**Unit 5 Review & Test**

**For each of Questions 1-8, select one entry for each blank from the corresponding column of choices.**

1. Many people feel that the federal government should do more to alleviate the

    \_\_\_\_  of the homeless.

    A. conglomeration

    B. stint

    C. plight

    D. masochist

    E. diffusion

2.  Bob’s avoiding meeting Gary’s eyes after having damaged his boat was the

      result of his feeling \_\_\_\_*.*

    A. meticulous

    B. stringent

    C. congenital

    D. contrite

    E. salutary

    3.  Even though Byron is frequently glib, it is still hard to dismiss him as a \_\_\_\_

         thinker.

      A. lucid

      B. sordid

     C. symmetrical

     D. germane

     E. flamboyant

    4. Mrs. Thatcher had a better eye for the weaknesses and \_\_\_\_ of her

         contemporaries than for their virtues.

A. restitutions

B. foibles

C. stints

D. talents

E. inclinations

     5. Apes and humans have \_\_\_\_ of tails, suggesting that some earlier ancestors

          probably were tailed.

  A. recriminations

  B. weaknesses

  C. cornerstones

  D. plights

  E. vestiges

6. When faced with an urgent problem for which there is no immediately obvious

     solution, we tend to welcome any suggestion, however \_\_\_\_, that might throw

     light on the dilemma.

   A. courageous

   B. stringent

   C. tenuous

   D. flamboyant

   E. beneficial

    7. Booing and hissing, the audience showed how much they (i) \_\_\_\_  Vidkund

         Quisling,  whose(ii) \_\_\_\_  through his so-called Fifth Column led to the taking of

         Norway by Nazi Germany.

**Blank (i)                                        (Blank ii)**

        A. forsook                                      D. perfidy

       B.  detested                                    E.  restriction

      C.  lionized                                      F. compensation

8. The reform candidate *denounced*the venal city officers for having betrayed

    the public’s trust by acting more to appease their thirst for money than to

    obliterate crime.

**Blank (i)**                                            **(Blank ii)                         (Blank iii)**

A. meddled in                                D. tenuous                         G. appeased

B.  recuperated                              E.  venal                            H. thrived

C.  denounced                                F.  superficial                      I. condemned

**For each of Questions 9- 10, 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.**

9. Let us forget our \_\_\_\_  and join together in a new spirit of friendship and

     cooperation.

A. suffering

B. hatred

C. restitution

D. speculation

E. rancor

F. compensation

10.  The human mind can often reject the most \_\_\_\_ data in favor of something

         that, though valueless, at least sounds familiar.

A. symmetrical

B.  contagious

C. relevant

D. innocuous

E.  harmless

F.  germane

**Question 11 is based on this passage.**

**Stock analyst:** "We believe Company A's stock will appreciate at 35% a year for the next 5 to 7 years. Company A just became the leader in its industry and we expect its sales to grow at 8% a year."  
***Commentator:*** "But how can the stock's price be expected to grow more quickly than the company's underlying sales?"

**11. Which of the following facts would best support the stock analyst?**

  A**.**The company's expenses will be declining over the next 5 to 10 years.

   B. The company just won a patent on a new product.

   C. Company A's stock is currently overvalued by a significant amount.

   D. The 5 to 7 year time frame is too long for anyone to accurately forecast.

   E. Company A's industry peer group is expected to experience stock appreciation

      rates of 30% over the same time horizon.

**Question 12 is based on this passage.**

Contrary to the charges made by some of its opponents, the provisions of the new deficit-reduction law for indiscriminate cuts in the federal budget are justified. Opponents should remember that the New Deal pulled this country out of great economic troubles even though some of its programs were later found to be unconstitutional.

**12. The opponents could effectively defend their position against the**

**author's strategy by pointing out that**

 A. the expertise of those opposing the law is outstanding

 B. the lack of justification for the new law does not imply that those who drew it

      up were either inept or immoral

C. the practical application of the new law will not entail indiscriminate budget

     cuts

D. economic troubles present at the time of the New Deal were equal in severity to

     those that have led to the present law

E. the fact that certain flawed programs or laws have improved the economy

     does not prove that every such program can do so

**Questions 13 -18  are based on this passage.**

         The settlement of the United States has occupied  traditional historians since 1893 when Frederick Jackson Turner developed his *Frontier Thesis*, a thesis that explained American development in terms of westward expansion. From the perspective of women’s history, Turner’s exclusively masculine assumptions constitute a major drawback: his defenders and critics alike have reconstructed men’s, not women’s, lives on the frontier. However, precisely because of this masculine orientation, revising the *Frontier Thesis* by focusing on women’s experience introduces new themes into women’s history—woman as lawmaker and entrepreneur—and, consequently, new interpretations of women’s relationship to capital, labor, and statute.

        Turner claimed that the frontier produced the individualism that is the hallmark of American culture, and that this individualism in turn promoted democratic institutions and economic equality. He argued for the frontier as an agent of social change. Most novelists and historians writing in the early to midtwentieth century who considered women in the West, when they considered women at all, fell under Turner’s spell. In their works these authors tended to glorify women’s contributions to frontier life. Western women, in Turnerian tradition, were a fiercely independent, capable, and durable lot, free from the constraints binding their eastern sisters. This interpretation implied that the West provided a congenial environment where women could aspire to their own goals, free from constrictive stereotypes and sexist attitudes. In Turnerian terminology, the frontier had furnished “a gate of escape from the bondage of the past.”

         By the middle of the twentieth century, the *Frontier Thesis* fell into disfavor among historians. Later, Reactionist writers took the view that frontier women were lonely, displaced persons in a hostile milieu that intensified the worst aspects of gender relations. The renaissance of the feminist movement during the 1970’s led to the Stasist school, which sidestepped the good bad dichotomy and argued that frontier women lived lives similar to the live of women in the East. In one now-standard text, Faragher demonstrated the persistence of the “cult of true womanhood” and the illusionary quality of change on the westward journey. Recently the Stasist position has been revised but not entirely discounted by new research.

13.   The primary purpose of the passage is to

A. provide a framework within which the history of women in nineteenth-

     century America can be organized

B. discuss divergent interpretations of women’s experience on the western

     frontier

C. introduce a new hypothesis about women’s experience in nineteenth-

     century America

D. advocate an empirical approach to women’s experience on the western

     frontier

E. resolve ambiguities in several theories about women’s experience on the

     western frontier

14.   Which of the following can be inferred about the novelists and historians

         mentioned in [paragraph](http://www.borzabadi.com/showpractice.php?id=176#p28q2) 2?

A. They misunderstood the powerful influence of constrictive stereotypes

      on women in the East.

B. They assumed that the frontier had offered more opportunities to

     women than had the East.

C. They included accurate information about women’s experiences on the

     frontier.

D. They underestimated the endurance and fortitude of frontier women.

E. They agreed with some of Turner’s assumptions about frontier women,

     but disagreed with other assumptions that he made.

15.   Which of the following, if true, would provide additional evidence for the

          Stasists’ argument as it is described in the passage?

A. Frontier women relied on smaller support groups of relatives and

      friends in the West than they had in the East.

B. The urban frontier in the West offered more occupational opportunity

     than the agricultural frontier offered.

C. Women participated more fully in the economic decisions of the family

     group in the West than they had in the East.

D. Western women received financial compensation for labor that was

     comparable to what women received in the East.

E. Western women did not have an effect on divorce laws, but lawmakers

     in the West were more responsive to women’s concerns than lawmakers

     in the East were.

16.   According to the passage, Turner makes which of the following connections

         in his Frontier Thesis?

I.      A connection between American individualism and economic equality

II.     A connection between geographical expansion and social change

III.   A connection between social change and financial prosperity

A. I only

B. II only

C. III only

D. I and II only

E. I, II and III

17.   Which of the following best describes the organization of the passage?

A. A current interpretation of a phenomenon is described and then ways in

     which it was developed are discussed.

B. Three theories are presented and then a new hypothesis that discounts

     those theories is described.

C. An important theory and its effects are discussed and then ways in

     which it has been revised are described.

D. A controversial theory is discussed and then viewpoints both for and

     against it are described.

E. A phenomenon is described and then theories concerning its correctness

     are discussed.

18.   Which of the following is true of the Stasist School as it is described in the

         passage?

A. It provides new interpretations of women’s relationship to work and the

      law.

B. It resolves some of the ambiguities inherent in Turnerian and

     Reactionist thought.

C. It has recently been discounted by new research gathered on women’s

     experience.

D. It avoids extreme positions taken by other writers on women’s history.

E. It was the first school of thought to suggest substantial revisions to the

*Frontier Thesis*.

**Answer key:** 1. C       2. D   3.A       4. B        5. E       6. C       7. B/E    8.C/F     9. B/D

                         10. C/E/G     11. A     12. E       13. B      14. B     15. D    16. D

                         17. C              18. D