

WORD SET 2

1. exhaustive (adj.): comprehensive; extensive
2. flamboyant (adj.): ostentatious; showy; flashy
3. foible (n.): weakness; shortcoming; drawback
4. innocuous (adj.): harmless; benign
5. magnanimous (adj.): forgiving
6. meticulous (adj.): precise; fastidious
7. misnomer (n.): a name not matching the feature of its owner
8. rancor (n.): hatred; detestation; abomination; abhorrence
9. recrimination (n.): accusation
10. repugnant (adj.): nefarious; reprehensible; disgusting
11. sordid (adj.): shameful
12. stalwart (n.): firm supporter
13. stint (n.): a period of time spent doing a particular job; mission
14. stringent (adj.): strict; inflexible
15. venal (adj.): corrupt; mercenary

1. His tyrannical conduct proved to us all that his nickname, King Eric *the Just*, was a -----.
- (A) recrimination
(B) flamboyance
(C) misnomer
(D) stint
(E) rancor
2. Certainly Murray's preoccupation with the task of editing *the Oxford English Dictionary* begot a kind of monomania, but it must be regarded as a beneficent or at least a/an ----- one.
- (A) repugnant
(B) meticulous
(C) innocuous
(D) sordid
(E) venal
3. That dealers ----- enough to nurture a young modern painter's career rather than **plunder** it exist is not impossible, but the public's indifference to modern art makes such dealers less and less likely.
- (A) fastidious
(B) exhaustive

- (C) stringent
- (D) mercenary
- (E) magnanimous**

4. During Nate's (i) ----- as a teacher at a military academy, he felt that the (ii) ----- rules impeded his easygoing, flexible approach.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. foible	D. meticulous
B. stint	E. stringent
C. stalwart	F. magnanimous

5. In an effort to supplement his modest income and appease his thirst for a luxurious life, the (i) ----- police officer would ignore all the (ii) ----- controls on police activities and break the law for criminals who were willing to pay him adequately.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. venal	D. repugnant
B. innocuous	E. sordid
C. flamboyant	F. stringent

6. At first, **newlyweds** tend to be (i) ----- readily forgiving each other's (ii) ----- . The wife says it's "sweet" that her husband made the bed while she was still in it and "cute" that he grabbed her plate to wash it when she picked up her sandwich to take a bite. "You're so helpful," she coos. And he manages a smile when she dumps her too expensive, too (iii) ----- gold sequined dress in the middle of the bedroom floor. "We've sure got a high-priced, flashy rug," he jokes.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. exhaustive	D. foibles	G. flamboyant
B. benign	E. stints	H. meticulous
C. magnanimous	F. misnomers	I. mercenary

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. No president has escaped press criticism, and no president has considered himself fairly treated. The record of every administration has been the same, beginning with mutual protestations of goodwill, ending with ----- and mistrust.

- (A) flaws
- (B) rancor
- (C) stints
- (D) misnomers
- (E) recriminations**
- (F) accusations**

8. Because no ----- records exist regarding personal reading practices, we do not know, for example, the greatest number of books read in an individual lifetime.

(A) stringent

(B) strict

(C) comprehensive

(D) innocuous

(E) meticulous

(F) exhaustive