

## WORD SET 1

1. appease (v.): make calm; pacify; placate
2. glut (n.): extra amount or number; surfeit; excess
3. conspiracy (n.): secret plan; plot; collusion
4. contrite (adj.): regretful; remorseful
5. detest (v.): hate; abominate; abhor; loathe
6. encompass (v.): include; incorporate; embrace
7. germane (adj.): related; relevant; pertinent
8. lionize (v.): welcome; receive warmly
9. lucid (adj.): clear; vivid; transparent
10. meddle (v.): interfere; intervene
11. obliterate (v.): annihilate; expunge; wipe out
12. plight (n.): bad situation; predicament
13. strenuous (adj.): involving a lot of energy and effort; demanding; arduous
14. belie (v.): show a false picture of; contradict
15. vestige (n.); remaining part; remnant; trace

1. Tarantulas feed mostly on insects and millipedes. Once their **appetite** is -----, they digest the food for several days before eating again.

- (A) obliterated
- (B) encompassed
- (C) appeased
- (D) belied
- (E) detested

2. Marshall's confrontational style could **alienate** almost anyone: he even antagonized a board of directors that ----- a number of his supporters and that had a reputation for not being easily provoked.

- (A) encompassed
- (B) abominated
- (C) annihilated
- (D) expunged
- (E) meddled

3. Many people feel that the federal government, although claiming to be committed to the welfare of the people from all walks of life, does not act as urgently as it should to alleviate the ----- of the homeless.

- (A) vestige
- (B) contrition
- (C) lucidity
- (D) conspiracy
- (E) plight

4. I know that I've been working at this daycare center for two weeks only and hope you will not **construe** my comment as intended to (i) ----- in matters related to the more experienced staff, but I think the center's program should (ii) ----- activities geared to shy children as well as ones for gregarious kids.

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A. incorporate	D. obliterate
<b>B. intervene</b>	E. appease
C. conspire	<b>F. encompass</b>

5. After serving a prison term for theft, which gave him ample time to reflect, Charlie is now genuinely (i) ----- . He's decided to begin a new life as a scrupulous citizen and (ii) ----- all traces of his shameful past.

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A. lucid	D. placate
<b>B. contrite</b>	<b>E. obliterate</b>
C. germane	F. contradict

6. Magazine article from 1956 decrying the (i) ----- of sequels and remakes flooding the nation's movie theaters that summer (ii) ----- the claim that such (iii) ----- films are a uniquely 21<sup>st</sup>-century phenomenon.

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A. abhorrence	<b>D. belie</b>	G. derivative
<b>B. vestige</b>	E. lionize	H. collaborative
C. glut	F. appease	I. archaic

7. **Lamenting** that something horrid had recently befallen the craft of biography, biographer Arthur Schlesinger deplored the ----- of gossipy new lives on the market.

- (A) predicament
- (B) collusion**
- (C) surfeit
- (D) conspiracy**
- (E) trace
- (F) glut

8. Since the author frequently attacks other scholars, his objection to disputes is whatever but -----

- (A) arduous
- (B) germane
- (C) remorseful
- (D) pertinent
- (E) contrite
- (F) strenuous