

Word Set 2

1. recourse (n.): option; alternative
2. reiterate (v.): repeat
3. tantamount with (adj.): similar to; equivalent to
4. tenacious (adj.): firm
5. utopia (n.): ideal society
6. bolster (v.): advocate; buttress
7. depreciate (v.): decline in value
8. indiscriminate (adj.): unintentional; accidental; haphazard
9. inquisitive (adj.): curious
10. nebulous (adj.): ambiguous; vague; equivocal
11. relegate (v.): demote; send to a lower rank or place
12. purge (v.): eliminate
13. sedentary (adj.): inactive; desk-bound
14. tenet (n.): principle
15. terse (adj.): brief; laconic; taciturn; succinct

For each of Questions 1-6, select ONE entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices.

1. The technical know-how, if not the political commitment, appears already at hand to feed the world's exploding population and so to ----- at last the ancient scourges of malnutrition and famine.

(A) bolster

(B) purge

(C) depreciate

(D) relegate

(E) reiterate

2. Our neighbor has a tenacious belief in superstitions. For instance, she insists that our owning a black cat is ----- to asking for grievous misfortune.

- (A) tantamount
- (B) indiscriminate
- (C) inquisitive
- (D) sedenaty
- (E) equivocal

3. Jean Valjean could not believe the ----- of Inspector Javert. All Valjean had done was to steal a loaf of bread, and the inspector had pursued him doggedly for twenty years!

- (A) depreciation
- (B) reiteration
- (C) tenacity
- (D) recourse
- (E) utopia

4. Our concept of a (i) ----- is a society in which each individual maintains his or her autonomy yet collaborates with others to achieve the good for all, defined based on a set of socially accepted (ii) -----.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. tenacity	D. recourses
B. utopia	E. purges
C. resort	F. tenets

5. The family doctor's comment that Allen's health problems were, to a great extent, due to his (i) ----- lifestyle, (ii) ----- his determination to initiate a strict dietary and morning exercise regimen.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. sedentary	D. reiterated
B. nebulous	E. bolstered
C. random	F. expunge

6. The gradual relegation of unwanted items to the garage has left us with piles of stuff which we have decided to get rid of at a gargae sale. This year, for example, we have an old bike that some zealot for exercise might buy and a soft chair and footstool for a more (i) ----- customer. Our ad states our main (ii) -----: "Something for everyone!" Maybe that's a bit (iii) -----, but we don't want to be specific. We just want to disseminate the general idea that our sale will be replete with treasures.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. indiscriminate	D. utopia	G. inquisitive
B. tenacious	E. recourse	H. nebulous
C. sedentary	F. tenet	I. haphazard

For each of Questions 7- 8, 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.

7. 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) deskbound
- (B) curious
- (C) vague
- (D) inactive
- (E) obscure
- (F) inquisitive

8. A number of scientists have published articles rejecting global warming, stating categorically that there is no solid scientific evidence to ----- the theory that the Earth is warming because of increases in greenhouse gases.

- (A) purge
- (B) depreciate
- (C) bolster
- (D) reiterate
- (E) buttress
- (F) eradicate