

1. Widely disseminated since its publication during the reign of Caesar Augustus, Virgil's *Aeneid* has served as the _____ of perfect Latin expression for hundreds of generations of students.

- A. epithet
- B. anomaly
- C. epitome**
- D. nadir
- E. epitaph

2. While her neighbors found her new lawn decorations absurdly _____, Josie thought they were tasteful, even sophisticated.

- A. cosmopolitan
- B. unkempt**
- C. meretricious
- D. viridian
- E. arcane

3. As Gerard (i) _____ the (ii) _____ that greeted his work, he became increasingly **smug**.

Blank i

- A. debunked
- B. basked in**
- C. annulled

Blank ii

- D. accolades**
- E. opprobrium
- F. infraction

4. Although he was finally (i) _____, the years of (ii) _____ tore apart his social circle, ruined his health and (iii) _____ his mind.

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- A. incriminated
- B. exculpated**
- C. subdued

Blank ii

- D. antithesis
- E. suspicion**
- F. self-importance

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- G. pilfered
- H. inveigled
- I. discomfited**

Select two answer choices.

5. After successfully **conning** the investors out of millions of dollars, the **crook** _____ with the money in the middle of the night and managed to avoid arrest.

- A. indicted
- B. absconded**
- C. squandered
- D. converged
- E. divested
- F. decamped**

6. Although the accusations against the politician were _____, they were believed by enough voters to seriously damage his bid for office.

A. impetuous

B. specious

C. ephemeral

D. presumptuous

E. spurious

F. transient