

1. disparity (n.): inequality; discrepancy
2. forestall (v.): prevent; neutralize; foil; stymie
3. insidious (adj.): harmful; deleterious; detrimental
4. insinuate (v.): say something indirectly; imply
5. interrogate (v.): question
6. obsequious (adj.): subservient; servile; slavish
7. omnipotent(adj.): very powerful; almighty
8. opportune (adj.): appropriate; apt; felicitous
9. pervade (v.): penetrate; permeate
10. proficient (adj.): dexterous; competent
11. retribution (n.): punishment; penalty
12. staunch (adj.): enthusiastic; firm; ardent
13. subversive (adj.): disloyal; treacherous
14. vindicate (v.): exonerate; absolve; acquit
15. yardstick (n.): criterion

- The **proponents** of recombinant DNA research have decided to encourage federal regulation of their work; they hope that by making this compromise they can ----- proposed state and local controls that might be even stiffer.
 (A) insinuate
 (B) interrogate
 (C) pervade
 (D) forestall
 (E) vindicate
- The diplomat, selected for her demonstrated patience and skill in conducting such delicate negotiations, declined to make a decision during the talks because any sudden commitment at that time would not have been -----.
 (A) detrimental
 (B) staunch
 (C) opportune
 (D) proficient
 (E) insidious
- Far from being -----, Pat was always eager to appear **acquiescent**.
 (A) absolved
 (B) pervasive
 (C) interrogated

- (D) obsequious
(E) opportune

4. "One (i) ----- which I'll judge your papers," the teacher said, "is whether you are (ii) ----- connecting your ideas into a cohesive whole.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. disparity	D. staunch
B. dexterity	E. proficient
C. yardstick	F. servile

5. The agent was accused of selling government secrets, but he was able to (i) ----- himself by proving that it was his boss who was the (ii) ----- one.

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)
A. vindicate	D. staunch
B. insinuate	E. subversive
C. forestall	F. insidious

6. When Pam, my older sister, made up her mind to tease or trick me, there was nothing I could do to **forestall** her plans. And she never missed a(n) (i) ----- moment to terrorize me. When our old dog growled, for no reason, at the empty air, she would (ii) ----- that evil spirits must have (iii) ----- the atmosphere, saying, "Dogs, you know, can sense the supernatural."

Blank(i)	Blank(ii)	Blank(iii)
A. proficient	D. interrogate	G. exonerated
B. omnipotent	E. insinuate	H. pervaded
C. opportune	F. stymie	I. involved

7. Ignoring the defense attorney's pleas for **clemency**, the judge was **inexorable**, giving the convicted **felon** the maximum ----- allowed by law.

- (A) inequality
(B) penalty
(C) disparity
(D) interrogation
(E) retribution
(F) criterion

8. A more ----- form of water pollution is chemicals used on farms that get into the water supply.

- (A) omnipotent
(B) pervasive
(C) insidious
(D) obsequious
(E) retribution
(F) deleterious