1. **Choose the correct option from given below**

1. Although the warring parties had settled a number of disputes, past experience made them .......... to express optimism that the talks would be a success.

**A.** rash   
**B.** ambivalent   
**C.** scornful   
**D.** overjoyed   
**E. reticent**

2. Davis is an opprobrious and .......... speaker, equally caustic toward friend or foe--a true curmudgeon.

**A.** lofty   
**B. vituperative**   
**C.** unstinting   
**D.** retiring   
**E.** laudatory

3. Because the House has the votes to override a presidential veto, the President has no choice but to ..........

**A.** object   
**B.** abdicate  
**C.** abstain  
**D.** capitulate   
**E. compromise**

4. His novels are .......... ; he uses a long circumlocution when a direct coupling of a simple subject and verb would be best.

**A. prolix**   
**B.** pedestrian   
**C.** succinct   
**D.** vapid   
**E.** risque

5. Because he did not want to appear\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the junior executive refused to dispute the board's decision, in spite of his belief that the decision would impair employee morale.

**A. contentious**  
**B.** indecisive   
**C.** solicitous   
**D.** overzealous   
**E.** steadfast

**II. IN  THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE THERE ARE BLANKS WHICH ARE ALLOTTED WITH NUMBERS. BELOW THE PASSAGE ARE GIVEN WORDS/GROUP OF WORDS AGAINST THESE NUMBERS. ONE OF THESE WORDS  FITS IN THE BLANK APPROPRIATELY. FIND OUT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION.**

The **1……………………**…inexhaustible  sources of energy like fossil fuels are **2……………………**so fast that it is not far off when these sources will disappear and will not be available on this earth. It is because we are **3……………….** depending upon these and are making use of these in greater quantity than these are available to us in the lap of nature. As a result these are falling short of our demands. Besides there are fewer efforts to explore **4………………….** methods of energy to meet with the requirements. The earth has a **5……………….** supply of fossil fuels. There are successful attempts to harness nuclear energy as  **6…………………………** mode to generate power but at rather small and restrictive scale. Nuclear power plants need less fuel than ones that burn fossil fuels. One ton of uranium produces more energy than is produced by several million tons of coal or several million barrels of oil. Most nuclear reactors only need to be refuelled every 18 months or so. At each refueling, a third of the fuel is removed and stored as waste, and new fuel is inserted in its place. The new fuel costs about $40 to $60 million per refueling. By contrast, a similarly sized natural gas power plant can consume up to $600 million in natural gas over the same time period. A similarly sized coal plant**7……………………………..** at least a dozen large dump trucks full of coal each day. The fission of one atom of uranium **8……………………..** ten million times more energy than the combustion of one carbon atom from coal. Coal and oil burning plants pollute the air. Well-operated nuclear power plants do not release**9…………………..** into the environment. In coal production, mining creates **10…………………………**problems like the acid runoff from coal mining sites. At the site where we burn coal, nitrous oxides and sulfur oxides are **11…………………………..** causing pollution in the surrounding areas. These gases are deadly harmful for living beings of those areas.

**Options & Answers :**

1. (a) Probably  (b)Largely (c)***seemingly***(d)absolutely
2. (a) aggravating (b)  devouring (c) digressing (d) **depleting**
3. (a) **unduly**  (b) closely  (c) heavily (d) deeply
4. (a) better (b)**alternative** (c) advanced  (d) superior
5. (a) meager (b) diminishing (c) shallow  (d) **limited**
6. (a) a modern  (b) an appropriate  (c) a popular (d) **an alternative**
7. (a) **would require**  (b) had required (c) could require (d) would have required
8. (a) explodes (b) holds (c) **produces** (d)  drops
9. (a) **contaminants**(b)  infection (c) pollution (d) wastes
10. (a) health (b) **environmental** (c) handling (d) technical