

UNIT TWO

WORD SET 1

1. berate (v.):	2. celerity (n.)
3. charlatan (n.):	4. corroborate (v.):
5. disseminate (v.):	6. diverge (v.):
7. dormant (adj.):	8. euphoric (adj.):
9. impetuous (adj.):	10. infallible (adj.):
11. maudlin (adj.)	12. regress (v.):
13. relinquish (v.):	14. ubiquitous (adj.)
15. zenith (n.)	

Exercise 1

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

1. Although their initial anger had abated somewhat, they continued to ----- the careless worker who had broken the machine.

- (A) disseminate
- (B) diverge
- (C) berate**
- (D) regress
- (E) verify

2. To avoid annihilation by parasites, some caterpillars are able to curtail periods of active growth by prematurely entering a/an ----- state, which is characterized by the suspension of feeding.

- (A) flawless
- (B) maudlin
- (C) impetuous
- (D) ubiquitous
- (E) dormant**

3. Denise never realized how hard it would be for her to ----- her newborn son to the care of his adoptive parents.

- (A) relinquish**
- (B) revert
- (C) corroborate
- (D) diverge
- (E) upbraid

4. Rumors, (i) ----- by unscrupulous people, live on for years, neither denied nor (ii) -----, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their credulity.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. disseminated	D. reverted
B. berated	E. corroborated
C. regressed	F. diverged

5. Before about 1960, virtually all accounts of evolution assumed most adaptation to be a product of selection at the level of populations; recent studies of evolution, however, have found that this (i) ----- view of selection is not (ii) -----.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. euphoric	D. dormant
B. impeccable	E. hasty
C. ubiquitous	F. infallible

6. Rocky was briefly involved in a gang. Then his (i) ----- conscience woke up, and he realized he really didn't want to engage in disgusting activities, which really made me virtually as (ii) ----- as I could ever imagine. I was really delighted to see he had decided to (iii) ----- to his old good habits of a decent life.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. maudlin	D. berated	G. relinquish
B. dormant	E. infallible	H. regress
C. rash	F. euphoric	I. confirm

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. When Dorothy and her friends realized that, despite his claims, the Wizard of Oz didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, they were sure they'd been duped by a ____.

- (A) apogee
- (B) impostor**
- (C) celerity
- (D) charlatan**
- (E) zenith
- (F) swiftness

8. The blueprints for the new automobile were ---- at first glance, but the designer had been basically too conservative to put aside previous standards of beauty.

- (A) ubiquitous
- (B) impetuous
- (C) impeccable**
- (D) pervasive
- (E) infallible**
- (F) maudlin

WORD SET 2

1. harangue (v.):	2. iconoclasm (n.):
3. irrevocable (adj.):	4. precipitate (v.):
5. proliferation (n.):	6. equivocate (v.):
7. fortuitous (adj.):	8. moribund (adj.):
9. liaison (n.)	10. debunk (v.)
11. propensity (n.)	12. reprehensible (adj.):
13. nocturnal (adj.):	14. solace (n.)
15. solicitous (adj.):	

Exercise 2

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

1. Though Willis intended to deliver a calm and focused speech, he quickly lost control of his emotions and ----- his colleagues about the dangers of grade inflation.

- (A) debunked
- (B) harangued**
- (C) equivocated
- (D) precipitated
- (E) corroborated

2. The poet W. H. Auden believed that the greatest poets of his age were almost necessarily irresponsible, that the possession of great gifts engenders the ----- to abuse them.

- (A) liaison
- (B) solace
- (C) propensity
- (D) iconoclasm
- (E) proliferation

3. The league was founded in 1919 in response to the immense scope of activities by various national Red Cross societies; an organization was needed to serve as a ----- between the societies so that they could work together.

- (A) liaison**
- (B) proliferation
- (C) prevarication
- (D) solace
- (E) inclination

4. The observers hope to find out how important (i) ----- foraging is to these endangered shorebirds in order to (ii) ----- the importance of restricting nighttime human use of beaches to specific places or times.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. nocturnal	D. removing
B. fortuitous	E. comprehend
C. irrevocable	F. ascertain

5. After Ted lost his father who he had not seen for long the impostor who approached him to wheedle him out of his money seemed to be so (i) ----- about Ted's welfare that it gave the distraught Ted (ii) ----- to talk to him.

Blank i	Blank ii
A. reprehensible	D. solace
B. solicitous	E. liaison
C. irreversible	F. proliferation

6. During a decade of (i) -----, social scientists sought to (ii) ----- the idea of the family as a healthy and stabilizing force, and replace it with the view that the family was (iii) -----.

Blank i	Blank ii	Blank iii
A. proliferation	D. precipitate	G. irrevocable
B. relief	E. equivocate	H. moribund
C. iconoclasm	F. debunk	I. fortuitous

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. One of Detroit's great success stories was Lee Iacocca's revitalization of the ----- Chrysler Corporation, turning it into a vigorous competitor.

- (A) accidental
- (B) precipitated
- (C) equivocated
- (D) moribund**
- (E) fortuitous
- (F) dilapidated**

8. Although Dr. Meanman's ----- plot to melt the polar icecaps was terrifying, it was so impractical that nobody really worried about it.

- (A) moribund
- (B) reprehensible**
- (C) nocturnal
- (D) nefarious**
- (E) solicitous
- (F) apprehensive