

1. Once so fluid, the political situation had, two years after the declaration of the Republic, _____ so much that further change seemed inconceivable.

- A. revitalized
- B. warmed
- C. intensified
- D. clotted
- E. destabilized

2. Although the political science professor's paper is quite _____ about the government's problem, suggesting that they are part of a degenerative process, the prognosis for the government is, on the contrary, actually quite auspicious.

- A. straightforward
- B. circuitous
- C. pessimistic

3. Contrary to certain recent analyses that paint a dire portrait of soil loss from farmland, a new study of surveying data reaching back to the 1930s shows that erosion rates have been steadily _____.

- A. intensifying
- B. waning
- C. accelerating
- D. worsening
- E. deteriorating

4. The painter has emphasized the figure's erect posture by making it contrast so starkly with the _____ exhibited by trees of the windswept orchard in the background.

- A. strength
- B. list
- C. rigidity
- D. fruitfulness
- E. uprightness

5. The amount of water flowing through United States streams has _____ during this century, although without giving rise to more frequent floods, according to a new study by the United States Geological Survey.

- A. markedly declined
- B. steadily increased
- C. slowly stabilized

6. The automation of many of the functions performed at the factory, although initially inspiring _____ in many of the company's employees, has had none of the deleterious effects forecast either within or beyond the organization.

- A. indifference
- B. optimism
- C. ambition
- D. arrogance
- E. trepidation

7. Some of the areas of research covered in the collection have already attracted substantial scholarly interest, while others are more _____, hence requiring pioneering

effort to map the territory and suggest productive avenues of inquiry.

- A. intricate
- B. pristine
- C. parochial
- D. heterogeneous
- E. onerous

8 . Within the field of emotional intelligence research, disagreements remain about whether emotional intelligence can be learned and strengthened or is _____ characteristic

- A. an expressed
- B. an inborn
- C. an invented
- D. a cultivated
- E. a perceptible

9. The company's steering committee, reluctant to be held any specific commitments, released a strategic plan that was deliberately _____.

- A. unpopular
- B. repetitive
- C. stringent
- D. inflexible
- E. nebulous

10. Notwithstanding that the _____ of local branch banks has been so much predicted, in most countries the number of branch banks has increased over the past decade.

- A. resurgence
- B. proliferation
- C. demise
- D. profitability
- E. reorganization