**Bonus Unit 6**

**1. Annotate (v.)**

to add short notes to a book or piece of writing to explain parts of it

*an annotated edition of “Othello”*

**2. Antedate (v.)**

to come from an earlier time in history than something else; predate

The economic troubles antedate the current government.

**3. Appreciate (v.)**

to understand how good or useful someone or something is; treasure

*Her abilities are not fully appreciated by her employer.*

**4. Devoid of (adj.)**

to be completely lacking in something

*His face was devoid of any warmth or humor.*

**5. Elucidate (v.)**

to explain something that is difficult to understand by providing more information

*The full picture has not yet been elucidated.*

**6. Finicky (adj.)**

too concerned with unimportant details and small things that you like or dislike

*She’s very finicky about what she eats.*

**7. Intensify (v.)**

to increase in degree or strength, or to make something do this

His mother’s death intensified his loneliness.

**8. Intimate (adj.)**

having an extremely close friendship

Close and intimate friendships are characterized by commitment and vulnerability.

**9. Limpid (adj.)**

clear or transparent

*Black shapes now appear against the limpid sky on the horizons!*

**10. Obviate (v.)**

to prevent or avoid a problem or the need to do something; eliminate

*The new treatment obviates the need for surgery.*

**11. Parsimonious (adj.)**

extremely unwilling to spend money; penurious

*She***’***s too parsimonious to give money to charity.*

**12. Replete with (adj.)**

be full of; rife with

*Literature is replete with tales of power.*

**13. Slipshod (adj.)**

done too quickly and carelessly - used to show disapproval

*The research project was shelved due to slipshod management.*

**14. Vitiate (v.)**

to make something less effective or spoil it; weaken; undermine

*Changes at this point may actually vitiate the entire system.*

**15. Vitriolic (adj.)**

vitriolic language, writing etc is very cruel and angry towards someone

*She attacked him in a vitriolic seven-page letter to the newspaper.*

**START THE TEST>**

**For each of Questions 1-4, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices.**

1. It is no accident that most people find Davis’ book disturbing, for it’s calculated

     to ----- a number of beliefs they have long cherished.

A. appreciated

B. absorbed

C. vitiated

D. annotated

E. anticipated

2. One virus stain that may help gene therapists cure genetic brain can enter the

     peripheral nervous system and travel to the brain, ----- the need to inject the

     therapeutic virus into the brain.

A. suggesting

B. intensifying

C. elucidating

D. satisfying

E. obviating

3. Even those siblings whose childhood was (i) ----- familial feuding and intense

     rivalry for their parents’ affection can nevertheless develop congenital and

     even (ii) ----- relationships with each other in their adult lives.

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     A. devoid of                                       D. intimate

     B. replete with                                 E. vitriolic

     C. finicky about                              F. parsimonious

4. (i) ----- the book might satisfy Bloom’s hardcore fans, it is (ii) ----- by its

      monotonous citations and its (iii) ----- style.

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      A. Considering the fact that      D. undermined         G. cruel                     
      B. Inasmuch as                               E. obviated                H. limpid  
      C. Although                                    F. elucidated               I. slipshod

**For each of Questions 5- 6, 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.**

5. Given his long history of penny-pinching behavior, we could not help but feel

      that his refusal to donate to the charity only reinforced his ----- image.

A. vitriolic  
B. devoid  
C. penurious  
D. bitter  
E. empty

F. parsimonious

6. Just as the earliest stone tools left by humans may seem nothing more than rock

     fragments to a layperson, so a lot of fossils require a trained eye to ----- them.

A. antedate  
B. treasure  
C. predate  
D. annotate  
E. appreciate

F. elucidate

**Answer key:** 1. C     2. E    3. B/D       4. C/D/I       5. C/F       6. B/E