

Supplementary Test 2

1. While scientists dismiss as fanciful the idea of sudden changes in a genetic code (spontaneous mutation), it is possible that nature, like some master musician, ---- on occasion, departing from the expected or predictable.
(A) repeats
(B) improvises
(C) adorns
(D) corrects
(E) harmonizes
2. No work illustrated his disdain for a systematic approach to research better than his dissertation, which was rejected primarily because his bibliography constituted, at best, ----- survey of the major texts in his field.
(A) an unimaginative
(B) an arbitrary
(C) a meticulous
(D) an orthodox
(E) a haphazard
(F) a comprehensive
3. Although he was known to be extremely (i) ---- in his public behavior, scholars have discovered that his diaries were written with uncommon (ii) ----.

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| (A) reserved | (D) frankness |
| (B) polite | (E) subtlety |
| (C) modest | (F) vagueness |
4. With the ---- of scientific knowledge, work on the new edition of a textbook begins soon after completion of the original.
(A) limitation
(B) culmination
(C) veneration
(D) certainty
(E) burgeoning
5. She is most frugal in matters of business, but in her private life she reveals a streak of ----.
(A) antipathy
(B) misanthropy
(C) virtuosity
(D) equanimity
(E) prodigality
(F) improvidence
6. Just as some writers have demonstrated the capacity of language to express meaning, Giacometti ---- the failure of art to convey reality.
(A) abjured
(B) exemplified
(C) refuted
(D) affirmed
(E) bewailed