

## CHECK YOURSELF

### Word Set

1. acknowledge (v): admit; concede
2. address (v.): deal with; handle
3. exhaust (v.): finish; deplete
4. flag (v.): abate; subside
5. soar (v.): increase quickly; rise
6. apprehension (n.): worry; concern
7. disparity (n.): difference; inequality
8. drawback (n.): weakness; shortcoming
9. impassivity (n.): indifferent; nonchalance
10. resentment (n.): anger; pique
11. capricious (adj.): unstable; whimsical
12. inured to (adj.): used to; accustomed to
13. precipitous (adj.): sudden; abrupt
14. vivacious (adj.): lively; animated; ebullient
15. unscathed (adj.): unhurt; safe and sound

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**For each of Questions 1-4, select ONE entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices.**

1. After thirty years of television, people have become “speed watchers”; consequently, if the camera lingers, the interest of the audience -----.

A. addresses      B. exhausts      **C. flags**      D. soars      E. acknowledges

2. The senator’s reputation, though shaken by false allegations of misconduct, emerged from the ordeal -----.

**A. unscathed**      B. precipitous      C. inured      D. vivacious      E. capricious

3. Employees had become so (i) ----- to top management’s capricious personnel policies that they greeted the announcement of a companywide dress code with (ii) -----

Blank (i)

A. vivacious  
B. precipitous  
**C. inured**

Blank ii)

D. apprehension  
E. drawback  
**F. impassivity**

4. Increasingly, historians are blaming diseases imported from the Old World for the staggering (i) ----- between the indigenous population of America in 1492—new estimates of which (ii) ----- as high as 100 million, or approximately one-sixth of the human race at that time—and the few million full-blooded Native Americans alive at the end of the nineteenth century. There is no doubt that chronic disease was an important factor in the (ii) ----- decline, and it is highly probable that the greatest killer was epidemic disease especially as manifested in virgin-soil epidemics.

Blank (i)

**A. disparity**  
B. resentment  
C. impassivity

Blank ii)

D. exhaust  
E. flag  
**F. soar**

Blank iii)

**G. precipitous**  
H. capricious  
I. unscathed

**For each of Questions 5- 6, select the TWO answer choices that when used to complete the sentence blank, fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole and produce completed sentences that are alike in meaning.**

5. 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 ignored.

A. decline      **B. acknowledge**      C. exhaust      D. soar      **E. admit**      F. conflict with

6. Anxiety has been defined as a feeling of fear, dread, or ----- that arises without a clear or appropriate real-life justification.

A. resentment      B. disparity      C. impassivity      **D. apprehension**  
E. anger      **F. concern**