

Sentence Completions Set A

1. Remembering his resolution to lose more weight, Walter had no choice but to ----- the extra slice of cake.
(A) obtain
(B) forego
(C) ambush
(D) propel
(E) deduce
2. Widely known for her professionalism and -----, Carrie considered lateness to be an unforgivable -----.
(A) courtesy...charity
(B) punctuality...impertinence
(C) fortitude...achievement
(D) permissiveness...breach
(E) subtlety...negligence
3. ----- from an early age, Jane studied hard to achieve her dream of graduating from a world class college.
(A) Placid
(B) Ruthless
(C) Imbecilic
(D) Complacent
(E) Ambitious
4. Robert reviewed his essay, checking each of his arguments for clarity; he was anxious to ----- the possibility of having his words ----- and his views distorted.
(A) eliminate...misconstrued
(B) reduce...jeopardized
(C) accumulate...isolated
(D) destroy...dormant
(E) magnify...misinterpreted
5. Although Ronnie had done years of research to prove the existence of an international conspiracy, many people still dismissed his beliefs as -----.
(A) jubilant
(B) innocent
(C) deluded
(D) reckless
(E) avid
6. Shawna was ----- on all sides by the ----- rumors her co-workers were circulating.
(A) beset...malicious
(B) abducted...impeccable
(C) attacked...artificial
(D) avoided...derogatory
(E) circumnavigated...beneficent
7. Fear can induce temporary ----- in many animals, which explains why deer will stop in their tracks when threatened by an oncoming vehicle.
(A) affinity
(B) ferocity
(C) paralysis
(D) sanguinity
(E) colloquy
8. Sheila was tired of having her sister held up as a -----, while she was treated like a -----.
(A) miscreant...derelict
(B) benefactor...paradox
(C) renegade...rascalion
(D) paragon...pariah
(E) sacrilege...hypocrite
9. Brenda refused Cory's request for a date, explaining to him that she did not ----- his feelings.
(A) emulate
(B) reciprocate
(C) consign
(D) consecrate
(E) adulate
10. Jack was afraid his friend would ----- on their agreement, but she assured him her word was -----.
(A) renege...inviolable
(B) deceive...mendacious
(C) default...negotiable
(D) circumvent...veracious
(E) withdraw...meretricious

11. Oscar Wilde was known for his witty and ----- style of writing; in fact, many of his aphorisms are still widely quoted today.

- (A) migratory
- (B) rambunctious
- (C) maladroit
- (D) fatuous
- (E) epigrammatic

12. ----- by nature, Alyssa ----- between joy and melancholy on a regular basis.

- (A) Diplomatic...fluctuated
- (B) Nuanced...undulated
- (C) Capricious...coincided
- (D) Ambivalent...subverted
- (E) Mercurial...oscillated

13. Despite the emotional ordeal she had just been through, Sarah was able to speak ----- to the police, giving them a coherent account of the evening.

- (A) lucidly
- (B) vociferously
- (C) magnanimously
- (D) gratuitously
- (E) disjointedly

14. Normally known for her -----, Risa's ----- joy left her uncharacteristically speechless.

- (A) garrulousness...inchoate
- (B) brevity...prodigious
- (C) loquacity...ineffable
- (D) pithiness...ethereal
- (E) volubility...termagant

15. She tried to stay awake during geography class, but her teacher's voice proved quite -----.

- (A) grandiloquent
- (B) censorious
- (C) amicable
- (D) lachrymose
- (E) soporific

16. William's wealth kept him surrounded by ----- and ----- companions; people willing to give him sincere feedback were few and far between.

- (A) obsequious...sycophantic
- (B) peripatetic...pugnacious
- (C) deferential...inclement
- (D) obeisant...truculent
- (E) provincial...unctuous

17. John took such ----- at his friend's remark, that he stood up and promptly stormed out of the room.

- (A) libel
- (B) ebullience
- (C) fecundity
- (D) umbrage
- (E) ostracism

18. Given just a second to ----- her answer, the politician had no choice but to speak -----.

- (A) belie...expediently
- (B) envisage...erroneously
- (C) deliberate...extemporaneously
- (D) occlude...impromptu
- (E) ruminate...floridly

19. Stanley was an incredibly ----- man who fought against even the slightest erosion of his wealth.

- (A) parsimonious
- (B) deciduous
- (C) litigious
- (D) magnanimous
- (E) benignant

Answer Key

1. b e
2. b e
3. e e
4. a e
5. c e
6. a e
7. c m
8. d m
9. b m
10. a m
11. e m
12. e m
13. a m
14. c h
15. e h
16. a h
17. d h
18. c h
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