

WORD SET 1

1. anathema (n.): sth or sb you hate
2. chide (v.): blame; scold; reprimand; rebuke
3. commensurate with (adj.): proportional to
4. connotation (n.): indirect meaning; implication
5. diabolic (adj.): cruel; callous; ruthless
6. desiccated (adj.): dry; arid
7. condone (v.): forgive; overlook
8. noxious (adj.): harmful; poisonous
9. spurious (adj.): fake; bogus; counterfeit
10. yen (n.): liking; zeal
11. decorum (n.): proper behavior; propriety
12. espouse (v.); advocate; buttress
13. exhilaration (n.): excitement; thrill
14. exorbitant (adj.): high in price
15. extricate (v.); release; disentangle; emancipate

1. Unaccustomed to the design of the new hundred-dollar bills, many storekeepers rejected them as -----.

- (A) diabolic
- (B) desiccated
- (C) noxious
- (D) spurious
- (E) exorbitant

2. Unlike her sister the Widow Douglass, who ----- Huck's minor offenses, Miss Watson did nothing but scold the boy.

- (A) chided
- (B) liberated
- (C) condoned

- (D) espoused
(E) exhilarated

3. The **heroine** of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice was independent in her thinking, but she was horrified when her sister offended the ----- of her social circle.

- (A) yen
(B) decorum
(C) thrill
(D) anathema
(E) rebuke

4. Jones was unable to recognize the contradictions in his attitudes which were obvious to everyone else and for which he was (i) ----- by many without his knowing; even the hint of an untruth was (ii) ----- to him, but he evaded serious trouble by always cheating on his taxes.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. chided	D. exhilarating
B. advocated	E. anathema
C. condoned	F. decorous

5. Foreign service officers must observe strict rules of conduct. If their behavior violates (i) -----, their government may have to (ii) ----- itself from a diplomatic mess.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. connotation	D. extricate
B. exorbitance	E. condone
C. decorum	F. castigate

6. like many others, don't (i) ----- the idea that freight railroads are guilty of delaying the nation's shift from oil to coal by charging (ii) ----- fees to transport coal, which is to be partly responsible for the current economic recession from which business have trouble (iii) ----- themselves.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. forgive	D. fake	G. overlooking
B. espouse	E. tyrannical	H. extricating
C. disentangle	F. exorbitant	I. reprimanding

7. Simon's brutality as a talent show judge was so severe that contestants would often burst into tears as he ----- them for the mistakes they had made during their performances.

(A) emancipated

(B) overlooked

(C) condoned

(D) chided

(E) extricated

(F) censured

8. Although the adjective "pedagogical" means "having to do with educational matters," the noun form often has a slightly negative ----- . A "pedagogue" often instructs in a "pedantic" or "dogmatic" manner.

(A) anathema

(B) implication

(C) exhilaration

(D) connotation

(E) thrill

(F) zeal