Q1. By combining an American cartoon character with Japanese traditions, the popular comic by Stan Sakai presents as a hero a samurai rabbit, a unique \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of East and West.

A. fusion

B. division

C. rejection

D. exclusion

E. query

Q 2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use of washing machines and automobiles in the Middle Ages is part of the comedy of this high-spirited film.

A. untimely

B. anachronistic

C. unconvincing

D. archaic

E. supposed

Q3. Over thousands of years, organisms have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many strategies to conserve water.

A. administered

B. evolved

C. organized

D. questioned

E. considered

Q4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for talking too much, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his reputation by keeping the class 30 minutes longer than the scheduled class time.

A. Famous . . . evinced

B. Renowned . . . overturned

C. Notorious . . . verified

D. Illustrious . . . rebutted

E. Eminent . . . established

Q5. Loved and hated by thousands, Dr. Lucy Bertram may well be the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ physician ever to become surgeon general.

A. controversial

B. popular

C. successful

D. well-trained

E. professional

Q6. Many thought Billy Eckstine’s band \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because its musicians were young, avant-garde jazzmen, while itslead singer crooned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ popular ballads.

A. progressive . . . romantic

B. old-fashioned . . . unique

C. inconsistent . . . conservative

D. unmusical . . . familiar

E. predictable . . . melodic

Q7. Using his own home as \_\_\_\_\_\_, Marlowe obtained a private loan that enabled him to \_\_\_\_\_ his financial obligations to the other partners and emerge free of debt.

A. pledge . . . increase

B. surety . . . augment

C. collateral . . . discharge

D. profit . . . eliminate

E. deposit . . . endorse

Q8. The absurdist as opposed to the heroic treatment of war reached maturity in Catch-22, and the Vietnam War made this approach, which seemed so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and shocking, the only way to write about that conflict.

A. banal

B. radical

C. plausible

D. cozy

Q9. Because the issue is so insignificant, it was surprising that the disagreement among city council members was so \_\_\_\_.

A. tepid

B. slovenly

C. trivial

D. acrimonious

E. genial

Q10. It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to assume that if aspirin can prevent second heart attacks, it can also \_\_\_\_\_\_ an attack in the first place.

A. fanciful . . . elimina

B. logical . . . ward off

C. sensible . . . encourage

D. reasonable . . . foment

E. idle . . . defend against

Q11. Cigars are not a safe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to cigarettes because, though cigar smokers do not inhale, they are still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of lung and mouth cancers than nonsmoker

A. answer . . . responsible for

B. preference . . . free from

C. alternative . . . subject to

D. rejoinder . . . involved in

E. accent . . . victimized by

Q12. Justices Marshall and Brennan opposed the death penalty on the grounds that it failed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ crimes, since all the available evidence made it clear that far more murders per capita were committed in states or countries with capital punishment than in those without it.

A. explain

B. augment

C. foster

D. deter

E. exculpate

Q13. After the smoke and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the city, Mr. Fitzgerald was glad to return to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ air and peace of the mountains.

A. hubbub . . . turbid

B. grime . . . murky

C. tranquility . . . effulgent

D. composure . . . brisk

E. hustle-bustle . . . exhilarating

Q14. A strike by Ford workers in Mexico poses a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the ruling party, which must choose between alienating its union ally or undermining its fight against inflation.

A. enigma

B. dilemma

C. problem

D. option

E. riddle

Q15. My cat is a creature of contradictions: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yet affectionate, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yet alert. A. aloof . . . dreamy

B. cruel . . . shrewd

C. quiet . . . lively

D. selfish . . . nimble

E. loving . . . sly

Q16. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that allowed voters to decide on the legality of casino gambling was passed by a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9-to-1 margin.

A. statute . . . meager

B. referendum . . . overwhelming

C. prohibition . . . huge

D. bill . . . narrow

E. ban . . . sizable

Q17. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon which this fine novel is developed with great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and intelligence is that no males live beyond the age of 18.

A. theory . . . fatuity

B. plot . . . understanding

C. idea . . . recalcitrance

D. premise . . . subtlety

E. solution . . . cleverness

Q18. If Senator Montana runs for re-election next year, she will have the moneyraising advantage of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. campaigner

B. favorite

C. underdog

D. incumbent

E. candidate

Q19. Hoping to escape detection, Minnie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ placed an ace in her sleeve while Rance shuffled the cards.

A. brazenly

B. overtly

C. furtively

D. hopefully

E. eagerly