

# UNIT ONE

## WORD SET 1

1. collaborate (v.):	2. despondent (adj.):
3. detriment (n.):	4. dexterous (adj.):
5. discretion (n.):	6. divergence (n.):
7. facetious (adj.):	8. gregarious (adj.):
9. incentive (n.)	10. instigate (v.):
11. ostentatious (adj.):	12. overlook (v.):
13. retrospect (n.):	14. scrupulous (adj.):
14. vicarious (adj.):	

### Exercise 1

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

1. Despite some allowances for occupational mobility, the normal expectation of seventeenth century English society was that the child's vocation would develop along familial lines; ----- the career of one's parents was therefore limited.

- (A) detriment to
- (B) discretion of
- (C) divergence from
- (D) incentive of
- (E) dexterity in

2. Because they have been so dazzled by the calendars and the knowledge of astronomy possessed by the Mayan civilization, some anthropologists have ----- achievements like the sophisticated carved calendar sticks of the Winnebago people.

- (A) instigated
- (B) collaborated with
- (C) diverged from
- (D) disappointed
- (E) overlooked

3. He seems to have no ----- for buying stock in certain industries since rapidly changing environmental restrictions will make a profitable return on any investment very unlikely.

- (A) incentive
- (B) collaboration
- (C) divergence
- (D) retrospect
- (E) despondence

4. At the time of American Revolution, many people viewed those who (i) ----- the rebellion as troublemakers. In (ii) -----, however, Americans view them as heroes.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. collaborated with	D. retrospect
B. instigated	E. discretion
C. overlooked	F. dexterity

5. Franz Kafka, who loved to live and work in (i) -----, was hardly what his acquaintances in Prague would call (ii) -----.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. retrospect	D. vicarious
B. dependence	E. facetious
C. solitude	F. gregarious

6. In countries following the Anglo-American legal tradition, sentencing is a function that has gradually (i) ----- that of determining guilt or innocence and is normally the responsibility of the judge (ii) ----- of the jury, although in some parts of the United States the jury is empowered to determine the sentence. Most such systems of law traditionally allow the judge to use his (iii) ----- to determine both the kind of penalty to be imposed and its extent.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. diverged from	D. in spite	G. incentive
B. instigated	E. in contrast	H. discretion
C. overlooked	F. rather than	I. collaboration

**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. "Daydreaming in class," said Mrs. Grundy, "may be a ----- your understanding the course material. Pay attention or you will surely fail."

- (A) incentive for
- (B) solitude
- (C) detriment to
- (D) discretion of
- (E) divergence from
- (F) obstacle to

8. Eric was frustrated because, although he was ----- at making lies sound reasonable, when telling the truth, he lacked the power to make himself believed.

- (A) adept
- (B) dejected
- (C) facetious
- (D) dexterous
- (E) despondent
- (F) sociable

## WORD SET 2

1. rudimentary (adj.):	2. scoff at (v.):
3. squelch (v.):	4. venerate (v.):
5. zealot (n.):	6. ambiguous (adj.):
7. virtuosity (n.):	8. embellish (v.):
9. fritter away (v.):	10. inadvertent (adj.):
11. inane (adj.):	12. juxtapose (v.):
13. lethargy (n.):	14. sporadic (adj.):
15. subsidize (v.):	

### Exercise 2

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

1. Just as an insipid dish lacks flavor, a/n ----- remark lacks sense.

- (A) sporadic
- (B) juxtaposed
- (C) virtuous
- (D) inane
- (E) squelched

2. Winsor McCay, the cartoonist, could draw with incredible -----: his comic strip about Little Nemo was characterized by marvelous draftsmanship and sequencing.

- (A) lethargy
- (B) veneration
- (C) virtuosity
- (D) zealot
- (E) ambiguity

3. Many people who ----- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were despondent when he was killed, but then courageously vowed to carry on his work.

- (A) frittered away
- (B) venerated
- (C) squelched
- (D) scoffed at
- (E) embellished

4. Being illiterate till the age of 20 didn't (i) ----- Carver's spirit. He went on to become a great botanist and a (ii) ----- about using peanuts from which he made such products as ink, shampoo, and linoleum.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. squander	D. virtuosity
B. belittle	E. zealot
C. squelch	F. lethargy

5. He is fine artist, but I fear he may (i) ----- his gifts if he keeps spending his time on such (ii) ----- projects.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. embellish	D. rudimentary
B. scoff at	E. inadvertent
C. fritter away	F. lethargic

6. In one painting, an empty plate and a plate that was piled high with food had been (i) ----- on a table; the tablecloth was an American flag. Around this painting was a golden frame that had been (ii) ----- with tiny plastic models of hot dogs, apple pies, and other typical American foods. There was nothing (iii) ----- about the message \_ it was crystal-clear. The artist was saying that some people in this country don't have enough to eat.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. squelched	D. humiliated	G. inane
B. juxtaposed	E. embellished	H. intentional
C. subsidized	F. squandered	I. ambiguous

**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. Flight recorders are housed in heavy steel within layers of insulating materials, protecting them against impacts of 100 G's and fires of 2,000° F (1,093° C). The recording tape is also protected against ----- erasure and contact with seawater.

- (A) rudimentary
- (B) haphazard
- (C) superficial
- (D) sporadic
- (E) inadvertent
- (F) ambiguous

8. The students at Pencey Prep ----- the headmaster not only for his intellect but for his warmth and generosity. They felt he created an inspiring atmosphere for learning.

- (A) subsidized
- (B) embellished
- (C) venerated
- (D) juxtaposed
- (E) esteemed
- (F) financed

## Round-up Exercise 1

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

1. My family often found others laughable, but I learned quite early to be polite while people were present, laughing only later at what was ----- and mocking what to us seemed bizarre.  
A. dexterous   B. ostentatious   C. facetious   D. inadvertent   E. ambiguous
2. Exiled in 1845, Dimítrios, opposed to the rule of King Otto, returned in 1848 and tried unsuccessfully to ----- a revolution.  
A. venerate   B. fritter away   C. juxtapose   D. subsidize   E. instigate
3. Although I'm ordinarily a gregarious person, I'm tempted to move into a cave, far from other people\_ and landlords. Okay, I admit that I didn't use (i) ----- in choosing apartments to rent. But does every one of them have to be a (ii) ----- my health, mental ability, and checkbook?

Blank i	Blank ii
A. lassitude	D. detriment to
B. retrospect	E. divergence from
C. discretion	F. zealot about

4. Tom seemed to be a loser born into a long line of losers. His great-grandfather, condemned to death during the Revolutionary War for siding with the British had fled to Canada. Tom's father, wanted for arrest after he helped (i) ----- a plot to overthrow the Canadian government, had fled back to the United States.
- Tom never received even the most (ii) ----- formal education. During his mere three months of schooling, he stayed at the bottom of his class. The teacher (iii) ----- him, telling him that he was hopelessly stupid.

Blank ii	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. humiliate	D. inadvertent	G. scoffed at
B. instigate	E. despondent	H. frittered away
C. squelch	F. rudimentary	I. collaborated with

**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. I don't like to take risks myself, but I love the ----- thrill of watching death-defying adventures in a movie.  
A. extroverted   B. rudimentary   C. indirect   D. inane  
E. vicarious   F. gregarious
6. After a massage and a long soak in the hot tub, I gave in to my growing ----- and lay down for a nap.  
A. detriment   B. sloth   C. prudence   D. barrier  
E. retrospect   F. lethargy

## Guessing through Context Clues

*Circle the letter of the meaning closest to that of each boldface word.*

### A. Verbs:

1. We shall strike hard at terrorists and those who **abet** them.  
a. abound                      b. assist                      c. invade
2. The doctor refused to **accede to** his patient's request to end his life.  
a. contribute to              b. refer to                      c. acquiesce to
3. You are **deluding** yourself if you think money would bring absolute happiness.  
a. deceive                      b. impose                      c. avoid
4. The police had **donned** riot gear to protect themselves against the crowd throwing petrol bombs.  
a. wear                          b. fire                          c. abandon
5. Thieves **purloined** about \$4 million in jewels from the mansion.  
a. count                          b. purchase                      c. steal

### B. Nouns:

6. The room, with its unusual decor and **accoutrements**, was always kept locked.  
a. partitions                      b. equipment                      c. color
7. A chick born with two heads is an **anomaly**.  
a. threat                          b. unconcern                      c. irregularity
8. Christine showed me a book based on their documentary and explained the **captions** under the photographs.  
a. correction                      b. heading                          c. paragraph
9. Whether the circle of ancient buildings exists, or whether it is a **figment** of a map-maker's imagination remains to be seen.  
a. fantasy                          b. achievement                      c. victory
10. Many people criticized him for the **machinations** he used to rise to power.  
a. commands                      b. variations                      c. plots

### C. Adjectives:

11. The **altruistic** volunteer donated much time and effort to raise money for the children's hospital.  
a. selfless                          b. unemployed                      c. hopeless
12. Talk is **evanescent** but writing leaves footprints.  
a. informal                          b. temporary                      c. oral
13. Greed is **inimical** to human comfort and happiness.  
a. vulnerable                      b. analogous                      c. hostile
14. The employees of a circus lead an **itinerant** life, as they have to move from place to place to present their shows.  
a. difficult                          b. traveling                          c. boring
15. Military service is **obligatory** for all men in many countries. They have to do it.  
a. a must                          b. a benefit                          c. a training

## Round-up Exercise 2

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

1. Almost all of us ----- phrases from British poets. However, our theft of words may be considered a tribute to their genius.  
A. invade      B. purloin      C. contribute to      D. delude      E. accede to
2. He typified a decade in which financial ----- prevented long-term corporate growth.  
A. figments      B. fantasies      C. accoutrements      D. captions      E. machinations
3. The government's (i) ----- about high inflation was yet another signal of its (ii) ----- itself by ignoring its devastating effect on the country's economy.

**Blank (i)**

- A. machinations
- B. unconcern
- C. anomaly

**(Blank ii)**

- D. avoiding
- E. abetting
- F. deluding

4. The word *quixotic* is derived from the name of Don Quixote, the principal character in a satirical novel by Cervantes. This fatuous old gentleman, believing that he lives in the age of chivalry, (i) ----- all the accoutrements of an itinerant knight and sets out to do noble deeds. His motives are (ii) ----- and he derives vicarious satisfaction from the thought that he is making others happy. On one occasion, deluded by a/an (iii) ----- of imagination, he mistakes a windmill for a giant and attacks it with ferocity.

**Blank (i)**

- A. purchases
- B. dons
- C. abounds

**(Blank ii)**

- D. altruistic
- E. inimical
- F. hopeless

**(Blank iii)**

- G. irregularity
- H. figment
- I. plot

**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. In order to provide a reliable source of revenue for the government, it is ----- for each citizen to pay tax.  
A. itinerant      B. obligatory      C. evanescent      D. a benefit      E. mandatory      F. inimical
6. Thus Edward was raised to power not by his own efforts but by the ----- of the queen mother Elizabeth and Jacobson. It was, therefore, no surprise that he put the whole administration in the hands of Jacobson and his sons.  
A. accoutrements  
B. machinations  
C. captions  
D. fantasies  
E. tricks  
F. commands