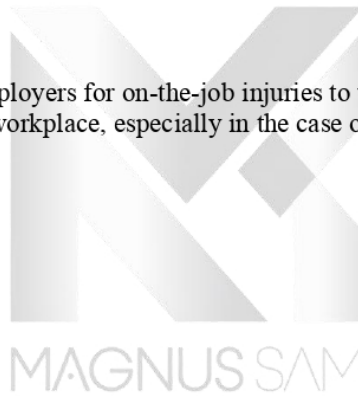
- (A) antidote
- (B) alternative
- (C) addition
- (D) deterrent
- (E) incentive

14. Literature is inevitably a _____ rather than _____ medium for the simple reason that writers interpose their own vision between the reader and reality.

- (A) distorting ... a neutral
- (B) transparent ... an opaque
- (C) colorful ... a drab
- (D) flawless ... an inexact
- (E) flexible ... a rigid

15. With its maverick approach to the subject, Shere Hite's book has been more widely debated than most; the media throughout the country have brought the author's _____ opinions to the public's attention.

- (A) controversial
- (B) authoritative
- (C) popular
- (D) conclusive
- (E) articulate



16. Though many medieval women possessed devotional books that had belonged to their mothers, formal written evidence of women bequeathing books to their daughters is scarce, which suggests that such bequests were _____ and required no _____.
- (A) unselfish ... rationalization
(B) tangential ... approval
(C) customary ... documentation
(D) covert ... discretion
(E) spurious ... record
17. Although their initial anger had _____ somewhat, they continued to _____ the careless worker who had broken the machine.
- (A) blazed ... assail
(B) diminished ... berate
(C) abated ... berate
(D) subsided ... condone
(E) intensified ... torment
18. Borrowing a copyrighted book from a library amounts to a form of theft _____ by entrenched custom: the copyright owner's property, the book, is used repeatedly without _____ for such use.
- (A) engendered ... application
(B) anticipated ... acknowledgement
(C) sanctioned ... compensation
(D) provoked ... adjustment
(E) perpetrated ... permission
19. The notion that a parasite can alter the behavior of a host organism is not mere fiction; indeed, the phenomenon is not even _____.
- (A) observable
(B) real
(C) comprehended
(D) rare
(E) imaginable
20. Although Shakespeare received little formal education, scholarship has in recent years _____ the view that he was _____ the work of classical authors.
- (A) substantiated ... unimpressed by
(B) eroded ... obsessed by
(C) supported ... oblivious to
(D) questioned ... influenced by
(E) undermined ... unfamiliar with
21. Darwin's method did not really _____ the idea of race as an important conceptual category; even the much more central idea of species was little more than a theoretical _____.

- (A) require ... convenience
 - (B) apply ... measurement
 - (C) exclude ... practice
 - (D) subsume ... validation
 - (E) reject ... fact
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Answer Keys:

EDCCB AD

AABEB EA

ACCCD EA

→ 1-(E) avoid ... postpone

Justification: "Avoid" and "postpone" indicate the queen and her counselors wanted to prevent war and delay it as long as possible. "Provoke ... delay" and other options do not fit the context of trying to avoid conflict.

→ 2-(D) applicable ... warranted

Justification: "Applicable" and "warranted" suggest the existing data on coal gasification does not address environmental issues, necessitating new research. "Transferable ... contradictory" and other options do not fit the context of research relevance.

→ 3-(C) immediate ... transformed

Justification: "Immediate" and "transformed" suggest humans are shaped by culture rather than just their immediate environment, and this culture is constantly changing with new information. "Harsh ... unconfirmed" and others do not fit the context of cultural influence.

→ 4-(C) reconciled

Justification: "Reconciled" means Wharton presented herself as having resolved the conflicts in her life, achieving harmony. "Affirmed" and other options do not fit the context of resolving conflicts.

→ 5-(B) omitted ... excuse

Justification: "Omitted" and "excuse" indicate the editors excluded important articles claiming they were too recent, but this justification is invalid. "Discussed ... replacement" and others do not fit the context of omission and justification.

→ 6-(A) swift

Justification: "Swift" indicates the labor union and management reached a quick agreement, despite their history of disagreement. "Onerous" and other options do not fit the context of an unexpectedly rapid resolution.

→ 7-(E) resort to ... spurns

Justification: "Resort to" and "spurns" indicate the author avoids inflamed indignation, preferring a detached, witty style. "Display ... rails at" and other options do not fit the context of a measured response.

→ 8-(A) definitive

Justification: "Definitive" suggests Vaillant seeks final answers to questions about human nature. "Confused" and other options do not fit the context of seeking conclusive answers.

→ 9-(A) narrow

Justification: "Narrow" indicates the engineering curriculum should be broad to include diverse fields. "Innovative" and other options do not fit the context of avoiding a limited curriculum.

→ 10-(B) luminous ... detect

Justification: "Luminous" and "detect" indicate supernovas are bright but often hard to observe due to distance or obstructions. "Remote ... observe" and others do not fit the context of visibility challenges.

→ 11-(E) excessive ... gouging

Justification: "Excessive" and "gouging" suggest the high price of gasoline led to perceptions of suppliers exploiting consumers. "Reactive ... shielding" and other options do not fit the context of consumer exploitation.

→ 12-(B) incorporates ... understand

Justification: "Incorporates" and "understand" indicate art uses scientific concepts without needing to grasp the underlying theories. "Precedes ... anticipate" and other options do not fit the context of using without full comprehension.

→ 13-(D) deterrent

Justification: "Deterrent" suggests imposing fines would discourage unsafe work environments. "Antidote" and other options do not fit the context of discouraging poor safety practices.

→ 14-(A) distorting ... a neutral

Justification: "Distorting ... a neutral" means literature alters reality because writers impose their vision, making it not neutral. "Transparent ... an opaque" and other options do not fit the context of literary mediation.

→ 15-(A) controversial

Justification: "Controversial" indicates Hite's book has sparked debate, with the media highlighting her contentious opinions. "Authoritative" and other options do not fit the context of debate and public attention.

→ 16-(C) customary ... documentation

Justification: "Customary" and "documentation" suggest book bequests from mothers to daughters were common and informal, not needing records. "Unselfish ... rationalization" and other options do not fit the context of informal practice.

→ 17-(C) abated ... berate

Justification: "Abated" and "berate" indicate the initial anger lessened, but they continued to scold the worker. "Blazed ... assault" and other options do not fit the context of reduced anger but ongoing criticism.

→ 18-(C) sanctioned ... compensation

Justification: "Sanctioned" and "compensation" suggest borrowing books from a library is an accepted practice without payment. "Engendered ... application" and other options do not fit the context of permitted use without pay.

→ 19-(D) rare

Justification: "Rare" indicates that the phenomenon of parasites altering host behavior is not uncommon. "Observable" and other options do not fit the context of frequency.

→ 20-(E) undermined ... unfamiliar with

Justification: "Undermined" and "unfamiliar with" suggest recent scholarship questions the view that Shakespeare was not knowledgeable about classical authors. "Substantiated ... unimpressed by" and other options do not fit the context of questioning familiarity.

→ 21-(A) require ... convenience

Justification: "Require ... convenience" means Darwin's method did not need the concept of race, and even species was a theoretical tool. "Apply ... measurement" and other options do not fit the context of conceptual necessity.

Sentence Completion - Model Test 8

1. The functions of the hands, eyes, and brain are so _____ that using the hands during early childhood helps to promote the child's entire _____ development.
- (A) intertwined ... perceptual
(B) unalterable ... intellectual
(C) enigmatic ... psychological
(D) regulated ... adolescent
(E) individualized ... social
2. Before 1500 North America was inhabited by more than 300 cultural groups, each with different customs, social structures, world views, and languages; such diversity _____ the existence of a single Native American culture.
- (A) complements
(B) implies
(C) reiterates
(D) argues against
(E) explains away
3. That dealers _____ enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than plunder it exist is not impossible, but the public's _____ appetite for modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.
- (A) chivalrous ... discriminating
(B) magnanimous ... quirky
(C) patient ... insatiable
(D) cynical ... finicky
(E) reckless ... zealous
4. In the absence of any _____ caused by danger, hardship, or even cultural difference, most utopian communities deteriorate into _____ but enervating backwaters.
- (A) turmoil ... frantic
(B) mistrust ... naive
(C) amelioration ... ignorant
(D) decimation ... intrusive
(E) stimulation ... placid
5. As Juanita argued, this new code of conduct is laughable; its principles are either _____, offering no wisdom but the obvious, or are so devoid of specific advice as to make almost any action _____.
- (A) irresolute ... unlikely
(B) corroborative ... redundant
(C) platitudinous ... justifiable

- (D) homogeneous ... impartial
(E) labyrinthine ... unacceptable
6. Histocompatibility antigens that attack foreign tissue in the body cannot have been _____ through evolution expressly to _____ organ transplantation; on the contrary, they have been found to facilitate many essential biological functions.
- (A) designed ... retain
(B) produced ... aid
(C) developed ... enhance
(D) selected ... promote
(E) conserved ... foil
7. Their air of cheerful self-sacrifice and endless complaisance won them undeserved praise, for their seeming gallantry was wholly motivated by a _____ wish to avoid conflict of any sort.
- (A) poignant
(B) sincere
(C) plaintive
(D) laudable
(E) craven
8. By idiosyncratically refusing to dismiss an insubordinate member of his staff, the manager not only _____ established policy, but he also _____ his heretofore good chances for promotion.
- (A) instituted ... bettered
(B) recognized ... protected
(C) contravened ... jeopardized
(D) reiterated ... computed
(E) delimited ... restricted
9. Congress is having great difficulty developing a consensus on energy policy, primarily because the policy objectives of various members of Congress rest on such _____ assumptions.
- (A) commonplace
(B) trivial
(C) explicit
(D) divergent
(E) fundamental
10. The widespread public shock at the news of the guilty verdict was caused partly by _____ news stories that had _____ acquittal.
- (A) sensational ... condemned
(B) buried ... urged
(C) impartial ... mentioned
(D) biased ... predicted
(E) local ... denounced

11. The idealized paintings of nature produced in the eighteenth century are evidence that the medieval _____ natural settings had been _____ and that the outdoors now could be enjoyed without trepidation.
- (A) fear of ... exorcised
(B) concerns about ... regained
(C) affection for ... surmounted
(D) disinterest in ... alleviated
(E) enthusiasm for ... confronted
12. Some paleontologists debate whether the diversity of species has _____ since the Cambrian period, or whether imperfections in the fossil record only suggest greater diversity today, while in actuality there has been either _____ or decreased diversity.
- (A) changed ... escalation
(B) increased ... stasis
(C) expanded ... discontinuity
(D) declined ... reduction
(E) improved ... deviation
13. Manipulating laboratory tissue cultures with hormones is one thing; using hormones to treat human beings, however, is contingent on whether hormones that _____ in the laboratory can affect _____ organisms, and in predictable ways.
- (A) develop ... similar
(B) succeed ... simple
(C) fail ... cellular
(D) work ... whole
(E) reproduce ... unknown
14. The astronomer and feminist Maria Mitchell's own prodigious activity and the vigor of the Association for the Advancement of Women during the 1870's _____ any assertion that feminism was _____ in that period.
- (A) exclude ... thriving
(B) contradict ... prospering
(C) pervade ... remote
(D) buttress ... dormant
(E) belie ... quiescent
15. Only by ignoring decades of mismanagement and inefficiency could investors conclude that a fresh infusion of cash would provide anything more than a _____ solution to the company's financial woes.
- (A) fair
(B) temporary
(C) genuine
(D) realistic
(E) complete

16. Although the discovery of antibiotics led to great advances in clinical practice, it did not represent a _____ bacterial illness, for there are some bacteria that cannot be _____ treated with antibiotics.
- (A) breakthrough in ... consistently
(B) panacea for ... effectively
(C) neglect of ... efficiently
(D) reexamination of ... conventionally
(E) resurgence of ... entirely
17. A misconception frequently held by novice writers is that sentence structure mirrors thought: the more convoluted the structure, the more _____ the ideas.
- (A) complicated
(B) inconsequential
(C) elementary
(D) fanciful
(E) blatant
18. Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes that were obvious to everyone else; even the hint of an untruth was _____ to him, but he _____ serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.
- (A) acceptable ... risked
(B) exciting ... averted
(C) repugnant ... courted
(D) anathema ... evaded
(E) tempting ... hazarded
19. Even though the general's carefully qualified public statement could hardly be _____, some people took _____ liberties with it.
- (A) respected ... liberties with
(B) inoffensive ... umbrage at
(C) faulted ... exception to
(D) credited ... potshots at
(E) dismissed ... interest in
20. Though feminist in its implications, Yvonne Rainer's 1974 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.
- (A) preserved
(B) portrayed
(C) encouraged
(D) renewed
(E) antedated
21. The chances that a species will _____ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ; _____ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

- (A) degenerate ... complexity
 - (B) expire ... size
 - (C) disappear ... variety
 - (D) flourish ... symmetry
 - (E) persist ... redundancy
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Answer Keys:

ADCEC EE

CDDAB DE

BBACC EE

→ 1-(A) intertwined ... perceptual

Justification: "Intertwined" indicates the close relationship between the hands, eyes, and brain, and "perceptual" fits the type of development being promoted. "Unalterable" and others do not convey the same interconnectedness.

→ 2-(D) argues against

Justification: "Argues against" suggests that the diversity of cultural groups contradicts the idea of a single Native American culture. "Complements" and others do not fit the context of contradiction.

→ 3-(C) patient ... insatiable

Justification: "Patient" fits the nurturing dealers, while "insatiable" describes the public's endless appetite for modern art. "Chivalrous ... discriminating" and others do not convey the same meanings.

→ 4-(E) stimulation ... placid

Justification: "Stimulation" refers to the need for excitement to prevent deterioration, and "placid" describes the resulting enervating backwaters. "Turmoil ... frantic" and others do not fit the context of calmness leading to stagnation.

→ 5-(C) platitudinous ... justifiable

Justification: "Platitudinous" means offering obvious wisdom, and "justifiable" indicates the lack of specific advice making any action acceptable. "Irresolute ... unlikely" and others do not fit the context of obviousness and lack of specificity.

→ 6-(E) conserved ... foil

Justification: "Conserved" indicates histocompatibility antigens were preserved through evolution, and "foil" means to prevent organ transplantation. "Designed ... retain" and others do not fit the context of evolutionary purpose and hindrance.

→ 7-(E) craven

Justification: "Craven" means cowardly, indicating their avoidance of conflict was motivated by fear. "Poignant," "sincere," and others do not fit the context of undeserved praise due to cowardice.

→ 8-(C) contravened ... jeopardized

Justification: "Contravened" means he went against established policy, and "jeopardized" indicates he risked his promotion chances. "Instituted ... bettered" and others do not fit the context of policy violation and risk.

→ 9-(D) divergent

Justification: "Divergent" indicates differing assumptions among Congress members, causing difficulty in reaching a consensus. "Commonplace" and others do not fit the context of differing viewpoints.

→ 10-(D) biased ... predicted

Justification: "Biased" indicates news stories were prejudiced, and "predicted" fits the context of expecting an acquittal. "Sensational ... condemned" and others do not fit the context of news predicting a specific outcome.

→ 11-(A) fear of ... exorcised

Justification: "Fear of ... exorcised" suggests that medieval fear of nature had been removed, allowing enjoyment of the outdoors. "Concerns about ... regained" and others do not fit the context of fear and removal.

→ 12-(B) increased ... stasis

Justification: "Increased" suggests debate on whether species diversity has grown, and "stasis" means no change. "Changed ... escalation" and others do not fit the context of diversity and consistency.

→ 13-(D) work ... whole

Justification: "Work" indicates hormones are effective in the lab, and "whole" refers to their effect on entire organisms. "Develop ... similar" and others do not fit the context of effectiveness and organism scope.

→ 14-(E) belie ... quiescent

Justification: "Belie" means contradict, and "quiescent" indicates dormancy, suggesting feminism was active, not dormant. "Exclude ... thriving" and others do not fit the context of contradiction and inactivity.

→ 15-(B) temporary

Justification: "Temporary" indicates a short-term solution, fitting the context of mismanagement and inefficiency. "Fair" and others do not fit the context of duration and effectiveness.

→ 16-(B) panacea for ... effectively

Justification: "Panacea" means a cure-all, and "effectively" fits the context of treatment limitations. "Breakthrough in ... consistently" and others do not fit the context of overall cure and treatment efficacy.

→ 17-(A) complicated

Justification: "Complicated" indicates that novice writers mistakenly think complex sentences reflect complex ideas. "Inconsequential" and others do not fit the context of perceived complexity.

→ 18-(C) repugnant ... courted

Justification: "Repugnant" means offensive, and "courted" indicates he risked serious trouble despite his aversion to untruths. "Acceptable ... risked" and others do not fit the context of aversion and risk.

→ 19-(D) credited ... potshots at

Justification: "Credited" means acknowledged, and "potshots at" indicates some people unfairly criticized his statement. "Respected ... liberties with" and others do not fit the context of acknowledgment and criticism.

→ 20-(E) antedated

Justification: "Antedated" means the film came before her involvement in feminist politics. "Preserved" and others do not fit the context of timing.

→ 21-(E) persist ... redundancy

Justification: "Persist" means continue to exist, and "redundancy" indicates multiple organs performing the same function provide a survival advantage. "Degenerate ... complexity" and others do not fit the context of survival and redundancy.

Sentence Completion - Model Test 9

1. The availability of oxygen is an essential _____ for animal life, while carbon dioxide is equally _____ for plant life.
(A) choice ... optional
(B) duplication ... selective
(C) conversion ... exchangeable
(D) condition ... necessary
(E) luxury ... harmful
2. Prudery actually draws attention to the vice it is supposed to _____; the very act that forbids speech or prohibits sight _____ what is hidden.
(A) condemn ... distorts
(B) monitor ... signals
(C) repress ... dramatizes
(D) obviate ... fosters
(E) divulge ... conceals
3. After thirty years of television, people have become “speed watchers”; consequently, if the camera lingers, the interest of the audience _____.
(A) broadens
(B) begins
(C) varies
(D) flags
(E) clears
4. Compared mathematically to smoking and driving, almost everything else seems relatively risk-free _____ almost nothing seems worth regulating.
(A) yet
(B) since
(C) so
(D) even though
(E) as long as
5. Ironically, Carver’s precision in sketching lives on the edge of despair ensures that his stories will sometimes be read too narrowly, much as Dickens’ social-reformer role once caused his broader concerns to be _____.
(A) ignored
(B) reinforced
(C) contradicted
(D) diminished
(E) diversified

6. The demise of the rigorous academic curriculum in high school resulted, in part, from the progressive rhetoric that _____ the study of subjects previously thought _____ as part of school learning.
- (A) advocated ... necessary
(B) enhanced ... indispensable
(C) restricted ... impractical
(D) undermined ... popular
(E) sanctioned ... inappropriate
7. While some see in practical jokes a wish for mastery in miniature over a world that seems very _____, others believe that the jokes' purpose is to disrupt, by reducing all transactions to _____.
- (A) dubious ... confusion
(B) disorderly ... symmetry
(C) harmonious ... dissonance
(D) unruly ... chaos
(E) turbulent ... uniformity
8. Aspartame, a new artificial sugar substitute, is only _____ replacement for saccharin because, unlike saccharin, it breaks down and loses its sweetening characteristics at high temperatures, making it _____ for baking.
- (A) an interim ... ideal
(B) an apparent ... excellent
(C) a potential .. versatile
(D) a significant ... problematic
(E) a partial ... unsuitable
9. Trapped thousands of years ago in Antarctic ice, recently discovered air bubbles are _____ time capsules filled with information for scientists who chart the history of the atmosphere.
- (A) inconsequential
(B) broken
(C) veritable
(D) resplendent
(E) impenetrable
10. In the days before the mass marketing of books, censorship was _____ source of _____, which helped the sale of the book and inspired Ralph Waldo Emerson to remark: "Every burned book enlightens the world".
- (A) a respected ... opinion
(B) a constant ... guidance
(C) a prime ... publicity
(D) an unnoticed ... opposition
(E) an unpromising ... criticism

11. It was not only the _____ geologists that _____ of earlier development of the revolutionary idea that the Earth's continents were moving plates; classical physicists, who could not then explain the mechanism, had declared continental movement impossible.
- (A) indecisiveness ... challenged
(B) radicalism ... deterred
(C) conservatism ... hindered
(D) assumptions ... hastened
(E) resistance ... mandated
12. Although often extremely critical of the medical profession as a whole, people are rarely willing to treat their personal doctors with equal _____.
- (A) impetuosity
(B) sarcasm
(C) mockery
(D) contempt
(E) condescension
13. Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function; consequently, his furniture designs asserted the _____ of human needs, and the furniture's form was _____ human use.
- (A) universality ... refined by
(B) importance ... relegated to
(C) rationale ... emphasized by
(D) primacy ... determined by
(E) variability ... reflected in
14. A _____ acceptance of contemporary forms of social behavior has misled a few into believing that values in conflict with the present age are for all practical purposes _____.
- (A) casual ... reliable
(B) superficial ... trenchant
(C) complacent ... superseded
(D) cautious ... redemptive
(E) plaintive ... redundant
15. Psychology has slowly evolved into an _____ scientific discipline that now functions autonomously with the same privileges and responsibilities as other sciences.
- (A) independent
(B) unusual
(C) outmoded
(D) uncontrolled
(E) inactive
16. A major goal of law, to deter potential criminals by punishing wrongdoers, is not served when the penalty is so seldom invoked that it _____ to be a _____ threat.

- (A) tends ... serious
- (B) appears ... real
- (C) ceases ... credible
- (D) fails ... deceptive
- (E) seems ... coercive

17. When people are happy, they tend to give _____ interpretations of events they witness: the eye of the beholder is _____ by the emotions of the beholder.

- (A) charitable ... colored
- (B) elaborate ... disquieted
- (C) conscientious ... deceived
- (D) vague ... sharpened
- (E) coherent ... confused

18. Even those who disagreed with Carmen's views rarely faulted her for expressing them, for the positions she took were as _____ as they were controversial.

- (A) complicated
- (B) political
- (C) subjective
- (D) commonplace
- (E) thoughtful

19. New research on technology and public policy focuses on how seemingly _____ design features generally overlooked in most analyses of public works projects or industrial machinery, actually _____ social choices of profound significance.

- (A) insignificant ... mask
- (B) inexpensive ... produce
- (C) innovative ... represent
- (D) ingenious ... permit
- (E) inopportune ... hasten

20. Paradoxically, Robinson's excessive denials of the worth of early works of science fiction suggest that she has become quite _____ them.

- (A) reflective about
- (B) enamored of
- (C) skeptical of
- (D) encouraged by
- (E) offended by

21. Cezanne's delicate watercolor sketches often served as _____ or a subject, a way of gathering fuller knowledge before the artist's final engagement of the subject in an oil painting.

- (A) an abstraction
- (B) an enhancement
- (C) a synthesis

- (D) a reconnaissance
 - (E) a transcription
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Answer Keys:

DCDCA ED

ECCCD DC

ACAEA BD

→ 1-(D) condition ... necessary

Justification: "Condition" and "necessary" indicate that oxygen is essential for animal life and carbon dioxide is equally essential for plant life. Other options do not correctly convey the necessity for both elements in their respective contexts.

→ 2-(C) repress ... dramatizes

Justification: "Repress" and "dramatizes" suggest that prudery draws more attention to the vice by making it a dramatic issue. "Condemn ... distorts" and other options do not fit the context of highlighting what is hidden.

→ 3-(D) flags

Justification: "Flags" means that the interest of the audience declines if the camera lingers. "Broadens" and other options do not convey the loss of interest.

→ 4-(C) so

Justification: "So" indicates that since everything else seems risk-free compared to smoking and driving, almost nothing seems worth regulating. "Yet" and other options do not fit the context of risk comparison.

→ 5-(A) ignored

Justification: "Ignored" means that Dickens' broader concerns were overlooked due to his role as a social reformer. "Reinforced" and other options do not convey the idea of being overlooked.

→ 6-(A) advocated ... necessary

Justification: "Advocated" and "necessary" indicate that progressive rhetoric promoted subjects that were previously essential in school learning. "Restricted ... impractical" and other options do not fit the context of promotion.

→ 7-(D) unruly ... chaos

Justification: "Unruly" and "chaos" suggest that practical jokes disrupt a world that seems very disorderly. "Dubious ... confusion" and other options do not convey the same disruption.

→ 8-(E) a partial ... unsuitable

Justification: "Partial" and "unsuitable" indicate that aspartame is only a partial replacement for saccharin and unsuitable for baking. "An interim ... ideal" and other options do not fit the context of limited suitability.

→ 9-(C) veritable

Justification: "Veritable" means that the air bubbles are true time capsules filled with information. "Inconsequential" and other options do not convey the idea of being filled with valuable information.

→ 10-(C) a prime ... publicity

Justification: "A prime ... publicity" suggests that censorship was a major source of publicity, helping book sales. "A respected ... opinion" and other options do not fit the context of generating publicity.

→ 11-(C) conservatism ... hindered

Justification: "Conservatism" and "hindered" indicate that traditional geologists and classical physicists prevented the development of the idea of moving continents. "Indecisiveness ... challenged" and other options do not convey the resistance.

→ 12-(D) contempt

Justification: "Contempt" suggests that people rarely show the same disdain for their personal doctors as they do for the medical profession as a whole. "Sarcasm" and other options do not convey the same level of disdain.

→ 13-(D) primacy ... determined by

Justification: "Primacy" and "determined by" indicate that Aalto's designs emphasized the importance of human needs, shaping the furniture's form. "Universality ... refined by" and other options do not fit the context of design.

→ 14-(C) complacent ... superseded

Justification: "Complacent" and "superseded" indicate that a relaxed acceptance of contemporary behaviors has led some to believe that conflicting values are outdated. "Casual ... reliable" and other options do not fit the context of outdated values.

→ 15-(A) independent

Justification: "Independent" means that psychology has evolved into a standalone scientific discipline. "Unusual" and other options do not convey the autonomy of the discipline.

→ 16-(C) ceases ... credible

Justification: "Ceases ... credible" indicates that the penalty loses its deterrent effect if it is rarely enforced. "Appears ... real" and other options do not convey the loss of credibility.

→ 17-(A) charitable ... colored

Justification: "Charitable" and "colored" suggest that happy people interpret events positively, influenced by their emotions. "Elaborate ... disquieted" and other options do not fit the context of positive interpretation.

→ 18-(E) thoughtful

Justification: "Thoughtful" means that Carmen's positions were well-considered and rarely faulted despite being controversial. "Complicated" and other options do not convey the consideration of her views.

→ 19-(A) insignificant ... mask

Justification: "Insignificant ... mask" suggests that overlooked design features actually hide important social choices. "Inexpensive ... produce" and other options do not fit the context of masking significance.

→ 20-(B) enamored of

Justification: "Enamored of" suggests that Robinson's excessive denials indicate a hidden admiration for early science fiction. "Reflective about" and other options do not convey the idea of hidden admiration.

→ 21-(D) a reconnaissance

Justification: "Reconnaissance" means that Cezanne's sketches were preliminary studies for understanding the subject before creating the final oil painting. "An abstraction" and other options do not convey the idea of preliminary study.

Sentence Completion - Model Test 10

1. Though it would be _____ to expect Barnard to have worked out all of the limitations of his experiment, he must be _____ for his neglect of quantitative analysis.
- (A) unjust ... pardoned
(B) impudent ... dismissed
(C) unrealistic ... criticized
(D) pointless ... examined
(E) inexcusable ... recognized
2. The hierarchy of medical occupations is in many ways a _____ system; its strata remain _____ and the practitioners in them have very little vertical mobility.
- (A) health ... skilled
(B) delivery ... basic
(C) regimental ... flexible
(D) training ... inferior
(E) caste ... intact
3. Noting the murder victim's flaccid musculature and pear-like figure, she deduced that the unfortunate fellow had earned his living in some _____ occupation.
- (A) treacherous
(B) prestigious
(C) ill-paying
(D) illegitimate
(E) sedentary
4. In Germany her startling powers as a novelist are widely _____, but she is almost unknown in the English speaking world because of the difficulties of _____ her eccentric prose.
- (A) ignored ... editing
(B) admired ... translating
(C) espoused ... revealing
(D) obscured ... comprehending
(E) dispersed ... transcribing
5. Liberty is not easy, but far better to be an _____ fox, hungry and threatened on its hill, than a _____ canary, safe and secure in its cage.
- (A) unfriendly ... fragile
(B) aging ... young
(C) angry ... content
(D) imperious ... lethargic
(E) unfettered ... well-fed

6. Remelting old metal cans rather than making primary aluminum from bauxite ore shipped from overseas saves producers millions of dollars in _____ and production costs.
- (A) distribution
 - (B) salvage
 - (C) storage
 - (D) procurement
 - (E) research
7. Johnson never _____ to ignore the standards of decent conduct mandated by company policy if compliance with instructions from his superiors enabled him to do so, whatever the effects on his subordinates.
- (A) deigned ... tacit
 - (B) attempted ... halfhearted
 - (C) intended ... direct
 - (D) scrupled ... literal
 - (E) wished ... feigned
8. Despite the apparently bewildering complexity of this procedure, the underlying _____ is quite _____.
- (A) simplicity ... calculated
 - (B) principle ... elementary
 - (C) confusion ... imaginary
 - (D) purpose ... effective
 - (E) theory ... modern
9. In television programming, a later viewing time often _____ a more _____ audience and, therefore, more challenging subjects and themes.
- (A) requires ... critical
 - (B) evinces ... affluent
 - (C) implies ... mature
 - (D) eliminates ... realistic
 - (E) invites ... general
10. The cultivation of the emotion of *natsukashii*, interpretable as “pleasant sorrow,” brings Japanese to Kyoto in the spring, not to _____ the cherry blossoms in full bloom but to _____ the fading, falling flowers.
- (A) mourn ... exclaim over
 - (B) honor ... protect
 - (C) describe ... rejoice over
 - (D) arrange ... preserve
 - (E) savor ... grieve over
11. Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations* (1776) is still worth reading, more to appreciate the current _____ of Smith’s valid contributions to economics than to see those contributions as the _____ of present-day economics.

- (A) disregard ... outgrowths
(B) reaffirmation ... concerns
(C) relevance ... precursors
(D) acceptance ... byproducts
(E) importance ... vestiges
12. At several points in his discussion, Graves, in effect, _____ evidence when it does not support his argument, tailoring it to his needs.
- (A) addresses
(B) creates
(C) alters
(D) suppresses
(E) substitutes
13. Regardless of what _____ theories of politics may propound, there is nothing that requires daily politics to be clear, thorough, and consistent? Nothing, that is, that requires reality to conform to theory.
- (A) vague
(B) assertive
(C) casual
(D) vicious
(E) tidy
14. Exposure to sustained noise has been claimed to _____ blood pressure regulation in human beings and, particularly, to increase hypertension, even though some researchers have obtained inconclusive results that _____ the relationship.
- (A) sharpen ... conflate
(B) increase ... diminish
(C) aggravate ... buttress
(D) disrupt ... neutralize
(E) impair ... obscure
15. After a slow sales start early in the year, mobile homes have been gaining favor as _____ to increasingly expensive conventional housing.
- (A) reaction
(B) an addition
(C) an introduction
(D) an alternative
(E) a challenge
16. Just as such apparently basic things as rocks, clouds, and clams are, in fact, intricately structured entities, so the self, too, is not an “elementary particle,” but is _____ construction.
- (A) a complicated
(B) a convoluted
(C) a distorted

- (D) an amorphous
- (E) an illusory

17. Considering how long she had yearned to see Italy, her first reaction was curiously _____.

- (A) meditative
- (B) tepid
- (C) categorical
- (D) unoriginal
- (E) insightful

18. The successful _____ of an archaeological site requires scientific knowledge as well as cultural _____.

- (A) evolution ... awareness
- (B) revelation ... depth
- (C) reconstruction ... sensitivity
- (D) analysis ... aesthetics
- (E) synthesis ... understanding

19. As painted by Constable, the scene is not one of bucolic _____; rather it shows a striking emotional and intellectual _____.

- (A) intensity ... boredom
- (B) complacency ... detachment
- (C) serenity ... tension
- (D) vitality ... excitement
- (E) nostalgia ... placidity

20. Our times seem especially _____ bad ideas, probably because in throwing off the shackles of tradition, we have ended up being quite _____ untested theories and untried remedies.

- (A) impervious ... tolerant of
- (B) hostile ... dependent on
- (C) hospitable ... vulnerable to
- (D) prone ... wary of
- (E) indifferent ... devoid of

21. Although he attempted repeatedly to _____ her of her conviction of his insincerity, he was not successful; she remained _____ in her judgment.

- (A) remind ... forceful
- (B) convince ... unfeigned
- (C) exorcise ... indulgent
- (D) disabuse ... adamant
- (E) free ... unsure

Answer Keys:

CEEBEDD

BCECC EE

DABCC CD

→ 1-(C) unrealistic ... criticized

Justification: "Unrealistic" indicates it is not reasonable to expect Barnard to work out all limitations, but he must be "criticized" for neglecting quantitative analysis. "Unjust ... pardoned" and others do not fit the context of reasonable criticism.

→ 2-(E) caste ... intact

Justification: "Caste ... intact" means the medical hierarchy is a rigid system with little mobility. "Regimental ... flexible" and others do not describe a system with little vertical movement.

→ 3-(E) sedentary

Justification: "Sedentary" suggests the murder victim had a job involving little physical activity, which aligns with the described physical condition. "Treacherous" and others do not fit the physical description given.

→ 4-(B) admired ... translating

Justification: "Admired" means her powers are recognized in Germany, but difficulties in "translating" her prose make her less known in English-speaking countries. "Ignored ... editing" and others do not fit the context of language barriers.

→ 5-(E) unfettered ... well-fed

Justification: "Unfettered" fox suggests freedom despite hardship, while "well-fed" canary implies safety but captivity. "Unfriendly ... fragile" and others do not convey the contrast between freedom and security.

→ 6-(D) procurement

Justification: "Procurement" refers to obtaining raw materials, which is saved by remelting cans. "Distribution" and others do not fit the context of sourcing materials.

→ 7-(D) scrupled ... literal

Justification: "Scrupled" indicates Johnson did not hesitate to ignore decent conduct if following orders, regardless of the impact. "Deigned ... tacit" and others do not fit the context of neglecting standards.

→ 8-(B) principle ... elementary

Justification: "Principle ... elementary" means the underlying idea of the procedure is simple despite its complexity. "Simplicity ... calculated" and others do not convey the foundational simplicity.

→ 9-(C) implies ... mature

Justification: "Implies ... mature" suggests later viewing times are associated with a more adult audience and challenging themes. "Requires ... critical" and others do not fit the context of audience characteristics.

→ 10-(E) savor ... grieve over

Justification: "Savor ... grieve over" indicates the Japanese appreciate the beauty of the fleeting moment. "Mourn ... exclaim over" and others do not capture the bittersweet appreciation.

→ 11-(C) relevance ... precursors

Justification: "Relevance ... precursors" means Smith's contributions are still pertinent and foundational to modern economics. "Disregard ... outgrowths" and others do not fit the context of ongoing importance.

→ 12-(D) suppresses

Justification: "Suppresses" indicates Graves hides evidence that does not support his argument. "Alters" and others do not fit the context of omission.

→ 13-(E) tidy

Justification: "Tidy" theories are neat and clear, but daily politics do not conform to such theories. "Vague" and others do not convey the expectation of orderliness.

→ 14-(E) impair ... obscure

Justification: "Impair ... obscure" indicates noise disrupts blood pressure regulation and unclear research results make the relationship harder to see. "Disrupt ... neutralize" and others do not fit the context of confusion.

→ 15-(D) an alternative

Justification: "Alternative" suggests mobile homes are a substitute for expensive conventional housing. "Reaction" and others do not fit the context of substitution.

→ 16-(A) a complicated

Justification: "A complicated" construction indicates the self is complex, not simple. "A distorted" and others do not fit the analogy of intricate structure.

→ 17-(B) tepid

Justification: "Tepid" indicates her reaction was unexpectedly indifferent despite her anticipation. "Meditative" and others do not fit the context of lackluster response.

→ 18-(C) reconstruction ... sensitivity

Justification: "Reconstruction ... sensitivity" means rebuilding a site requires scientific knowledge and cultural awareness. "Evolution ... awareness" and others do not fit the context of careful reassembly.

→ 19-(C) serenity ... tension

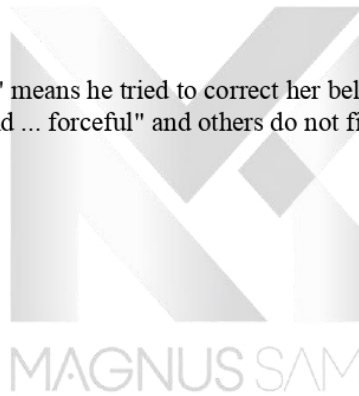
Justification: "Serenity ... tension" means the scene appears peaceful but conveys strong emotion and intellect. "Complacency ... detachment" and others do not fit the contrast described.

→ 20-(C) hospitable ... vulnerable to

Justification: "Hospitable ... vulnerable to" indicates openness to new ideas makes society susceptible to untested theories. "Impervious ... tolerant of" and others do not fit the context of openness and risk.

→ 21-(D) disabuse ... adamant

Justification: "Disabuse ... adamant" means he tried to correct her belief in his insincerity, but she remained firmly convinced. "Remind ... forceful" and others do not fit the context of persistent conviction.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 11

1. Dreams are _____ in and of themselves, but when combined with other data, they can tell us much about the dreamer.

(A) uninformative
(B) startling
(C) harmless
(D) unregulated
(E) uncontrollable
2. The Muses are _____ deities: they avenge themselves without mercy on those who weary of their charms.

(A) rueful
(B) ingenuous
(C) solicitous
(D) vindictive
(E) dispassionate
3. Without the psychiatrist's promise of confidentiality, trust is _____ and the patient's communication limited; even though confidentiality can thus be seen to be precious in therapy, moral responsibility sometimes requires a willingness to _____ it.

(A) implicit ... extend
(B) ambiguous ... apply
(C) prevented ... uphold
(D) assumed ... examine
(E) impaired ... sacrifice
4. Having fully embraced the belief that government by persuasion is preferable to government by _____, the leaders of the movement have recently _____ most of their previous statements supporting totalitarianism.

(A) intimidation ... issued
(B) participation ... moderated
(C) proclamation ... codified
(D) demonstration ... deliberated
(E) coercion ... repudiated
5. The powers and satisfactions of primeval people, though few and meager, were _____ their few and simple desires.

(A) simultaneous with
(B) commensurate with
(C) substantiated by
(D) circumscribed by
(E) ruined by

6. Some scientists argue that carbon compounds play such a central role in life on Earth because of the possibility of _____ resulting from the carbon atom's ability to form an unending series of different molecules.
- (A) deviation
(B) stability
(C) reproduction
(D) variety
(E) invigoration
7. Whereas the art critic Vasari saw the painting entitled the Mona Lisa as an original and wonderful _____ feat, the reproduction of a natural object, the aesthetes saw it as _____ that required deciphering.
- (A) collaborative ... an aberration
(B) historical ... a symbol
(C) technical ... a hieroglyph
(D) mechanical ... an imitation
(E) visual ... an illusion
8. As late as 1891 a speaker assured his audience that since profitable farming was the result of natural ability rather than _____, an education in agriculture was _____.
- (A) instruction ... vital
(B) effort ... difficult
(C) learning ... useless
(D) science ... intellectual
(E) luck ... senseless
9. In spite of the _____ nature of Scotland's terrain, its main roads are surprisingly free from severe _____.
- (A) rocky ... weather
(B) mountainous ... grades
(C) uncharted ... flooding
(D) unpredictable ... damage
(E) landlocked ... slipperiness
10. Walpole's art collection was huge and fascinating, and his novel The Castle of Otranto was never out of print; none of this mattered to the Victorians, who _____ him as, at best, _____.
- (A) dismissed ... insignificant
(B) judged ... worthwhile
(C) revered ... talented
(D) reviled ... meager
(E) taunted ... dangerous
11. Since the author frequently _____ other scholars, his objection to disputes is not only irrelevant but also _____.

- (A) supports ... overbearing
(B) provokes ... frightening
(C) quotes ... curious
(D) ignores ... peevish
(E) attacks ... surprising
12. Longdale and Stern discovered that mitochondria and chloroplasts _____ a long, identifiable sequence of DNA; such a coincidence could be _____ only by the transfer of DNA between the two systems.
- (A) manufacture ... accomplished
(B) reveal ... repeated
(C) exhibit ... determined
(D) share ... explained
(E) maintain ... contradicted
13. Until the current warming trend exceeds the range of normal climatic fluctuations, there will be, among scientists, considerable _____ the possibility that increasing levels of atmospheric CO₂ can cause long-term warming effects.
- (A) interest in
(B) uncertainty about
(C) enthusiasm for
(D) worry about
(E) experimentation on
14. Without seeming unworldly, William James appeared wholly removed from the _____ of society, the conventionality of academe.
- (A) ethos
(B) idealism
(C) romance
(D) paradoxes
(E) commonplaces
15. Created to serve as perfectly as possible their workaday _____, the wooden storage boxes made in America's Shaker communities are now _____ for their beauty.
- (A) environment ... accepted
(B) owners ... employed
(C) function ... valued
(D) reality ... transformed
(E) image ... seen
16. In order to _____ her theory that the reactions are _____, the scientist conducted many experiments, all of which showed that the heat of the first reaction is more than twice that of the second.
- (A) support ... different
(B) comprehend ... constant

- (C) evaluate ... concentrated
(D) capture ... valuable
(E) demonstrate ... problematic
17. The sheer bulk of data from the mass media seems to overpower us and drive us to _____ accounts for an easily and readily digestible portion of news.
- (A) insular
(B) investigative
(C) synoptic
(D) subjective
(E) sensational
18. William James lacked the usual _____ death; writing to his dying father, he spoke without _____ about the old man's impending death.
- (A) longing for ... regret
(B) awe of ... inhibition
(C) curiosity about ... rancor
(D) apprehension of ... eloquence
(E) anticipation of ... commiseration
19. Current data suggest that, although _____ states between fear and aggression exist, fear and aggression are as distinct physiologically as they are psychologically.
- (A) simultaneous
(B) serious
(C) exceptional
(D) partial
(E) transitional
20. It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever _____ others, in the end, all his _____ has only worked against him.
- (A) dedicating ... self-procession
(B) leading ... self-righteousness
(C) consigning ... self-adulation
(D) relegating ... self-sacrifice
(E) condemning ... self-analysis
21. Famous among job seekers for its _____, the company, quite apart from generous salaries, bestowed on its executives annual bonuses and such _____ as low-interest home mortgages and company cars.
- (A) magnanimity ... reparations
(B) inventiveness ... benefits
(C) largesse ... perquisites
(D) discernment ... prerogatives
(E) altruism ... credits

Answer Keys:

ADEEB DC

CBAED BE

CACBE CC

→ 1-(A) uninformative

Justification: "Uninformative" indicates that dreams alone do not provide much information, but when combined with other data, they reveal more about the dreamer. "Startling" and others do not fit the context of providing little information alone.

→ 2-(D) vindictive

Justification: "Vindictive" means the Muses are revengeful deities. "Rueful" and others do not convey the sense of merciless retaliation.

→ 3-(E) impaired ... sacrifice

Justification: "Impaired" and "sacrifice" indicate that trust is damaged without confidentiality, and sometimes moral responsibility requires breaking that confidentiality. "Implicit ... extend" and others do not fit the context of trust and moral responsibility.

→ 4-(E) coercion ... repudiated

Justification: "Coercion" and "repudiated" mean the leaders now prefer persuasion over force and have rejected their past support for totalitarianism. "Intimidation ... issued" and others do not convey this change in stance.

→ 5-(B) commensurate with

Justification: "Commensurate with" means the satisfactions of primeval people matched their simple desires. "Simultaneous with" and others do not accurately convey this balance.

→ 6-(D) variety

Justification: "Variety" suggests the carbon atom's ability to form numerous different molecules plays a central role in life. "Deviation" and others do not fit the context of diverse molecular formation.

→ 7-(C) technical ... a hieroglyph

Justification: "Technical" and "a hieroglyph" indicate that Vasari saw the painting as a technical achievement, while aesthetes saw it as a symbol needing interpretation. "Collaborative ... an aberration" and others do not fit this dual perspective.

→ 8-(C) learning ... useless

Justification: "Learning ... useless" suggests the speaker believed natural ability was more important than education for profitable farming. "Instruction ... vital" and others do not convey this belief.

→ 9-(B) mountainous ... grades

Justification: "Mountainous ... grades" means that despite Scotland's challenging terrain, its main roads are free from severe inclines. "Rocky ... weather" and others do not fit this context.

→ 10-(A) dismissed ... insignificant

Justification: "Dismissed ... insignificant" indicates Victorians viewed Walpole as unimportant. "Judged ... worthwhile" and others do not convey this disregard.

→ 11-(E) attacks ... surprising

Justification: "Attacks ... surprising" means the author's frequent criticism of others makes his objection to disputes unexpected. "Supports ... overbearing" and others do not fit this irony.

→ 12-(D) share ... explained

Justification: "Share ... explained" means mitochondria and chloroplasts having the same DNA sequence is best explained by DNA transfer. "Manufacture ... accomplished" and others do not fit this context.

→ 13-(B) uncertainty about

Justification: "Uncertainty about" indicates scientists are unsure if CO₂ levels cause long-term warming effects. "Interest in" and others do not convey this doubt.

→ 14-(E) commonplaces

Justification: "Commonplaces" means James seemed removed from society's conventional norms. "Ethos" and others do not fit the context of conventionality.

→ 15-(C) function ... valued

Justification: "Function ... valued" suggests Shaker boxes, made for practical use, are now appreciated for their beauty. "Environment ... accepted" and others do not fit this transformation.

→ 16-(A) support ... different

Justification: "Support ... different" means the scientist's experiments showed the reactions differ, supporting her theory. "Comprehend ... constant" and others do not fit the context of proving a difference.

→ 17-(C) synoptic

Justification: "Synoptic" means brief and comprehensive, fitting the need for digestible news portions. "Insular" and others do not fit the context of summarizing news.

→ 18-(B) awe of ... inhibition

Justification: "Awe of ... inhibition" means James lacked fear of death and spoke openly about it. "Longing for ... regret" and others do not fit the context of fearlessness and openness.

→ 19-(E) transitional

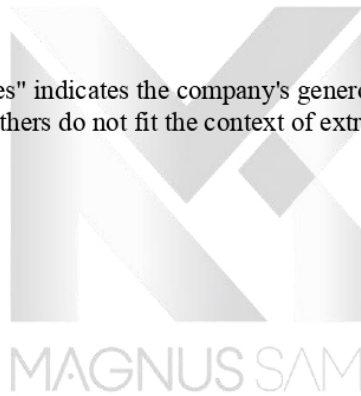
Justification: "Transitional" suggests states between fear and aggression exist but are distinct. "Simultaneous" and others do not fit the context of physiological and psychological distinction.

→ 20-(C) consigning ... self-adulation

Justification: "Consigning ... self-adulation" means the critic's vanity led to his current obscurity, undermining his self-praise. "Dedicating ... self-procession" and others do not fit the context of irony.

→ 21-(C) largesse ... perquisites

Justification: "Largesse ... perquisites" indicates the company's generosity and additional benefits. "Magnanimity ... reparations" and others do not fit the context of extra benefits like mortgages and cars.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 12

1. There are no solitary, free-living creatures; every form of life is _____ other forms.
(A) segregated from
(B) parallel to
(C) dependent on
(D) overshadowed by
(E) mimicked by
2. The sale of Alaska was not so much an American coup as a matter of _____ for an imperial Russia that was short of cash and unable to _____ its own continental coastline.
(A) negligence ... fortify
(B) custom ... maintain
(C) convenience ... stabilize
(D) expediency ... defend
(E) exigency ... reinforce
3. Despite assorted effusions to the contrary, there is no necessary link between scientific skill and humanism, and, quite possibly, there may be something of a _____ between them.
(A) generality
(B) fusion
(C) congruity
(D) dichotomy
(E) reciprocity
4. A common argument claims that in folk art, the artist's subordination of technical mastery to intense feeling _____ the direct communication of emotion to the viewer.
(A) facilitates
(B) averts
(C) neutralizes
(D) implies
(E) represses
5. While not completely nonplussed by the unusually caustic responses from members of the audience, the speaker was nonetheless visibly _____ by their lively criticism.
(A) humiliated
(B) discomfited
(C) deluded
(D) disgraced
(E) tantalized
6. In eighth-century Japan, people who _____ wasteland were rewarded with official ranks as part of an effort to overcome the shortage of _____ fields.

- (A) conserved ... forested
(B) reclaimed ... arable
(C) cultivated ... domestic
(D) irrigated ... accessible
(E) located ... desirable
7. If duty is the natural _____ of one's _____ the course of future events, then people who are powerful have duty placed on them whether they like it or not.
- (A) correlate ... understanding of
(B) outgrowth ... control over
(C) determinant ... involvement in
(D) mitigant ... preoccupation with
(E) arbiter ... responsibility for
8. Physicists rejected the innovative experimental technique because, although it _____ some problems, it also produced new _____.
- (A) clarified ... data
(B) eased ... interpretations
(C) resolved ... complications
(D) caused ... hypotheses
(E) revealed ... inconsistencies
9. During a period of protracted illness, the sick can become infirm, _____ both the strength to work and many of the specific skills they once possessed.
- (A) regaining
(B) denying
(C) pursuing
(D) insuring
(E) losing
10. The pressure of population on available resources is the key to understanding history; consequently, any historical writing that takes no cognizance of _____ facts is _____ flawed.
- (A) demographic ... intrinsically
(B) ecological ... marginally
(C) cultural ... substantively
(D) psychological ... philosophically
(E) political ... demonstratively
11. It is puzzling to observe that Jones's novel has recently been criticized for its _____ structure, since commentators have traditionally argued that its most obvious _____ is its relentlessly rigid, indeed schematic, framework.
- (A) attention to ... preoccupation
(B) speculation about ... characteristic
(C) parody of ... disparity

- (D) violation of ... contradiction
(E) lack of ... flaw
12. It comes as no surprise that societies have codes of behavior; the character of the codes, on the other hand, can often be _____.
(A) predictable
(B) unexpected
(C) admirable
(D) explicit
(E) confusing
13. The characterization of historical analysis as a form of fiction is not likely to be received _____ by either historians or literary critics, who agree that history and fiction deal with _____ orders of experience.
(A) quietly ... significant
(B) enthusiastically ... shifting
(C) passively ... unusual
(D) sympathetically ... distinct
(E) contentiously ... realistic
14. For some time now, _____ has been presumed not to exist: the cynical conviction that everybody has an angle is considered wisdom.
(A) rationality
(B) flexibility
(C) diffidence
(D) disinterestedness
(E) insincerity
15. The _____ of mass literacy coincided with the first industrial revolution; in turn, the new expansion in literacy, as well as cheaper printing, helped to nurture the _____ of popular literature.
(A) building ... mistrust
(B) reappearance ... display
(C) receipt ... source
(D) selection ... influence
(E) emergence ... rise
16. Although ancient tools were _____ preserved, enough have survived to allow us to demonstrate an occasionally interrupted but generally _____ progress through prehistory.
(A) partially ... noticeable
(B) superficially ... necessary
(C) unwittingly ... documented
(D) rarely ... continual
(E) needlessly ... incessant

17. In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the land fast ice so _____ that you can walk off the coast and not know you are over the hidden sea.
- (A) permanently
(B) imperceptibly
(C) irregularly
(D) precariously
(E) slightly
18. Kagan maintains that an infant's reactions to its first stressful experiences are part of a natural process of development, not harbingers of childhood unhappiness or _____ signs of adolescent anxiety.
- (A) prophetic
(B) normal
(C) monotonous
(D) virtual
(E) typical
19. An investigation that is _____ can occasionally yield new facts, even notable ones, but typically the appearance of such facts is the result of a search in a definite direction.
- (A) timely
(B) unguided
(C) consistent
(D) uncomplicated
(E) subjective
20. Like many eighteenth-century scholars who lived by cultivating those in power, Winckelmann neglected to neutralize, by some _____ gesture of comradeship, the resentment his peers were bound to feel because of his _____ the high and mighty.
- (A) quixotic ... intrigue with
(B) enigmatic ... familiarity with
(C) propitiatory ... involvement with
(D) salutary ... questioning of
(E) unfeigned ... sympathy for
21. In a _____ society that worships efficiency, it is difficult for a sensitive and idealistic person to make the kinds of _____ decisions that alone spell success as it is defined by such a society.
- (A) bureaucratic ... edifying
(B) pragmatic ... hardheaded
(C) rational ... well-intentioned
(D) competitive ... evenhanded
(E) modern ... dysfunctional

Answer Keys:

CDDAB BB

CEAEB DD

EDBAB CB

→ 1-(C) dependent on

Justification: "Dependent on" accurately describes the interconnected nature of life forms. "Segregated from" and others do not capture this essential interdependence.

→ 2-(D) expediency ... defend

Justification: "Expediency" and "defend" indicate Russia's need for practical solutions and inability to protect its coastline. "Negligence ... fortify" and others do not fit the context of strategic necessity.

→ 3-(D) dichotomy

Justification: "Dichotomy" indicates a division between scientific skill and humanism. "Generality" and others do not capture this potential opposition.

→ 4-(A) facilitates

Justification: "Facilitates" suggests that prioritizing feeling over technical mastery aids emotional communication. "Averts" and others do not convey this enhancement.

→ 5-(B) discomfited

Justification: "Discomfited" indicates the speaker was unsettled by criticism. "Humiliated" and others do not fit the level of visible unease described.

→ 6-(B) reclaimed ... arable

Justification: "Reclaimed" and "arable" fit the context of converting wasteland to usable farmland. "Conserved ... forested" and others do not match the agricultural focus.

→ 7-(B) outgrowth ... control over

Justification: "Outgrowth" and "control over" suggest that power brings with it the duty to influence future events. "Correlate ... understanding of" and others do not convey this causative relationship.

→ 8-(C) resolved ... complications

Justification: "Resolved ... complications" means the technique fixed some issues but created new ones. "Clarified ... data" and others do not capture this trade-off.

→ 9-(E) losing

Justification: "Losing" indicates that prolonged illness causes a decline in strength and skills. "Regaining" and others do not fit the context of deterioration.

→ 10-(A) demographic ... intrinsically

Justification: "Demographic ... intrinsically" means understanding population pressures is essential to history, and ignoring it is fundamentally flawed. "Ecological ... marginally" and others do not fit this intrinsic importance.

→ 11-(E) lack of ... flaw

Justification: "Lack of ... flaw" indicates the novel is criticized for its structure, traditionally seen as rigid. "Attention to ... preoccupation" and others do not convey this specific critique.

→ 12-(B) unexpected

Justification: "Unexpected" suggests that the nature of societal codes can be surprising. "Predictable" and others do not capture this element of surprise.

→ 13-(D) sympathetically ... distinct

Justification: "Sympathetically ... distinct" indicates historians and critics see history and fiction as different and would not welcome the comparison. "Quietly ... significant" and others do not convey this clear distinction.

→ 14-(D) disinterestedness

Justification: "Disinterestedness" refers to impartiality, which is considered non-existent in a cynical view. "Rationality" and others do not fit this specific presumption of bias.

→ 15-(E) emergence ... rise

Justification: "Emergence ... rise" indicates mass literacy and popular literature grew together during the industrial revolution. "Building ... mistrust" and others do not fit this positive correlation.

→ 16-(D) rarely ... continual

Justification: "Rarely ... continual" means ancient tools are seldom preserved, but their survival shows ongoing progress. "Partially ... noticeable" and others do not convey this scarcity and continuity.

→ 17-(B) imperceptibly

Justification: "Imperceptibly" describes the seamless transition from land to sea ice. "Permanently" and others do not capture this subtlety.

→ 18-(A) prophetic

Justification: "Prophetic" suggests that early stress reactions are not predictors of future anxiety. "Normal" and others do not fit the context of predicting future states.

→ 19-(B) unguided

Justification: "Unguided" indicates that even aimless investigations can yield new facts. "Timely" and others do not fit the context of random discovery.

→ 20-(C) propitiatory ... involvement with

Justification: "Propitiatory ... involvement with" means Winckelmann should have appeased his peers to counter their resentment of his connections. "Quixotic ... intrigue with" and others do not fit this need for conciliation.

→ 21-(B) pragmatic ... hardheaded

Justification: "Pragmatic ... hardheaded" means an idealistic person struggles to make practical, tough decisions in an efficiency-focused society. "Bureaucratic ... edifying" and others do not fit the context of success and decision-making.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 13

1. Because they had expected the spacecraft Voyager 2 to be able to gather data only about the planets Jupiter and Saturn, scientists were _____ the wealth of information it sent back from Neptune twelve years after leaving Earth.

(A) disappointed in
(B) concerned about
(C) confident in
(D) elated by
(E) anxious for
2. Wearing the latest fashions was exclusively the _____ of the wealthy until the 1850's, when mass production, aggressive entrepreneurs, and the availability of the sewing machine made them _____ the middle class.

(A) aspiration ... disagreeable to
(B) vexation ... superfluous for
(C) bane ... profitable to
(D) prerogative ... accessible to
(E) obligation ... popular with
3. Linguists have now confirmed what experienced users of ASL—American Sign Language—have always implicitly known: ASL is a grammatically _____ language in that it is capable of expressing every possible syntactic relation.

(A) limited
(B) economical
(C) complete
(D) shifting
(E) abstract
4. He was regarded by his followers as something of _____, not only because of his insistence on strict discipline, but also because of his _____ adherence to formal details.

(A) a martinet ... rigid
(B) an authority ... sporadic
(C) a tyrant ... reluctant
(D) a fraud ... conscientious
(E) an acolyte ... maniacal
5. The influence of the Timaeus among early philosophical thinkers was _____, if only because it was the sole dialogue _____ in Europe for almost 1,000 years.

(A) pervasive ... available
(B) inestimable ... suppressed
(C) unnoteworthy ... abridged

- (D) underestimated ... studied
(E) circumscribed ... translated
6. The Gibsons were little given to _____ in any form; not one of them was afraid of _____, of being and seeming unlike their neighbors.
- (A) humility ... absurdity
(B) excellence ... mediocrity
(C) anger ... confrontation
(D) conformism ... singularity
(E) ostentation ... eccentricity
7. Even after _____ against the _____ of popular sovereignty were included, major figures in the humanistic disciplines remained skeptical about the proposal to extend suffrage to the masses.
- (A) recommendations ... continuation
(B) safeguards ... excesses
(C) arguments ... introduction
(D) provisions ... advantages
(E) laws ... creation
8. A recent survey shows that, while ninety-four percent of companies conducting management-training programs open them to women, women are _____ only seventy-four percent of those programs.
- (A) protesting against
(B) participating in
(C) displeased by
(D) allowed in
(E) refused by
9. Thomas Paine, whose political writing was often flamboyant, was in private life a surprisingly _____ man: he lived in rented rooms, ate little, and wore drab clothes.
- (A) simple
(B) controversial
(C) sordid
(D) comfortable
(E) discourteous
10. Their _____ of loyalties is first to oneself, next to kin, then to fellow tribe members, and finally to compatriots.
- (A) merging
(B) hierarchy
(C) definition
(D) judgment
(E) cognizance

11. The belief that science destroys the arts appears to be supported by historical evidence that the arts have _____ only when the sciences have been _____.
- (A) declined ... attacked
(B) flourished ... neglected
(C) matured ... unconcerned
(D) succeeded ... developed
(E) floundered ... constrained
12. The action and characters in a melodrama can be so immediately _____ that all observers can hiss the villain with an air of smug but enjoyable _____.
- (A) spurned ... boredom
(B) forgotten ... condescension
(C) classified ... self-righteousness
(D) plausible ... guilt
(E) gripping ... skepticism
13. In the design of medical experiments, the need for _____ assignment of treatments to patients must be _____ the difficulty of persuading patients to participate in an experiment in which their treatment is decided by chance.
- (A) independent ... amended by
(B) competent ... emphasized by
(C) mechanical ... controlled by
(D) swift ... associated with
(E) random ... reconciled with
14. Though dealers insist that professional art dealers can make money in the art market, even an _____ knowledge is not enough: the art world is so fickle that stock-market prices are _____ by comparison.
- (A) amateur's ... sensible
(B) expert's ... erratic
(C) investor's ... booming
(D) insider's ... predictable
(E) artist's ... irrational
15. Although economists have traditionally considered the district to be solely an agricultural one, the _____ of the inhabitants' occupations makes such a classification obsolete.
- (A) productivity
(B) diversity
(C) predictability
(D) profitability
(E) stability
16. The author of this book _____ overlooks or minimizes some of the problems and shortcomings in otherwise highly successful foreign industries in order to _____ the points on which they excel and on which we might try to emulate them.

- (A) accidentally ... exaggerate
(B) purposely ... emphasize
(C) occasionally ... counterbalance
(D) intentionally ... confuse
(E) cleverly ... compound
17. Crosby's colleagues have never learned, at least not in time to avoid embarrassing themselves, that her occasional _____ air of befuddlement _____ a display of her formidable intelligence.
- (A) genuine ... dominates
(B) alert ... contradicts
(C) acute ... precludes
(D) bogus ... presages
(E) painstaking ... succeeds
18. To ensure the development and exploitation of a new technology, there must be a constant _____ of several nevertheless distinct activities.
- (A) interplay
(B) implementation
(C) comprehending
(D) improvement
(E) exploration
19. Some customs travel well; often, however, behavior that is considered the epitome of _____ at home is perceived as impossibly rude or, at the least, harmlessly bizarre abroad.
- (A) novelty
(B) eccentricity
(C) urbanity
(D) coarseness
(E) tolerance
20. The _____ of the early Greek philosophers' attempts to explain the operations of the cosmos led certain later thinkers to inquire into the _____ of human reason.
- (A) difficulty ... origin
(B) meaning ... supremacy
(C) complexity... reality
(D) equivocations ... subtlety
(E) failures ... efficacy
21. Ever prey to vagrant impulses that impelled him to _____ his talents on a host of unworthy projects, his very _____ nonetheless enhanced his reputation, for the sheer energy of his extravagance dazzled observers.
- (A) undermine ... enthusiasm
(B) isolate ... selectiveness
(C) display ... affability

- (D) squander ... dissipation
(E) implicate ... genius
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Answer Keys:

DDCAA DB

BABBC ED

BBDAC ED

→ 1-(D) elated by

Justification: "Elated by" indicates that scientists were extremely happy and surprised by the unexpected data from Neptune. "Disappointed in" and other options do not fit the context of pleasant surprise.

→ 2-(D) prerogative ... accessible to

Justification: "Prerogative" and "accessible to" mean that fashion was initially the exclusive right of the wealthy but became available to the middle class. "Aspiration ... disagreeable to" and others do not fit the historical change in accessibility.

→ 3-(C) complete

Justification: "Complete" means ASL is fully capable of expressing all syntactic relations. "Limited" and other options do not convey the comprehensive grammatical capability of ASL.

→ 4-(A) a martinet ... rigid

Justification: "A martinet" and "rigid" describe someone who insists on strict discipline and adherence to details. "An authority ... sporadic" and others do not fit the strict and detailed context.

→ 5-(A) pervasive ... available

Justification: "Pervasive" and "available" mean Timaeus was widely influential because it was the only dialogue available in Europe for a long time. "Inestimable ... suppressed" and others do not fit the context of wide availability.

→ 6-(D) conformism ... singularity

Justification: "Conformism" and "singularity" indicate that the Gibsons did not conform and were not afraid of being unique. "Humility ... absurdity" and others do not convey the idea of nonconformity and uniqueness.

→ 7-(B) safeguards ... excesses

Justification: "Safeguards" and "excesses" mean protections were included against the extremes of popular sovereignty, yet skepticism remained. "Recommendations ... continuation" and others do not fit the context of protection and skepticism.

→ 8-(B) participating in

Justification: "Participating in" indicates women are involved in seventy-four percent of the training programs. "Protesting against" and other options do not fit the context of participation.

→ 9-(A) simple

Justification: "Simple" describes Thomas Paine's modest lifestyle. "Controversial" and other options do not match the description of his private simplicity.

→ 10-(B) hierarchy

Justification: "Hierarchy" indicates a ranking order of loyalties. "Merging" and other options do not fit the context of a ranked system.

→ 11-(B) flourished ... neglected

Justification: "Flourished ... neglected" means the arts thrived when sciences were not emphasized. "Declined ... attacked" and others do not fit the historical observation.

→ 12-(C) classified ... self-righteousness

Justification: "Classified" and "self-righteousness" mean characters in a melodrama can be easily categorized, leading to a smug enjoyment by the audience. "Spurned ... boredom" and others do not fit the context of easy classification and enjoyment.

→ 13-(E) random ... reconciled with

Justification: "Random ... reconciled with" means the need for random assignment in medical experiments must be balanced with the difficulty of persuading patients. "Independent ... amended by" and others do not fit the context of balancing and reconciling.

→ 14-(D) insider's ... predictable

Justification: "Insider's ... predictable" means even deep knowledge is insufficient due to the art world's unpredictability compared to the stock market. "Amateur's ... sensible" and others do not fit the context of unpredictability.

→ 15-(B) diversity

Justification: "Diversity" means the variety of occupations makes the agricultural classification outdated. "Productivity" and other options do not convey the idea of varied occupations.

→ 16-(B) purposely ... emphasize

Justification: "Purposely ... emphasize" indicates the author intentionally overlooks problems to highlight strengths. "Accidentally ... exaggerate" and others do not fit the context of intentional emphasis.

→ 17-(D) bogus ... presages

Justification: "Bogus ... presages" means her fake befuddlement signals her real intelligence. "Genuine ... dominates" and others do not fit the context of deceptive appearances.

→ 18-(A) interplay

Justification: "Interplay" indicates a constant interaction of distinct activities. "Implementation" and other options do not convey the idea of interaction.

→ 19-(C) urbanity

Justification: "Urbanity" means sophisticated behavior considered polite at home may be seen as rude abroad. "Novelty" and other options do not fit the context of perceived politeness.

→ 20-(E) failures ... efficacy

Justification: "Failures ... efficacy" means the early philosophers' failures led to inquiries into human reason's effectiveness. "Difficulty ... origin" and others do not fit the context of failure and effectiveness.

→ 21-(D) squander ... dissipation

Justification: "Squander ... dissipation" means he wasted his talents on unworthy projects, and his wastefulness enhanced his reputation. "Undermine ... enthusiasm" and others do not fit the context of wasteful energy enhancing reputation.

Sentence Completion - Model Test 14

1. Given the existence of so many factions in the field, it was unrealistic of Anna Freud to expect any _____ of opinion.
(A) freedom
(B) reassessment
(C) uniformity
(D) expression
(E) formation
2. Although specific concerns may determine the intent of a research project, its results are often _____.
(A) unanticipated
(B) beneficial
(C) expensive
(D) spectacular
(E) specialized
3. To list Reilly's achievements in a fragmentary way is _____, for it distracts our attention from the _____ themes of her work.
(A) unproductive ... disparate
(B) misleading ... integrating
(C) pragmatic ... comprehensive
(D) logical ... important
(E) inevitable ... unsettling
4. People frequently denigrate books about recent catastrophes as morally _____, attempts to profit from misfortune, but in my view our desire for such books, together with the venerable tradition to which they belong, _____ them.
(A) inopportune ... encourages
(B) fortuitous ... fosters
(C) treacherous ... safeguards
(D) despicable ... legitimizes
(E) corrupt ... generates
5. That many of the important laws of science were discovered during experiments designed to _____ other phenomena suggests that experimental results are the _____ of inevitable natural forces rather than of planning.
(A) analyze ... foundations
(B) disprove ... predecessors
(C) alter ... adjuncts
(D) illuminate ... consequence
(E) verify ... essence

6. Although in eighteenth-century England an active cultural life accompanied the beginnings of middle-class consumerism, the _____ of literacy was _____ with the rise of such consumerism in the different areas of the country.
- (A) repudiation ... reconciled
(B) renewal ... inconsistent
(C) promotion ... combined
(D) spread ... compatible
(E) degree ... uncorrelated
7. The trainees were given copies of a finished manual to see whether they could themselves begin to _____ the inflexible, though tacit, rules for composing more of such instructional materials.
- (A) design
(B) revise
(C) disrupt
(D) standardize
(E) derive
8. Many artists believe that successful imitation, far from being symptomatic of a lack of _____, is the first step in learning to be creative.
- (A) elegance
(B) resolution
(C) goodness
(D) originality
(E) sympathy
9. As serious as she is about the bullfight, she does not allow respect to _____ her sense of whimsy when painting it.
- (A) inspire
(B) provoke
(C) suppress
(D) attack
(E) satisfy
10. No one is _____ about Stephens; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound _____ in those who work for him.
- (A) neutral ... antipathy
(B) infuriated ... aversion
(C) worried ... anxiety
(D) enthusiastic ... veneration
(E) apprehensive ... consternation
11. Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of population; recent studies of evolution, however, have found no _____ this view of selection.

- (A) departures from ... controversial
(B) basis for ... pervasive
(C) bias toward ... unchallenged
(D) precursors of ... innovative
(E) criticisms of ... renowned
12. The new biological psychiatry does not deny the contributing role of psychological factors in mental illnesses, but posits that these factors may act as a catalyst on existing physiological conditions and _____ such illnesses.
- (A) disguise
(B) impede
(C) constrain
(D) precipitate
(E) consummate
13. During periods of social and cultural stability, many art academies are so firmly controlled by _____ that all real creative work must be done by the _____.
- (A) dogmatists ... disenfranchised
(B) managers ... reactionaries
(C) reformers ... dissatisfied
(D) imposters ... academicians
(E) specialists ... elite
14. The First World War began in a context of jargon and verbal delicacy and continued in a cloud of _____ as _____ as language and literature, skillfully used, could make it.
- (A) circumlocution ... literal
(B) cliché ... lucid
(C) euphemism ... impenetrable
(D) particularity ... deliberate
(E) subjectivity ... enthralling
15. Because no comprehensive _____ exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.
- (A) records
(B) instincts
(C) remedies
(D) proposals
(E) commercials
16. In our corporation there is a _____ between male and female _____ because 73 percent of the men and 34 percent of the women polled believe that our company provides equal compensation to men and women.
- (A) contrast ... stereotypes
(B) difference ... perceptions
(C) variation ... salaries

- (D) resemblance ... employees
(E) similarity ... aspirations
17. The wonder of De Quincey is that although opium dominated his life, it never _____ him; indeed, he turned its use to _____ when he published the story of its influence in the London Magazine.
- (A) overcame ... altruism
(B) intimidated ... triumph
(C) distressed ... pleasure
(D) conquered ... gain
(E) released ... necessity
18. The reduction of noise has been _____ in terms of _____ its sources, but the alternative of canceling noise out by adding sound with the opposite wave pattern may be more useful in practice.
- (A) justified ... diffusing
(B) accomplished ... tracking
(C) conceived ... concealing
(D) explained ... isolating
(E) approached ... eliminating
19. While Parker is very outspoken on issues she cares about, she is not _____; she concedes the _____ of opposing arguments when they expose weaknesses inherent in her own.
- (A) fickle ... validity
(B) arrogant ... restraint
(C) fanatical ... strength
(D) congenial ... incompatibility
(E) unyielding ... speciousness
20. Hampshire's assertions, far from showing that we can _____ the ancient puzzles about objectivity, reveal the issue to be even more _____ than we had thought.
- (A) adapt ... pressing
(B) dismiss ... relevant
(C) rediscover ... unconventional
(D) admire ... elusive
(E) appreciate ... interesting
21. Usually the first to spot data that were inconsistent with other findings, in this particular experiment she let a number of _____ results slip by.
- (A) inaccurate
(B) verifiable
(C) redundant
(D) salient
(E) anomalous

Answer Keys:

CABDD EE

DCABD AC

ABDEC BE

→ 1-(C) uniformity

Justification: "Uniformity" fits as Anna Freud's expectation was unrealistic due to the many factions in the field. "Freedom," "reassessment," and other options do not capture the idea of consistent agreement.

→ 2-(A) unanticipated

Justification: "Unanticipated" indicates research results are often unexpected. "Beneficial" and other options do not convey the element of surprise.

→ 3-(B) misleading ... integrating

Justification: "Misleading" and "integrating" suggest that fragmentary listing distracts from the cohesive themes of Reilly's work. "Unproductive ... disparate" and others do not fit this context.

→ 4-(D) despicable ... legitimizes

Justification: "Despicable" and "legitimizes" indicate that while such books are seen as morally wrong, their tradition and our desire for them validate their existence. "Inopportune ... encourages" and others do not fit as well.

→ 5-(D) illuminate ... consequence

Justification: "Illuminate" and "consequence" suggest experiments aiming to explain one phenomenon often lead to discovering another, indicating the results are natural rather than planned. "Analyze ... foundations" and others do not fit this context.

→ 6-(E) degree ... uncorrelated

Justification: "Degree" and "uncorrelated" show that the spread of literacy was not linked with the rise of consumerism. "Promotion ... combined" and others do not fit this historical context.

→ 7-(E) derive

Justification: "Derive" indicates trainees need to understand implicit rules to create similar manuals. "Design," "revise," and other options do not capture the need to infer rules.

→ 8-(D) originality

Justification: "Originality" fits as imitation is seen as the first step toward creativity, not a lack of uniqueness. "Elegance," "resolution," and other options do not fit the context of creative development.

→ 9-(C) suppress

Justification: "Suppress" means she does not let respect stifle her whimsy. "Inspire," "provoke," and other options do not convey the idea of holding back.

→ 10-(A) neutral ... antipathy

Justification: "Neutral ... antipathy" suggests strong feelings about Stephens, either positive or negative. "Infuriated ... aversion" and other options do not fit the context of polarizing opinions.

→ 11-(B) basis for ... pervasive

Justification: "Basis for ... pervasive" means no foundational evidence was found for the view, implying its wide acceptance was misplaced. "Departures from ... controversial" and others do not fit.

→ 12-(D) precipitate

Justification: "Precipitate" indicates psychological factors may trigger mental illnesses by acting on physiological conditions. "Disguise," "impede," and other options do not fit this causative role.

→ 13-(A) dogmatists ... disenfranchised

Justification: "Dogmatists ... disenfranchised" indicates that creative work is done by those outside the mainstream due to rigid control by dogmatists. "Managers ... reactionaries" and other options do not fit.

→ 14-(C) euphemism ... impenetrable

Justification: "Euphemism ... impenetrable" indicates that the war was described in a way that obscured reality. "Circumlocution ... literal" and others do not capture this obscuring effect.

→ 15-(A) records

Justification: "Records" indicates the lack of documentation on reading habits, explaining why we do not know the extent of personal reading. "Instincts," "remedies," and other options do not fit the context of documentation.

→ 16-(B) difference ... perceptions

Justification: "Difference ... perceptions" highlights the disparity in how male and female employees view compensation equality. "Contrast ... stereotypes" and other options do not fit this context.

→ 17-(D) conquered ... gain

Justification: "Conquered ... gain" suggests De Quincey turned his opium use into a positive outcome by writing about it. "Overcame ... altruism" and others do not fit the context of overcoming addiction.

→ 18-(E) approached ... eliminating

Justification: "Approached ... eliminating" indicates that noise reduction has been addressed by trying to remove sources, but adding counter-noise may be more effective. "Justified ... diffusing" and others do not fit.

→ 19-(E) unyielding ... speciousness

Justification: "Unyielding ... speciousness" suggests Parker acknowledges valid opposing arguments that expose weaknesses in her own, indicating flexibility. "Fanatical ... strength" and others do not fit.

→ 20-(B) dismiss ... relevant

Justification: "Dismiss ... relevant" shows Hampshire's assertions reveal the issue of objectivity to be even more pressing, not dismissible. "Adapt ... pressing" and others do not fit.

→ 21-(E) anomalous

Justification: "Anomalous" means she overlooked results that were out of the ordinary, inconsistent with other findings. "Inaccurate," "verifiable," and other options do not fit the context of unusual data.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 15

1. There is perhaps some truth in that waggish old definition of a scholar—a siren that calls attention to a fog without doing anything to _____ it.
- (A) describe
(B) cause
(C) analyze
(D) dispel
(E) thicken
2. Cryogenic energy storage has the advantage of being suitable in any _____, regardless of geography or geology, factors that may _____ both underground gas storage and pumped hydroelectric storage.
- (A) location ... limit
(B) climate ... deter
(C) site ... forebode
(D) proportion ... typify
(E) surface ... hamper
3. The newborn human infant is not a passive figure, nor an active one, but what might be called an actively _____ one, eagerly attentive as it is to sights and sounds.
- (A) adaptive
(B) selective
(C) inquisitive
(D) receptive
(E) intuitive
4. Opponents of the expansion of the market economy, although in _____, continued to constitute a political force throughout the century.
- (A) error ... an inconsequential
(B) retreat ... a powerful
(C) disarray ... a disciplined
(D) jeopardy ... an ineffective
(E) command ... a viable
5. Nature's energy efficiency often _____ human technology: despite the intensity of the light fireflies produce, the amount of heat is negligible; only recently have humans developed chemical light-producing systems whose efficiency _____ the firefly's system.
- (A) engenders ... manipulates
(B) reflects ... simulates
(C) outstrips ... rivals
(D) inhibits ... matches
(E) determines ... reproduces

6. Scholars' sense of the uniqueness of the central concept of "the state" at the time when political science became an academic field quite naturally led to striving for a correspondingly _____ mode of study.
- (A) thorough
(B) distinctive
(C) dependable
(D) scientific
(E) dynamic
7. Just as astrology was for centuries _____ faith, countering the strength of established churches, so today believing in astrology is an act of _____ the professional sciences.
- (A) an individual ... rebellion by
(B) an accepted ... antagonism toward
(C) an underground ... defiance against
(D) a heretical ... support for
(E) an unknown ... concern about
8. Despite the fact that the two council members belonged to different political parties, they _____ the issue of how to finance the town debt.
- (A) complicated
(B) avoided
(C) attested to
(D) reported on
(E) agreed on
9. The breathing spell provided by the _____ arms shipments should give all the combatants a chance to reevaluate their positions.
- (A) plethora of
(B) moratorium on
(C) reciprocation of
(D) concentration on
(E) development of
10. The notion that cultural and biological influences _____ determine cross-cultural diversity is discredited by the fact that, in countless aspects of human existence, it is cultural programming that overwhelmingly accounts for cross-population variance.
- (A) jointly
(B) completely
(C) directly
(D) equally
(E) eventually
11. Because medieval women's public participation in spiritual life was not welcomed by the male establishment, a compensating _____ religious writings, inoffensive to the members of the establishment because of its _____, became important for many women.

- (A) involvement with ... privacy
(B) attention to ... popularity
(C) familiarity with ... scarcity
(D) dissatisfaction with ... profundity
(E) resistance to ... domesticity
12. This final essay, its prevailing kindliness _____ by occasional flashes of savage irony, bespeaks the _____ character of the author.
- (A) illuminated ... imperturbable
(B) marred ... dichotomous
(C) untainted ... vindictive
(D) exemplified ... chivalrous
(E) diluted ... ruthless
13. Although his attempts to appear psychotic were so _____ as to be almost _____, there is evidence that Ezra Pound was able to avoid standing trial for treason merely by faking symptoms of mental illness.
- (A) spontaneous ... amusing
(B) contrived ... believable
(C) clumsy ... ludicrous
(D) stylized ... distressing
(E) sporadic ... premeditated
14. The _____ questions that consistently structure the study of history must be distinguished from merely _____ questions, which have their day and then pass into oblivion.
- (A) recurrent ... practical
(B) instinctive ... factual
(C) ingrained ... discriminating
(D) philosophical ... random
(E) perennial ... ephemeral
15. The natural balance between prey and predator has been increasingly _____, most frequently by human intervention.
- (A) celebrated
(B) predicted
(C) observed
(D) disturbed
(E) questioned
16. There is some _____ the fact that the author of a book as sensitive and informed as Indian Artisans did not develop her interest in Native American art until adulthood, for she grew up in a region rich in American Indian culture.
- (A) irony in
(B) satisfaction in
(C) doubt about

- (D) concern about
(E) presumptuousness in
17. Ecology, like economics, concerns itself with the movement of valuable _____ through a complex network of producers and consumers.
- (A) commodities
(B) dividends
(C) communications
(D) nutrients
(E) artifacts
18. Observable as a tendency of our culture is a _____ of _____ psychoanalysis: we no longer feel that it can solve our emotional problems.
- (A) divergence ... certainty about
(B) confrontation ... enigmas in
(C) withdrawal ... belief in
(D) defense ... weaknesses in
(E) failure ... rigor in
19. The struggle of the generations is one of the obvious constants of human affairs; therefore, it may be presumptuous to suggest that the rivalry between young and old in Western society during the current decade is _____ critical.
- (A) perennially
(B) disturbingly
(C) uniquely
(D) archetypally
(E) captiously
20. Rhetoric often seems to _____ over _____ reason in a heated debate, with both sides _____ in hyperbole.
- (A) cloud ... subsiding
(B) prevail ... yielding
(C) triumph ... engaging
(D) reverberate ... clamoring
(E) trample ... tangling
21. Melodramas, which presented stark oppositions between innocence and criminality, virtue and corruption, good and evil, were popular precisely because they offered the audience a world _____ of _____.
- (A) bereft ... theatricality
(B) composed ... adversity
(C) full ... circumstantiality
(D) deprived ... polarity
(E) devoid ... neutrality

Answer Keys:

DADBC BC

EBDAB CE

DAACC CE

→ 1-(D) dispel

Justification: "Dispel" is correct as it implies the scholar calls attention to the fog without removing it. "Describe" and other options do not fit the context of resolving or removing the issue.

→ 2-(A) location ... limit

Justification: "Location" and "limit" indicate cryogenic energy storage can be used anywhere, unlike underground gas storage and hydroelectric storage, which are restricted by geography. "Climate ... deter" and others do not capture this unrestricted suitability.

→ 3-(D) receptive

Justification: "Receptive" describes the infant as actively open to sights and sounds, fitting the context of attentive observation. "Adaptive" and other options do not match the context of eager attentiveness.

→ 4-(B) retreat ... a powerful

Justification: "Retreat" and "a powerful" indicate that opponents were losing ground but still influential. "Error ... an inconsequential" and others do not fit the context of maintaining political force.

→ 5-(C) outstrips ... rivals

Justification: "Outstrips" and "rivals" suggest nature's efficiency is greater than human technology, which has only recently matched the firefly's efficiency. "Engenders ... manipulates" and others do not capture this superiority and comparison.

→ 6-(B) distinctive

Justification: "Distinctive" reflects the unique study mode scholars aimed for regarding the concept of "the state." "Thorough" and other options do not emphasize uniqueness.

→ 7-(C) an underground ... defiance against

Justification: "An underground ... defiance against" means astrology was a counter-culture belief against established institutions, both historically and in modern times. "An individual ... rebellion by" and others do not capture this defiance.

→ 8-(E) agreed on

Justification: "Agreed on" fits as the council members found common ground on the financing issue despite political differences. "Complicated" and others do not reflect this consensus.

→ 9-(B) moratorium on

Justification: "Moratorium on" suggests a temporary stop in arms shipments providing a pause for reevaluation. "Plethora of" and others do not fit the context of a halt or break.

→ 10-(A) jointly

Justification: "Jointly" suggests both cultural and biological influences are considered together in determining cross-cultural diversity. "Completely" and others do not fit the shared influence context.

→ 11-(A) involvement with ... privacy

Justification: "Involvement with ... privacy" indicates women turned to personal religious writings due to exclusion from public spiritual life. "Attention to ... popularity" and others do not fit the context of private compensation.

→ 12-(B) marred ... dichotomous

Justification: "Marred ... dichotomous" suggests occasional irony disrupts the overall kindness, showing the author's contradictory nature. "Illuminated ... imperturbable" and others do not capture this disruption.

→ 13-(C) clumsy ... ludicrous

Justification: "Clumsy ... ludicrous" indicates Pound's attempts to appear psychotic were poorly executed and almost laughable. "Contrived ... believable" and others do not fit the context of evident faking.

→ 14-(E) perennial ... ephemeral

Justification: "Perennial ... ephemeral" means fundamental historical questions are long-lasting, while others are temporary. "Recurrent ... practical" and others do not capture this enduring versus passing distinction.

→ 15-(D) disturbed

Justification: "Disturbed" indicates human intervention disrupts the balance between prey and predator. "Celebrated" and others do not fit the context of disruption.

→ 16-(A) irony in

Justification: "Irony in" suggests it is ironic that the author developed an interest in Native American art only in adulthood despite her upbringing. "Satisfaction in" and others do not capture this ironic situation.

→ 17-(D) nutrients

Justification: "Nutrients" indicates ecology, like economics, deals with valuable resources moving through networks. "Commodities" and others do not fit the biological context.

→ 18-(C) withdrawal ... belief in

Justification: "Withdrawal ... belief in" indicates a cultural trend of moving away from trusting psychoanalysis to solve emotional problems. "Divergence ... certainty about" and others do not fit the context of declining belief.

→ 19-(C) uniquely

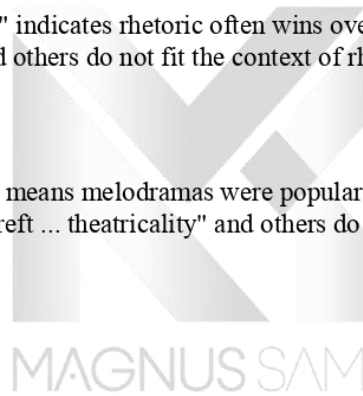
Justification: "Uniquely" suggests the rivalry in the current decade is exceptionally critical. "Perennially" and others do not fit the context of unique importance.

→ 20-(C) triumph ... engaging

Justification: "Triumph ... engaging" indicates rhetoric often wins over reason, with both sides using hyperbole. "Cloud ... subsiding" and others do not fit the context of rhetorical dominance.

→ 21-(E) devoid ... neutrality

Justification: "Devoid ... neutrality" means melodramas were popular for presenting clear moral oppositions, lacking neutrality. "Bereft ... theatricality" and others do not fit the context of stark contrasts.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 16

1. In the current research program, new varieties of apple trees are evaluated under different agricultural _____ for tree size, bloom density, fruit size, _____ to various soils, and resistance to pests and disease.
- (A) circumstances ... proximity
(B) regulations ... conformity
(C) conditions ... adaptability
(D) auspices ... susceptibility
(E) configurations ... propensity
2. At first, I found her gravity rather intimidating; but, as I saw more of her, I found that _____ was very near the surface.
- (A) seriousness
(B) confidence
(C) laughter
(D) poise
(E) determination
3. Even though in today's Soviet Union the _____ the Muslim clergy have been accorded power and privileges, the Muslim laity and the rank-and-file clergy still have little _____ to practice their religion.
- (A) practitioners among ... opportunity
(B) dissidents within ... obligation
(C) adversaries of ... inclination
(D) leaders of ... latitude
(E) traditionalists among ... incentive
4. The proponents of recombinant DNA research have decided to _____ federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can forestall proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.
- (A) protest
(B) institute
(C) deny
(D) encourage
(E) disregard
5. It is to the novelist's credit that all of _____ presented realistically, without any _____ or playful supernatural tricks.
- (A) elucidation
(B) discrimination
(C) artlessness

- (D) authenticity
(E) whimsy
6. Our new tools of systems analysis, powerful though they may be, lead to _____ theories, especially, and predictably, in economics and political science, where productive approaches have long been highly _____.
- (A) pragmatic ... speculative
(B) inelegant ... efficacious
(C) explanatory ... intuitional
(D) wrongheaded ... convergent
(E) simplistic ... elusive
7. Nineteenth-century scholars, by examining earlier geometric Greek art, found that classical Greek art was not a magical _____ or a brilliant _____ blending Egyptian and Assyrian art, but was independently evolved by Greeks in Greece.
- (A) stratagem ... appropriation
(B) exemplar ... synthesis
(C) conversion ... annexation
(D) paradigm ... construct
(E) apparition ... amalgam
8. Clearly refuting sceptics, researchers have _____ not only that gravitational radiation exists but that it also does exactly what theory _____ it should do.
- (A) doubted ... warranted
(B) estimated ... accepted
(C) demonstrated ... predicted
(D) assumed ... deduced
(E) supposed ... asserted
9. Sponsors of the bill were _____ because there was no opposition to it within the legislature until after the measure had been signed into law.
- (A) unreliable
(B) well-intentioned
(C) persistent
(D) relieved
(E) detained
10. The paradoxical aspect of the myths about Demeter, when we consider the predominant image of her as a tranquil and serene goddess, is her _____ search for her daughter.
- (A) extended
(B) agitated
(C) comprehensive
(D) motiveless
(E) heartless

11. Yellow fever, the disease that killed 4,000 Philadelphians in 1793, and so _____ Memphis, Tennessee, that the city lost its charter, has reappeared after nearly two decades in _____ in the Western Hemisphere.
- (A) terrorized ... contention
(B) ravaged ... secret
(C) disabled ... quarantine
(D) corrupted ... quiescence
(E) decimated ... abeyance
12. Although _____, almost self-effacing in his private life, he displays in his plays and essays a strong _____ for publicity and controversy.
- (A) conventional ... interest in
(B) monotonous ... reliance on
(C) shy ... aversion toward
(D) retiring ... penchant for
(E) evasive ... impatience with
13. Comparatively few rock musicians are willing to laugh at themselves, although a hint of _____ can boost sales of video clips very nicely.
- (A) self-deprecation
(B) congeniality
(C) cynicism
(D) embarrassment
(E) self-doubt
14. Parts of seventeenth-century Chinese pleasure gardens were not necessarily intended to look _____; they were designed expressly to evoke the melancholy resulting from a sense of the _____ of natural beauty and human glory.
- (A) beautiful ... immutability
(B) cheerful ... transitoriness
(C) colorful ... abstractness
(D) luxuriant ... simplicity
(E) conventional ... wildness
15. Since it is now _____ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in _____ ways.
- (A) unprecedented ... undiscovered
(B) difficult ... related
(C) permitted ... unique
(D) mandatory ... congruent
(E) routine ... similar
16. Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian _____ later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

- (A) disdain for
- (B) imitation of
- (C) ambivalence about
- (D) deference to
- (E) influence on

17. Laws do not ensure social order since laws can always be _____, which makes them _____ unless the authorities have the will and the power to detect and punish wrongdoing.

- (A) contested ... provisional
- (B) circumvented ... antiquated
- (C) repealed ... vulnerable
- (D) violated ... ineffective
- (E) modified ... unstable

18. Since she believed him to be both candid and trustworthy, she refused to consider the possibility that his statement had been _____.

- (A) irrelevant
- (B) facetious
- (C) mistaken
- (D) critical
- (E) insincere

19. Ironically, the party leaders encountered no greater _____ their efforts to build a progressive party than the _____ of the progressives already elected to the legislature.

- (A) support for ... advocacy
- (B) threat to ... promise
- (C) benefit from ... success
- (D) obstacle to ... resistance
- (E) praise for ... reputation

20. It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply _____ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the _____ of past usage.

- (A) cleaved ... eruptions
- (B) rooted ... flood
- (C) incised ... river
- (D) ridged ... ocean
- (E) notched ... mountains

21. That his intransigence in making decisions _____ no open disagreement from any quarter was well known; thus, clever subordinates learned the art of _____ their opinions in casual remarks.

- (A) elicited ... quashing
- (B) engendered ... recasting
- (C) brooked ... intimating
- (D) embodied ... instigating
- (E) forbore ... emending

Answer Keys:

CCDDE EE

CDBED AB

EEDED CC

→ 1-(C) conditions ... adaptability

Justification: "Conditions" and "adaptability" indicate apple trees are evaluated based on their ability to adjust to various agricultural environments. "Circumstances ... proximity" and others do not fit the context of agricultural evaluation.

→ 2-(C) laughter

Justification: "Laughter" suggests that despite her intimidating gravity, she had a sense of humor close to the surface. "Seriousness" and other options do not provide the same contrast.

→ 3-(D) leaders of ... latitude

Justification: "Leaders of ... latitude" fits as the Muslim clergy have power, but the laity and lower clergy lack freedom to practice their religion. "Practitioners among ... opportunity" and others do not capture this power dynamic.

→ 4-(D) encourage

Justification: "Encourage" indicates that proponents of DNA research support federal regulation to avoid stricter local controls. "Protest" and other options do not fit this strategic compromise.

→ 5-(E) whimsy

Justification: "Whimsy" means the novel lacks playful supernatural elements, presenting realism. "Elucidation" and other options do not fit the context of avoiding playful tricks.

→ 6-(E) simplistic ... elusive

Justification: "Simplistic" and "elusive" suggest that powerful tools lead to overly simple theories in fields where effective methods are hard to find. "Pragmatic ... speculative" and others do not capture this complexity.

→ 7-(B) exemplar ... synthesis

Justification: "Exemplar" and "synthesis" indicate classical Greek art was not just an exemplary blend of other arts but independently developed. "Stratagem ... appropriation" and others do not fit this historical development.

→ 8-(C) demonstrated ... predicted

Justification: "Demonstrated" and "predicted" show that researchers proved gravitational radiation exists and behaves as expected. "Doubted ... warranted" and others do not fit the context of confirmation.

→ 9-(D) relieved

Justification: "Relieved" suggests sponsors felt reassured by the lack of opposition until after the law was signed. "Unreliable" and others do not capture this sense of relief.

→ 10-(B) agitated

Justification: "Agitated" contrasts with Demeter's usual tranquility, describing her frantic search for her daughter. "Extended" and others do not convey this intense emotion.

→ 11-(E) decimated ... abeyance

Justification: "Decimated" and "abeyance" describe yellow fever's devastating impact and its long dormancy before reappearing. "Terrorized ... contention" and others do not fit the disease's history.

→ 12-(D) retiring ... penchant for

Justification: "Retiring" and "penchant for" indicate a private person who enjoys public attention and controversy in his work. "Conventional ... interest in" and others do not fit this duality.

→ 13-(A) self-deprecation

Justification: "Self-deprecation" means rock musicians laughing at themselves, which can boost video sales. "Congeniality" and others do not fit the context of humor.

→ 14-(B) cheerful ... transitoriness

Justification: "Cheerful" and "transitoriness" indicate gardens designed to evoke melancholy due to the fleeting nature of beauty. "Beautiful ... immutability" and others do not capture this intended melancholy.

→ 15-(E) routine ... similar

Justification: "Routine" and "similar" suggest it is now common to build CPUs on chips, so other structures might be made in the same way. "Unprecedented ... undiscovered" and others do not fit the context of established technology.

→ 16-(E) influence on

Justification: "Influence on" indicates Greek civilization was shaped by earlier Egyptian and Babylonian cultures. "Disdain for" and others do not fit the context of cultural influence.

→ 17-(D) violated ... ineffective

Justification: "Violated" and "ineffective" suggest laws can be broken, making them useless without enforcement. "Contested ... provisional" and others do not fit the context of legal enforcement.

→ 18-(E) insincere

Justification: "Insincere" means she refused to believe he was not honest. "Irrelevant" and others do not fit the context of trust and deception.

→ 19-(D) obstacle to ... resistance

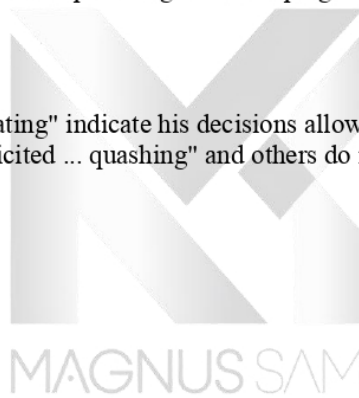
Justification: "Obstacle to ... resistance" suggests the leaders' greatest challenge was opposition from progressives already in the legislature. "Support for ... advocacy" and others do not fit the context of internal conflict.

→ 20-(C) incised ... river

Justification: "Incised ... river" suggests words deeply carve our thoughts, shaped by past usage. "Cleaved ... eruptions" and others do not fit the metaphor of gradual shaping.

→ 21-(C) brooked ... intimating

Justification: "Brooked" and "intimating" indicate his decisions allowed no disagreement, so subordinates subtly expressed their opinions. "Elicited ... quashing" and others do not fit the context of subtlety and authority.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 17

1. Hydrogen is the _____ element of the universe in that it provides the building blocks from which the other elements are produced.

(A) steadiest
(B) expendable
(C) lightest
(D) final
(E) fundamental
2. Few of us take the pains to study our cherished convictions; indeed, we almost have a natural _____ doing so.

(A) aptitude for
(B) repugnance to
(C) interest in
(D) ignorance of
(E) reaction after
3. It is his dubious distinction to have proved what nobody would think of denying, that Romero at the age of sixty-four writes with all the characteristics of _____.

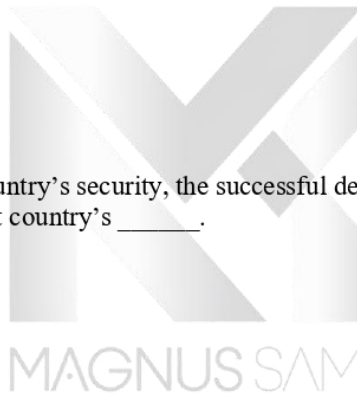
(A) maturity
(B) fiction
(C) inventiveness
(D) art
(E) brilliance
4. The primary criterion for _____ a school is its recent performance: critics are _____ to extend credit for earlier victories.

(A) evaluating ... prone
(B) investigating ... hesitant
(C) judging ... reluctant
(D) improving ... eager
(E) administering ... persuaded
5. Number theory is rich in problems of an especially _____ sort: they are tantalizingly simple to state but _____ difficult to solve.

(A) cryptic ... deceptively
(B) spurious ... equally
(C) abstruse ... ostensibly
(D) elegant ... rarely
(E) vexing ... notoriously

6. In failing to see that the justice's pronouncement merely _____ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk _____ the scope of the justice's judgment.
- (A) synthesized ... limited
(B) overturned ... misunderstood
(C) endorsed ... nullified
(D) qualified ... overemphasized
(E) recapitulated ... defined
7. When theories formerly considered to be _____ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human _____.
- (A) disinterested ... constructions
(B) callous ... errors
(C) verifiable ... prejudices
(D) convincing ... imperatives
(E) unassailable ... fantasies
8. Although the minuet appeared simple, its _____ steps had to be studied very carefully before they could be gracefully _____ in public.
- (A) progressive ... revealed
(B) intricate ... executed
(C) rudimentary ... allowed
(D) minute ... discussed
(E) entertaining ... stylized
9. The results of the experiments performed by Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown were _____ not only because these results challenged old assumptions but also because they called the _____ methodology into question.
- (A) provocative ... prevailing
(B) predictable ... contemporary
(C) inconclusive ... traditional
(D) intriguing ... projected
(E) specious ... original
10. Despite the _____ of many of their colleagues, some scholars have begun to emphasize "pop culture" as a key for _____ the myths, hopes, and fears of contemporary society.
- (A) antipathy ... entangling
(B) discernment ... evaluating
(C) pedantry ... reinstating
(D) skepticism ... deciphering
(E) enthusiasm ... symbolizing
11. In the seventeenth century, direct flouting of a generally accepted system of values was regarded as _____, even as a sign of madness.

- (A) adventurous
(B) frivolous
(C) willful
(D) impermissible
(E) irrational
12. Queen Elizabeth I has quite correctly been called a _____ of the arts, because many young artists received her patronage.
- (A) connoisseur
(B) critic
(C) friend
(D) scourge
(E) judge
13. Because outlaws were denied _____ under medieval law, anyone could raise a hand against them with legal _____.
- (A) propriety ... authority
(B) protection ... impunity
(C) collusion ... consent
(D) rights ... collaboration
(E) provisions ... validity
14. Rather than enhancing a country's security, the successful development of nuclear weapons could serve at first to increase that country's _____.
- (A) boldness
(B) influence
(C) responsibility
(D) moderation
(E) vulnerability
15. The Chinese, who began systematic astronomical and weather observations shortly after the ancient Egyptians, were assiduous record-keepers, and because of this, can claim humanity's longest continuous _____ of natural events.
- (A) defiance
(B) documentation
(C) maintenance
(D) theory
(E) domination
16. Because many of the minerals found on the ocean floor are still _____ on land, where mining is relatively inexpensive, mining the ocean floor has yet to become a _____ enterprise.
- (A) scarce ... common
(B) accessible ... marginal
(C) unidentified ... subsidized



- (D) conserved ... public
(E) plentiful ... profitable
17. The valedictory address, as it has developed in American colleges and universities over the years, has become a very strict form, a literary _____ that permits very little _____.
- (A) text ... clarity
(B) work ... tradition
(C) genre ... deviation
(D) oration ... grandiloquence
(E) achievement ... rigidity
18. A human being is quite _____ creature, for the gloss of rationality that covers his or her fears and _____ is thin and often easily breached.
- (A) a logical ... problems
(B) a frail ... insecurity
(C) a valiant ... phobias
(D) an ambitious ... morality
(E) a ludicrous ... laughter
19. Although the passage of years has softened the initially hostile reaction to his poetry, even now only a few independent observers _____ his works.
- (A) praise
(B) revile
(C) scrutinize
(D) criticize
(E) neglect
20. Unlike philosophers who constructed theoretically ideal states, she built a theory based on _____; thus, although her constructs may have been inelegant, they were _____ sound.
- (A) reality ... aesthetically
(B) intuition ... intellectually
(C) surmise ... scientifically
(D) experience ... empirically
(E) conjecture ... factually
21. Once a duckling has identified a parent, then instinctive bond becomes a powerful _____ for additional learning since, by _____ the parent, the duckling can acquire further information that is not genetically transmitted.
- (A) impulse ... surpassing
(B) referent ... recognizing
(C) force ... acknowledging
(D) inspiration ... emulating
(E) channel ... mimicking

Answer Keys:

EBACE DA

BADEC BE

BECBA DE

→ 1-(E) fundamental

Justification: "Fundamental" means hydrogen is the essential element providing the building blocks for other elements. "Steadiest" and others do not fit the context of being a basic component.

→ 2-(B) repugnance to

Justification: "Repugnance to" indicates a strong aversion to studying cherished convictions. "Aptitude for" and others do not fit the context of avoiding examination.

→ 3-(A) maturity

Justification: "Maturity" sarcastically suggests it's not surprising that Romero writes maturely at sixty-four. "Fiction" and others do not fit the context of stating the obvious.

→ 4-(C) judging ... reluctant

Justification: "Judging ... reluctant" indicates performance is the main criterion, and critics are hesitant to credit past successes. "Evaluating ... prone" and others do not fit the context.

→ 5-(E) vexing ... notoriously

Justification: "Vexing ... notoriously" means number theory problems are frustratingly simple to state but difficult to solve. "Cryptic ... deceptively" and others do not fit the context.

→ 6-(B) overturned ... misunderstood

Justification: "Overturned ... misunderstood" means the law clerk failed to see the justice's pronouncement as a reversal, not a new precedent. "Synthesized ... limited" and others do not fit the context.

→ 7-(A) disinterested ... constructions

Justification: "Disinterested ... constructions" means supposedly objective theories reflect human biases, challenging scientific neutrality. "Callous ... errors" and others do not fit the context.

→ 8-(B) intricate ... executed

Justification: "Intricate ... executed" means the complex steps of the minuet required careful study for public performance. "Progressive ... revealed" and others do not fit the context.

→ 9-(A) provocative ... prevailing

Justification: "Provocative ... prevailing" means the results were shocking, challenging current assumptions and methods. "Predictable ... contemporary" and others do not fit the context.

→ 10-(D) skepticism ... deciphering

Justification: "Skepticism ... deciphering" means some scholars doubt but emphasize pop culture to understand society's myths, hopes, and fears. "Antipathy ... entangling" and others do not fit the context.

→ 11-(E) irrational

Justification: "Irrational" means flouting values was seen as madness. "Adventurous" and others do not fit the context of extreme negative judgment.

→ 12-(C) friend

Justification: "Friend" means Elizabeth I supported the arts by patronizing artists. "Connoisseur" and others do not fit the context of active support.

→ 13-(B) protection ... impunity

Justification: "Protection ... impunity" means outlaws lacked legal protection, allowing anyone to harm them without penalty. "Propriety ... authority" and others do not fit the context.

→ 14-(E) vulnerability

Justification: "Vulnerability" means nuclear weapons development could initially increase a country's risk. "Boldness" and others do not fit the context of security.

→ 15-(B) documentation

Justification: "Documentation" means the Chinese kept detailed records, claiming the longest continuous recording of natural events. "Defiance" and others do not fit the context.

→ 16-(E) plentiful ... profitable

Justification: "Plentiful ... profitable" means ocean floor minerals are still abundant on land, making ocean mining unprofitable. "Scarce ... common" and others do not fit the context.

→ 17-(C) genre ... deviation

Justification: "Genre ... deviation" means the valedictory address is a strict literary form with little room for variation. "Text ... clarity" and others do not fit the context.

→ 18-(B) a frail ... insecurity

Justification: "A frail ... insecurity" means human rationality is weak, easily breached by fears and insecurities. "A logical ... problems" and others do not fit the context.

→ 19-(A) praise

Justification: "Praise" means independent observers appreciate his works despite initial hostility. "Revile" and others do not fit the context of softened criticism.

→ 20-(D) experience ... empirically

Justification: "Experience ... empirically" means her theory was based on practical experience, making it scientifically sound. "Reality ... aesthetically" and others do not fit the context.

→ 21-(E) channel ... mimicking

Justification: "Channel ... mimicking" means the instinctive bond helps the duckling learn by copying the parent. "Impulse ... surpassing" and others do not fit the context of additional learning through imitation.



Sentence Completion - Model Test 18

1. Nearly two-thirds of the country's mushroom crop is produced by 160 growers in a single county, the greatest _____ growers anywhere.

(A) cause of
(B) agreement among
(C) indication of
(D) interaction between
(E) concentration of
2. The disjunction between educational objectives that stress independence and individuality and those that emphasize obedience to rules and cooperation with others reflects a _____ that arises from the values on which these objectives are based.

(A) conflict
(B) redundancy
(C) gain
(D) predictability
(E) wisdom
3. It is _____ for a government to fail to do whatever it can to eliminate a totally _____ disease.

(A) folly ... innocuous
(B) irresponsible ... preventable
(C) crucial ... fatal
(D) instinctive ... devastating
(E) detrimental ... insignificant
4. Dramatic literature often _____ the history of a culture in that it takes as its subject matter the important events that have shaped and guided the culture.

(A) confounds
(B) repudiates
(C) recapitulates
(D) anticipates
(E) polarizes
5. The legislators of 1563 realized the _____ of trying to regulate the flow of labor without securing its reasonable remuneration, and so the second part of the statute dealt with establishing wages.

(A) intricacy
(B) anxiety
(C) futility
(D) necessity
(E) decadence

6. Scientists who are on the cutting edge of research must often violate common sense and make seemingly _____ assumptions because existing theories simply do not _____ newly observed phenomena.
- (A) radical ... confirm
(B) vague ... incorporate
(C) absurd ... explain
(D) mistaken ... reveal
(E) inexact ... corroborate
7. The _____ with which the French aristocracy greeted the middle-class Rousseau was all the more because he showed so little respect for them.
- (A) deference ... remarkable
(B) suspicion ... uncanny
(C) reserve ... unexpected
(D) anger ... ironic
(E) appreciation ... deserved
8. Agronomists are increasingly worried about “desertification,” the phenomenon that is turning many of the world’s _____ fields and pastures into _____ wastelands, unable to support the people living on them.
- (A) fertile ... barren
(B) productive ... blooming
(C) arid ... thriving
(D) poorest ... marginal
(E) largest ... saturated
9. Old beliefs die hard: even when jobs became _____, the long-standing fear that unemployment could return at a moment’s notice _____.
- (A) vacant ... perished
(B) easier ... changed
(C) plentiful ... persisted
(D) protected ... subsided
(E) available ... receded
10. Intellectual _____ and flight from boredom have caused him to rush pell-mell into situations that less _____ spirits might hesitate to approach.
- (A) restlessness ... adventurous
(B) agitation ... passive
(C) resilience ... quiescent
(D) tranquility ... versatile
(E) curiosity ... lethargic
11. Science advances in _____ spiral in that each new conceptual scheme—the phenomena explained by its predecessors and adds to those explanations.

- (A) a discontinuous ... decries
(B) a repetitive ... vitiates
(C) a widening ... embraces
(D) an anomalous ... captures
(E) an explosive ... questions
12. Politeness is not a _____ attribute of human behavior, but rather a central virtue, one whose very existence is increasingly being _____ by the faddish requirement to “speak one’s mind.”
- (A) superficial ... threatened
(B) pervasive ... undercut
(C) worthless ... forestalled
(D) precious ... repudiated
(E) trivial ... affected
13. The painting was larger than it appeared to be, for, hanging in a darkened recess of the chapel, it was _____ by the perspective.
- (A) improved
(B) aggrandized
(C) embellished
(D) jeopardized
(E) diminished
14. Because folk art is neither completely rejected nor accepted as an art form by art historians, their final evaluations of it necessarily remain _____.
- (A) arbitrary
(B) estimable
(C) orthodox
(D) unspoken
(E) equivocal
15. Because it is _____ to _____ all the business costs related to employee discontent, an accurate estimate of the magnitude of these costs is not easily calculated.
- (A) difficult ... measure
(B) impossible ... justify
(C) improper ... overlook
(D) useless ... discover
(E) necessary ... pinpoint
16. Consider the universal cannibalism of the sea, all of whose creatures _____ one another.
- (A) hide from
(B) ferret out
(C) prey on
(D) glide among
(E) compete against

17. How could words, confined as they individually are to certain _____ meanings specified in a dictionary, eventually come, when combined in groups, to create obscurity and actually to prevent thought from being _____?
- (A) indefinite ... articulated
(B) conventional ... conceivable
(C) unlikely ... classified
(D) archaic ... expressed
(E) precise ... communicable
18. Even though they tended to be _____ strangers, fifteenth-century Europeans did not automatically associate _____ and danger.
- (A) trusting of ... diversity
(B) haughty with ... nonconformity
(C) interested in ... enmity
(D) antagonistic to ... rudeness
(E) hostile to ... foreignness
19. The modern age is a permissive one in which things can be said explicitly, but the old tradition of _____ dies hard.
- (A) garrulousness
(B) exaggeration
(C) excoriation
(D) bombast
(E) euphemism
20. Although many findings of the Soviet and United States probes of Venus were complementary, the two sets of atmospheric results clearly could not be _____ without a major change of data or _____.
- (A) obtained ... experimentation
(B) completed ... position
(C) matched ... implementation
(D) reconciled ... interpretation
(E) produced ... falsification
21. While it is assumed that the mechanization of work has a _____ effect on the lives of workers, there is evidence available to suggest that, on the contrary, mechanization has served to _____ some of the traditional roles of women.
- (A) salutary ... improve
(B) dramatic ... undermine
(C) benign ... revise
(D) debilitating ... weaken
(E) revolutionary ... reinforce

Answer Keys:

EABCC CA

ACACA EE

ACEEED E

→ 1-(E) concentration of

Justification: "Concentration of" indicates a large number of growers in a single area. "Cause of" and other options do not fit the context of describing a high number in one location.

→ 2-(A) conflict

Justification: "Conflict" reflects the contradiction between stressing independence and emphasizing obedience. "Redundancy" and other options do not capture the opposing nature of these objectives.

→ 3-(B) irresponsible ... preventable

Justification: "Irresponsible" and "preventable" indicate a failure to act against a disease that can be eliminated. "Folly ... innocuous" and others do not fit the context of responsibility and prevention.

→ 4-(C) recapitulates

Justification: "Recapitulates" means to summarize or retell, fitting the idea that dramatic literature reflects historical events. "Confounds" and others do not match the context of taking subject matter from important events.

→ 5-(C) futility

Justification: "Futility" indicates the legislators realized it was pointless to regulate labor without fair wages. "Intricacy" and others do not fit the context of something being ineffective or useless.

→ 6-(C) absurd ... explain

Justification: "Absurd" and "explain" indicate that seemingly irrational assumptions are needed because existing theories cannot explain new phenomena. "Radical ... confirm" and others do not fit the context of current theories being insufficient.

→ 7-(D) anger ... ironic

Justification: "Anger" and "ironic" fit the context of the aristocracy's reaction to Rousseau's disrespect. "Deference ... remarkable" and others do not capture the contradiction of respect and disdain.

→ 8-(A) fertile ... barren

Justification: "Fertile" and "barren" describe the transformation of productive land into wastelands. "Productive ... blooming" and others do not convey the drastic negative change.

→ 9-(C) plentiful ... persisted

Justification: "Plentiful" and "persisted" indicate jobs were available, but fear of unemployment continued. "Vacant ... perished" and others do not fit the context of ongoing fear despite job availability.

→ 10-(A) restlessness ... adventurous

Justification: "Restlessness" and "adventurous" indicate a desire for activity and risk-taking behavior. "Agitation ... passive" and others do not fit the context of seeking excitement.

→ 11-(C) a widening ... embraces

Justification: "A widening ... embraces" means each new scheme expands and includes previous explanations. "A discontinuous ... decries" and others do not fit the context of cumulative scientific progress.

→ 12-(A) superficial ... threatened

Justification: "Superficial" and "threatened" suggest politeness is seen as trivial but is endangered by blunt speech. "Pervasive ... undercut" and others do not fit the context of superficiality and risk.

→ 13-(E) diminished

Justification: "Diminished" means the painting seemed smaller due to perspective. "Improved" and others do not fit the context of size perception.

→ 14-(E) equivocal

Justification: "Equivocal" means unclear or undecided, fitting the historians' mixed evaluations. "Arbitrary" and others do not capture the uncertainty.

→ 15-(A) difficult ... measure

Justification: "Difficult" and "measure" indicate the challenge of assessing business costs related to discontent. "Impossible ... justify" and others do not fit the context of measurement difficulty.

→ 16-(C) prey on

Justification: "Prey on" describes the cannibalistic nature of sea creatures. "Hide from" and others do not fit the context of predation.

→ 17-(E) precise ... communicable

Justification: "Precise" and "communicable" indicate words have specific meanings but can prevent clear thought. "Indefinite ... articulated" and others do not fit the context of precision and communication.

→ 18-(E) hostile to ... foreignness

Justification: "Hostile to" and "foreignness" indicate Europeans were unfriendly to outsiders but did not link diversity with danger. "Trusting of ... diversity" and others do not fit the context of suspicion.

→ 19-(E) euphemism

Justification: "Euphemism" means using mild terms for explicit statements, fitting the old tradition. "Garrulousness" and others do not match the context of indirect speech.

→ 20-(D) reconciled ... interpretation

Justification: "Reconciled" and "interpretation" indicate differing data required new understanding. "Obtained ... experimentation" and others do not fit the context of harmonizing results.

→ 21-(E) revolutionary ... reinforce

Justification: "Revolutionary" and "reinforce" suggest mechanization was expected to change roles but actually strengthened them. "Salutary ... improve" and others do not fit the context of unexpected reinforcement.

