

Chapter 1

1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.
 - a. blighted
 - b. confutative
 - c. ravenous
 - d. ostentatious
 - e. blissful

2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary _____ in the dialogue.
 - a. vulgarity
 - b. verbosity
 - c. vocalizations
 - d. garishness
 - e. tonality

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3. His neighbors found his _____ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.
- a. insentient
 - b. magisterial
 - c. reparatory
 - d. restorative
 - e. modest
4. Steven is always _____ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.
- a. legible
 - b. tolerable
 - c. punctual
 - d. literal
 - e. belligerent
5. Candace would _____ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.
- a. advocate
 - b. provoke
 - c. perforate
 - d. lamente
 - e. expunge
6. The dress Ariel wore _____ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.
- a. titillated
 - b. reiterated
 - c. scintillated
 - d. enthralled
 - e. striated
7. Being able to afford this luxury car will _____ getting a better-paying job.
- a. maximize
 - b. recombinant
 - c. reiterate
 - d. necessitate
 - e. reciprocate

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8. Levina unknowingly _____ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.
- a. coerced
 - b. proclaimed
 - c. abetted
 - d. sanctioned
 - e. solicited
9. Shakespeare, a(n) _____ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.
- a. numeric
 - b. obstinate
 - c. dutiful
 - d. prolific
 - e. generic
10. I had the _____ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.
- a. satisfactory
 - b. commendable
 - c. galling
 - d. acceptable
 - e. acute
11. Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and _____ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.
- a. reprimand
 - b. upbraid
 - c. abdicate
 - d. winnow
 - e. extol
12. If you will not do your work of your own _____, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.
- a. predilection
 - b. coercion
 - c. excursion
 - d. volition
 - e. infusion

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- 13.** After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became _____.
a. malodorous
b. prevalent
c. imposing
d. perforated
e. emphatic
- 14.** Giulia soon discovered the source of the _____ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.
a. quaint
b. fastidious
c. clandestine
d. laconic
e. fetid
- 15.** After making _____ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.
a. hospitable
b. itinerant
c. enterprising
d. chivalrous
e. irreverent
- 16.** With her _____ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.
a. inferior
b. keen
c. impressionable
d. ductile
e. conspiratorial

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- 17.** With a(n) _____ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.
- a. jaundiced
 - b. nefarious
 - c. stereotypical
 - d. sentimental
 - e. impartial
- 18.** Her _____ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.
- a. maudlin
 - b. meritorious
 - c. precarious
 - d. plausible
 - e. schematic
- 19.** Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are _____ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."
- a. acquitted
 - b. steadfast
 - c. tenuous
 - d. complicit
 - e. nullified
- 20.** The authorities, fearing a _____ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.
- a. subversion
 - b. premonition
 - c. predilection
 - d. infusion
 - e. inversion
- 21.** The story's bitter antagonist felt such great _____ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.
- a. insurgence
 - b. malevolence
 - c. reciprocation
 - d. declamation
 - e. preference

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- 22.** It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't _____!
- a. bankruptcy
 - b. usury
 - c. novice
 - d. kleptomania
 - e. flagrancy
- 23.** The _____ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.
- a. impertinent
 - b. suppliant
 - c. preeminent
 - d. illustrative
 - e. kaleidoscopic
- 24.** Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of _____ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.
- a. hirsute
 - b. acrimonious
 - c. plaintive
 - d. deciduous
 - e. votive
- 25.** Kym was _____ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.
- a. indispensable
 - b. indiscriminate
 - c. commensurate
 - d. propulsive
 - e. indisputable

Answers

1. c. *Ravenous* (adj.) means extremely hungry.
2. a. *Vulgarity* (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.
3. b. *Magisterial* (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.
4. c. *Punctual* (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.
5. b. To *provoke* (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.
6. c. To *scintillate* (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
7. d. To *necessitate* (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
8. c. To *abet* (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
9. d. *Prolific* (adj.) means abundantly creative.
10. c. *Galling* (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
11. c. To *abdicate* (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.
12. d. *Volition* (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.
13. a. *Malodorous* (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.
14. e. *Fetid* (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.
15. e. *Irreverent* (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.
16. b. *Keen* (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.

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- 17. b. *Nefarious* (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.
- 18. a. *Maudlin* (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.
- 19. d. *Complicit* (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.
- 20. a. *Subversion* (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.
- 21. b. *Malevolence* (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.
- 22. b. *Usury* (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.
- 23. e. *Kaleidoscopic* (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.
- 24. e. *Votive* (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.
- 25. b. *Indiscriminate* (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction.

Chapter 2

- 26.** Phillip's _____ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.
- a. aloof
 - b. jesting
 - c. grave
 - d. earnest
 - e. conservative
- 27.** Brian's pale Irish skin was _____ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.
- a. prone
 - b. urbane
 - c. eminent
 - d. erect
 - e. daunted

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- 28.** A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the _____ South.
- a. decorous
 - b. rogue
 - c. droll
 - d. antebellum
 - e. onerous
- 29.** Over the years the Wilsons slowly _____ upon the Jacksons' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Jacksons' land.
- a. encroached
 - b. jettisoned
 - c. conjoined
 - d. repudiated
 - e. teemed
- 30.** Mary became _____ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.
- a. proficient
 - b. reflective
 - c. dormant
 - d. redundant
 - e. valiant
- 31.** To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to _____ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.
- a. prescribe
 - b. probe
 - c. alienate
 - d. converge
 - e. revere

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- 32.** Juan's friends found him in a _____ mood after he learned he would be homecoming king.
- a. jovial
 - b. stealthy
 - c. paltry
 - d. gullible
 - e. depleted
- 33.** His suit of armor made the knight _____ to his enemy's attack, and he was able to escape safely to his castle.
- a. vulnerable
 - b. churlish
 - c. invulnerable
 - d. static
 - e. imprudent
- 34.** Choosing a small, fuel-efficient car is a _____ purchase for a recent college graduate.
- a. corrupt
 - b. tedious
 - c. unhallowed
 - d. sardonic
 - e. judicious
- 35.** Such a _____ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.
- a. copious
 - b. flagrant
 - c. raucous
 - d. nominal
 - e. morose
- 36.** With all of the recent negative events in her life, she felt _____ forces must be at work.
- a. resurgent
 - b. premature
 - c. malignant
 - d. punctilious
 - e. antecedent

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37. The _____ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.
- a. bemused
 - b. prosaic
 - c. apocryphal
 - d. ebullient
 - e. tantamount
38. When her schoolwork got to be too much, Pam had a tendency to _____, which always put her further behind.
- a. dedicate
 - b. rejuvenate
 - c. ponder
 - d. excel
 - e. procrastinate
39. Racha's glance was a _____ invitation to speak later in private about events of the meeting.
- a. trecherous
 - b. scintillating
 - c. tactful
 - d. tacit
 - e. taboo
40. She reached the _____ of her career with her fourth novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize.
- a. harbinger
 - b. apogee
 - c. metamorphosis
 - d. dictum
 - e. synthesis
41. The _____ townspeople celebrated the soldier's return to his home by adorning trees with yellow ribbons and balloons.
- a. somber
 - b. jubilant
 - c. pitiless
 - d. cunning
 - e. unsullied

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- 42.** The governor-elect was hounded by a group of _____ lobbyists and others hoping to gain favor with her administration.
- a. facetious
 - b. abstruse
 - c. magnanimous
 - d. fawning
 - e. saccharine
- 43.** The mock graduation ceremony—with a trained skunk posing as the college president—was a complete _____ that offended many college officials.
- a. tempest
 - b. epitome
 - c. quintessence
 - d. travesty
 - e. recitative
- 44.** The busy, _____ fabric of the clown's tie matched his oversized jacket, which was equally atrocious.
- a. mottled
 - b. bleak
 - c. credible
 - d. malleable
 - e. communicable
- 45.** Kendrick's talent _____ under the tutelage of Anya Kowalonek, who as a young woman had been the most accomplished pianist in her native Lithuania.
- a. bantered
 - b. touted
 - c. flourished
 - d. embellished
 - e. colluded

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46. The children were _____ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.
- a. censured
 - b. striated
 - c. feigned
 - d. prevaricated
 - e. flummoxed
47. As the _____ in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo is a hero able to capture the audience's sympathy by continually professing his love for Juliet.
- a. protagonist
 - b. enigma
 - c. facade
 - d. activist
 - e. catechist
48. The chess master promised to _____ havoc upon his opponent's pawns for taking his bishop.
- a. wreak
 - b. warrant
 - c. ensue
 - d. placate
 - e. endow
49. I have always admired Seymour's _____; I've never seen him rattled by anything.
- a. aplomb
 - b. confluence
 - c. propriety
 - d. compunction
 - e. nostalgia
50. The soldiers received a military _____ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.
- a. allotment
 - b. dominion
 - c. affectation
 - d. calculation
 - e. mandate

Answers

26. b. *Jesting* (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.
27. a. *Prone* (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
28. d. *Antebellum* (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.
29. a. To *encroach* (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.
30. a. *Proficient* (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.
31. b. To *probe* (v.) is to examine thoroughly; tentatively survey.
32. a. *Jovial* (adj.) means showing hearty good cheer; marked with the spirit of jolly merriment.
33. c. *Invulnerable* (adj.) means incapable of being damaged or wounded; unassailable or invincible.
34. e. *Judicious* (adj.) means being wise or prudent; showing good judgment; sensible.
35. b. *Flagrant* (adj.) means conspicuously and outrageously bad, offensive, or reprehensible.
36. c. *Malignant* (adj.) means disposed to cause distress or inflict suffering intentionally; inclining to produce death; an injurious infiltration.
37. c. *Apocryphal* (adj.) means of questionable authenticity or doubtful authority; fictitious, false.
38. e. To *procrastinate* (v.) is to put off from day to day.

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39. c. *Tacit* (adj.) means unspoken yet understood.
40. b. *Apogee* (n.) means the highest or farthest point, culmination; the point in its orbit where a satellite is at the greatest distance from the body it is orbiting.
41. b. *Jubilant* (adj.) means rejoicing; expressing joyfulness; exulting.
42. d. *Fawning* (adj.) means attempting to win favor or attention by excessive flattery, ingratiating displays of affection, or servile compliance; obsequious.
43. d. *Travesty* (n.) means a parody; a grotesque imitation with the intent to ridicule.
44. a. *Mottled* (adj.) means blotched or spotted with different colors or shades.
45. c. To *flourish* (v.) is (of artists) to be in a state of high productivity, excellence, or influence; to grow luxuriously, thrive; to fare well, prosper, increase in wealth, honor, comfort or whatever is desirable; to make bold, sweeping movements.
46. e. To *flummox* (v.) is to confuse, perplex, bewilder.
47. a. A *protagonist* (n.) is the main character in a drama.
48. a. To *wreak* (v.) means to inflict, as a revenge or punishment.
49. a. *Aplomb* (n.) is self-assurance, composure, poise, especially under strain.
50. e. *Mandate* (n.) is a command or authoritative instruction.

Chapter 3

- 51.** As _____ beings we live each day conscious of our shortcomings and victories.
- a. sensational
 - b. sentient
 - c. sentimental
 - d. static
 - e. senile
- 52.** The curious crowd gathered to watch the irate customer _____ about the poor service he received in the restaurant.
- a. antique
 - b. trivialize
 - c. rant
 - d. placate
 - e. fetter

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- 53.** The man's _____ driving resulted in a four-car pile-up on the freeway.
- a. burdensome
 - b. charismatic
 - c. exceptional
 - d. boastful
 - e. negligent
- 54.** Ron didn't know the rules of rugby, but he could tell by the crowd's reaction that it was a critical _____ in the game.
- a. acclamation
 - b. conviction
 - c. juncture
 - d. enigma
 - e. revelation
- 55.** My ancestor who lost his life in the Revolutionary War was a _____ for American independence.
- a. knave
 - b. reactionary
 - c. compatriot
 - d. nonconformist
 - e. martyr
- 56.** The _____ sound of the radiator as it released steam became an increasingly annoying distraction.
- a. sibilant
 - b. scintillating
 - c. diverting
 - d. sinuous
 - e. scurrilous
- 57.** It is helpful for salesmen to develop a good _____ with their customers in order to gain their trust.
- a. platitude
 - b. rapport
 - c. ire
 - d. tribute
 - e. disinclination

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- 58.** In such a small office setting, the office manager found he had _____ responsibilities that required knowledge in a variety of different topics.
- a. heedless
 - b. complementary
 - c. mutual
 - d. manifold
 - e. correlative
- 59.** David's _____ entrance on stage disrupted the scene and caused the actors to flub their lines.
- a. untimely
 - b. precise
 - c. lithe
 - d. fortuitous
 - e. tensile
- 60.** The settlers found an ideal location with plenty of _____ land for farming and a mountain stream for fresh water and irrigation.
- a. candid
 - b. provincial
 - c. arable
 - d. timid
 - e. quaint
- 61.** The _____ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.
- a. gangling
 - b. studious
 - c. mimetic
 - d. abject
 - e. reserved

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- 62.** Carson was at first flattered by the _____ of his new colleagues, but he soon realized that their admiration rested chiefly on his connections, not his accomplishments.
- a. reprisal
 - b. adulation
 - c. bulwark
 - d. rapport
 - e. retinue
- 63.** For a(n) _____ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.
- a. nominal
 - b. judgmental
 - c. existential
 - d. bountiful
 - e. jovial
- 64.** Searching frantically to find the hidden jewels, the thieves proceeded to _____ the entire house.
- a. justify
 - b. darken
 - c. amplify
 - d. ransack
 - e. glorify
- 65.** The _____ deer stuck close to its mother when venturing out into the open field.
- a. starling
 - b. foundling
 - c. yearling
 - d. begrudging
 - e. hatchling

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- 66.** The police officer _____ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.
- a. undulated
 - b. enjoined
 - c. stagnated
 - d. permeated
 - e. delineated
- 67.** Jackson's poor typing skills were a _____ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.
- a. benefit
 - b. hindrance
 - c. partiality
 - d. temptation
 - e. canon
- 68.** Through _____, the chef created a creamy sauce by combining brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon in a pan and cooking them over medium-high heat.
- a. impasse
 - b. obscurity
 - c. decadence
 - d. diversion
 - e. liquefaction
- 69.** The defendant claimed that he was innocent and that his confession was _____.
- a. coerced
 - b. flagrant
 - c. terse
 - d. benign
 - e. futile

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- 70.** Harvey was discouraged that his visa application was _____ due to his six convictions.
- a. lethargic
 - b. immeasurable
 - c. nullified
 - d. segregated
 - e. aggravated
- 71.** The rebel spies were charged with _____ and put on trial.
- a. sedition
 - b. attrition
 - c. interaction
 - d. reiteration
 - e. perdition
- 72.** Keith was _____ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.
- a. munificent
 - b. portly
 - c. amphibious
 - d. guileful
 - e. forensic
- 73.** Calvin reached the _____ of his career in his early thirties when he became president and CEO of a software company.
- a. zephyr
 - b. plethora
 - c. vale
 - d. nocturne
 - e. zenith
- 74.** Although I'd asked a simple "yes" or "no" question, Irfan's reply was _____, and I didn't know how to interpret it.
- a. prodigal
 - b. irate
 - c. equivocal
 - d. voracious
 - e. harrowing

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- 75.** The high-profile company CEO was given an _____ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.
- a. expiation
 - b. honorarium
 - c. inoculation
 - d. interpretation
 - e. inquisition

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Answers

51. b. *Sentient* (adj.) means possessing the power of sense or sense-perception; conscious.
52. c. To *rant* (v.) means to speak loudly or violently.
53. e. *Negligent* (adj.) means to habitually lack in giving proper care or attention; having a careless manner.
54. c. *Juncture* (n.) is a point of time, especially one that is at a critical point.
55. e. A *martyr* (n.) is one who sacrifices something of supreme value, such as a life, for a cause or principle; a victim; one who suffers constantly.
56. a. *Sibilant* (adj.) means characterized by a hissing sound.
57. b. A *rapport* (n.) is a relationship that is useful and harmonious.
58. d. *Manifold* (adj.) means many and varied; of many kinds; multiple.
59. a. *Untimely* (adj.) means happening before the proper time.
60. c. *Arable* (adj.) means suitable for cultivation, fit for plowing and farming productively.
61. a. *Gangling* (adj.) means awkward, lanky, or unusually tall and thin.
62. b. *Adulation* (n.) means strong or excessive admiration or praise; fawning flattery.
63. a. *Nominal* (adj.) means small, virtually nothing, or much below the actual value of a thing.
64. d. To *ransack* (v.) means to thoroughly search, to plunder, pillage.

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65. c. A *yearling* (n.) is a young animal past its first year but not yet two years old.
66. b. To *enjoin* (v.) means to issue an order or command; to direct or impose with authority.
67. b. *Hindrance* (n.) is an impediment or obstruction; a state of being hindered; a cause of being prevented or impeded.
68. e. *Liquefaction* (n.) is the process of liquefying a solid or making a liquid.
69. a. To *coerce* (v.) is to force to do through pressure, threats, or intimidation; to compel.
70. c. To *nullify* (v.) means to make invalid or nonexistent.
71. a. *Sedition* (n.) means resistance, insurrection; conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.
72. a. *Munificent* (adj.) means extremely generous or liberal in giving; lavish.
73. e. *Zenith* (n.) means the highest point of any path or course.
74. c. *Equivocal* (adj.) means open to two or more interpretations, ambiguous and often intended to mislead; open to question, uncertain.
75. b. *Honorarium* (n.) is payment or reward for services for which payment is not usually required.

Chapter 4

- 76.** Zachary was doomed to a miserable life, for no matter how much he had, he always _____ the possessions of others.
- a. protracted
 - b. exalted
 - c. engendered
 - d. coveted
 - e. filibustered
- 77.** Sheila's grueling hike included passing through numerous _____.
- a. terrariums
 - b. neoprene
 - c. jurisdictions
 - d. ravines
 - e. belfries

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- 78.** The college professor was known on campus as a _____ character—bland but harmless and noble in his ideals.
- a. staid
 - b. stagnant
 - c. auspicious
 - d. sterile
 - e. dogmatic
- 79.** Because he was so _____, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.
- a. belligerent
 - b. nimble
 - c. demure
 - d. volatile
 - e. speculative
- 80.** The toy store's extensive inventory offered a _____ of toys from baby items to video games for teenagers.
- a. manifold
 - b. lexicon
 - c. burrow
 - d. gamut
 - e. motif
- 81.** With sunscreen and a good book, April _____ by the pool in her lounge chair while the children swam.
- a. ensconced
 - b. sustained
 - c. expelled
 - d. transcended
 - e. lolled

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- 82.** NaQuan had a terrible habit of boasting so much about his smallest accomplishments that his _____ became renowned throughout the small college campus.
- a. vainglory
 - b. timidity
 - c. diffidence
 - d. tempestuousness
 - e. mockery
- 83.** Only a small number of people in the audience laughed at the comic's _____ sense of humor, while the rest found him to be too sarcastic.
- a. consequential
 - b. avaricious
 - c. venturous
 - d. dauntless
 - e. mordant
- 84.** He has long been a(n) _____ of year-round school, believing it would significantly improve learning and ease the burden on working parents.
- a. advocate
 - b. levity
 - c. detractor
 - d. epiphany
 - e. connoisseur
- 85.** Tired of hearing the child whine for more candy, the babysitter finally _____ and offered him a piece of chocolate.
- a. relented
 - b. abated
 - c. rendered
 - d. placated
 - e. enumerated

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- 86.** Dogs growl and show their teeth in an attempt to _____ the animal or person they perceive as a threat.
- a. bolster
 - b. waylay
 - c. cow
 - d. exacerbate
 - e. appease
- 87.** In biology class, Sabine observed the slug's _____, its barely discernible movement in the tank.
- a. parody
 - b. prescience
 - c. torpor
 - d. insight
 - e. vigor
- 88.** The _____ instinct of a watchdog is to attack strangers who enter its home.
- a. judicious
 - b. intimate
 - c. pragmatic
 - d. melancholy
 - e. primal
- 89.** The battalion's _____ was a well-fortified structure near the enemy lines.
- a. labyrinth
 - b. summary
 - c. villa
 - d. vinculum
 - e. garrison
- 90.** Much to my surprise, my teenage daughter was _____ to the idea of going out with me on Friday night instead of with her friends.
- a. contrite
 - b. impartial
 - c. partisan
 - d. deferential
 - e. amenable

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- 91.** The enormous waves forced the lobster boat to _____ heavily to the starboard side, causing crates of lobsters to topple and fall into the ocean.
- a. trifle
 - b. degenerate
 - c. list
 - d. expedite
 - e. disseminate
- 92.** Walking through the _____ forest in spring was a welcome escape from the cold, gray winter we had spent in the city.
- a. pliant
 - b. verdant
 - c. factious
 - d. bland
 - e. innocuous
- 93.** Nina called the humane society when she saw her neighbor _____ his dog.
- a. mandate
 - b. forebode
 - c. maltreat
 - d. stipulate
 - e. peruse
- 94.** Meredith used the _____ to steer the horse and keep him in line.
- a. jolt
 - b. bristle
 - c. chine
 - d. quirt
 - e. hearth
- 95.** Oliver was unable to _____ himself from the difficulties he had caused by forging the documents.
- a. reprove
 - b. pique
 - c. oust
 - d. extricate
 - e. broach

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96. The _____ of our expedition was still so far away that I felt we would never get there.
- a. nadir
 - b. terminus
 - c. speculation
 - d. apex
 - e. dungeon
97. If he expected to _____ as a doctor, Lou knew he would have to study hard in medical school and work long hours to gain experience and skill.
- a. perpetrate
 - b. palliate
 - c. palpitate
 - d. prosper
 - e. mediate
98. Doc Wilson grew up in Florida and was not prepared to face the _____ climate of the Alaskan winter.
- a. freshwater
 - b. gelid
 - c. compendious
 - d. subsidiary
 - e. improvident
99. Marvin's _____ prevented him from finishing his work and was evidenced in his large phone bills.
- a. loquacity
 - b. heroism
 - c. decadence
 - d. depreciation
 - e. rescission

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- 100.** The graph clearly showed the company reaching the _____ in profits during the 1980s when the economy was in a boom period.
- a. narthex
 - b. gullet
 - c. gamut
 - d. quiescence
 - e. vertex

Answers

- 76. d.** To *covet* (v.) is to wish or long for; to feel immoderate desire for that which belongs to another.
- 77. d.** A *ravine* (n.) is a deep narrow canyon.
- 78. a.** *Staid* (adj.) means of a steady and sober character; prudently reserved and colorless.
- 79. b.** *Nimble* (adj.) is quick and light in movement, to be agile.
- 80. d.** A *gamut* (n.) is an entire range or a whole series.
- 81. e.** To *loll* (v.) is to lean, recline, or act lazily or indolently; lounge.
- 82. a.** *Vainglory* (n.) means excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.
- 83. e.** *Mordant* (adj.) means biting sarcasm or harshly caustic.
- 84. a.** An *advocate* (n.) is one who argues for a cause, a supporter or defender; one who pleads on another's behalf.
- 85. a.** To *relent* (v.) means to yield or comply.
- 86. c.** To *cow* (v.) is to intimidate, frighten with threats or show of force.
- 87. c.** *Torpor* (n.) means extreme sluggishness; lethargy or apathy; dullness.
- 88. e.** *Primal* (adj.) means primary, the first in order or the original; primitive.
- 89. e.** A *garrison* (n.) is a fort or outpost where troops are stationed; any military post.

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90. e. *Amenable* (adj.) means disposed or willing to comply; responsive, willing; responsible to a higher authority, accountable.
91. c. To *list* (v.) (related to a vessel) is to incline or to cause to lean to one side.
92. b. *Verdant* (adj.) means green with vegetation.
93. c. To *maltreat* (v.) means to treat poorly; abuse.
94. d. A *quirt* (n.) is a riding whip with a short handle and braided rawhide leash.
95. d. To *extricate* (v.) is to release from an entanglement or difficulty, disengage.
96. b. The *terminus* (n) is the final point or goal; the final stop on a transportation line.
97. d. To *prosper* (v.) means to be successful.
98. b. *Gelid* (adj.) means icy or extremely cold; possessing a cold or unfriendly manner.
99. a. *Loquacity* (n.) is talkativeness; the state of continual talking.
100. e. *Vertex* (n.) means the highest point of anything; the apex or summit.

Chapter 5

- 101.** Amie agrees with the _____ that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
- a. perpetuity
 - b. penchant
 - c. maxim
 - d. conformation
 - e. fortitude
- 102.** Victor Frankenstein's creature was a(n) _____, detested by everyone he met.
- a. itinerant
 - b. anathema
 - c. cosmopolitan
 - d. mercenary
 - e. anomaly

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- 103.** Jack Nicholson was at the _____ of his career when he received the Oscar for Best Actor.
- a. detriment
 - b. pinnacle
 - c. oligarchy
 - d. rogue
 - e. repose
- 104.** Ariana was outstanding as the moderator; she handled the intensely heated debate with great _____, diplomatically and tactfully keeping the conversation fair and on track.
- a. finesse
 - b. pretentiousness
 - c. prowess
 - d. succor
 - e. aversion
- 105.** The class endured a loud and lengthy _____ by the teacher on the subject of submitting written work on time.
- a. guile
 - b. polemic
 - c. bravado
 - d. tirade
 - e. heresy
- 106.** Lauren's _____ features, what you first noticed about her, were her stunning black hair and large, dark eyes.
- a. savvy
 - b. affluent
 - c. predominant
 - d. universal
 - e. malicious

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- 107.** Whenever Tom and I would argue he would _____ with his hands and body to accentuate his point.
- a. interject
 - b. infuse
 - c. gesticulate
 - d. conjure
 - e. encumber
- 108.** Must we be subjected to your _____ complaints all day long?
- a. tiresome
 - b. fearsome
 - c. awesome
 - d. gleesome
 - e. wholesome
- 109.** The new political candidate refused to print _____ about her aggressive opponent, but that did not stop him from printing lies about her.
- a. dispensation
 - b. assignation
 - c. rendition
 - d. libel
 - e. compunction
- 110.** Awkwardly tall and prone to tripping over her own feet, Grace felt her name was truly a _____.
- a. misnomer
 - b. preoccupation
 - c. universality
 - d. garrulity
 - e. benevolence

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- 111.** Although the villagers' lives were profoundly different from her own, Jing-Mae felt a deep _____ for the people when she served in the Peace Corps.
- a. reparation
 - b. affinity
 - c. injunction
 - d. exigency
 - e. analogy
- 112.** Sometimes late at night Sharon would gaze joyfully at her children as they slept and _____ in their innocence.
- a. sneer
 - b. ostracize
 - c. revel
 - d. repudiate
 - e. antiquate
- 113.** In the famous balcony scene, Romeo _____ Juliet's beauty in one of the most romantic soliloquies ever written.
- a. sanctions
 - b. extols
 - c. peruses
 - d. beguiles
 - e. fetters
- 114.** It was _____ to think that it could possibly snow in the middle of the desert.
- a. advantageous
 - b. philosophical
 - c. eroding
 - d. preventative
 - e. preposterous

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- 115.** Every evening at the restaurant, the reporter would eavesdrop on the Mayor's conversations in order to _____ any information that could make headlines.
- a. ignore
 - b. glean
 - c. extol
 - d. extend
 - e. narrate
- 116.** The surgeon placed a _____ on the femoral artery to bind it during the long and exhausting surgery.
- a. ligature
 - b. doctrine
 - c. premise
 - d. synopsis
 - e. degeneration
- 117.** By sheer _____ force, the men pushed the truck to the side of the road and out of danger.
- a. virile
 - b. persnickety
 - c. meticulous
 - d. suave
 - e. contentious
- 118.** Based on his recent poor decisions, it was obvious that Seth lacked even a _____ of good sense.
- a. debasement
 - b. diversion
 - c. disapprobation
 - d. submission
 - e. modicum

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- 119.** To settle the dispute, the students elected a faculty member to serve as a(n) _____.
a. maverick
b. dystopia
c. arbiter
d. fiduciary
e. martyr
- 120.** The _____ newspaper accounts of the city scandal caused some readers to question the truth of the stories.
a. lurid
b. vivacious
c. blithesome
d. prolific
e. amicable
- 121.** The _____ man with amnesia was unable to recognize where he was.
a. endogenous
b. euphoric
c. nonplussed
d. amicable
e. pliable
- 122.** Justin's _____ solution to the problem revealed that he did not spend much time considering the consequences.
a. facile
b. obsolete
c. resilient
d. pristine
e. ardent
- 123.** The events of the evening _____ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.
a. expired
b. transpired
c. retired
d. ensured
e. extorted

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- 124.** It is every American person's _____ to live the life he or she chooses.
- a. composite
 - b. eloquence
 - c. prerogative
 - d. allusion
 - e. demise
- 125.** After the boisterous customers left the café without tipping, Carlos _____ at them through the restaurant's front window.
- a. interjected
 - b. jostled
 - c. glowered
 - d. emulated
 - e. skulked

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Answers

- 101.** c. *Maxim* (n.) is an established principle or a general truth, often a condensed version of a practical truth.
- 102.** b. An *anathema* (n.) is one who is detested or shunned; one who is cursed or damned; a curse or vehement denunciation; a formal ban, curse, or excommunication.
- 103.** b. A *pinnacle* (n.) is the highest level or degree available.
- 104.** a. *Finesse* (n.) is the subtle, skillful handling of a situation, diplomacy, tact; refined or delicate performance or execution.
- 105.** d. A *tirade* (n.) is a long and blustering speech given especially when the speaker is denouncing someone or something.
- 106.** c. *Predominant* (adj.) means most dominant, common, or frequent; to have surpassing power, influence, or authority.
- 107.** c. To *gesticulate* (v.) means to use gestures or make motions; express through motion, especially while speaking.
- 108.** a. *Tiresome* (adj.) means causing to be weary.
- 109.** d. *Libel* (n.) is defamatory writing; misrepresentative publication (writing, pictures, signs) that damages a person's reputation.
- 110.** a. *Misnomer* (n.) is a misnaming of a person or place; a wrong or unsuitable name.
- 111.** b. An *affinity* (n.) is a natural attraction or liking; a feeling of kinship, connection or closeness, similarity; relationship by marriage.
- 112.** c. To *revel* (v.) is to take great pleasure or delight.
- 113.** b. To *extol* (v.) means to praise highly, exalt, glorify.

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- 114. e.** *Preposterous* (adj.) means contrary to common sense or utterly absurd.
- 115. b.** To *glean* (v.) means to gather or collect slowly; to learn or discover bit by bit.
- 116. a.** A *ligature* (n.) is something that ties or binds up, such as a bandage, wire, or cord.
- 117. a.** *Virile* (adj.) means having masculine strength; vigorous or energetic.
- 118. e.** *Modicum* (n.) is a small or token amount.
- 119. c.** An *arbiter* (n.) is one selected or appointed to judge or decide a disputed issue, an arbitrator; someone with the power to settle matters at will.
- 120. a.** *Lurid* (adj.) means glaringly sensational or vivid; shocking.
- 121. c.** *Nonplussed* (adj.) means greatly perplexed, filled with bewilderment.
- 122. a.** *Facile* (adj.) means arrived at or achieved with little difficulty or effort, thus lacking depth, superficial; performing or speaking effectively with effortless ease and fluency, adroit, eloquent.
- 123. b.** To *transpire* (v.) means to come to pass, to occur.
- 124. c.** *Prerogative* (n.) means an exclusive or special right or privilege.
- 125. c.** To *glower* (v.) means to stare angrily or sullenly, to look intently with anger or dislike.

Chapter 6

- 126.** People often referred to Noelle as _____ because she trusted everyone and even slept with her doors unlocked.
- ☒ a. naïve
 - b. elevated
 - c. boastful
 - d. panoramic
 - e. elated Very happy
- 127.** Kinnel's re-election is being threatened by a growing _____ of disgruntled union members.
- a. rogue
 - ☒ b. faction
 - c. pariah out cast
 - d. guise
 - e. anathema something or someone that one vehemently dislikes.
or curse

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- 128.** The peasants passed their weary days in much _____ and little comfort.
- a. pertinence
 - b. renown
 - ☒ c. travail painfull
 - d. exile
 - e. repose rest
- 129.** Lyasia is a _____ of the clarinet; she has performed solos with many orchestras and bands around the world.
- a. neophyte new religon
 - b. novice
 - ☒ c. virtuoso
 - d. termagant angry
 - e. plethora
- 130.** The children knew that once their father made his decision, the new rule would be _____ because he would never change his mind.
- ☒ a. irrevocable not able change
 - b. articulate
 - c. premeditated
 - d. serried standing close together in oder.
 - e. discourteous reduceness
- 131.** The haunted house displayed _____ scenes in every room, causing squeamish visitors to scream.
- a. preparatory serving as or carrying out preparation for a task or undertaking.
 - b. archaic
 - c. macabre distrubing ,cause fear or death
 - d. precocious
 - e. impetuous done quickly
- 132.** The concert audience was frustrated by the poor _____ of the sounds coming from the speakers.
- ☒ a. modulation
 - b. recrimination an accusation in response to one from someone else.
 - c. terminus end of ravier , final point
 - d. dissidence
 - e. assertion

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- 133.** Please don't _____ me my success—I've worked hard to earn this promotion!
- a. renege
 - ☒ b. begrudge
 - c. excise
 - d. staunch
 - e. vaunt boast
- 134.** With an _____ blow of the whistle, the meddling parent interrupted the game to reiterate the rules of the tournament.
- a. industrious
 - b. illustrious
 - c. eloquent fluency
 - ☒ d. officious
 - e. enviable arousing , to envy
- 135.** The candidate's inappropriately sexist remark was met with a _____ of denunciations from the angry crowd.
- a. bastion protecting
 - ☒ b. fusillade shots fired
 - c. mélange mixture
 - d. dichotomy
 - e. solecism grammaitcall error
- 136.** The _____ employee decided to complain publicly about the unacceptable working conditions.
- a. discreet
 - b. prudent showing care for the future
 - c. precarious
 - ☒ d. malcontent dissatified
 - e. stupendous
- 137.** The medicine man applied a sweet smelling _____ to the young brave's wounds.
- a. triad
 - b. corrosive
 - c. parcel
 - ☒ d. unguent oniment , bamab
 - e. pungent

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- 138.** The judge dismissed the extraneous evidence because it was not _____ to the trial.
- ☒ a. pertinent not related
 - b. pretentious
 - c. synonymous
 - d. abject
 - e. inalienable
- 139.** The _____ nature of the song is supposed to be reminiscent of shepherds calling to their flocks at night.
- ☒ a. vocative
 - b. endemic locattion spetic
 - c. surreptitious
 - d. preternatural
 - e. inane lack sense , silly
- 140.** The _____ child caused great difficulties for her parents and teachers because she refused to correct her bad behavior even in the face of punishment.
- a. adorable
 - b. sincere
 - ☒ c. incorrigible stubborn
 - d. lamentable behinde some death sorrow
 - e. demure
- 141.** The internist decided to treat the _____ with medication, but also recommended rest and proper nutrition.
- ☒ a. malady diseaase
 - b. nonentity non-existence
 - c. missive
 - d. repository
 - e. nonchalance

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 142.** It was such a beautiful day that I decided to go for a _____ on my bike down to the local park.
- a. expedition
 - ☒ b. jaunt meaningless
 - c. pilgrimage
 - d. repast a meal
 - e. intimation
- 143.** The castaway's hut was _____ by the natives curious to see who the intruder was upon their island.
- ☒ a. beset constally hurt , aggresive
 - b. surmised
 - c. precluded
 - d. garnered
 - e. lauded highly praised
- 144.** Sometimes my grandmother would _____ all different types of thread so she could include more colors in the clothes she sewed.
- a. daunt fear
 - ☒ b. rattle twist
 - c. scrabble
 - d. thrush
 - e. empower
- 145.** The defense attorney's choice of words _____ that there were other possible versions of the crime, but the jury was unconvinced.
- a. pervaded
 - ☒ b. insinuated
 - c. discounted
 - d. imposed
 - e. ensconced safe space Text
- 146.** Ted's enthusiasm for becoming a professional drum player _____ when he realized he would have to practice several hours a day.
- a. waxed
 - ☒ b. waned
 - c. deranged
 - d. flouted
 - e. preempted

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- 147.** Some would say Muzak is a(n) _____ form of music, a kind of background noise designed to be heard but not listened to.
- a. arable
 - ☒ b. degenerate bad
 - c. volatile
 - d. pivotal very important
 - e. exemplary
- 148.** The teacher was dismissed for the _____ act of helping his students cheat on the exam.
- a. steadfast
 - b. meritorious with a lot reward
 - ☒ c. unconscionable responsible
 - d. pristine one of kind
 - e. fortuitous
- 149.** The reformed criminal could not forget his guilty past; he was in a living state of _____.
- ☒ a. perdition go to hell , daming
 - b. tact
 - c. composure maintane peace
 - d. principle
 - e. veracity truthfull
- 150.** The _____ yoga instructor waited patiently for her students to find the proper pose, which she performed with ease.
- a. unabashed
 - ☒ b. plissome gracefull
 - c. cosmopolitan
 - d. sneering mocking
 - e. disparaging rereavlent with little worth

Answers

- 126. a.** *Naïve* (adj.) means lacking worldly experience; possessing a childlike innocence or simplicity.
- 127. b.** A *faction* (n.) is a group or clique within a larger group, usually a minority, acting in unison in opposition to the larger group; internal dissension, conflict within an organization, nation, or other group.
- 128. c.** *Travail* (n.) means hard or agonizing labor.
- 129. c.** *Virtuoso* (n.) means a master in the technique of some particular fine art.
- 130. a.** *Irrevocable* (adj.) means irreversible; not able to be revoked or recalled.
- 131. c.** *Macabre* (adj.) means ghastly, horrible, or gruesome.
- 132. a.** *Modulation* (n.) a regulation by or adjustment to a certain measure, such as in music or radio waves.
- 133. b.** To *begrudge* (v.) means to envy the possession or enjoyment of; to give or allow with reluctance.
- 134. d.** *Officious* (adj.) means marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others; unofficial.
- 135. b.** A *fusillade* (n.) is a barrage; a rapid discharge of firearms, simultaneously or in rapid succession.
- 136. d.** *Malcontent* (adj.) means dissatisfied, uneasy or discontent; a rebel.
- 137. d.** An *unguent* (n.) is any soothing or healing ointment or lubricant for local application.

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- 138.** a. *Pertinent* (adj.) means applicable, related to the subject matter at hand.
- 139.** a. *Vocative* (adj.) means pertaining to the act of calling.
- 140.** c. *Incorrigible* (adj.) means bad to the point of being beyond correction; uncontrollable; impervious to change.
- 141.** a. *Malady* (n.) is a disease or disorder.
- 142.** b. A *jaunt* (n.) is usually a short journey taken for pleasure.
- 143.** a. To *beset* (v.) means to surround on all sides; to annoy or harass persistently; to decorate with jewels.
- 144.** b. To *rattle* (v.) means to twist together, to intertwine.
- 145.** b. To *insinuate* (v.) is to hint or suggest; to intimate.
- 146.** b. To *wane* (v.) means to diminish in intensity or size.
- 147.** b. *Degenerate* (adj.) means having declined in quality or value, reduced from a former or original state, to degrade.
- 148.** c. *Unconscionable* (adj.) means not restrained by conscience; unscrupulous.
- 149.** a. *Perdition* (n.) the most modern use of the word means eternal damnation, or a hell.
- 150.** b. *Lissome* (adj.) means lithe or lithesome, usually related to the body; moving or bending easily or limber.

Chapter 7

- 151.** When we first meet Romeo, he is _____ over his unrequited love for Rosaline.
- ☒ a. brooding in deep thought
 - b. ogling in derogatry
 - c. meandering following a winding course
 - d. embellishing making something attractive
 - e. groveling lie or crawl , face downawrd
- 152.** Because it had been worn and washed so often, Linus's favorite t-shirt was tattered and _____ with holes.
- a. salvaged rescue
 - b. circulated move continously
 - ☒ c. riddled a llot of holes
 - d. emulated match or surpass
 - e. congregated gather inot a crowd (religious)

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153. Henley's _____ remarks about my presentation did not bother me because I knew I'd done a good job.

- ☒ a. derogatory
- b. voracious devourign great qairly of fodd
- c. tactile to feel
- d. capricious tto sudden and unaccoutnable change of mood
- e. amiable having or display a friend and pleasr manner

154. Eels swim using a rapid _____ motion that propels them through the water.

- a. dissipating disappear or cause to disappear
- ☒ b. undulating smothly riasing and falling
- c. eradicating removing
- d. objurgating scold
- e. irritating

155. Sick and tired of her boring job, Cecilia began to _____ what it would be like to quit.

- ☒ a. ponder
- b. disengage
- c. negate
- d. relinquish tot keep clam
- e. alleviate make less severe

156. The way my father likes to _____ with any salesperson to see if he can bargain for a lower price is embarrassing.

- a. striate groove on a surface
- b. variegate alter in apperance
- c. capitulate cease to resist an opponnet or an unwelcome demand; yield.
- d. teem swaarming
- ☒ e. wrangle dispute or argument , in a saleman fashion

157. The _____ construction crew built large new buildings all over the East Coast, wherever the demand for qualified workers took them.

- a. laconic using very few words
- b. irresolute showign feeling or hesitancy
- ☒ c. itinerant travelling from place to palce ,
- d. parietal hollow in human body
- e. peremptory insiting on immediaty

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 158.** The CEO's large expense accounts proved she was a _____ spender with the company's money.
- a. injurious
 - b. ineffectual less desire
 - ☒ c. liberal free
 - d. malignant in evil in nature
 - e. insolvent
- 159.** Daniela found the unchanging rhythm of the musical piece to be annoyingly _____.
- a. recusant a person who refuses to submit to an authority or to comply with a regulation.
 - ☒ b. monotonous
 - c. irreverent lack of respect
 - d. coherent similar but in a good way
 - e. redolent suggestive of
- 160.** The young, thin boy surprised his wrestling opponent with his _____ strength.
- a. fraudulent deceptive
 - ☒ b. wiry resembling wire, tough
 - c. frolicsome playful
 - d. pretentious
 - e. endemic native or restricted
- 161.** The new actress's talents were severely _____ by the local critics; she went on to be a distinguished member of a well-respected acting company.
- ☒ a. underrated
 - b. berated scold or criticize
 - c. placated make someone less hostile
 - d. dissuaded persuade (someone) not to take a particular course of action
 - e. interred place (a corpse) in a grave or tomb

501 Sentence Completion Questions

162. To hide his insecurity, Barton often acted like a _____ so that he could make people laugh.

- ☒ a. buffoon
- b. martyr a muslim , killed because of their religious
- c. neophyte
- d. plebian a member of the common people in ancient Rome
- e. wraith a ghost or ghost like

163. When Arnold's grandmother began to complain about the excruciating pain in her knees and legs, she was referred to an _____ specialist for a diagnosis.

- a. optical
- b. oral
- c. archeological
- ☒ d. osteopathic
- e. psychological

164. Charlie's _____ behavior made it clear that he had been highly educated in matters of etiquette.

- ☒ a. decorous
- b. surreptitious
- c. erratic
- d. caustic
- e. irksome irritating , annoying

165. Staring at the _____ crystal blue water of the sea, Eileen thought she had never seen anything so beautiful.

- a. flamboyant
- ☒ b. appalling
- c. devious showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.
- d. pristine unspoiled
- e. fiery consisting of fire or burning strongly and brightly.

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 166.** Wearing the designer's latest fashions, the _____ clothing model sashayed down the runway.
- ☒ a. jaunty self-confident manner.
 - ☐ b. tranquil
 - ☐ c. fanatical
 - ☐ d. recessive
 - ☐ e. contemplative
- 167.** Given his _____ nature, it was appropriate that he decided to be a trial lawyer after law school.
- ☐ a. lackluster
 - ☐ b. engrossed
 - ☐ c. penitent show sign of sorrow
 - ☒ d. litigious to take legal action
 - ☐ e. obsolete
- 168.** After her relationship ended, Patty, feeling _____, insisted on playing sad love songs repeatedly.
- ☐ a. infallible incapable of making mistake
 - ☐ b. plausible reasonable
 - ☐ c. formative
 - ☒ d. maudish sentimental or exaggerated
 - ☐ e. persuasive
- 169.** Sanji went abroad as a _____ young man; when he returned two years later, he seemed like an experienced man of the world.
- ☐ a. sardonic mocking
 - ☐ b. egalitarian all people equal
 - ☐ c. reticent
 - ☒ d. glib novice
 - ☐ e. loquacious tending to talk a great deal; talkative.

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 170.** Normally distinguished and reserved, Robert would act _____ when he joined his friends to cheer for their old high school team at annual the homecoming game.
- a. indignant hungry
 - ☒ b. oafish rough
 - c. poignant keen snes of sadness
 - d. reputable
 - e. obdurate stubborn
- 171.** The protesters were concerned that the proposed legislation would have a(n) _____ effect on the state's nature preserves.
- a. scintillating
 - ☒ b. deleterious worth deleting
 - c. insipid
 - d. punctilious
 - e. parsimonious
- 172.** Not swayed by his student's _____ flattery, the professor told him that his grade would not be changed.
- a. forlorn
 - b. striated
 - c. undulating
 - ☒ d. unctuous over flattery
 - e. frowsy
- 173.** Tonya found Isaac's public declarations of his love for her _____ and embarrassing.
- a. necrotic dead tissue
 - b. intriguing
 - ☒ c. witless stupid
 - d. malodorous
 - e. pliant

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 174.** The young kitten had a _____ look on its face when it noticed the menacing dog entering the yard.
- a. servile
 - b. diligent
 - c. scornful
 - ☒ d. pavid scared
 - e. optimistic
- 175.** According to pirate lore, a terrible _____ would follow whoever opened the treasure chest.
- a. precursor
 - b. precession
 - c. rendition
 - d. insurgence
 - ☒ e. malediction cursed

Answers

- 151. a.** To *brood* (v.) is to be in deep thought, to think moodily or anxiously about something; to cover over, as with wings, in order to protect; to hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing, to loom; to be silent or sullen, sulk; to sit on or hatch eggs.
- 152. c.** To *riddle* (v.) means to pierce with many holes.
- 153. a.** *Derogatory* (adj.) means tending to lessen in value, to detract or diminish; disparaging, belittling, injurious.
- 154. b.** *Undulating* (adj.) means characterized by a wavelike motion.
- 155. a.** To *ponder* (v.) is to weigh carefully in the mind.
- 156. e.** To *wrangle* (v.) means to bicker, dispute, create a noisy argument.
- 157. c.** *Itinerant* (adj.) means traveling from one place to another, usually on a planned course; working in one place for a short while before moving onto another place to work; wandering.
- 158. c.** *Liberal* (adj.) means characterized by generosity or a willingness to give freely in large amounts; untraditional or broad-minded in beliefs.
- 159. b.** *Monotonous* (adj.) means tediously lacking in variety; unvarying; repetitious.
- 160. b.** *Wiry* (adj.) means thin, but tough and sinewy.
- 161. a.** *Underrated* (adj.) means undervalued.
- 162. a.** A *buffoon* (n.) is a ludicrous or bumbling person, a fool; someone given to clowning and amusing others through ridiculous behavior; a clown or jester.

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- 163. d.** *Osteopathic* (adj.) means a system of medicine pertaining to the bone and skeletal system.
- 164. a.** *Decorous* (adj.) means characterized by good taste in manners and conduct, exhibiting propriety or decorum, proper.
- 165. d.** *Pristine* (adj.) means pure, fresh and clean, as if new; original or primitive.
- 166. a.** *Jaunty* (adj.) means sprightly in manner; stylish or smart in dress.
- 167. d.** *Litigious* (adj.) means inclined to disagree or dispute, especially in lawsuits; argumentative.
- 168. d.** *Mawkish* (adj.) means characterized by excessive sentimentality; overly emotional.
- 169. d.** *Callow* (adj.) means lacking maturity or experience; immature, naïve.
- 170. b.** *Oafish* (adj.) means acting stupid, goofy, or clumsy.
- 171. b.** *Deleterious* (adj.) means having a harmful or adverse effect; destructive, hurtful, noxious.
- 172. d.** *Unctuous* (adj.) means characterized by insincere earnestness; oily or fatty in appearance.
- 173. c.** *Witless* (adj.) means foolish, indiscreet, or silly.
- 174. d.** *Pavid* (adj.) means timid or fearful.
- 175. e.** *Malediction* (n.) is a curse or a proclaiming of a curse against someone; an imprecation.

Chapter 8

- 176.** A(n) _____ spirit only causes more stress and strife; it is better to forgive and forget.
- a. apathetic
 - b. restorative
 - c. flaccid
 - d. vindictive
 - e. fortuitous
- 177.** When we were renovating the old house, we found a(n) _____ of \$10 and \$20 bills hidden inside the old laundry chute.
- a. odyssey
 - b. matrix
 - c. lament
 - d. fodder
 - e. cache

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- 178.** Even though the pilot promised it was safe, Neil was _____ to fly during a snowstorm.
- a. habitual
 - b. overzealous
 - c. pavid
 - d. reluctant
 - e. salacious
- 179.** Ron has few friends because he is _____ and cares only about himself.
- a. mundane
 - b. intrepid
 - c. garrulous
 - d. voracious
 - e. egocentric
- 180.** The workers attempted to _____ the supervisor's authority by negotiating terms with the clients themselves.
- a. contradict
 - b. instigate
 - c. resonate
 - d. placate
 - e. undermine
- 181.** The student failed his research paper because he chose to _____ material from a another author's work.
- a. authorize
 - b. stimulate
 - c. overrule
 - d. plagiarize
 - e. meditate
- 182.** The _____ old cowboy had a complexion that spoke of many years in the desert sun, rounding up wild horses.
- a. secular
 - b. suave
 - c. turgid
 - d. wizened
 - e. truant

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- 183.** The swimmer's back injury _____ his prospects for a gold medal at the world championship competition.
- a. compelled
 - b. advanced
 - c. jeopardized
 - d. maintained
 - e. expounded
- 184.** As Ramiro strolled through his old neighborhood, he noticed sounds and smells that were _____ of his childhood.
- a. belligerent
 - b. malleable
 - c. reminiscent
 - d. recondite
 - e. incessant
- 185.** Lynette had to learn the _____ of the insurance profession before she felt comfortable describing products to her clients.
- a. lexicon
 - b. classicism
 - c. juncture
 - d. cessation
 - e. asperity
- 186.** Marta had to pay off her _____ to the credit card company before she could get a mortgage.
- a. stipend
 - b. liability
 - c. remuneration
 - d. concession
 - e. consolidation
- 187.** The local high school issued a _____ on field trips until the bus was repaired; then traveling could begin again.
- a. indispensability
 - b. divergence
 - c. moratorium
 - d. subjection
 - e. compulsion

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 188.** With Justine's _____ nature and passion for art, she would make an excellent tour guide for the museum.
- a. volatile
 - b. congenial
 - c. servile
 - d. fledgling
 - e. trite
- 189.** Patrice was a(n) _____ girl when she was teenager—long-limbed and constantly tripping over her own feet.
- a. blithe
 - b. resolute
 - c. ungainly
 - d. preternatural
 - e. conducive
- 190.** The employee's claim of being out with the flu did not seem very _____ because he returned from sick leave with a deep tan.
- a. inattentive
 - b. inarticulate
 - c. tactful
 - d. plausible
 - e. vulnerable
- 191.** The con man used his _____ to convince the elderly woman to sign over her life savings to him.
- a. estuary
 - b. melee
 - c. flagrancy
 - d. malleability
 - e. wile
- 192.** Mike proved to be _____ throw after throw, hitting the carnival dart game's bull's eye every time.
- a. sedentary
 - b. temporal
 - c. mediocre
 - d. infallible
 - e. infeasible

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- 193.** Patrick, who was always joking, added _____ to the formal dinner, which his sedate employer did not appreciate.
- a. contemplation
 - b. ordinance
 - c. tutelage
 - d. levity
 - e. sincerity
- 194.** Sunlight shining through a window was an obvious _____ in the nearly every one of the artist's works.
- a. disjunction
 - b. hindrance
 - c. repugnance
 - d. motif
 - e. variance
- 195.** I like listening to Wesley go on about politics and social issues; his opinions are _____ with my own beliefs.
- a. latent
 - b. explicit
 - c. consonant
 - d. ensconced
 - e. rife
- 196.** Most people will find the film silly and childish in its humor; the most _____ viewers will find it downright crass and offensive.
- a. servile
 - b. petulant
 - c. fastidious
 - d. arcane
 - e. boisterous
- 197.** Even though he wanted to win the game, the coach felt that he would be _____ if he let the injured quarterback continue to play.
- a. contentious
 - b. remiss
 - c. erudite
 - d. stringent
 - e. reputable

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- 198.** The goal of any company is to have its product name become _____—constantly at the forefront of the consumer’s mind.
- a. garrulous
 - b. unctuous
 - c. tremulous
 - d. ubiquitous
 - e. portentous
- 199.** During the holiday season, the _____ theme is “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward All.”
- a. mitigated
 - b. arrogant
 - c. controversial
 - d. prevalent
 - e. prestigious
- 200.** Our cottage by the sea offers many days of relaxation with warm sunshine and soothing _____.
- a. zephyrs
 - b. dervishes
 - c. stanchions
 - d. ebbs
 - e. torques

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 176. d.** *Vindictive* (adj.) means revengeful, hateful.
- 177. e.** A *cache* (n.) is a hiding place for storing or concealing provisions or valuables; a secret store of valuables or money, a stash.
- 178. d.** *Reluctant* (adj.) means unwilling to do what one is being called to do.
- 179. e.** *Egocentric* (adj.) means caring only about or interested only in oneself or one's needs.
- 180. e.** To *undermine* (v.) means to subvert in an underhanded way.
- 181. d.** To *plagiarize* (v.) is to steal thoughts or words in literary composition.
- 182. d.** *Wizened* (adj.) means withered or dry, especially with age.
- 183. c.** *Jeopardize* (v.) means to put in jeopardy or at risk; a hazard or danger.
- 184. c.** *Reminiscent* (adj.) means calling to mind or remembering.
- 185. a.** *Lexicon* (n.) is the vocabulary used in a language, profession, class, or subject.
- 186. b.** *Liability* (n.) is a debt or obligation; something for which one is liable.
- 187. c.** *Moratorium* (n.) is a temporary suspension or postponement of a planned activity.
- 188. b.** *Congenial* (adj.) means having a friendly or pleasant disposition, sociable; having similar tastes, habits, or temperament; suitable to one's needs or nature.
- 189. c.** *Ungainly* (adj.) means clumsy or awkward.

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- 190. d.** *Plausible* (adj.) means apparently worthy of belief or praise.
- 191. e.** *Wile* (n.) means an act or a means of cunning deception.
- 192. d.** *Infallible* (adj.) means not fallible; completely trustworthy; certain.
- 193. d.** *Levity* (n.) is an inappropriate lack of seriousness or lightness of manner; frivolity.
- 194. d.** *Motif* (n.) is a recurrent theme or form in an artistic or literary work.
- 195. c.** *Consonant* (adj.) means in agreement or accord, harmonious; having similar sounds.
- 196. c.** *Fastidious* (adj.) means paying careful attention to detail, meticulous; difficult to please, exacting; extremely sensitive, squeamish, especially in regard to matters of cleanliness or propriety.
- 197. b.** *Remiss* (adj.) means careless in performing duties.
- 198. d.** *Ubiquitous* (adj.) means being present everywhere.
- 199. d.** *Prevalent* (adj.) means widespread or widely accepted; predominant or extensive.
- 200. a.** A *zephyr* is a soft, gentle breeze; a breeze that blows from the west.

Chapter 9

- 201.** When Melinda arrived in the impoverished city, she was immediately _____ by bands of children begging for food.
- a. bedraggled
 - b. accosted
 - c. infiltrated
 - d. rebuked
 - e. exacerbated
- 202.** According to the terms of the agreement, if Nicole defaulted on her loan, she would have to _____ her house and car, both which would become property of the bank.
- a. usurp
 - b. evince
 - c. debut
 - d. forfeit
 - e. stigmatize

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 203.** Tony was tired of roommate's petty _____ about his personal life, so he moved out.
- a. appeasements
 - b. quips
 - c. quotas
 - d. rallies
 - e. iniquities
- 204.** The food at the buffet table was a _____ array of delights that even the most disciplined dieter would find difficult to resist.
- a. tempestuous
 - b. tantamount
 - c. truculent
 - d. temporal
 - e. tantalizing
- 205.** After fighting the five-alarm fire, the _____ firefighter could not relax enough to unwind and get some rest.
- a. amicable
 - b. treacherous
 - c. pliable
 - d. durable
 - e. overwrought
- 206.** For years Henry bore the _____ of being the only man in five generations of his family not to make the varsity baseball team.
- a. stigma
 - b. brunt
 - c. treatise
 - d. scintillation
 - e. punctiliousness

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 207.** Tabitha found an overpriced dining table at the antique shop and tried to _____ with the shopkeeper, but he refused to lower the price.
- a. haggle
 - b. stipulate
 - c. announce
 - d. ruminate
 - e. confer
- 208.** The firefighter was _____ in the news for his heroic rescue of a child from a burning house.
- a. mandated
 - b. inferred
 - c. reconstituted
 - d. augmented
 - e. lauded
- 209.** Although she was on a diet, Hannah intended to _____ in the feast of Thanksgiving.
- a. dilate
 - b. enervate
 - c. expunge
 - d. nullify
 - e. partake
- 210.** The villagers locked their doors when they heard about the pirates who were _____ unprotected villages along the island's coastline.
- a. reforming
 - b. marauding
 - c. reclaiming
 - d. conceding
 - e. recapitulating

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 211.** I could tell by Angelica's _____ tone that she was still very angry with me.
- a. ingratiating
 - b. adjacent
 - c. oblique
 - d. acerbic
 - e. eloquent
- 212.** After years of living at a(n) _____ pace, Paola decided it was time to slow down and learn how to relax.
- a. frenetic
 - b. pedestrian
 - c. pretentious
 - d. colloquial
 - e. insipid
- 213.** The hospital had an outbreak of chicken pox and was forced to _____ all patients and staff to prevent more infected victims.
- a. clandestine
 - b. saturate
 - c. germinate
 - d. quarantine
 - e. aggregate
- 214.** Living on several acres of land dotted with oak and maple trees makes autumn leaf-raking a _____ task.
- a. fatuous
 - b. toilsome
 - c. tardy
 - d. obsequious
 - e. fawning
- 215.** Acting in the high school play served to _____ Ander's appetite for professional acting.
- a. satiate
 - b. whet
 - c. purport
 - d. incriminate
 - e. corral

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 216.** It would take many hours of cleaning and repairing for the young family to transform the _____ into a clean and comfortable little cottage.
- a. territory
 - b. manor
 - c. hovel
 - d. demesne
 - e. hacienda
- 217.** Ms. Lu allowed her son a great deal of _____ in spending his birthday money, because she believed it should be his decision.
- a. injunction
 - b. assimilation
 - c. latitude
 - d. declamation
 - e. stimulus
- 218.** It was once believed that alchemists could _____ common metals to gold.
- a. transmute
 - b. commute
 - c. execute
 - d. repute
 - e. denote
- 219.** The close-up of the actor drinking the popular brand of cola in the movie was a _____ display of commercialism.
- a. dispassionate
 - b. languid
 - c. apathetic
 - d. gratuitous
 - e. unpunctual

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 220.** Juneod was _____ after his alibi proved that he could not have committed the crime.
- a. acquitted
 - b. protracted
 - c. derided
 - d. denounced
 - e. acquainted
- 221.** This summer's movies are _____ for audiences of escape-the-heat mindless entertainment—not one film offers a substantive or even plausible plot.
- a. privation
 - b. dulcet
 - c. jargon
 - d. fodder
 - e. germane
- 222.** The dictator used propaganda and intimidation to _____ the revolution.
- a. prelude
 - b. intimate
 - c. congregate
 - d. irradiate
 - e. quell
- 223.** Standing on the _____, the preacher greeted the parishioners every Sunday morning.
- a. steeple
 - b. pillar
 - c. parvis
 - d. manifestation
 - e. sensor

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 224.** Simona's _____ with her money caught up with her when she didn't have the resources to buy a badly needed new car.
- a. miserliness
 - b. thriftiness
 - c. wantonness
 - d. intuition
 - e. predilection
- 225.** The architect designed the ceiling using wood _____ that would remain uncovered, creating a rustic ambience in the living room.
- a. pediments
 - b. joists
 - c. mullions
 - d. banisters
 - e. abutments

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 201.** b. To *accost* (v.) means to approach and speak to someone, usually in a bold and aggressive manner as with a demand.
- 202.** d. To *forfeit* (v.) means to be deprived of or lose the right to by the act of a crime, offense, fault, breach, or error.
- 203.** b. A *quip* (n.) is a sarcastic or cutting jest; a witty remark.
- 204.** e. *Tantalizing* (adj.) means tempting, attractive, often via the senses.
- 205.** e. *Overwrought* (adj.) means labored to excess; anxious, agitated.
- 206.** a. *Stigma* means a mark of infamy or token of disgrace.
- 207.** a. To *haggle* (v.) means to bargain, such as over a price, or dispute in a petty way; to wrangle.
- 208.** e. To *laud* (v.) is to praise, honor, or glorify.
- 209.** e. To *partake* (v.) is to have a share or take part.
- 210.** b. To *maraud* (v.) is to rove and raid in quest of plunder.
- 211.** d. *Acerbic* (adj.) means sour or bitter in taste; sharp or biting in tone, character, or expression.
- 212.** a. *Frenetic* (adj.) means wildly excited or agitated, frenzied, frantic.
- 213.** d. To *quarantine* (v.) means to restrict the entrance to and exit from any place under observation for infectious disease.
- 214.** b. *Toilsome* (adj.) means laborious or hard work.
- 215.** b. To *whet* (v.) means to make more keen or eager.

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- 216. c.** A *hovel* (n.) is a small crude house; a filthy or disorganized hut or shed.
- 217. c.** *Latitude* (n.) is freedom from normal limitations or restraints in conduct; an angular distance from a plane of reference.
- 218. a.** To *transmute* (v.) means to change in nature, substance, or form.
- 219. d.** *Gratuitous* (adj.) means unjustified or unnecessary; of no cost.
- 220. a.** To *acquit* (v.) means to free or clear from an accusation or charge; to release or discharge from a duty, obligation, or debt; to behave oneself in a certain manner.
- 221. d.** *Fodder* (n.) is a consumable, often inferior resource or item, high in demand and usually abundant in supply.
- 222. e.** To *quell* (v.) means to cease or suppress.
- 223. c.** A *parvis* (n.) is the porch or area before a building (as a church).
- 224. c.** *Wantonness* (n.) means recklessness; bawdy; merciless.
- 225. b.** *Joist* (n.) is a small, horizontal beam that supports a ceiling or floor, usually made of wood, reinforced concrete, or steel.

Chapter 10

- 226.** When the house on the corner burned down, the entire neighborhood _____ together to help to the victims re-establish their lives.
- a. rallied
 - b. recited
 - c. skulked
 - d. disintegrated
 - e. expedited
- 227.** The massage therapist's _____ fingers quickly eased the tension in Blanche's back.
- a. deft
 - b. furtive
 - c. listless
 - d. tentative
 - e. blithe

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 228.** Jade's parents were in _____ about the decision not to allow her to drive the family car to the prom; they both agreed that it would be unsafe.
- a. affluence
 - b. redress
 - c. refraction
 - d. discord
 - e. unison
- 229.** As she walked through the halls of her old grade school, Madeline became _____, remembering her old friends and teachers.
- a. prolific
 - b. nostalgic
 - c. credulous
 - d. precocious
 - e. ambitious
- 230.** After being cleared of all charges for slander, the attorney was able to go back to work and _____ his role as a prosecutor.
- a. inhibit
 - b. reprimand
 - c. remand
 - d. resume
 - e. dissipate
- 231.** Ignacio's pain was so _____ that he called 911.
- a. remiss
 - b. rapacious
 - c. genteel
 - d. resolute
 - e. acute
- 232.** The captain _____ the cargo to keep his ship afloat.
- a. rebuked
 - b. listed
 - c. disunited
 - d. flanked
 - e. jettisoned

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 233.** The teacher tried to _____ her class of their dependence on the number lines pasted to the tops of their desks.
- a. wane
 - b. wax
 - c. whet
 - d. wean
 - e. wield
- 234.** The young girl was so full of enthusiasm and _____ that she infected the room with energy.
- a. languidness
 - b. apathy
 - c. vivacity
 - d. blandness
 - e. tenacity
- 235.** Ricky is a _____ of the local coffee shop; you can find him there just about every morning.
- a. diva
 - b. relic
 - c. denizen
 - d. maverick
 - e. pariah
- 236.** The child danced with _____ joy at hearing the news that her father had arrived home from his lengthy business trip.
- a. staid
 - b. unbridled
 - c. stealthy
 - d. beneficial
 - e. restrained
- 237.** Having never left the landlocked Midwest his entire life, Albert found that swimming in the ocean was quite a(n) _____.
- a. familiarity
 - b. extrovert
 - c. instinct
 - d. novelty
 - e. tabernacle

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 238.** The rowdy crowd at the music concert _____ Herve, and he spilled his soda on his pants.
- a. jettisoned
 - b. harrowed
 - c. jostled
 - d. lauded
 - e. superceded
- 239.** Known for his strong command of the courtroom, it was common knowledge that Judge Disantis considered outbursts from defendants to be _____.
- a. questionable
 - b. objectionable
 - c. antisocial
 - d. pliable
 - e. visionary
- 240.** Blinded by _____, Nicholas accepted the job offer with the highest pay but the least possibility of making him happy.
- a. ennui
 - b. heresy
 - c. infamy
 - d. avarice
 - e. temperance
- 241.** It was very unprofessional of you to _____ your assistant in front of everyone at the meeting; she deserves more respect, and any criticism of her performance should be done in private.
- a. placate
 - b. augment
 - c. usurp
 - d. preclude
 - e. deride

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 242.** The log cabin had a(n) _____ feel, so it was often enjoyed by vacationers from the city throughout the year.
- a. abstract
 - b. ersatz
 - c. rustic
 - d. raucous
 - e. repellent
- 243.** We knew Jana had _____ motives for running for class president: She wanted the nearby parking space that came with the office.
- a. anterior
 - b. interior
 - c. inferior
 - d. posterior
 - e. ulterior
- 244.** The town board heard many outraged and _____ arguments from the citizens against the destruction of some wooded areas in order to build a new mall.
- a. tenuous
 - b. vociferous
 - c. vacuous
 - d. satisfied
 - e. egregious
- 245.** The villainous gang's hideout was a den of _____ that no one would dare to enter.
- a. innocence
 - b. habitants
 - c. iniquity
 - d. accolades
 - e. innovation

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 246.** Indigestion is a common _____ of participating in a hot-dog eating contest.
- a. euphemism
 - b. penchant
 - c. corollary
 - d. juxtaposition
 - e. itinerary
- 247.** Although it was so ridiculous that no one believed it to be true, the reporter's _____ still cost the governor his re-election.
- a. hegemony
 - b. sedition
 - c. malaise
 - d. compendium
 - e. calumny
- 248.** People on the street stopped to _____ over the artist's rendition of the Eiffel Tower, amazed by his ability to capture the detail.
- a. bedazzle
 - b. innovate
 - c. gratify
 - d. counteract
 - e. objectify
- 249.** The veteran lieutenant was not happy with his _____ rank behind the two inexperienced men.
- a. tertiary
 - b. silly
 - c. unctuous
 - d. superior
 - e. fastened
- 250.** The prime minister was admired by all, a(n) _____ even in an environment of corruption and disdain.
- a. admonishment
 - b. alleviation
 - c. nonpareil
 - d. prototype
 - e. profanation

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 226. a.** To *rally* (v.) means to come together for a common purpose or as a means of support; to recover or rebound.
- 227. a.** *Deft* (adj.) means quick and skillful in movement, adroit.
- 228. e.** *Unison* (n.) means a condition of perfect agreement and accord.
- 229. b.** *Nostalgic* (adj.) is sentimentally yearning for a point in the past.
- 230. d.** To *resume* (v.) means to take up again after interruption.
- 231. e.** *Acute* (adj.) means extremely sharp or intense; keenly perceptive or discerning; of great importance or consequence, crucial; also, having a sharp tip or point.
- 232. e.** To *jettison* (v.) is to toss goods overboard to lighten the load of a ship or aircraft to improve stability; to toss off (a burden).
- 233. d.** To *wean* (v.) means to detach someone from that to which he is accustomed or devoted.
- 234. c.** *Vivacity* (n.) means liveliness, to be full of life.
- 235. c.** A *denizen* (n.) is one who frequents a particular place; one who lives in a particular place, an inhabitant.
- 236. b.** *Unbridled* (adj.) means without restraint.
- 237. d.** A *novelty* (n.) is a new or unusual thing or occurrence.
- 238. c.** To *jostle* (v.) is to push or shove roughly against; to drive with pushing; to disturb or bump.
- 239. b.** *Objectionable* (adj.) means unpleasant or offensive.
- 240. d.** *Avarice* (n.) means an excessive or insatiable desire for material wealth; inordinate greed.

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- 241.** e. To *deride* (v.) is to speak of or treat with contempt; to ridicule scornfully.
- 242.** c. *Rustic* (adj.) means rural; rough; made from rough limbs or trees.
- 243.** e. *Ulterior* (adj.) means lying beyond or outside what is openly shown or said.
- 244.** b. *Vociferous* (adj.) means making a loud outcry.
- 245.** c. *Iniquity* (n.) is wickedness or overwhelming injustice.
- 246.** c. *Corollary* (n.) means a natural consequence or result; a deduction or inference that follows from the proof of another proposition.
- 247.** e. *Calumny* (n.) means a false statement or accusation uttered maliciously to harm another's reputation, slander.
- 248.** e. To *objectify* (v.) means to stare at amorously.
- 249.** a. *Tertiary* (adj.) ranking third in order of importance, position, or value.
- 250.** c. A *nonpareil* (n.) is a person or thing of peerless excellence.

Chapter 11

- 251.** The queen's _____ fell ill during his journey and was unable to negotiate on her behalf when he arrived at the economic summit.
- a. penury
 - b. miscreant
 - c. emissary
 - d. denizen
 - e. zealot
- 252.** Tai was _____ by a series of setbacks that nearly made him miss his deadline.
- a. ensconced
 - b. relegated
 - c. beleaguered
 - d. solicited
 - e. winnowed

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 253.** New York boasts many _____ restaurants—places that are elegant and frequented by famous movie stars, political figures, and other elite members of society.
- a. pungent
 - b. posh
 - c. diminutive
 - d. mediocre
 - e. middling
- 254.** Patsy was shocked to discover how much higher her IQ was than the _____.
- a. norm
 - b. stimulation
 - c. prudence
 - d. solitude
 - e. derivative
- 255.** Although she appeared confident, once she began her speech, the valedictorian's _____ voice indicated her nervousness.
- a. supercilious
 - b. resonant
 - c. tenuous
 - d. placating
 - e. tremulous
- 256.** Danielle cannot seem to find her niche in life; she has changed her _____ at least three times in the past ten years.
- a. automation
 - b. vocation
 - c. plethora
 - d. pliancy
 - e. combustion

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 257.** The discovery of the new element was _____; the scientist was looking for something else.
- a. insignificant
 - b. intrepid
 - c. eloquent
 - d. inadvertent
 - e. emollient
- 258.** A charming painting of a pleasant _____ landscape hung above Vitaly's fireplace, in marked contrast to the noise and lights of the bustling city outside his window.
- a. nascent
 - b. histrionic
 - c. bucolic
 - d. indigenous
 - e. ersatz
- 259.** Aidan, who has always been painfully shy, was very _____ by the news that he would have to do a presentation in front of his classmates.
- a. discomfited
 - b. circumvented
 - c. relegated
 - d. promulgated
 - e. castigated
- 260.** Since his parents had little money, Peter was _____ to his uncle for paying for his college education.
- a. alleged
 - b. provided
 - c. obliged
 - d. demented
 - e. fortified

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- 261.** With great _____, we stepped gingerly onto the planks of the dilapidated bridge that spanned a rocky stream twenty feet below.
- a. trepidation
 - b. instigation
 - c. perdition
 - d. refraction
 - e. endowment
- 262.** At the risk of sounding like an _____, the teacher assigned extra homework for the weekend.
- a. oaf
 - b. ogre
 - c. impost
 - d. alcove
 - e. anathema
- 263.** Felix felt that his mother's request to run her errands was a huge _____ since he would have rather watched a soccer match with his friends that afternoon.
- a. justification
 - b. imposition
 - c. preponderance
 - d. deviation
 - e. recourse
- 264.** The paper was _____ so that it could be easily removed from the bound notebook.
- a. voracious
 - b. infectious
 - c. fickle
 - d. perforated
 - e. fluent

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 265.** The mad scientist _____ the potion with acid, making it not only useless, but also dangerous.
- a. corrugated
 - b. vitiated
 - c. implemented
 - d. instigated
 - e. titillated
- 266.** Jayne's paintings were not minimalist, but they were _____, using only the most elemental and essential elements.
- a. elliptical
 - b. truculent
 - c. pernicious
 - d. perfunctory
 - e. abstemious
- 267.** Wendell's prolonged illness was the _____ that ignited his interest in science and led to his illustrious career in medical research.
- a. hyperbole
 - b. catalyst
 - c. penchant
 - d. insolence
 - e. caveat
- 268.** Stopping to admire the _____ in the front yard, the young woman continued on with her gardening duties.
- a. paradigm
 - b. compost
 - c. clutter
 - d. oleander
 - e. patagium
- 269.** The river, _____ with new-fallen rain, overflowed its banks and flooded the tiny village in a matter of hours.
- a. placated
 - b. turgid
 - c. redundant
 - d. equivalent
 - e. quarantined

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- 270.** In a(n) _____ expression of pleasure, the infant clapped her hands and squealed with joy.
- a. overt
 - b. obligatory
 - c. illusive
 - d. peremptory
 - e. turbulent
- 271.** Paula's _____ humor does not amuse many people; rather many find it offensive and hurtful.
- a. nebulous
 - b. truncated
 - c. stoic
 - d. vitriolic
 - e. flirtatious
- 272.** The play's _____ debut was not a good sign for the struggling producer.
- a. unsubstantial
 - b. inauspicious
 - c. copious
 - d. disembodied
 - e. immaterial
- 273.** At one time it was in _____ for women to wear gloves and hats whenever they were out in public.
- a. gore
 - b. gauge
 - c. vogue
 - d. brawn
 - e. vain
- 274.** To ensure that Brenda wouldn't know where we were going for her birthday, I took the most _____ route I could think of.
- a. ardent
 - b. craven
 - c. enigmatic
 - d. circuitous
 - e. mercurial

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- 275.** The editorial was essentially a(n) _____ to the governor, praising her for her enactment of a series of environmental laws and for balancing the state budget for the first time in 20 years.
- a. juggernaut
 - b. imprecation
 - c. cabal
 - d. oeuvre
 - e. encomium

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Answers

- 251. c.** An *emissary* (n.) is an agent sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else.
- 252. c.** To *beleaguer* (v.) is to harass, beset, besiege.
- 253. b.** *Posh* (adj.) means elegant and fashionable.
- 254. a.** A *norm* (n.) is an average standard, pattern, or type.
- 255. e.** *Tremulous* (adj.) means characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.
- 256. b.** *Vocation* (n.) means a regular occupation or profession.
- 257. d.** *Inadvertent* (adj.) means not attentive or heedless; acting carelessly; unintentional.
- 258. c.** *Bucolic* (adj.) means of or characteristic of country life or people, rustic, especially in an idealized sense; of or characteristic of shepherds or herdsmen, pastoral.
- 259. a.** To *discomfit* (v.) means to make uneasy, disconcert; to cause to lose one's composure; to break up or thwart the plans of, frustrate.
- 260. c.** *Obliged* (v.) means to be indebted.
- 261. a.** *Trepidation* (n.) means nervous uncertainty of feeling.
- 262. b.** An *ogre* (n.) is, in popular usage, a cruel person, or a monster.
- 263. b.** *Imposition* (n.) is the act of imposing something such as a burden or duty; an unfair demand.
- 264. d.** *Perforated* (adj.) means with a line of holes to facilitate separation; pierced with a pointed instrument.

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- 265.** b. To *vitiate* (v.) means to spoil; to make faulty or impure; to corrupt morally.
- 266.** a. *Elliptical* (adj.) means characterized by extreme economy of words or style; of, relating to, or having the shape of an ellipsis.
- 267.** b. A *catalyst* (n.) is something that precipitates or causes a process or event; (in chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected in the process.
- 268.** d. An *oleander* (n.) is a beautiful but poisonous evergreen shrub.
- 269.** b. *Turgid* (adj.) means swollen.
- 270.** a. *Overt* (adj.) means apparent, obvious.
- 271.** d. *Vitriolic* (adj.) means bitterly scathing; caustic.
- 272.** b. *Inauspicious* (adj.) means not favorable or unfortunate; not promising success.
- 273.** c. *Vogue* (n.) means the prevalent way or fashion.
- 274.** d. *Circuitous* (adj.) means having or taking a roundabout, lengthy, or indirect course.
- 275.** e. *Encomium* (n.) means a formal expression of praise, a glowing tribute.

Chapter 12

- 276.** Claude felt particularly _____ as he carried the large satchel filled with cash through the dark streets to the bank.
- a. inclusive
 - b. vulnerable
 - c. reclusive
 - d. unwieldy
 - e. torrential
- 277.** Niall's _____ attitude toward the boss is embarrassing; he does nearly everything for him except scratch his nose!
- a. subservient
 - b. subversive
 - c. subtle
 - d. sundry
 - e. surly

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- 278.** Although she was a successful professional, Debra's inability to accurately complete her taxes made her feel a bit _____.
a. endowed
b. rapturous
c. ravenous
d. obtuse
e. elated
- 279.** Jeremy didn't want to appear _____, but his brothers simply could not convince him to change his mind.
a. pitiful
b. scrupulous
c. harmonious
d. obstinate
e. unabated
- 280.** Buying homeowner's insurance is a wise decision because it provides _____ if your house should be damaged in a fire.
a. chastisement
b. indemnity
c. clarification
d. resolution
e. annulment
- 281.** Although it was supposed to be written for the general public, the report was so _____ that only those with inside knowledge of government workings could understand it.
a. indigenous
b. ebullient
c. truculent
d. pugnacious
e. esoteric

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- 282.** Todd set up a rope to _____ the part of the exhibit that was off-limits.
- a. circumscribe
 - b. laud
 - c. efface
 - d. undulate
 - e. beguile
- 283.** The loud clap of thunder caused the little dog to _____ all over.
- a. slather
 - b. quake
 - c. enunciate
 - d. binge
 - e. infuse
- 284.** Francois fell into a groggy _____ after having suffered a high fever for several days.
- a. profundity
 - b. sluggard
 - c. verve
 - d. stupor
 - e. grovel
- 285.** Blaine had a tendency to _____ certain details of his evenings out when he didn't want his parents to know where he had been.
- a. excel
 - b. oscillate
 - c. corroborate
 - d. juxtapose
 - e. omit
- 286.** We took pity on the young _____ and brought him to a shelter where he could find food and warmth.
- a. waif
 - b. perfidy
 - c. ionic
 - d. plaintiff
 - e. troubadour

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 287.** The fire caused _____ damage to the warehouse, which forced the owner to demolish the building.
- a. sanctified
 - b. equitable
 - c. preliminary
 - d. irreparable
 - e. pretentious
- 288.** When people are in love, they may find their beloved's _____—often annoying to or disparaged by others—to be charming and endearing.
- a. foibles
 - b. mendacity
 - c. ennui
 - d. aplomb
 - e. penchants
- 289.** Terreh was able to _____ the traffic jam by taking a series of one-way streets that led to the bridge.
- a. staunch
 - b. diffuse
 - c. corroborate
 - d. circumvent
 - e. juxtapose
- 290.** The risk of cheating on the test was not worth the possible _____ of failing the class.
- a. specification
 - b. gratification
 - c. ramification
 - d. narcissism
 - e. renegade

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 291.** We found that the gallons of water we had brought on our hike were _____, and we had to carry the extra bottles home.
- a. superannuated
 - b. extraordinary
 - c. derivative
 - d. superfluous
 - e. untenable
- 292.** Moving all the heavy cinder blocks by hand from the driveway to the backyard seemed like a(n) _____ task.
- a. precipitous
 - b. poignant
 - c. onerous
 - d. salient
 - e. gallant
- 293.** Claudia's _____ face gave no clue to her hard, cold heart.
- a. winsome
 - b. gruesome
 - c. fatuous
 - d. ironic
 - e. flaccid
- 294.** Keeping hot peppers in the olive oil _____ it with a spicy kick.
- a. contemplates
 - b. stigmatizes
 - c. scrutinizes
 - d. infuses
 - e. defames
- 295.** She realized mortgage rates had declined and decided it was _____ to continue paying rent when she could now afford a monthly payment for her own home.
- a. referable
 - b. relative
 - c. subsequent
 - d. episodic
 - e. inexpedient

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- 296.** The deadline has been moved to this Friday, so we must _____ our efforts and complete the project earlier than we had planned.
- a. wane
 - b. ruminate
 - c. burnish
 - d. pilfer
 - e. expedite
- 297.** As the city grew and stretched its borders, it began to feel the _____ problems of urban sprawl and overpopulation.
- a. improvident
 - b. mendacious
 - c. ersatz
 - d. concomitant
 - e. surreptitious
- 298.** Terrance, a dentist, _____ to be with the media, so he could see the concert for free.
- a. facilitated
 - b. conjugated
 - c. purported
 - d. tended
 - e. placated
- 299.** _____ on a lounge chair by the pool was the very tan owner of the estate, relaxing in the midday sunshine.
- a. Trident
 - b. Renegade
 - c. Fraught
 - d. Renowned
 - e. Supine
- 300.** Observing his sister's _____ behavior of riding without a helmet, Jorge ran to get his mother.
- a. contemptuous
 - b. contented
 - c. fictitious
 - d. parlous
 - e. pensive

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Answers

- 276.** b. *Vulnerable* (adj.) means assailable; capable of receiving injuries; open to attack.
- 277.** a. *Subservient* (adj.) means following another's requests in a servantlike manner far below that which is called for.
- 278.** d. *Obtuse* (adj.) means lacking quickness of perception or intellect.
- 279.** d. *Obstinate* (adj.) means stubborn.
- 280.** b. *Indemnity* (n.) is protection from loss or damage; immunity from punishment; compensation for loss or damage.
- 281.** e. *Esoteric* (adj.) means designed for, confined to, or understandable only by a restricted number of people, an enlightened inner circle.
- 282.** a. To *circumscribe* (v.) is to draw a line around, encircle; to restrict or confine; to determine the limits of, define.
- 283.** b. To *quake* (v.) means to shiver or tremble, as from fear or cold; to shake or vibrate violently.
- 284.** d. *Stupor* (n.) means profound lethargy, such as one might experience after being very ill.
- 285.** e. To *omit* (v.) is to leave out; to neglect, disregard.
- 286.** a. A *waif* (n.) is a stray; a homeless, neglected wanderer, especially a homeless child.
- 287.** d. *Irreparable* (adj.) means not capable of being remedied or corrected; not reparable.
- 288.** a. A *foible* (n.) is a minor weakness or character flaw; a distinctive behavior or attribute peculiar to an individual.

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- 289. d.** To *circumvent* (v.) is to go around, bypass; to get around or avoid through cleverness or artful maneuvering; to surround, enclose, entrap.
- 290. c.** A *ramification* (n.) is a consequence for an action.
- 291. d.** *Superfluous* (adj.) means extra; more than is needed, unnecessary.
- 292. c.** *Onerous* (adj.) is burdensome or troublesome.
- 293. a.** *Winsome* (adj.) means attractive.
- 294. d.** To *infuse* (v.) is to instill or cause to penetrate; to inspire.
- 295. e.** *Inexpedient* (adj.) means not expedient; not suitable or fit for the purpose; not tending to promote a proposed object.
- 296. e.** To *expedite* (v.) means to speed up the progress of, accelerate; to process or execute quickly and efficiently.
- 297. d.** *Concomitant* (adj.) means occurring or existing concurrently; accompanying, attendant.
- 298. c.** To *purport* (v.) means to give false appearance of being.
- 299. e.** *Supine* (adj.) means lying on the back.
- 300. d.** *Parlous* (adj.) means dangerous, risky, or extreme.

Chapter 13

- 301.** In an attempt to _____ the enemy, Braveheart rallied hundreds of fierce warriors.
- a. alienate
 - b. scoff
 - c. obliterate
 - d. ostracize
 - e. minimize
- 302.** The film was completed on schedule despite the _____ circumstances regarding the location and extreme weather conditions.
- a. tenuous
 - b. imperial
 - c. cryptic
 - d. contrived
 - e. adverse

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 303.** The postcard advertised a free cruise to anyone who bought a magazine subscription, but after reading the fine print Sasha found the cruise was just a _____.
a. petition
b. gimmick
c. compromise
d. reference
e. motif
- 304.** Many employers like to visit college campuses and _____ college seniors to work for their companies.
a. daunt
b. recruit
c. illuminate
d. dither
e. flout
- 305.** I could tell by Konrad's _____ manner that he was really sorry for how he had treated Annette.
a. callous
b. erratic
c. zealous
d. nonchalant
e. contrite
- 306.** The company officials felt the rising cost of health coverage was _____ enough to raise their employees' insurance premiums.
a. moratorium
b. justification
c. symbolism
d. disposition
e. habitude
- 307.** The _____ of the sheriff's department ended at the county line.
a. prerequisite
b. emendation
c. alliteration
d. jurisdiction
e. respite

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 308.** Ralph plays golf every chance he gets; even a weeklong golfing vacation could not _____ his appetite for the game.
- a. initiate
 - b. satiate
 - c. relinquish
 - d. revive
 - e. employ
- 309.** We could not describe the scene before us; it was filled with such _____ beauty.
- a. inexorable
 - b. unutterable
 - c. uproarious
 - d. mnemonic
 - e. fretful
- 310.** The subject matter was _____ because the mumbling professor spoke too quickly.
- a. obscure
 - b. magnanimous
 - c. treacherous
 - d. vital
 - e. maximized
- 311.** Arnie becomes so _____ when he talks about painting that it is hard not to be infected by his enthusiasm.
- a. laconic
 - b. circuitous
 - c. impertinent
 - d. ardent
 - e. recalcitrant
- 312.** The cruise ship's deliciously appetizing dinner buffets encouraged _____ among the vacationing passengers.
- a. gluttony
 - b. squabbling
 - c. equivocation
 - d. restraint
 - e. queries

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- 313.** As the pressures of her business became overwhelming, Charlotte chose to _____ her role as PTA president.
- a. expedite
 - b. transgress
 - c. propagate
 - d. relinquish
 - e. retaliate
- 314.** Don't let Julie's enthusiasm fool you; she's just a _____, not a professional dancer.
- a. maverick
 - b. denizen
 - c. mercenary
 - d. maven
 - e. dilettante
- 315.** Normally, Maya would not have made so many spelling mistakes in her essay; she is usually _____ about her spelling.
- a. sumptuous
 - b. scurrilous
 - c. ridiculous
 - d. scrupulous
 - e. fatuous
- 316.** It took four men two hours to move the _____ sofa up three flights of stairs into our apartment.
- a. suave
 - b. garrulous
 - c. unwieldy
 - d. pivotal
 - e. quixotic
- 317.** In the Roman myth, Artemis made a pilgrimage to the _____, hoping to learn the answer to her dilemma.
- a. denouement
 - b. decorum
 - c. oracle
 - d. vizier
 - e. pillar

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 318.** Orson was truly a(n) _____: towering over others at six feet nine inches, he was also one of the most influential and successful producers in the feature film industry.
- a. behemoth
 - b. anathema
 - c. demagogue
 - d. viceroy
 - e. charlatan
- 319.** Brian was an _____ child, he was sent to the principal's office on numerous occasions for his rude classroom behavior.
- a. impeccable
 - b. impertinent
 - c. observant
 - d. obscure
 - e. adjuvant
- 320.** The defendant waited anxiously for the jury to _____ the decision that would seal his fate.
- a. render
 - b. deprecate
 - c. rejuvenate
 - d. disparage
 - e. prohibit
- 321.** We must _____ the information about the agenda changes immediately so that the conference attendees have time to adjust their schedules.
- a. burnish
 - b. disseminate
 - c. galvanize
 - d. placate
 - e. admonish

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 322.** During the time of the plague in the little village, the forlorn _____ of the church bells was an almost daily sound.
- a. prepossession
 - b. premise
 - c. delectation
 - d. knell
 - e. credence
- 323.** If you can adhere to the _____ rules of a military society, the Marines may be an excellent career choice.
- a. strident
 - b. raucous
 - c. stringent
 - d. pedantic
 - e. lurid
- 324.** The natural _____ of the canyon cause it to be an everlasting source of new adventures and beauty.
- a. blandishments
 - b. vicissitudes
 - c. mores
 - d. platitudes
 - e. nebulas
- 325.** A life-long vegetarian, Xiomara _____ when she learned that the sauce she'd just eaten was made with chicken broth.
- a. wavered
 - b. blanched
 - c. coalesced
 - d. stagnated
 - e. thwarted

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Answers

- 301.** c. To *obliterate* (v.) means to blot out or destroy.
- 302.** e. *Adverse* (adj.) means acting against or contrary to; unfavorable; or opposed or opposing.
- 303.** b. A *gimmick* (n.) is a tricky scheme or gadget.
- 304.** b. To *recruit* (v.) means to seek to induct or enroll; to enlist.
- 305.** e. *Contrite* (adj.) means feeling or expressing sorrow or regret for one's sins or offenses; penitent.
- 306.** b. *Justification* (n.) is an explanation or reason that justifies or shows something to be necessary.
- 307.** d. *Jurisdiction* (n.) is authority or power; sphere of power or authority.
- 308.** b. To *satiate* (v.) means to satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.
- 309.** b. *Unutterable* (adj.) means inexpressible.
- 310.** a. *Obscure* (adj.) means not clearly expressed or easily understood; not easily seen or distinguished.
- 311.** d. *Ardent* (adj.) means characterized by intense emotion or enthusiasm, passionate, fervent; glowing or burning like fire.
- 312.** a. *Gluttony* (n.) is drinking or eating to excess; excessive indulgence.
- 313.** d. To *relinquish* (v.) means to give up (something), renounce claim to.
- 314.** e. A *dilettante* (n.) is an amateur, one who dabbles in an art or field of knowledge for amusement; a lover of fine arts, a connoisseur.

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- 315. d.** *Scrupulous* (adj.) means extremely careful, cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.
- 316. c.** *Unwieldy* (adj.) means moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape.
- 317. c.** An *oracle* (n.) is a person of great knowledge; the place where answers are given, as in a sanctuary.
- 318. a.** A *behemoth* (n.) is a giant; something or someone who is enormous in size, power, or importance.
- 319. b.** *Impertinent* (adj.) means improperly bold; rude; lacking good manners.
- 320. a.** To *render* (v.) means to give in return in compliance with a duty; to make or depict.
- 321. b.** To *disseminate* (v.) means to scatter widely, diffuse, spread abroad.
- 322. d.** *Knell* (n.) is the sound of a bell ringing slowly for a funeral or death.
- 323. c.** *Stringent* (adj.) means rigid, strict, or exacting.
- 324. b.** *Vicissitudes* (n.) means a change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances.
- 325. b.** To *blanch* (v.) means to turn pale, as if in fear; to take the color from, whiten.

Chapter 14

- 326.** At the beginning of the ceremony, the high school band _____ the arrival of the graduates by playing the alma mater loudly and with enthusiasm.
- a. decried
 - b. heralded
 - c. permeated
 - d. conjured
 - e. thwarted
- 327.** Although Sophie was afraid of heights, she seemed to have no _____ about driving over bridges.
- a. enormity
 - b. qualms
 - c. imminence
 - d. resurrection
 - e. severity

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 328.** I will write a rough draft of the proposal, and then you can edit it for any _____ material so that it is as convincing and concise as possible.
- a. grandiose
 - b. incontrovertible
 - c. extraneous
 - d. abysmal
 - e. pensive
- 329.** I had to call the repairman because the washing machine was off _____—it began making terrible sounds and failed to clean the clothes thoroughly.
- a. detriment
 - b. preferment
 - c. prevision
 - d. kilter
 - e. quandary
- 330.** Minnie finally _____ to her sister's constant barrage of questions and revealed the identity of her new boyfriend.
- a. reiterated
 - b. succumbed
 - c. seceded
 - d. reneged
 - e. retaliated
- 331.** The meeting is _____; everyone must attend.
- a. palatable
 - b. compulsory
 - c. reciprocal
 - d. resilient
 - e. ancillary

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 332.** Through the _____ act of volunteering, it is possible to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.
- a. dilatory
 - b. insurmountable
 - c. diligent
 - d. rapacious
 - e. noble
- 333.** The proposed design includes many _____ features that are not functional and can be eliminated to cut costs.
- a. jovial
 - b. germane
 - c. kinetic
 - d. nonchalant
 - e. extrinsic
- 334.** Carly's _____ spending on shoes and clothing caused her parents a great deal of concern because she was no longer saving money for college.
- a. monotypic
 - b. inconsistent
 - c. perfunctory
 - d. immoderate
 - e. specious
- 335.** The cop was in a _____: Should he chase the criminal or help the victim?
- a. quandary
 - b. litany
 - c. tatter
 - d. discord
 - e. plethora

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- 336.** The professor studied the _____ physics of ballet dancers and even published a study on the topic of dancers and movement.
- a. creditable
 - b. kinetic
 - c. symbolic
 - d. prevalent
 - e. monotonous
- 337.** Kyle was able to _____ the difficulties of an uncooperative staff, an impossible deadline, and a complicated project in order to present the report to the client.
- a. surmount
 - b. dismount
 - c. retract
 - d. expel
 - e. intercede
- 338.** Philbert's _____ manner fit in well with the atmosphere of the posh country club.
- a. untoward
 - b. riotous
 - c. mundane
 - d. salacious
 - e. urbane
- 339.** Elian tried his _____ on the wrong person, and it has finally landed him in jail.
- a. clemency
 - b. jocularity
 - c. calamity
 - d. obsolescence
 - e. chicanery

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 340.** There were several _____ buildings on the street, making it difficult for Margaret to determine which one was the dentist's office.
- a. nondescript
 - b. transient
 - c. impervious
 - d. zealous
 - e. impressionable
- 341.** Inflated by his fans' _____, Evan lost sense of his small-town roots and began traveling with an entourage.
- a. inconstancy
 - b. insolence
 - c. haughtiness
 - d. sufferance
 - e. idolatry
- 342.** To _____ a congressional bill, the president must use his official seal on all documents.
- a. nullify
 - b. patronize
 - c. victimize
 - d. ratify
 - e. mollify
- 343.** The drama workshop's efforts _____ in the final production of a play written, directed, and acted by the students for the entire school.
- a. finalized
 - b. languished
 - c. teemed
 - d. discerned
 - e. culminated

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- 344.** There is no way around it: plagiarism is _____ to thievery.
- a. tantamount
 - b. apathetic
 - c. fatuous
 - d. unscrupulous
 - e. indecisive
- 345.** For _____ deeds during her mission overseas, Tyesha was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- a. inept
 - b. valorous
 - c. erroneous
 - d. malodorous
 - e. benign
- 346.** Adam read the employee manual so that he might _____ himself with his new responsibilities at the company.
- a. relinquish
 - b. synthesize
 - c. orient
 - d. validate
 - e. motivate
- 347.** I am _____ of the problems that this solution will cause, but I still believe that this is the best possible solution.
- a. innocuous
 - b. cognizant
 - c. precipitous
 - d. reminiscent
 - e. belligerent
- 348.** The spectacular presentation by a rainforest adventurer _____ Simon with the desire to travel to South America to see the jungles for himself.
- a. disheartened
 - b. inhibited
 - c. imbued
 - d. reconstituted
 - e. abhorred

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 349.** When the senator's popularity suffered in the polls, he _____ his decision to raise taxes.
- a. recanted
 - b. pulverized
 - c. enveloped
 - d. detracted
 - e. extenuated
- 350.** Because of the _____ of reliable information, Quentin's report was comprised mostly of speculation.
- a. dearth
 - b. diatribe
 - c. myriad
 - d. juxtaposition
 - e. tirade

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Answers

- 326.** b. To *herald* (v.) is to proclaim or announce; to foreshadow.
- 327.** b. A *quale* (n.) is a sudden or disturbing feeling.
- 328.** c. *Extraneous* (adj.) means not vital or essential; not pertinent or relevant; coming from the outside or an outside source.
- 329.** d. *Kilter* (n.) is order or good condition.
- 330.** b. To *succumb* (v.) means to give in, cease to resist.
- 331.** b. *Compulsory* (adj.) means obligatory, mandatory, required.
- 332.** e. *Noble* (adj.) means having high, selfless moral standards; of excellent character.
- 333.** e. *Extrinsic* (adj.) means not forming an essential part of a thing, extraneous; originating from the outside, external.
- 334.** d. *Immoderate* (adj.) means excessive or extreme; exceeding reasonable limits.
- 335.** a. A *quandary* (n.) is a difficult situation.
- 336.** b. *Kinetic* (adj.) means pertaining to motion or caused by motion.
- 337.** a. To *surmount* (v.) means to overcome by force of will.
- 338.** e. *Urbane* (adj.) means characterized by refined manners; elegant or sophisticated.
- 339.** e. *Chicanery* (n.) is trickery or sophistry used to deceive someone (especially to extract money).
- 340.** a. *Nondescript* (adj.) means lacking any distinctive characteristics.

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- 341.** e. *Idolatry* (n.) is excessive reverence or adoration; the worship of idols.
- 342.** d. To *ratify* (v.) means to make valid.
- 343.** e. To *culminate* (v.) is to come to completion, end; to reach the highest point or degree, climax.
- 344.** a. *Tantamount* (adj.) means equal to; having equal or equivalent value in terms of seriousness.
- 345.** b. *Valorous* (adj.) means courageous, valiant.
- 346.** c. To *orient* (v.) means to acquaint (oneself) with the existing situation or environment; determine one's position with reference to new ideas.
- 347.** b. *Cognizant* (adj.) means fully knowledgeable or informed, conscious, aware.
- 348.** c. To *imbue* (v.) is to inspire or pervade with ideas or feelings; to saturate with color; to permeate.
- 349.** a. To *recant* (v.) means to renounce formally; to withdraw a former belief as erroneous.
- 350.** a. *Dearth* (n.) means a severe shortage or scarce supply, especially of food; a lack of, insufficient quantity.

Chapter 15

- 351.** Teachers should not only be knowledgeable but also _____; students should feel comfortable approaching them with questions or problems.
- a. wheedling
 - b. patronizing
 - c. laconic
 - d. affable
 - e. frugal
- 352.** The pain medication Kristy received after surgery offered relief; however, the overwhelming feeling of _____ was an unexpected side effect, and she didn't like being groggy.
- a. extortion
 - b. compellation
 - c. acquisition
 - d. affirmation
 - e. lethargy

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- 353.** The ski lodge had a window that looked out upon a beautiful mountain _____.
a. vista
b. melee
c. fray
d. foray
e. frieze
- 354.** The palace's great hall was rich in history and splendor, the walls hung with _____ tapestries.
a. mellifluous
b. malleable
c. prudent
d. illusive
e. ornate
- 355.** After weeks of heavy rains, the earth gave way; mud and trees _____ down the mountain swallowing cars and houses in their path.
a. ascended
b. inculcated
c. aspersed
d. hurtled
e. entreated
- 356.** The _____ butter had been left in the refrigerator for years.
a. complacent
b. scandalous
c. riveting
d. dire
e. rancid
- 357.** Several weeks of extremely hot, dry weather _____ the land, so instead of rowing across a river, we walked across a cracked, parched riverbed.
a. oscillated
b. desiccated
c. subverted
d. coalesced
e. thwarted

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- 358.** The pitcher's _____ workout regimen was the most grueling of all his teammates, and he never took a day off.
- a. Spartan
 - b. spasmodic
 - c. exclusive
 - d. turgid
 - e. truculent
- 359.** Ethan's responses when he spoke on the telephone were _____ and he nearly always made his customers think he was rude.
- a. receptive
 - b. laconic
 - c. uncanny
 - d. suave
 - e. ponderous
- 360.** I was bored with the _____ conversation of my roommates and longed for some intellectual stimulation.
- a. egregious
 - b. pronounced
 - c. vapid
 - d. intriguing
 - e. exonerating
- 361.** Ned's fear was _____ as he watched the 60-foot waves approach his little boat.
- a. futile
 - b. genteel
 - c. innovative
 - d. palpable
 - e. detrimental
- 362.** Moving swiftly and gracefully through the backyard, the cat suddenly _____ when she hit the thorny bush.
- a. recoiled
 - b. recuperated
 - c. invigorated
 - d. fabricated
 - e. throttled

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- 363.** Although others were fooled by “Doctor” Winston’s speech, Lily knew him for what he was: a(n) _____.
a. panacea
b. charlatan
c. prevarication
d. accolade
e. primadonna
- 364.** The task of building the cabin was a _____ one, but Rob was up to the challenge.
a. laborious
b. venerable
c. archaic
d. cynical
e. unbiased
- 365.** After the neighbor’s stereo woke her up for the fifth night in a row, Brenda felt _____ to complain.
a. impelled
b. rebuked
c. augmented
d. implicated
e. destined
- 366.** Carter is writing a letter of recommendation that I can include in my _____ for prospective employers.
a. denunciation
b. panacea
c. dossier
d. incantation
e. restitution
- 367.** _____ laughter came from the upstairs apartment where Trang was having a graduation party.
a. Scurrilous
b. Deleterious
c. Fatuous
d. Uproarious
e. Malicious

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- 368.** In the middle of his eloquent _____, the audience suddenly broke into applause.
- a. ovation
 - b. oration
 - c. inclination
 - d. provocation
 - e. illusion
- 369.** I like the _____ style of these essays; they make complex issues accessible by presenting them in everyday language.
- a. colloquial
 - b. obsolete
 - c. pristine
 - d. exacting
 - e. furtive
- 370.** A diamond ring is the _____ symbol of love and affection.
- a. precocious
 - b. fugacious
 - c. supplemental
 - d. quintessential
 - e. barbarous
- 371.** Allen's _____ distanced him from his family, but he was still unwilling to apologize.
- a. regeneration
 - b. contingency
 - c. equivalence
 - d. impenitence
 - e. innovation
- 372.** Nothing will _____ my memory of the night we first met; the images are forever burned in my mind.
- a. appease
 - b. undulate
 - c. inculcate
 - d. efface
 - e. truncate

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- 373.** With the curtains drawn back, the room was _____ with warm sunlight.
- a. recessed
 - b. intruded
 - c. suffused
 - d. belied
 - e. taut
- 374.** The devastating drought forced the _____ tribes of the rainforest to leave their homes and venture into the modern world.
- a. indigenous
 - b. puritanical
 - c. indigent
 - d. imminent
 - e. munificent
- 375.** Jason's _____ approach to management included narrowing the salary gap between the CEOs and office workers.
- a. stoic
 - b. apathetic
 - c. utilitarian
 - d. endemic
 - e. proactive

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Answers

- 351.** d. *Affable* (adj.) means easy and pleasant to speak to, approachable; friendly, warm, gracious.
- 352.** e. *Lethargy* (n.) is the state of drowsiness or sluggish inactivity.
- 353.** a. *Vista* (n.) means a view or prospect.
- 354.** e. *Ornate* (adj.) means richly and artistically finished or stylized.
- 355.** d. To *hurtle* (v.) is to rush with great speed; to move violently with great noise; to fling forcefully.
- 356.** e. *Rancid* (adj.) means rotten or putrid.
- 357.** b. To *desiccate* (v.) means to dry out thoroughly, become dry; to make dry, dull, or lifeless.
- 358.** a. *Spartan* (adj.) means rigorously severe (from the Greek city-state Sparta known for its austere and rigid lifestyle); marked by strict self-discipline; characteristically simple or frugal.
- 359.** b. *Laconic* (adj.) means curt, concise, but expressing much in a few words; brief and to the point.
- 360.** c. *Vapid* (adj.) means dull, lacking life, spirit or substance; tedious.
- 361.** d. *Palpable* (adj.) means tangible, noticeable; easily perceived and detected.
- 362.** a. To *recoil* (v.) means to jump back suddenly.
- 363.** b. A *charlatan* (n.) is someone who makes elaborate, fraudulent claims to having certain skills or knowledge; a quack, imposter, fraud.
- 364.** a. *Laborious* (adj.) means characterized by hard work, exertion, or perseverance.

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- 365.** a. To *impel* (v.) is to motivate; push or drive forward; propel.
- 366.** c. A *dossier* (n.) is a collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject.
- 367.** d. *Uproarious* (adj.) means noisy.
- 368.** b. An *oration* (n.) is a formal speech for a special occasion.
- 369.** a. *Colloquial* (adj.) means characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational.
- 370.** d. *Quintessential* (adj.) is the best and purest part of a thing; the most typical example of a thing.
- 371.** d. *Impenitence* (n.) is the trait of refusing to repent; unwilling to show regret for wrongdoing.
- 372.** d. To *efface* (v.) means to rub out, erase; to cause to dim or make indistinct; to make or conduct oneself inconspicuously.
- 373.** c. To *suffuse* (v.) means to cover or fill the surface of, as in to fill with light.
- 374.** a. *Indigenous* (adj.) means originating or being native to a specific region or country; also inherent or natural.
- 375.** c. *Utilitarian* (adj.) means related to the ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or beneficial to the greatest number of people.

Chapter 16

- 376.** If people continue to _____ the rainforests, soon they will disappear from the earth.
- a. dominate
 - b. frolic
 - c. laminate
 - d. neglect
 - e. provoke
- 377.** My parents always seem to worry and _____ more about money when tax season is approaching.
- a. proximate
 - b. quibble
 - c. supplicate
 - d. dabble
 - e. alienate

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- 378.** While the king and the members of his court lived in the most opulent luxury, the peasants in his kingdom lived in the most _____ poverty.
- a. abject
 - b. incessant
 - c. relinquished
 - d. erratic
 - e. lugubrious
- 379.** Samantha had an _____ trust in her grandfather, who was an honorable man and kind to everyone he met.
- a. implicit
 - b. insecure
 - c. irreverent
 - d. irresolute
 - e. astringent
- 380.** Antonello searched the forest around his campsite for small branches to _____ the fire, so he could eventually cook his dinner.
- a. stifle
 - b. kindle
 - c. suppress
 - d. dissipate
 - e. prohibit
- 381.** Although I meant it as a compliment, Zander _____ my remark as an insult.
- a. construed
 - b. eradicated
 - c. truncated
 - d. permeated
 - e. redacted

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 382.** The sailor's _____ complexion bespoke his many sunny days at the lookout post.
- a. swarthy
 - b. syncopated
 - c. pallid
 - d. wan
 - e. pasty
- 383.** Tanya is a _____ person, trusted by all who know her.
- a. porous
 - b. voracious
 - c. spurious
 - d. specious
 - e. veracious
- 384.** After the third relative was hired to an upper-level position, several people quit the company, claiming that _____ caused a decline in employee morale.
- a. carrion
 - b. explicitness
 - c. skepticism
 - d. devotion
 - e. nepotism
- 385.** Genevieve's stunning debut performance at the city opera has earned her _____ from some of the city's toughest critics.
- a. antipathy
 - b. insinuations
 - c. destitution
 - d. lamentations
 - e. accolades
- 386.** The shaggy neon couch was a(n) _____ in the conservative room decorated with earth tones.
- a. incongruity
 - b. insinuation
 - c. temerity
 - d. reiteration
 - e. intonation

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 387.** Harris tried to _____ his fear of flying when he boarded the plane, but he could not curb his anxiety.
- a. accelerate
 - b. expound
 - c. maximize
 - d. employ
 - e. repress
- 388.** Gabi found that whenever she was confused about an idea or issue, writing about it would help _____ her true feelings.
- a. vacillate
 - b. elucidate
 - c. wheedle
 - d. deprecate
 - e. indoctrinate
- 389.** After the powerful windstorm, Marie discovered a splintered and fallen tree limb had _____ the vinyl lining of her swimming pool.
- a. extenuated
 - b. calculated
 - c. retaliated
 - d. lacerated
 - e. curtailed
- 390.** Johnny's good behavior in class yesterday was _____ by his disruptive outbursts in Math this morning.
- a. abated
 - b. negated
 - c. reiterated
 - d. mandated
 - e. nominated
- 391.** Jason and Joshua made _____ plans to meet in the cafeteria to study for the test, provided Jason's class ended on time.
- a. beguiling
 - b. tenuous
 - c. assured
 - d. tentative
 - e. promotional

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 392.** The professor's lectures were filled with excessive _____, lasting much longer than was necessary to convey his ideas.
- a. verbiage
 - b. herbage
 - c. maliciousness
 - d. portent
 - e. intrigue
- 393.** Ming's blatant lie revealed that he suffered no _____ about being dishonest to his parents.
- a. compunction
 - b. repudiation
 - c. vindication
 - d. evanescence
 - e. veracity
- 394.** Diane, always teasing, was known for her _____, but as a result, nobody knew when to take her seriously.
- a. jocularly
 - b. servitude
 - c. logic
 - d. austerity
 - e. inclemency
- 395.** "Absolute power corrupts absolutely," said Haines. "There is no such thing as a(n) _____ who is not a corrupt and cruel ruler."
- a. imbroglio
 - b. pedant
 - c. despot
 - d. agnostic
 - e. archetype
- 396.** During his _____ in office the mayor made several controversial decisions about city planning.
- a. treatise
 - b. integration
 - c. teem
 - d. flout
 - e. tenure

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 397.** Recovering from the tragedy, Helena found the _____ sunrise reassuring, as it gave her something to rely on each and every morning.
- a. hidden
 - b. clairvoyant
 - c. cognizant
 - d. deft
 - e. quotidian
- 398.** Flaws in Claire's opponent's chess game showed him to be _____, and Claire knew her victory was assured.
- a. predatory
 - b. indistinguishable
 - c. ornery
 - d. vincible
 - e. resolute
- 399.** The ad didn't mention a specific salary; it just said "compensation _____ with experience."
- a. compulsory
 - b. manifest
 - c. prolific
 - d. commensurate
 - e. precluded
- 400.** The _____ she felt for shopping made it impossible for her to walk by a sale window without stopping.
- a. providence
 - b. blunder
 - c. omission
 - d. repulsion
 - e. estrus

Answers

- 376. d.** To *neglect* (v.) means to be careless about; to fail to care for or to do; to be remiss about.
- 377. b.** To *quibble* (v.) means to find fault or criticize for petty reasons.
- 378. a.** *Abject* (adj.) means wretched, degraded, debased; of the most contemptible or miserable kind; showing utter resignation or humiliation, groveling, servile.
- 379. a.** *Implicit* (adj.) means unquestioning or trusting without doubt; understood rather than directly stated; implied.
- 380. b.** *Kindle* (v.) means to cause to burn with flames; to ignite; to set on fire.
- 381. a.** To *construe* (v.) is to interpret or understand; to make sense of, explain the meaning of.
- 382. a.** *Swarthy* (adj.) means having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.
- 383. e.** *Veracious* (adj.) means truthful, honest; habitually disposed to speak the truth.
- 384. e.** *Nepotism* (n.) is favoritism for kin when conferring jobs, offices, or privileges.
- 385. e.** An *accolade* (n.) is an award or special acknowledgement signifying approval or distinction.
- 386. a.** *Incongruity* (n.) is the quality of being inappropriate or unbecoming; not consistent in character.
- 387. e.** To *repress* (v.) means to keep under or restrain; to curb or subdue.

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- 388.** b. To *elucidate* (v.) means to make clear or manifest; to free from confusion or ambiguity.
- 389.** d. To *lacerate* (v.) is to rip, tear, or mangle.
- 390.** b. To *negate* (v.) means to nullify, invalidate, or deny.
- 391.** d. *Tentative* (adj.) means provisional or uncertain; not fixed or set.
- 392.** a. *Verbiage* (n.) means the use of many words without necessity.
- 393.** a. *Compunction* (n.) means a feeling of uneasiness or regret caused by a sense of guilt, remorse; a pang of conscience at the thought or act of committing a misdeed.
- 394.** a. *Jocular* (n.) is the state of being jocular, which is characterized by joking or jesting.
- 395.** c. A *despot* (n.) is someone who rules with absolute power; a dictator or tyrant.
- 396.** e. *Tenure* (n.) means the term during which a thing is held; often used in connection with career positions.
- 397.** e. *Quotidian* (adj.) means occurring or returning daily.
- 398.** d. *Vincible* (adj.) means conquerable, capable of being defeated or subdued.
- 399.** d. *Commensurate* (adj.) means corresponding in size, degree, or extent; proportionate.
- 400.** e. An *estrus* (n.) is an irresistible impulse or passion.

Chapter 17

- 401.** The owners of the bed-and-breakfast were extremely _____ to their guests, who enjoyed elegant meals, prompt service, and beautifully decorated rooms.
- a. hospitable
 - b. hostile
 - c. remiss
 - d. gallant
 - e. indomitable
- 402.** Homeless people often lead a(n) _____ lifestyle because they repeatedly get uprooted from the streets and alleys where they live.
- a. aristocratic
 - b. platonic
 - c. analytic
 - d. nomadic
 - e. ballistic

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- 403.** Linda's _____ for picking the right stocks made her a very wealthy woman.
- a. knack
 - b. reception
 - c. rendition
 - d. impropriety
 - e. concourse
- 404.** Computers and word processing software have made the art of hand-writing letters virtually _____.
- a. barren
 - b. boisterous
 - c. obsolete
 - d. dignified
 - e. relevant
- 405.** Marco has an irresistibly _____ manner that many young women find charming and attractive.
- a. obstinate
 - b. staid
 - c. bland
 - d. supple
 - e. suave
- 406.** Chantel kept the _____ of her beloved foremost in her mind as she traveled to countries far and wide in her quest to find him.
- a. prelude
 - b. armistice
 - c. hirsute
 - d. presage
 - e. visage
- 407.** The cozy beach cottage was only _____ for summer tenants because it lacked the insulation to make a winter stay comfortable.
- a. stagnant
 - b. erroneous
 - c. resilient
 - d. habitable
 - e. ineffective

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 408.** The settlers decided to build their town at the _____ of two rivers; that settlement became the city of Pittsburgh.
- a. veneer
 - b. lexicon
 - c. hiatus
 - d. tirade
 - e. confluence
- 409.** Furious that Lou had lied about his references, Noi _____ her decision to promote him to assistant manager.
- a. elevated
 - b. incriminated
 - c. complied
 - d. rescinded
 - e. fortified
- 410.** To prove your theory, you need to design an experiment that will provide _____ evidence.
- a. perfunctory
 - b. elusive
 - c. noxious
 - d. empirical
 - e. lamentable
- 411.** Rachel's mother was appalled by the amount of _____ humor on television during hours when young children were still awake.
- a. fraudulent
 - b. senile
 - c. proportional
 - d. lascivious
 - e. laborious
- 412.** The scared boy on the roller coaster made sure his seatbelt was _____ across his body.
- a. slack
 - b. taut
 - c. trite
 - d. striated
 - e. curt

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 413.** The female fox's _____ over her burrow indicates that she has just birthed her young.
- a. vendetta
 - b. preening
 - c. vigilance
 - d. sepulcher
 - e. rendezvous
- 414.** After Ginger banged her head, she noticed that a large lump began to _____ from her forehead.
- a. invade
 - b. provoke
 - c. sustain
 - d. obtrude
 - e. elevate
- 415.** The devoted fans paid _____ to the late singer by placing flowers on his memorial and by holding burning votive candles.
- a. tariffs
 - b. accouterment
 - c. retrospection
 - d. appraisalment
 - e. homage
- 416.** Losing his entire business to the flood, Bill's only _____ was to file bankruptcy.
- a. dross
 - b. enigma
 - c. fervor
 - d. imprecation
 - e. recourse
- 417.** The new evidence convinced the District Attorney to overturn Martin's conviction and _____ him.
- a. appropriate
 - b. truncate
 - c. elucidate
 - d. exonerate
 - e. protract

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 418.** Christopher hired a tree-trimming crew to cut the _____ branches of the pine tree that were scraping the side of his house.
- a. fastidious
 - b. lateral
 - c. nebulous
 - d. abject
 - e. recessive
- 419.** We both knew our summer romance was _____, and we would just be memories in each other's minds by the winter.
- a. restorative
 - b. tempting
 - c. temporal
 - d. understated
 - e. indecisive
- 420.** The dissatisfied workers spread their _____ attitudes among themselves until there was a danger of a full-scale rebellion against the owners of the factory.
- a. paradoxical
 - b. monochromatic
 - c. benign
 - d. virulent
 - e. portentous
- 421.** The junkyard was littered with _____ objects, making it unsightly to the neighborhood behind it.
- a. otiose
 - b. obtuse
 - c. jovial
 - d. decorative
 - e. buoyant

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 422.** Although Maya's _____ sensibilities are quite different from mine, I think she is a remarkable interior decorator and I recommend her highly.
- a. aesthetic
 - b. dialectical
 - c. reclusive
 - d. synthetic
 - e. mercurial
- 423.** The meticulous art student arranged her paint colors by a darkening _____ on her palette.
- a. limitation
 - b. gradation
 - c. moratorium
 - d. juncture
 - e. tincture
- 424.** J.P. recalled running through the _____ of tall rows of corn stalks that dominated his grandfather's summer garden.
- a. terminals
 - b. temperament
 - c. labyrinth
 - d. basin
 - e. deference
- 425.** Peter displayed an air of _____ when the officer asked him if he knew the speed limit.
- a. omniscience
 - b. obstinacy
 - c. nescience
 - d. obstetrics
 - e. platitude

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Answers

- 401.** a. *Hospitable* (adj.) means treating guests kindly and generously; being agreeable, receptive or of an open mind.
- 402.** d. *Nomadic* (adj.) means roaming from place to place or wandering.
- 403.** a. *Knack* (n.) is a natural talent; a clever way of doing something.
- 404.** c. *Obsolete* (adj.) means antiquated, disused; discarded.
- 405.** e. *Suave* (adj.) means having a smooth and pleasant manner.
- 406.** e. *Visage* (n.) means the face, countenance, or look of a person.
- 407.** d. *Habitable* (adj.) means acceptable for inhabiting.
- 408.** e. *Confluence* (n.) means a flowing or coming together; a gathering or meeting together at a point or juncture; a place where two things come together, the point of juncture.
- 409.** d. *Rescinded* (v.) means revoked.
- 410.** d. *Empirical* (adj.) means relying on, derived from, or verifiable by; experimental or observational rather than theory.
- 411.** d. *Lascivious* (adj.) means lewd, lustful, or wanton.
- 412.** b. *Taut* (adj.) means stretched tight.
- 413.** c. *Vigilance* (n.) means alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger.
- 414.** d. To *obtrude* (v.) means to stick out, push forward.
- 415.** e. *Homage* (n.) is respect paid publicly; reverence rendered; deference.
- 416.** e. *Recourse* (n.) means a last option or way out.

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- 417. d.** To *exonerate* (v.) means to free from blame or guilt, absolve; to release from a responsibility or obligation, discharge.
- 418. b.** *Lateral* (adj.) means pertaining to or extending from the side.
- 419. c.** *Temporal* (adj.) means enduring for a short time; transitory.
- 420. d.** *Virulent* (adj.) means exceedingly noxious, deleterious, or hateful.
- 421. a.** *Otiose* (adj.) means needless, functionless; unemployed or useless.
- 422. a.** *Aesthetic* (adj.) means concerning or characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste; characterized by a heightened sensitivity to beauty, artistic.
- 423. b.** *Gradation* (n.) is the changing of a color, shade, or tint to another by gradual degrees; the process of bringing to another grade in a series; a stage or degree in such a series.
- 424. c.** *Labyrinth* (n.) is a maze of paths or a complicated system of pathways in which it is challenging to find the exit; something extremely complex in structure or character.
- 425. c.** *Nescience* (n.) is ignorance, or the absence of knowledge.

Chapter 18

- 426.** I have tried for years to get close to my brother Rae, but he has always remained _____.
a. cognizant
b. assiduous
c. vociferous
d. aloof
e. accommodating
- 427.** In his later years, the once wildly successful gambler lost his fortune, and became a homeless _____ on the streets of Las Vegas.
a. granger
b. miser
c. strategist
d. vagabond
e. speculator

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 428.** _____ animals are able to survive easily in the wilderness because, for example, they can live on berries or insects.
- a. Omnipotent
 - b. Omnivorous
 - c. Luminous
 - d. Lavish
 - e. Precarious
- 429.** Sally had planted the seeds in the greenhouse three weeks ago; they would begin to _____ any day now.
- a. germinate
 - b. revolve
 - c. tint
 - d. ratify
 - e. modulate
- 430.** Julia's parents gave her one _____ regarding her new job: It could not interfere with her schoolwork.
- a. procession
 - b. consensus
 - c. manifestation
 - d. provision
 - e. reprieve
- 431.** Despite enthusiastic efforts from the supporting cast, the critics agreed the star of the play gave a _____ performance, ruining the chance of lucrative box office sales.
- a. infallible
 - b. vigorous
 - c. victorious
 - d. felicitous
 - e. lackluster
- 432.** The tenor's _____ voice filled the concert hall.
- a. sinuous
 - b. timid
 - c. tenuous
 - d. sonorous
 - e. striated

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 433.** After the fire, there were ashes in every _____ of the old farmhouse.
- a. belfry
 - b. reprieve
 - c. tangent
 - d. orifice
 - e. tribunal
- 434.** Luanne experiences serious _____ whenever she climbs several flights of steep stairs.
- a. vertigo
 - b. inebriation
 - c. exoneration
 - d. fallacy
 - e. plethora
- 435.** The _____ of the successful product idea was attributed to the extraordinarily creative company president.
- a. demise
 - b. genesis
 - c. symmetry
 - d. repletion
 - e. dominion
- 436.** When the company reached its _____ of hiring one hundred college graduates, they proceeded to recruit older, more experienced candidates.
- a. quota
 - b. hybrid
 - c. detriment
 - d. fiasco
 - e. malady

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 437.** After her extended illness, Delia experienced a long period of _____ when she did not want to work, exercise, or clean.
- a. languor
 - b. arrogance
 - c. insolence
 - d. forethought
 - e. recompense
- 438.** Floyd has a distinctive _____ to his voice—easily recognizable over the phone.
- a. viscosity
 - b. brawn
 - c. timbre
 - d. diadem
 - e. ingenuity
- 439.** The house was consumed in flames and not a _____ of it remained after the fire.
- a. vestige
 - b. visage
 - c. vestibule
 - d. vicissitude
 - e. viceroy
- 440.** David felt as if the family picnic would be a(n) _____ time to talk with his grandmother about her plans for the holidays.
- a. opportune
 - b. disastrous
 - c. unctuous
 - d. trite
 - e. surly
- 441.** The children were _____ for eating the whole batch of cookies before dinner.
- a. indignant
 - b. belittled
 - c. chagrined
 - d. eluded
 - e. admonished

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 442.** During his routine, the stand-up comic refused to be shaken by the heckler who _____ him every few minutes.
- a. ignored
 - b. abetted
 - c. enforced
 - d. gibed
 - e. cited
- 443.** Going away for spring break was not in the _____ of possibility, since neither Helga nor Olga had any money.
- a. fascism
 - b. fulcrum
 - c. introversion
 - d. realm
 - e. nadir
- 444.** Oscar _____ his sister not to tell their mother what he had done, for he knew his punishment would be severe.
- a. beguiled
 - b. vied
 - c. exhorted
 - d. maligned
 - e. corroborated
- 445.** _____ were in order as James performed brilliantly on stage in his first role as an understudy.
- a. Pathos
 - b. Ignominies
 - c. Kudos
 - d. Subsidies
 - e. Statutes
- 446.** The Boston Tea Party happened because the Americans believed the British tea taxes were _____ the rights of the colonists.
- a. trespassing
 - b. reviling
 - c. sublimating
 - d. transgressing
 - e. entreating

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 447.** The old bridge's steel _____ were rusty and in need of repair.
- a. piers
 - b. campaniles
 - c. manacles
 - d. girders
 - e. spindles
- 448.** The budding flowers, warm breezes, and birth of young animals suggest the much-welcomed _____ atmosphere in the country after a long, hard winter.
- a. venial
 - b. menial
 - c. venal
 - d. vernal
 - e. verbal
- 449.** Since she had not exercised in five years, Margarita attempt to jog five miles on her first day of cardio-training was a little _____.
- a. pessimistic
 - b. irrelevant
 - c. trivial
 - d. quixotic
 - e. relieved
- 450.** The legal internship program was developed under the _____ of the district attorney's office.
- a. bastion
 - b. propensity
 - c. aegis
 - d. faction
 - e. cacophony

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 426.** d. *Aloof* (adj.) means physically or emotionally distant; reserved, remote.
- 427.** d. A *vagabond* (n.) is a wanderer; a person who does not have a permanent home.
- 428.** b. *Omnivorous* (adj.) means feeding on both animal and vegetable substances; having an insatiable appetite for anything.
- 429.** a. To *germinate* (v.) means to begin to grow or sprout; to cause to come into existence or develop.
- 430.** d. A *provision* (n.) is a stipulation or qualification; a stock of supplies.
- 431.** e. *Lackluster* (adj.) means lacking liveliness or brightness; dull.
- 432.** d. *Sonorous* (adj.) means producing sound; impressive or grand in effect.
- 433.** d. An *orifice* (n.) is an opening, a hole; a perforation; a mouth or hole through which something may pass.
- 434.** a. *Vertigo* (n.) is dizziness often caused by experiencing heights.
- 435.** b. *Genesis* (n.) is the origin, beginning, or foundation; the act of forming something new; the first event in a series of events.
- 436.** a. A *quota* (n.) is a proportional share.
- 437.** a. *Languor* (n.) is a lack of energy or interest; a feeling of being without spirit; sluggishness.
- 438.** c. *Timbre* (n.) is the quality of a tone, as distinguished from intensity and pitch.

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 439.** a. *Vestige* (n.) means a visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone.
- 440.** a. *Opportune* (adj.) means well-timed or convenient.
- 441.** e. To *admonish* (v.) means to reprove kindly but seriously; to warn or counsel; to instruct or remind, as of a forgotten responsibility.
- 442.** d. To *gibe* (v.) means to taunt or jeer; to utter a taunting or sarcastic remark.
- 443.** d. A *realm* (n.) is a knowledge domain that you are interested in; a kingdom or domain.
- 444.** c. To *exhort* (v.) means to urge strongly with a stirring argument, appeal, or advice; to make an urgent appeal.
- 445.** c. *Kudos* (n.) are complimentary remarks; expressions of praise.
- 446.** d. To *transgress* (v.) means to go beyond the limit or bounds of; usually in connection with a law.
- 447.** d. A *girder* (n.) is a large horizontal beam, made of wood, steel, or concrete, to support weight or span an opening.
- 448.** d. *Vernal* (adj.) means belonging to or suggestive of the spring.
- 449.** d. *Quixotic* (adj.) means idealistic without regard for practicality.
- 450.** c. *Aegis* (n.) means sponsorship or patronage; guidance or direction; or protection.

Chapter 19

- 451.** Frank feels such _____ towards his ex-business partner that he cannot stand to be in the same room with him.
- a. iniquity
 - b. collusion
 - c. avarice
 - d. pallor
 - e. animosity
- 452.** Ronaldo celebrated the gathering of his _____ on Thanksgiving Day and spoke with relatives he had not seen in a long time.
- a. commonwealth
 - b. surrogates
 - c. representatives
 - d. kindred
 - e. infidels

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 453.** After sitting in the contentious board meeting for two hours, Allen's necktie began to feel like a _____ around his neck.
- a. decorum
 - b. garland
 - c. noose
 - d. renegade
 - e. monstrosity
- 454.** Even though he hated to work holidays and weekends, Trevor hoped that his paycheck would serve as _____ for the time spent away from his family.
- a. metamorphism
 - b. restitution
 - c. enunciation
 - d. proclamation
 - e. kismet
- 455.** Amanda's parents were shocked by her _____ decision to quit her job without notice and move to Hollywood.
- a. conscientious
 - b. affable
 - c. placid
 - d. languid
 - e. impetuous
- 456.** The catlike movements of the sneaky _____ served him well when he picked pockets among the tourists on the crowded boardwalk.
- a. forerunner
 - b. knave
 - c. vigilante
 - d. dignitary
 - e. bureaucrat
- 457.** The student's _____ language offended many others in the class.
- a. obsequious
 - b. studious
 - c. scanty
 - d. surreptitious
 - e. scurrilous

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 458.** In winter, the frost on a car's windshield can be _____ to the driver.
- a. lurid
 - b. obstructive
 - c. cynical
 - d. purified
 - e. salvageable
- 459.** The prom was a _____ royal ball with so many handsome young men and beautiful young ladies dressed to the ultimate formality.
- a. affable
 - b. virtual
 - c. corrosive
 - d. deleterious
 - e. inevitable
- 460.** As the roller coaster inched to the top of the hill, Helena could feel her heart begin to _____.
- a. exfoliate
 - b. dominate
 - c. reattribute
 - d. palpitate
 - e. ventilate
- 461.** Paul's _____ humor is sometimes lost on those who take his comments too literally.
- a. piquant
 - b. wry
 - c. florid
 - d. placid
 - e. negligible
- 462.** Hearing her sister approach, Marie-Helene attempted to appear _____ as she quickly hid the birthday gift behind her back.
- a. flamboyant
 - b. stoic
 - c. pivotal
 - d. crass
 - e. nonchalant

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 463.** The knight sought to _____ his broadsword in such a menacing fashion as to frighten his attacker away.
- a. warrant
 - b. procure
 - c. placate
 - d. wield
 - e. ensue
- 464.** At the banquet, the disappearance of the woman's jeweled bracelet from her wrist appeared to be the _____ of an accomplished thief.
- a. attrition
 - b. sledge
 - c. sleight
 - d. dismastment
 - e. regalia
- 465.** Something went _____ in our experiment, and instead of creating a green odorless vapor, we ended up with a noxious red liquid that stunk up the laboratory for days.
- a. hoary
 - b. awry
 - c. listless
 - d. derogatory
 - e. dilatory
- 466.** When the movie star slipped out the back door of the hotel, the paparazzi adroitly gathered their _____ and raced around the building to catch her.
- a. pandemonium
 - b. tenor
 - c. paraphernalia
 - d. venue
 - e. propaganda

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 467.** Since Shane won the lottery, he has been living a life of _____ luxury, buying whatever he desires and traveling around the world in his 100-foot yacht as he is waited on hand and foot by a bevy of butlers, cooks, and maids.
- a. arrant
 - b. vitriolic
 - c. ribald
 - d. seditious
 - e. fatuous
- 468.** Confronted by his mother, the _____ four-year-old could not lie about scribbling on his bedroom walls with purple and blue markers.
- a. guileless
 - b. inauspicious
 - c. untarnished
 - d. indiscriminate
 - e. vexed
- 469.** The artist attempted to _____ the painting by adding people dressed in bright colors in the foreground.
- a. excoriate
 - b. amplify
 - c. eradicate
 - d. vivify
 - e. inculcate
- 470.** The artist drew the picture with such _____ that it was possible to count every blade of grass that he painted.
- a. blasphemy
 - b. philosophy
 - c. nicety
 - d. consensus
 - e. purveyance

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 471.** The highly publicized nature of the trial caused the judge to _____ the jury in order to shield members from evidence that might sway their verdict.
- a. quarantine
 - b. retract
 - c. sequester
 - d. integrate
 - e. assimilate
- 472.** Jillian was _____ by the contradictory diagnoses she received and decided she needed a third opinion.
- a. intimidated
 - b. effaced
 - c. girded
 - d. usurped
 - e. bemused
- 473.** Because he was antsy from having eaten too much candy, little William was unable to _____ himself in a respectable manner during the ceremony.
- a. garner
 - b. quell
 - c. surmise
 - d. comport
 - e. subjugate
- 474.** The chemistry professor believed her students could do better on their exams by searching for their own answers, and encouraged the class to apply the _____ method to prepare.
- a. punctilious
 - b. nonconformist
 - c. salubrious
 - d. heuristic
 - e. determinate

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 475.** Bea was known for her loud and domineering personality and was considered a _____ by many who knew her.
- a. banality
 - b. debutante
 - c. scapegoat
 - d. trifle
 - e. virago

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 451.** e. *Animosity* (n.) means bitter, open hostility or enmity; energetic dislike.
- 452.** d. *Kindred* (n.) is a group of people related to each other by birth or marriage.
- 453.** c. A *noose* (n.) is a loop with slipknot, tightening when pulled.
- 454.** b. *Restitution* (n.) is a restoration of what is lost or taken away, especially unjustly.
- 455.** e. *Impetuous* (adj.) means impulsive or passionate; characterized by sudden emotion or energy.
- 456.** b. *Knave* (n.) is a dishonest, deceitful, or unreliable person.
- 457.** e. *Scurrilous* (adj.) means grossly indecent or vulgar; offensive.
- 458.** b. *Obstructive* (adj.) means blocking, hindering; obscuring.
- 459.** b. *Virtual* (adj.) means being in essence or effect, but not in actual fact.
- 460.** d. To *palpitate* (v.) is to flutter or move with slight throbs.
- 461.** b. *Wry* (adj.) means ironic, cynical, or sardonic.
- 462.** e. *Nonchalant* (adj.) means casual, indifferent.
- 463.** d. To *wield* (v.) means to use, control, or manage, as a weapon, or instrument, especially with full command.
- 464.** c. A *sleight* (n.) means a trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation.
- 465.** b. *Awry* (adj.) means off-course, amiss; turned or twisted toward one side, askew; not functioning properly.

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 466. c.** *Paraphernalia* (n.) are miscellaneous articles needed for particular professions, information, or operation.
- 467. a.** *Arrant* (adj.) means complete, absolute, utter.
- 468. a.** *Guileless* (adj.) means to be without guile; straightforward; honest; frank.
- 469. d.** To *vivify* (v.) means to give or bring life to; to animate.
- 470. c.** *Nicety* (n.) means precision, accuracy; a subtle distinction or detail; the state of being nice.
- 471. c.** To *sequester* (v.) means to separate, segregate, seclude; cause to withdraw or retire, as with juries.
- 472. e.** *Bemused* (adj.) means deeply absorbed in thought; bewildered or perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements.
- 473. d.** To *comport* (v.) means to conduct or behave (oneself) in a certain manner; to agree, accord, or harmonize.
- 474. d.** *Heuristic* (adj.) means stimulating further investigation; encouraging learning through discoveries made by a student.
- 475. e.** *Virago* (n.) means a bold, impudent, turbulent woman.

Chapter 20

- 476.** Even though he was only in kindergarten, Joel was very _____ and could intuit when his teacher was not pleased with his behavior.
- a. obtuse
 - b. oblivious
 - c. inept
 - d. perceptive
 - e. indolent
- 477.** During his many years of hard work, Paul was promoted several times and began to rise through the bank's _____ of employees.
- a. declassification
 - b. surplus
 - c. hierarchy
 - d. principality
 - e. dominion

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 478.** The heat was absolutely _____, making everyone irritable, sweaty, and uncomfortable.
- a. taciturn
 - b. salient
 - c. replete
 - d. prosaic
 - e. oppressive
- 479.** The biology students were assigned the task of testing the _____, but did not have enough time to prove its validity.
- a. lexicon
 - b. hypothesis
 - c. motif
 - d. platitude
 - e. genesis
- 480.** It had rained all afternoon, but the fans were still _____ that the baseball game would still be played.
- a. pessimistic
 - b. sadistic
 - c. optimistic
 - d. domineering
 - e. truant
- 481.** If you have any special needs or requests, speak to Val; she's the one with the most _____ around here.
- a. synergy
 - b. clout
 - c. affinity
 - d. guile
 - e. infamy
- 482.** Because Virgil had been so _____ as a child, he had an extremely difficult time adjusting when he enrolled in the military academy.
- a. fettered
 - b. intrepid
 - c. coddled
 - d. pallid
 - e. odious

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 483.** Far from being a _____, Bob gets up at dawn every morning to prepare for a long day at work after which he attends classes in evening.
- a. moderator
 - b. drone
 - c. replica
 - d. sycophant
 - e. sluggard
- 484.** The vulgarity used by the football fans at the stadium was _____ and eventually lead to a penalty for the team.
- a. rakish
 - b. quiescent
 - c. sagacious
 - d. reproachable
 - e. mundane
- 485.** After the debate, Karim _____ upon many of the campaign issues in a series of detailed editorials.
- a. expounded
 - b. ebbed
 - c. doffed
 - d. temporized
 - e. wrought
- 486.** Since the judge hearing the case was related to one of the defendants, she felt she could not offer a truly _____ opinion.
- a. unbiased
 - b. indifferent
 - c. unilateral
 - d. uninterested
 - e. understated

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 487.** Abdul found his ten-hour shifts at the paper clip factory repetitive and _____.
a. fatuous
b. nebulous
c. malleable
d. indelible
e. wearisome
- 488.** Jonelle is a(n) _____ of the kind of student we seek: someone who is both academically strong and actively involved in the community.
a. paradox
b. exemplar
c. catalyst
d. mandate
e. harbinger
- 489.** Tomas is a(n) _____ businessman who knows a good opportunity when he sees it.
a. insolent
b. astute
c. mercurial
d. indifferent
e. volatile
- 490.** Sean would _____ whenever it became his turn to do the dishes.
a. premeditate
b. palter
c. reform
d. distend
e. ponder
- 491.** The barnyard scene outside the 4-H tent made a charming _____ for visitors to the state fair.
a. melee
b. tabloid
c. tableau
d. rant
e. tangent

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 492.** The jellyfish, known for its shimmering _____, is one of nature's most intriguing creatures.
- a. resonance
 - b. opulence
 - c. didactics
 - d. omniscience
 - e. translucence
- 493.** A decade after the _____, the members of the tribe began to drift home again, hoping to rebuild the community they had fled during the war.
- a. kowtow
 - b. redaction
 - c. cloister
 - d. diaspora
 - e. chimera
- 494.** After performing a _____ of the cow, scientists determined that it did not have mad cow disease, and there was no need to notify the board of health.
- a. extrapolation
 - b. interrogation
 - c. interment
 - d. elongation
 - e. vivisection
- 495.** Charged with moral _____, the judge was called off the case even though he denied receiving bribes from the plaintiff's counsel.
- a. lassitude
 - b. restitution
 - c. turpitude
 - d. torpor
 - e. vicissitude

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 496.** I knew from Inga's _____ reply that she was offended by my question.
- a. sinuous
 - b. vivacious
 - c. sinister
 - d. garrulous
 - e. brusque
- 497.** The cult leader's _____ obeyed his every instruction.
- a. predecessors
 - b. sycophants
 - c. narcissists
 - d. panderers
 - e. elocutionists
- 498.** The _____ wallpaper in his living room makes it difficult to find curtains and furniture that will match it.
- a. blunt
 - b. fatuous
 - c. verbose
 - d. variegated
 - e. meticulous
- 499.** Homer's *Odyssey* was not translated into many people's _____ until after the invention of the printing press.
- a. caste
 - b. epicure
 - c. vernacular
 - d. debutant
 - e. nomenclature
- 500.** *Don Quixote* describes the adventures of a(n) _____ knight who believes that windmills are giants and the barmaid Dulcinea is a princess.
- a. gregarious
 - b. eloquent
 - c. fickle
 - d. errant
 - e. steadfast

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 501.** The _____ espionage plot was so sophisticated it was impossible to believe it was the work of teenage computer hackers.
- a. simple
 - b. vaporized
 - c. byzantine
 - d. mystical
 - e. fusty

501 Sentence Completion Questions

Answers

- 476. d.** *Perceptive* (adj.) means having the ability to understand and be sensitive to.
- 477. c.** *Hierarchy* (n.) is a series or system of people or things that are graded or ranked; a group of persons in authority.
- 478. e.** *Oppressive* (adj.) means unreasonably burdensome; heavy.
- 479. b.** *Hypothesis* (n.) is a proposition, believed to be probable, which is adopted to explain certain facts and which can be further tested.
- 480. c.** *Optimistic* (adj.) means taking the most hopeful view; feeling that everything in nature is for the best.
- 481. b.** *Clout* (n.) means influence, pull, or sway; power or muscle; a strike or blow, especially with the fist.
- 482. c.** To *coddle* (v.) means to treat with excessive indulgence or tenderness, to baby or pamper. It also means to cook in water just below the boiling point.
- 483. e.** A *sluggard* (n.) is a person who is habitually lazy or idle.
- 484. a.** *Reproachable* (adj.) means needing rebuke or censure; in a manner that is severe or cutting.
- 485. a.** To *expound* (v.) means to explain in detail, elaborate; to give a detailed statement or account of.
- 486. a.** *Unbiased* (adj.) means completely impartial to, as in judgment.
- 487. e.** *Wearisome* (adj.) means fatiguing or tiresome.
- 488. b.** An *exemplar* (n.) is one who is worthy of imitation, a model or ideal; a typical or representative example.

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- 489. b.** *Astute* (adj.) means having or showing intelligence and shrewdness; keen, discerning.
- 490. b.** To *palter* (v.) is to act insincerely; to haggle; to play tricks; equivocate.
- 491. c.** A *tableau* (n.) is an arrangement of inanimate figures representing a scene from real life.
- 492. e.** *Translucence* (n.) means the property or state of allowing the passage of light.
- 493. d.** A *diaspora* (n.) is a dispersion of people from their original homeland, or the community formed by such a people; the dispersion of an originally homogeneous group or entity, such as a language or culture.
- 494. e.** *Vivisection* (n.) means the dissection of an animal, particularly for scientific research.
- 495. c.** *Turpitude* (n.) means depravity; any action that violates accepted standards.
- 496. e.** *Brusque* (adj.) means abrupt, curt, or blunt in a discourteous manner.
- 497. b.** A *sycophant* (n.) is a servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.
- 498. d.** *Variegated* (adj.) means marked with different shades or colors.
- 499. c.** *Vernacular* (n.) means the language of one's country.
- 500. d.** *Errant* (adj.) means wandering, roving, especially in search of adventure; straying beyond the established course or limits.

501 Sentence Completion Questions

- 501.** c. *Byzantine* (adj.) means highly complicated, intricate or involved; characterized by elaborate scheming and intrigue, devious; of or relating to or characteristic of the Byzantine Empire or ancient Byzantium, especially its architectural style; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church.