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1. The corporation expects only ----- increase in sales next year despite a yearlong effort to revive its retailing business.  
(A) unquestionable  
(B) sequential  
(C) modest  
(D) exaggerated  
(E) groundless
2. No computer system is immune to a virus, a particularly malicious program that is designed to ----- and electronically ----- the disks on which data are stored.  
(A) prepare. .improve  
(B) restore. .disable  
(C) infect. .damage  
(D) preserve. .secure  
(E) invade. .repair
3. Recent research indicates that a system of particles which has apparently decayed to randomness from ----- state can be returned to that state: thus the system exhibits a kind of memory of its ----- condition.  
(A) an equilibrium. .lesser  
(B) an ordered. .earlier  
(C) an unusual. .settled  
(D) a chaotic. .last  
(E) a higher. .present
4. A number of writers who once greatly ----- the literary critic have recently recanted, substituting ----- for their former criticism.  
(A) lauded. .censure  
(B) influence. .analysis  
(C) simulated. .ambivalence  
(D) disparaged. .approbation  
(E) honored. .adulation
5. She writes across generational lines, making the past so ----- that our belief that the present is the true locus of experience is undermined.  
(A) complex  
(B) distant  
(C) vivid  
(D) mysterious  
(E) mundane
6. Individual freedom of thought should be ----- more absolutely than individual freedom of action, given that the latter, though also desirable, must be ----- the limits imposed by the rights and freedom of others.  
(A) protected. .subject to  
(B) assessed. .measured by  
(C) valued. .superior to  
(D) exercised. .indifferent to  
(E) curtailed. .conscious of
7. Their ----- was expressed in quotidian behavior: they worshipped regularly, ----- all the regenerative processes of nature respect, and even awe.  
(A) selflessness. .reserving to  
(B) moderation. .extending to  
(C) reverence. .exacting from  
(D) piety. .according  
(E) serenity. .refusing

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1. My family often found others laughable, but I learned quite early to be ----- while people were present, laughing only later at what was funny and mocking what to us seemed -----.  
(A) polite. .bizarre  
(B) impatient. .unfortunate  
(C) facetious. .enviable  
(D) wistful. .extraordinary  
(E) superficial. .deplorable
2. The technical know-how, if not the political -----, appears already at hand to feed the world's exploding population and so to ----- at least the ancient scourges of malnutrition and famine.  
(A) will. .weaken  
(B) expertise. .articulate  
(C) doubt. .banish  
(D) power. .denounce  
(E) commitment. .eradicate
3. In small farming communities, accident victims rarely sue or demand compensation: transforming a personal injury into a ----- someone else is viewed as an attempt to ----- responsibility for one's own actions.  
(A) conspiracy against. .assume  
(B) claim against. .elude  
(C) boon for. .minimize  
(D) distinction for. .shift  
(E) trauma for. .proclaim
4. Dominant interests often benefit most from ----- of governmental interference in business, since they are able to take care of themselves if left alone.  
(A) intensification  
(B) authorization  
(C) centralization  
(D) improvisation  
(E) elimination
5. The "impostor syndrome" often afflicts those who fear that true self-disclosure will lower them in others' esteem: rightly handled, however, ----- may actually ----- one's standing.  
(A) willfulness. .consolidate  
(B) imposture. .undermine  
(C) affectation. .jeopardize  
(D) candor. .enhance  
(E) mimicry. .efface
6. The pungent verbal give-and-take among the characters makes the novel ----- reading, and this very ----- suggests to me that some of the opinions voiced may be the author's.  
(A) disturbing. .flatness  
(B) tedious. .inactiveness  
(C) lively. .spiritedness  
(D) necessary. .steadiness  
(E) rewarding. .frivolousness
7. The fortresslike façade of the Museum of Cartoon Art seems calculated to remind visitors that the comic strip is an art form that has often been ----- by critics.  
(A) charmed  
(B) assailed  
(C) unnoticed  
(D) exhilarated  
(E) overwhelmed

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1. According to the newspaper critic, the performances at the talent contest last night ----- from acceptable to excellent.  
(A) varied  
(B) receded  
(C) swept  
(D) averaged  
(E) declined
2. For more than a century, geologists have felt comfortable with the idea that geological processes, although very -----, are also ----- and so are capable of shaping the Earth, given enough time.  
(A) minute. .sporadic  
(B) slow. .steady  
(C) complex. .discernible  
(D) unpredictable. .constant  
(E) ponderous. .intermittent
3. While not ----- with the colorfully obvious forms of life that are found in a tropical rain forest, the desert is ----- to a surprisingly large number of species.  
(A) brimming. .foreign  
(B) endowed. .detrimental  
(C) imbued. .hostile  
(D) teeming. .host  
(E) confronted. .home
4. Speakers and listeners are often at odds: language that is easy for the receiver to understand is often difficult to -----, and that which is easily formulated can be hard to -----.  
(A) estimate. .confirm  
(B) transmit. .defend  
(C) produce. .comprehend  
(D) suppress. .ignore  
(E) remember. .forget
5. The current demand for quality in the schools seems to ask not for the development of information and active citizens, but for disciplined and productive workers with abilities that contribute to civic life only -----, if at all.  
(A) indirectly  
(B) politically  
(C) intellectually  
(D) sensibly  
(E) sequentially
6. Because of its lack of theaters, the city came, ironically, to be viewed as an ----- theater town, and that reputation led entrepreneurs to believe that it would be ----- to build new theaters there.  
(A) unprofitable. .risky  
(B) untapped. .pointless  
(C) unappreciated. .difficult  
(D) unlikely. .appropriate  
(E) unimpressed. .shrewd
7. He felt it would be -----, in view of the intense ----- that would likely follow, to make the sacrifice required in order to gain such little advantage.  
(A) charitable. .growth  
(B) welcomed. .prejudice  
(C) futile. .encouragement  
(D) academic. .acclaim  
(E) unrealistic. .turmoil

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1. The academic education offered to university students is essential and must not be -----, but that does not mean university should ----- the extracurricular, yet still important, aspects of university life.  
  
(A) impeded. .promote  
(B) debated. .victimize  
(C) protected. .broaden  
(D) maximized. .continue  
(E) compromised. .neglect
2. To understand fully the impact of global warming on the environment, one must recognize that the components of the problem are ----- and, therefore, a change in any one component will ----- the others.  
  
(A) distinct. .influence  
(B) unique. .clarify  
(C) linked. .affect  
(D) cyclical. .negate  
(E) growing. .exacerbate
3. Although the Impressionists painters appeared to earlier art historians to be ----- in their methods, recent analyses of their brush work suggest the contrary — that, in fact, their technique was quite -----.  
  
(A) unstudied. .sophisticated  
(B) idiosyncratic. .effective  
(C) eclectic. .naïve  
(D) lax. .fashionable  
(E) careless. .unpremeditated
4. Increased government alarm about global warms ----- the concern among scientists that such warming is occurring, though when to expect major effects is still -----.  
  
(A) echoes. .agreed on  
(B) precludes. .under consideration  
(C) reflects. .in dispute  
(D) obviates. .in doubt  
(E) encourages. .confirmed
5. For someone as ----- as she, who preferred to speak only when absolutely necessary, his relentless chatter was completely -----.  
  
(A) ingenuous. .ignorant  
(B) curt. .enchanted  
(C) cheerful. .idle  
(D) laconic. .maddening  
(E) forward. .pointless
6. Future generations will probably consider current speculations about humanity's place in the universe to be ----- omissions and errors: even rigorous scientific views change sometimes overnight.  
  
(A) immune from  
(B) marred by  
(C) uncorrupted by  
(D) correct despite  
(E) abridged by
7. Marshal Philippe Petain, unlike any other French citizen of this century, has been paradoxically object of both great veneration and great -----.  
  
(A) reverence  
(B) interest  
(C) empathy  
(D) contempt  
(E) praise

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1. In some cultures the essence of magic is its traditional integrity: it can be efficient only if it has been ----- without loss from primeval times to the present practitioner.  
(A) conventionalized  
(B) realized  
(C) transmitted  
(D) manipulated  
(E) aggrandized
2. Although skeptics say financial problems will probably ----- our establishing a base on the Moon, supporters of the project remain -----, saying that human curiosity should overcome such pragmatic constraints.  
(A) beset. .disillusioned  
(B) hasten. .hopeful  
(C) postpone. .pessimistic  
(D) prevent. .enthusiastic  
(E) allow. .unconvinced
3. Before the Second World War, academics still questioned whether the body of literature produced in the United States truly ----- a ----- literature or whether such literature was only a provincial branch of English literature.  
(A) symbolized. .local  
(B) constituted. .national  
(C) defined. .historical  
(D) outlined. .good  
(E) captured. .meaningful
4. Many more eighteenth-century novels were written by women than by men, but this dominance has, until very recently, been regarded merely as ----- fact, a bit of arcane knowledge noted only by bibliographers.  
(A) a controversial  
(B) a statistical  
(C) an analytical  
(D) an explicit  
(E) an unimpeachable
5. All ----- biological traits fall into one of two categories: those giving their possessors greater ----- the environment and those rendering them more independent of it.  
(A) widespread. .detachment from  
(B) beneficial. .control over  
(C) successful. .freedom from  
(D) neutral. .compatibility with  
(E) harmful. .advantage in
6. One of archaeology's central dilemmas is now to reconstruct the ----- of complex ancient societies from meager and often ----- physical evidence.  
(A) riddles. .obsolete  
(B) details. .irrefutable  
(C) intricacies. .equivocal  
(D) patterns. .flawless  
(E) configuration. .explicit
7. Just as the authors' book on eels is often a key text for courses in marine vertebrate zoology, their ideas on animal development and phylogeny ----- teaching in this area.  
(A) prevent  
(B) defy  
(C) replicate  
(D) inform  
(E) use

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Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. What is most important to the monkeys in the sanctuary is that they are a group; this is so because primates are inveterately ----- and build their lives around each other.  
  
(A) independent  
(B) stable  
(C) curious  
(D) social  
(E) proprietary
2. Often the difficulties of growing up in the public eye cause child prodigies to ----- the world of achievement before reaching adulthood: happily, they sometimes later return to competition and succeed brilliantly.  
  
(A) ridicule  
(B) conquer  
(C) retire from  
(D) antagonize  
(E) examine
3. In scientific studies, supporting evidence is much more satisfying to report than are discredited hypotheses, but, in fact, the ----- of errors is more likely to be ----- than is the establishment of probable truth.  
  
(A) formulation. .permitted  
(B) correction. .ignored  
(C) detection. .useful  
(D) accumulation. .agreeable  
(E) refinement. .conditional
4. Professional photographers generally regard inadvertent surrealism in a photograph as a curse rather than a blessing: magazine photographers in particular, consider themselves ----- to the extent that they can ----- its presence in their photographs.  
  
(A) skillful. .enhance  
(B) inadequate. .eliminate  
(C) original. .demonstrate  
(D) fortunate. .minimize  
(E) conventional. .highlight
5. Marison was a scientist of unusual ----- and imagination who had startling success in ----- new and fundamental principles well in advance of their general recognition.  
  
(A) restiveness. .acknowledging  
(B) precision. .coordinating  
(C) aggression. .resisting  
(D) candor. .dispelling  
(E) insight. .discerning
6. Unenlightened authoritarian managers rarely recognize a crucial reason for the low levels of serious conflict among members of democratically run work groups: a modicum of tolerance for dissent often prevents -----.  
  
(A) demur  
(B) schism  
(C) cooperation  
(D) compliance  
(E) shortsightedness
7. Arruthers' latest literary criticism ----- her reputation for trenchant commentary: despite its intriguing title and the fulsome praise on its dust jacket, it is nothing more than a collection of -----.  
  
(A) reinforces. .pronouncements  
(B) belies. .platitudes  
(C) prejudices. .insights  
(D) advances. .aphorisms  
(E) undermines. .judgments

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1. If those large publishers that respond solely to popular literary trends continue to dominate the publishing market, the initial publication of new writers will depend on the writers' willingness to ----- popular tastes.  
  - (A) struggle against
  - (B) cater to
  - (C) admire
  - (D) flout
  - (E) elude
2. Candidates who oppose the present state income tax must be able to propose ----- ways to ----- the financing of state operations.  
  - (A) intelligent. .initiate
  - (B) individual. .diversify
  - (C) innovative. .alleviate
  - (D) arbitrary. .maintain
  - (E) alternate. .continue
3. Although strong legal remedies for nonpayment of child support are -----, the delay and expense associated with these remedies make it ----- to develop other options.  
  - (A) unpopular. .useful
  - (B) required. .impossible
  - (C) available. .imperative
  - (D) unavailing. .impractical
  - (E) nonexistent. .ridiculous
4. Calculus, though still indispensable to science and technology, is no longer -----; it has an equal partner called discrete mathematics.  
  - (A) preeminent
  - (B) pertinent
  - (C) beneficial
  - (D) essential
  - (E) pragmatic
5. Demonstrating a mastery of innuendo, he issued several ----- insults in the course of the evening's conversation.  
  - (A) blunt
  - (B) boisterous
  - (C) fallacious
  - (D) veiled
  - (E) embellished
6. The ----- of gamblers' unsuccessful decision strategies is one ----- of the illusions built into games of chance in order to misguide players and take their money.  
  - (A) distortion. .outcome
  - (B) restriction. .result
  - (C) maintenance. .function
  - (D) prediction. .accomplishment
  - (E) demonstration. .prerequisite
7. The natures of social history and lyric poetry are -----, social history always recounting the ----- and lyric poetry speaking for unchanging human nature, that timeless essence beyond fashion and economics.  
  - (A) predetermined. .bygone
  - (B) antithetical. .evanescent
  - (C) interdependent. .unnoticed
  - (D) irreconcilable. .unalterable
  - (E) indistinguishable. .transitory

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1. Exposure to low-intensity gamma radiation slows the rate of growth of the spoilage microorganisms in food in much the same way that the low heat used in pasteurization ----- the spoilage action of the microorganism in milk.  
  
(A) precludes  
(B) initiates  
(C) inhibits  
(D) isolates  
(E) purifies
2. In today's world, manufacturers' innovations are easily copied and thus differences between products are usually -----; advertisers, therefore, are forced to ----- these differences in order to suggest the uniqueness of their clients' products.  
  
(A) crucial. .downplay  
(B) minimal. .reduce  
(C) slight. .exaggerate  
(D) common. .emphasize  
(E) intrinsic. .create
3. To avoid annihilation by parasites, some caterpillars are able to ----- periods of active growth by prematurely entering a dormant state, which is characterized by the ----- of feeding.  
  
(A) curtail. .suspension  
(B) foster. .continuation  
(C) prevent. .stimulation  
(D) mediate. .synthesis  
(E) invert. .simulation
4. Prior to the work of Heckel, illustrations of fish were often beautiful but rarely -----; this fact, combined with the ----- nature of most nineteenth-century taxonomic descriptions, often kept scientists from recognizing differences between species.  
  
(A) impressive. .inaccurate  
(B) realistic. .detailed  
(C) traditional. .progressive  
(D) precise. .inexact  
(E) distinctive. .sophisticated
5. Experienced and proficient, Susan is a good, ----- trumpeter; her music is often more satisfying than Carol's brilliant but ----- playing.  
  
(A) virtuoso. .inimitable  
(B) mediocre. .eccentric  
(C) competent. .influential  
(D) amateur. .renowned  
(E) reliable. .erratic
6. In the midst of so many evasive comments, this forthright statement, whatever its intrinsic merit, plainly stands out as -----.  
  
(A) a paradigm  
(B) a misnomer  
(C) a profundity  
(D) an inaccuracy  
(E) an anomaly
7. Marshall's confrontational style could alienate almost anyone: he even antagonized a board of directors that included a number of his supporters and that had a reputation for not being easily -----.  
  
(A) intimidated  
(B) mollified  
(C) reconciled  
(D) provoked  
(E) motivated



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1. Paradoxically, England's colonization of North America was ----- by its success; the increasing prosperity of the colonies diminished their dependence upon, and hence their loyalty to their home country.  
  
(A) demonstrated  
(B) determined  
(C) altered  
(D) undermined  
(E) distinguished
2. Although Harry Stank Sullivan is one of the most influential social scientists of this century, his ideas are now so ----- in our society that they seem almost -----.  
  
(A) novel. .antiquated  
(B) revolutionary. .fundamental  
(C) commonplace. .banal  
(D) disputed. .esoteric  
(E) obscure. .familiar
3. Her first concert appearance was disappointingly perfunctory and derivative rather than the ----- performance in the ----- style we had anticipated.  
  
(A) talented. .tenuous  
(B) prosaic. .classic  
(C) artistic. .mechanical  
(D) inspired. .innovative  
(E) literal. .enlightened
4. As is often the case with collections of lectures by ----- authors, the book as a whole is -----, although the individual contributions are outstanding in themselves.  
  
(A) different. .disconnected  
(B) incompetent. .abysmal  
(C) famous. .systematic  
(D) mediocre. .unexciting  
(E) various. .coherent
5. Although some consider forcefulness and ----- to be two traits desirable to the same degree, I think that making a violent effort is much less useful than maintaining a steady one.  
  
(A) promptness  
(B) persistence  
(C) aggression  
(D) skillfulness  
(E) lucidity
6. The popularity of pseudoscience and quack medicines in the nineteenth century suggests that people were very -----, but the gullibility of the public today makes citizens of yesterday look like hard-nosed -----.  
  
(A) cautious. .educators  
(B) sophisticated. .realists  
(C) rational. .pragmatists  
(D) naive. .idealists  
(E) credulous. .skeptics
7. Though extremely ----- about his own plans, the man allowed his associates no such privacy and was constantly ----- information about what they intended to do next.  
  
(A) idiosyncratic. .altering  
(B) guarded. .eschewing  
(C) candid. .uncovering  
(D) reticent. .soliciting  
(E) fastidious. .ruining

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1. Having sufficient income of her own constituted for Alice ----- independence that made possible a degree of ----- in her emotional life as well.  
  
(A) a material. .security  
(B) a profound. .conformity  
(C) a financial. .economy  
(D) a psychological. .extravagance  
(E) an unexpected. .uncertainty
2. Copyright and patent laws attempt to encourage innovation by ensuring that inventors are paid for creative work, so it would be ----- if expanded protection under these laws discouraged entrepreneurial innovation by increasing fears of lawsuits.  
  
(A) desirable  
(B) coincidental  
(C) ironic  
(D) natural  
(E) sensible
3. Unfortunately, since courses in nutrition are often ----- medical school curriculums, a family physician is ----- to be an enlightening source of general information about diet.  
  
(A) questioned by. .encouraged  
(B) encountered among. .unable  
(C) unappreciated by. .expected  
(D) neglected in. .unlikely  
(E) squeezed into. .intended
4. The success of science is due in great part to its emphasis on -----: the reliance on evidence rather than ----- and the willingness to draw conclusions even when they conflict with traditional beliefs.  
  
(A) causality. .experimentation  
(B) empiricism. .facts  
(C) objectivity. .preconceptions  
(D) creativity. .observation  
(E) conservatism. .assumptions
5. James had idolized the professor so much for so long that even after lunching with her several times he remained quite ----- in her presence, and as a result, he could not really be himself  
  
(A) pleased  
(B) disregarded  
(C) heartened  
(D) relaxed  
(E) inhibited
6. However ----- they might be, Roman poets were bound to have some favorite earlier author whom they would -----.  
  
(A) subservient. .imitate  
(B) independent. .inspire  
(C) original. .emulate  
(D) creative. .admire  
(E) talented. .neglect
7. Human nature and long distances have made exceeding the speed limit a ----- tradition in the state, so the legislators surprised no one when, acceding to public practice, they ----- increased penalties for speeding.  
  
(A) disquieting. .endorsed  
(B) long-standing. .considered  
(C) controversial. .suggested  
(D) cherished. .rejected  
(E) hallowed. .investigated

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1. Because the monkeys under study are ----- the presence of human beings, they typically ----- human observers and go about their business.  
  
(A) ambivalent to. .welcome  
(B) habituated to. .disregard  
(C) pleased with. .snub  
(D) inhibited by. .seek  
(E) unaware of. . avoid
2. Given her previously expressed interest and the ambitious tone of her recent speeches, the senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is - -----.  
  
(A) laudable  
(B) likely  
(C) authentic  
(D) futile  
(E) sincere
3. Many of her followers remain ----- to her, and even those who have rejected her leadership are unconvinced of the ----- of replacing her during the current turmoil.  
  
(A) opposed. .urgency  
(B) friendly. .harm  
(C) loyal. .wisdom  
(D) cool. .usefulness  
(E) sympathetic. .disadvantage
4. Unlike many recent interpretations of Beethoven's piano sonatas, the recitalist's performance was a delightfully free and introspective one; nevertheless, it was also, seemingly paradoxically, quite -----.  
  
(A) appealing  
(B) exuberant  
(C) idiosyncratic  
(D) unskilled  
(E) controlled
5. Species with relatively ----- metabolic rates, including hibernators, generally live longer than those whose metabolic rates are rapid.  
  
(A) prolific  
(B) sedentary  
(C) sluggish  
(D) measured  
(E) restive
6. Belying his earlier reputation for ----- as a negotiator, Morgan had recently assumed a more ----- stance for which many of his erstwhile critics praised him.  
  
(A) intransigence. .conciliatory  
(B) impropriety. .intolerant  
(C) inflexibility. .unreasonable  
(D) success. .authoritative  
(E) incompetence. .combative
7. Although Irish literature continued to flourish after the sixteenth century, a ----- tradition is ----- in the visual arts: we think about Irish culture in terms of the word, not in terms of pictorial images.  
  
(A) rich. .superfluous  
(B) lively. .found  
(C) comparable. .absent  
(D) forgotten. .apparent  
(E) lost. .extant

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1. Although sales have continued to increase since last April, unfortunately the rate of increase has -----.  
(A) resurged  
(B) capitulated  
(C) retaliated  
(D) persevered  
(E) decelerated
2. Although the mental process that creates a fresh and original poem or drama is doubtlessly ----- that which originates and elaborates scientific discoveries, there is clearly a discernible difference between the creators  
(A) peripheral to  
(B) contiguous with  
(C) opposed to  
(D) analogous to  
(E) inconsistent with
3. It is disappointing to note that the latest edition of the bibliography belies its long-standing reputation for ----- by ----- some significant references to recent publications.  
(A) imprecision. .appropriating  
(B) relevance. .adding  
(C) timelessness. .updating  
(D) meticulousness. .revising  
(E) exhaustiveness. .omitting
4. Although Simpson was ingenious at ----- to appear innovative and spontaneous, beneath the rule he remained uninspired and rigid in his approach to problem-solving.  
(A) intending  
(B) contriving  
(C) forbearing  
(D) declining  
(E) deserving
5. She was criticized by her fellow lawyers not because she was not -----, but because she so ----- prepared her cases that she failed to bring the expected number to trial.  
(A) well versed. .knowledgeably  
(B) well trained. .enthusiastically  
(C) congenial. .rapidly  
(D) hardworking. .minutely  
(E) astute. .efficiently
6. Schlesinger has recently assumed a conciliatory attitude that is not ----- by his colleagues who continue to ----- compromises.  
(A) eschewed. .dread  
(B) shared. .defend  
(C) questioned. .reject  
(D) understood. .advocate  
(E) commended. .disparage
7. The National Archives contain information so ----- that researchers have been known never to publish because they cannot bear to bring their studies to an end.  
(A) divisive  
(B) seductive  
(C) selective  
(D) repetitive  
(E) resourceful

## Test 7

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Though ----- to some degree, telling a small lie sometimes enables one to avoid ----- another's feelings.  
(A) necessary. .mollifying  
(B) regrettable. .harming  
(C) unfortunate. .exaggerating  
(D) attractive. .considering  
(E) difficult. .resisting
2. Perhaps because scientists have been so intrigued by dogs' superior senses of smell and hearing, researchers have long ----- their eyesight, assuming that they inhabit a drab, black-and-white world, devoid of color.  
(A) studied  
(B) coveted  
(C) appreciated  
(D) resented  
(E) underestimated
3. Despite a string of dismal earnings reports, the two-year-old strategy to return the company to profitability is beginning to -----.  
(A) falter  
(B) disappoint  
(C) compete  
(D) work  
(E) circular
4. The President reached a decision only after lengthy -----, painstakingly weighing the ----- opinions expressed by cabinet members.  
(A) deliberation. .divergent  
(B) confrontation. .unanimous  
(C) relegation. .consistent  
(D) speculation. .conciliatory  
(E) canvassing. .arbitrary
5. Although just barely ----- as a writer of lucid prose, Jones was an extremely ----- editor who worked superbly with other writers in helping them improve the clarity of their writing.  
(A) deficient. .muddling  
(B) proficient. .contentious  
(C) adequate. .capable  
(D) appalling. .competent  
(E) engaging. .inept
6. The accusations we bring against others should be ----- ourselves; they should not ----- complacency and easy judgments on our part concerning our own moral conduct.  
(A) definitions of. .produce  
(B) instructions to. .equate  
(C) denigrations of. .exclude  
(D) warning to. .justify  
(E) parodies of. .satirize
7. Although the meanings of words may necessarily be liable to change, it does not follow that the lexicographer is therefore unable to render spelling, in a great measure, -----.  
(A) arbitrary  
(B) superfluous  
(C) interesting  
(D) flexible  
(E) constant

## Test 7

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Some activists believe that because the health-care system has become increasingly ----- to those it serves, individuals must ----- bureaucratic impediments in order to develop and promote new therapies.  
  - (A) attuned. .avoid
  - (B) inimical. .utilize
  - (C) unresponsive. .circumvent
  - (D) indifferent. .supplement
  - (E) sensitized. .forsake
2. The acts of vandalism that these pranks had actually ----- were insignificant compared with those they had ----- but had not attempted.  
  - (A) hidden. .renounced
  - (B) advocated. .meditated
  - (C) inflicted. .dismissed
  - (D) committed. .effected
  - (E) perpetrated. .contemplated
3. Though one cannot say that Michelangelo was an impractical designer, he was, of all nonprofessional architects known, the most ----- in that he was the least conserved by tradition or precedent.  
  - (A) pragmatic
  - (B) adventurous
  - (C) empirical
  - (D) skilled
  - (E) learned
4. Before adapting to changes in values, many prefer to -----, to ----- the universally agreed-on principles that have been upheld for centuries.  
  - (A) innovate. .protect
  - (B) resist. .defend
  - (C) ponder. .subvert
  - (D) vacillate. .publicize
  - (E) revert. .ignore
5. Although the records of colonial New England are ----- in comparison with those available in France or England, the records of other English colonies in America are even more -----.  
  - (A) sporadic. .irrefutable
  - (B) sparse. .incontrovertible
  - (C) ambiguous. .authoritative
  - (D) sketchy. .fragmentary
  - (E) puzzling. .unquestionable
6. High software prices are frequently said to ----- widespread illegal copying, although the opposite—that high prices are the cause of the copying—is equally plausible.  
  - (A) contribute to
  - (B) result from
  - (C) correlate with
  - (D) explain
  - (E) precede
7. Because early United States writers thought that the mark of great literature was grandiosity and elegance not to be found in common speech, they ----- the vernacular.  
  - (A) dissected
  - (B) avoided
  - (C) misunderstood
  - (D) investigated
  - (E) exploited

## Test 8

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Because modern scientists find the ancient Greek view of the cosmos outdated and irrelevant, they now perceive it as only of ----- interest.  
(A) historical  
(B) intrinsic  
(C) astronomical  
(D) experimental  
(E) superfluous
2. Religious philosopher that he was, Henry More derived his conception of an infinite universe from the Infinite God in whom he believed a benevolent God of ----- whose nature was to create -----.  
(A) plenitude. .abundance  
(B) vengeance. .justice  
(C) indifference. .suffering.  
(D) indulgence. .temperance  
(E) rectitude. .havoc
3. While some argue that imposing tolls on highway users circumvents the need to raise public taxes for road maintenance, the phenomenal expense of maintaining a vast network of roads ----- reliance on these general taxes.  
(A) avoids  
(B) diminishes  
(C) necessitates  
(D) discourages  
(E) ameliorates
4. Although they were not direct -----, the new arts of the Classical period were clearly created in the spirit of older Roman models and thus ----- many features of the older style.  
(A) impressions. .introduced  
(B) translations. .accentuated  
(C) copies. maintained  
(D) masterpieces. .depicted  
(E) borrowings. .improvised
5. In spite of the increasing ----- of their opinions, the group knew they had to arrive at a consensus so that the award could be presented.  
(A) impartiality  
(B) consistency  
(C) judiciousness  
(D) incisiveness  
(E) polarity
6. By forcing our surrender to the authority of the clock, systematic timekeeping has imposed a form of -----.  
(A) anarchy  
(B) permanence  
(C) provincialism  
(D) tyranny  
(E) autonomy
7. Our highly ----- vocabulary for street crime contrasts sharply with our ----- vocabulary for corporate crime, a fact that corresponds to the general public's unawareness of the extent of corporate crime.  
(A) nuanced. .subtle  
(B) uninformative. .misleading  
(C) euphemistic. .abstract  
(D) differentiated. .limited  
(E) technical. .jargon-laden

## Test 8

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. We first became aware that her support for the new program was less than ----- when she declined to make a speech in its favor.  
  - (A) qualified
  - (B) haphazard
  - (C) fleeting
  - (D) unwarranted
  - (E) wholehearted
2. When a person suddenly loses consciousness, a bystander is not expected to ----- the problem but to attempt to ----- its effects by starting vital functions if they are absent.  
  - (A) cure. .precipitate
  - (B) minimize. .predict
  - (C) determine. .detect
  - (D) diagnose. .counter
  - (E) magnify. .evaluate
3. The remark was only slightly -----, inviting a chuckle, perhaps, but certainly not a -----.  
  - (A) audible. .reward
  - (B) hostile. .shrug
  - (C) amusing. .rebuttal
  - (D) coherent. .reaction
  - (E) humorous. .guffaw
4. Doors were closing on our past, and soon the values we had lived by would become so obsolete that we would seem to people of the new age as ----- as travelers from an ancient land.  
  - (A) elegant
  - (B) ambitious
  - (C) interesting
  - (D) comfortable
  - (E) quaint
5. Ability to ----- is the test of the perceptive historian: a history, after all, consists not only of what the historian has included, but also, in some sense, of what has been left out.  
  - (A) defer
  - (B) select
  - (C) confer
  - (D) devise
  - (E) reflect
6. Some artists immodestly idealize or exaggerate the significance of their work: yet others, ----- to exalt the role of the artist, reject a transcendent view of art.  
  - (A) appearing
  - (B) disdaining
  - (C) seeking
  - (D) failing
  - (E) tending
7. Estimating the risks of radiation escaping from a nuclear power plant is ----- question, but one whose answer then becomes part of a value-laden, emotionally charged policy debate about whether to construct such a plant.  
  - (A) an incomprehensible
  - (B) an undefined
  - (C) an irresponsible
  - (D) a divisive
  - (E) a technical



## Test 9

### SECTION 1

Directions: In each of the following questions, a related pair of words or phrases is followed by five lettered pairs of words or phrases. Select the lettered pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair.

1. What these people were waiting for would not have been apparent to others and was perhaps not very ----- their own minds.  
(A) obscure to  
(B) intimate to  
(C) illusory to  
(D) difficult for  
(E) definite in
2. The attempt to breed suitable varieties of jojoba by using hybridization to ----- favorable traits was finally abandoned in favor of a simpler and much faster -----: the domestication of flourishing wild strains.  
(A) eliminate. .alternative  
(B) reinforce. .method  
(C) allow. .creation  
(D) reduce. .idea  
(E) concentrate. .theory
3. According to one political theorist, a regime that has as its goal absolute -----, without any ----- law or principle, has declared war on justice.  
(A) respectability. .codification of  
(B) supremacy. .suppression of  
(C) autonomy. .accountability to  
(D) fairness. .deviation from  
(E) responsibility. .prioritization of
4. Despite its -----, the book deals ----- with a number of crucial issues.  
(A) optimism. .cursorily  
(B) importance. .needlessly  
(C) virtues. .inadequately  
(D) novelty. .strangely  
(E) completeness. .thoroughly
5. Although frequent air travelers remain unconvinced, researchers have found that, paradoxically, the ----- disorientation inherent in jet lag also may yield some mental health -----.  
(A) temporal. .benefits  
(B) acquired. .hazards  
(C) somatic. .disorders  
(D) random. .deficiencies  
(E) typical. .standards
6. Ironically, the proper use of figurative language must be based on the denotative meaning of the words, because it is the failure to recognize this ----- meaning that leads to mixed metaphors and their attendant incongruity.  
(A) esoteric  
(B) literal  
(C) latent  
(D) allusive  
(E) symbolic
7. Although it seems ----- that there would be a greater risk of serious automobile accidents in densely populated areas, such accidents are more likely to occur in sparsely populated regions.  
(A) paradoxical  
(B) axiomatic  
(C) anomalous  
(D) irrelevant  
(E) portentous

## Test 9

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. If the theory is self-evidently true, as its proponents assert, then why does ----- it still exist among well informed people?  
  
(A) support for  
(B) excitement about  
(C) regret for  
(D) resignation about  
(E) opposition to
2. Although the ----- of cases of measles has -----, researchers fear that eradication of the disease, once believed to be imminent, may not come soon.  
  
(A) occurrence. .continued  
(B) incidence. .declined  
(C) prediction. .resumed  
(D) number. .increased  
(E) study. .began
3. Nothing ----- his irresponsibility better than his ----- delay in sending us the items he promised weeks ago.  
  
(A) justifies. .conspicuous  
(B) characterizes. .timely  
(C) epitomizes. .unnecessary  
(D) reveals. .conscientious  
(E) conceals. .inexplicable
4. The author did not see the ----- inherent in her scathing criticism of a writing style so similar to her own.  
(A) disinterest  
(B) incongruity  
(C) pessimism  
(D) compliment  
(E) symbolism
5. Whereas the Elizabethans struggled with the transition from medieval ----- experience to modern individualism, we confront an electronic technology that seem likely to reverse the trend, rendering individualism obsolete and interdependence mandatory.  
  
(A) literary  
(B) intuitive  
(C) corporate  
(D) heroic  
(E) spiritual
6. Our biological uniqueness requires that the effects of substance must be verified by ----- experiments, even after thousands of tests of the effects of that substance on animals.  
  
(A) controlled  
(B) random  
(C) replicated  
(D) human  
(E) evolutionary
7. Today water is more ----- in landscape architecture than ever before, because technological advances have made it easy, in some instances even -----, to install water features in public places.  
  
(A) conspicuous. .prohibitive  
(B) sporadic. .effortless  
(C) indispensable. .intricate  
(D) ubiquitous. .obligatory  
(E) controversial. .unnecessary

## Test 10

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Contrary to the popular conception that it is powered by conscious objectivity, science often operates through error, happy accidents, ----- and persistence in spite of mistakes.  
  
(A) facts  
(B) controls  
(C) hunches  
(D) deductions  
(E) calculations
2. The transition from the Paleolithic to the Neolithic era is viewed by most art historians as a -----, because, instead of an increasingly ----- pictorial art, we find degeneration.  
  
(A) milestone. .debased  
(B) consolidation. .diverse  
(C) calamity. .aberrant  
(D) regression. .sophisticated  
(E) continuation. .improved
3. Salazar's presence in the group was so ----- the others that they lost most of their earlier -----; failure, for them, became all but unthinkable.  
  
(A) reassuring to. .trepidation  
(B) unnoticed by. .curiosity  
(C) unusual to. .harmony  
(D) endearing to. .confidence  
(E) unexpected by. .exhilaration
4. The eradication of pollution is not merely a matter of -----, though the majestic beauty of nature is indeed an important consideration.  
  
(A) economics  
(B) legislation  
(C) cleanliness  
(D) aesthetics  
(E) restoration
5. Despite an agreement between labor and management to keep the print and electronic media ----- developments, the details of the negotiations were ----- all but a few journalists from the major metropolitan newspapers.  
  
(A) abreast of. .disclosed to  
(B) involved in. .led to  
(C) apprised of. .withheld from  
(D) speculating about. .denied to  
(E) ignorant of. .suppressed by
6. Word order in a sentence was much freer in Old French than it is in French today; this ----- disappeared as the French language gradually lost its case distinctions.  
  
(A) restriction  
(B) license  
(C) similarity  
(D) rigidity  
(E) imperative
7. Whereas biologists must maintain a ----- attitude toward the subjects of their research, social scientists must, paradoxically, combine personal involvement and scholarly -----.  
  
(A) scrupulous. .sympathy  
(B) careful. .abandon  
(C) casual. .precision  
(D) passive. .passion  
(E) disinterested. .detachment

## Test 10

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Read's apology to Heflin was not exactly abject and did little to ----- their decades-long quarrel, which had been as ----- as the academic etiquette of scholarly journals permitted.  
(A) encourage. .sporadic  
(B) dampen. .courteous  
(C) obscure. .ceremonious  
(D) resolve. .acrimonious  
(E) blur. .sarcastic
2. Certain weeds that flourish among rice crops resist detection until maturity by ----- the seedling stage in the rice plant's life cycle, thereby remaining indistinguishable from the rice crop until the flowering stage.  
(A) deterring  
(B) displacing  
(C) augmenting  
(D) imitating  
(E) nurturing
3. Although the architect's concept at first sounded too ----- to be -----, his careful analysis of every aspect of the project convinced the panel that the proposed building was indeed, structurally feasible.  
(A) mundane. .attractive  
(B) eclectic. .appealing  
(C) grandiose. .affordable  
(D) innovative. .ignored  
(E) visionary. .practicable
4. Gould claimed no ----- knowledge of linguistics, but only a hobbyist's interest in language.  
(A) manifest  
(B) plausible  
(C) technical  
(D) rudimentary  
(E) insignificant
5. An obvious style, easily identified by some superficial quirk, is properly ----- as a mere mannerism, whereas a complex and subtle style ----- reduction to a formula.  
(A) avoided. .risks  
(B) decried. .resists  
(C) prized. .withstands  
(D) identified. .consists of  
(E) cultivated. .demands
6. If efficacious new medicines have side effects that are commonly observed and -----, such medicines are too often considered -----, even when laboratory tests suggest caution.  
(A) unremarkable. .safe  
(B) unpredictable. .reliable  
(C) frequent. .outdated  
(D) salutary. .experimental  
(E) complicated. .useful
7. Although a few delegates gave the opposition's suggestions a ----- response, most greeted the statement of a counterposition with -----.  
(A) favorable. .approval  
(B) dispirited. .reluctance  
(C) surly. .resentment  
(D) halfhearted. .composure  
(E) vitriolic. .civility

## Test 11

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole..

1. A good doctor knows that knowledge about medicine will continue to ----- and that, therefore, formal professional training can never be an ----- guide to good practice.  
  
(A) vary. .adaptable  
(B) change. .absolute  
(C) ossify. .inflexible  
(D) pertain. .invaluable  
(E) intensify. .obsolescent
2. Foucault's rejection of the concept of continuity in Western thought, though radical, was not unique; he had ----- in the United States who, without knowledge of his work, developed parallel ideas.  
  
(A) critics  
(B) counterparts  
(C) disciples  
(D) readers  
(E) publishers
3. In retrospect, Gordon's students appreciated her ----- assignments, realizing that such assignments were specifically designed to ----- original thought rather than to review the content of her course.  
  
(A) didactic. .ingrain  
(B) intimidating. .thwart  
(C) difficult. .discourage  
(D) conventional. .explicate  
(E) enigmatic. .stimulate
4. In sharp contrast to the intense ----- of the young republic, with its utopian faith in democracy and hopes for eternal human progress, recent developments suggest a mood of almost unrelieved -----.  
  
(A) idealism. .cynicism  
(B) individualism. .escapism  
(C) sectarianism. .recklessness  
(D) assertiveness. .ambition  
(E) righteousness. .egalitarianism
5. Old age, even in cultures where it is -----, is often viewed with -----.  
  
(A) venerated. .ambivalence  
(B) rare. .surprise  
(C) ignored. .condescension  
(D) feared. .dismay  
(E) honored. .respect
6. Unlike the easily studied neutral and ionized ----- that compose the primary disk of the Milky Way itself, the components of the ----- surrounding our galaxy have proved more resistant to study.  
  
(A) figments. .envelope  
(B) essences. .fluctuations  
(C) elements. .problems  
(D) calculations. .perimeter  
(E) materials. .region
7. Although normally -----, Alison felt so strongly about the issue that she put aside her reserve and spoke up at the committee meeting.  
  
(A) diffident  
(B) contentious  
(C) facetious  
(D) presumptuous  
(E) intrepid

## Test 11

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Contrary to the antiquated idea that the eighteenth century was a ----- island of elegant assurance, evidence reveals that life for most people was filled with uncertainty and insecurity.  
  
(A) clannish  
(B) declining  
(C) tranquil  
(D) recognized  
(E) sprawling
2. The insecticide proved -----; by killing the weak adults of a species, it assured that the strong ones would mate among themselves and produce offspring still more ----- to its effects.  
  
(A) ineffective. .hostile  
(B) cruel. .vulnerable  
(C) feasible. .susceptible  
(D) necessary. .immune  
(E) counterproductive. .resistant
3. Many industries are so ----- by the impact of government sanctions, equipment failure, and foreign competition that they are beginning to rely on industrial psychologists to ----- what remains of employee morale.  
  
(A) estranged. .guard  
(B) beleaguered. .salvage  
(C) overruled. .undermine  
(D) encouraged. .determine  
(E) restrained. .confirm
4. Fashion is partly a search for a new language to discredit the old, a way in which each generation can ----- its immediate predecessor and distinguish itself.  
  
(A) honor  
(B) repudiate  
(C) condone  
(D) placate  
(E) emulate
5. Although ----- is usually thought to spring from regret for having done something wrong, it may be that its origin is the realization that one's own nature is irremediably -----.  
  
(A) contrition. .resilient  
(B) certitude. .confident  
(C) skepticism. .innocent  
(D) remorse. .flawed  
(E) resignation. .frivolous
6. Numerous historical examples illustrate both the overriding influence that scientists' ----- have on their interpretation of data and the consequent ----- of their intellectual objectivity.  
  
(A) prejudices. .impairment  
(B) instruments. .abandonment  
(C) theories. .independence  
(D) conclusions. .coloration  
(E) suppositions. .reinforcement
7. From the outset, the concept of freedom of the seas from the proprietary claims of nations was challenged by a contrary notion—that of the ----- of the oceans for reasons of national security and profit.  
  
(A) promotion  
(B) exploration  
(C) surviving  
(D) conservation  
(E) enclosure

## Test 12

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. The fact that a theory is ----- does not necessarily ----- its scientific truth, which must be established by unbiased controlled studies.  
  
(A) plausible. .ensure  
(B) popular. .limit  
(C) venerable. .override  
(D) cohesive. .undermine  
(E) cumbersome. .alleviate
2. It is difficult to distinguish between the things that charismatic figures do ----- and those that are carefully contrived for effect.  
  
(A) formally  
(B) publicly  
(C) prolifically  
(D) spontaneously  
(E) willfully
3. The development of containers, possibly made from bark or the skins of animals, although this is a matter of -----, allowed the extensive sharing of forage foods in prehistoric human societies.  
  
(A) record  
(B) fact  
(C) degree  
(D) importance  
(E) conjecture
4. Although the young violinist's ----- performance with the orchestra demonstrated his technical competence, his uninspired style and lack of interpretive maturity labeled him as a novice musician rather than as a truly ----- performer.  
  
(A) spectacular. .conventional  
(B) blundering. .artistic  
(C) marginal. .inept  
(D) steady. .accomplished  
(E) dazzling. .unskilled
5. Even though political editorializing was not ----- under the new regime, journalists still experienced -----, though perceptible, governmental pressure to limit dissent.  
  
(A) restricted. .clear  
(B) encouraged. .strong  
(C) forbidden. .discreet  
(D) commended. .overt  
(E) permitted. .regular
6. The trick for Michael was to ----- his son an illusory orderliness; only alone at night, when the boy was asleep, could Michael ----- the chaos he kept hidden from his son.  
  
(A) explore with. .demonstrate  
(B) conjure for. .acknowledge  
(C) conceal from. .dispel  
(D) demystify for. .escape  
(E) endure with. .abandon
7. The ----- costumes of Renaissance Italy, with their gold and silver embroidery and figured brocades, were the antithesis of Spanish -----, with its dark muted colors, plain short capes, and high collars edged with small ruffs.  
  
(A) striking. .obliqueness  
(B) extravagant. .profligacy  
(C) austere. .informality  
(D) unpretentious. .asceticism  
(E) sumptuous. .sobriety

## Test 13

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Though environmentalists have targeted some herbicides as potentially dangerous, the manufacturers, to the environmentalists' dismay, ----- the use of these herbicides on lawns.  
  
(A) defy  
(B) defer  
(C) defend  
(D) assail  
(E) disparage
2. To believe that a culture's achievement can be measured by the ----- of its written material requires one to accept that a page of junk mail is as ----- as a page of great literature.  
  
(A) nature. .readable  
(B) quality. .prevalent  
(C) timelessness. .understandable  
(D) applicability. .eloquent  
(E) volume. .valuable
3. Given the failure of independent laboratories to replicate the results of Dr. Johnson's experiment, only the most ----- supporters of her hypothesis would be foolish enough to claim that it had been adequately -----.  
  
(A) fastidious. .defined  
(B) partisan. .verified  
(C) vigilant. .publicized  
(D) enlightened. .researched  
(E) fervent. .undermined
4. Roman historians who study the period B.C. 30 to A.D. 180 can ----- the "Augustan peace" only by failing to recognize that this peace in many respects resembled that of death.  
  
(A) decry  
(B) applaud  
(C) ridicule  
(D) demand  
(E) disprove
5. Although Tom was aware that it would be ----- to display annoyance publicly at the sales conference, he could not ----- his irritation with the client's unreasonable demands.  
  
(A) inadvisable. .evince  
(B) efficacious. .suppress  
(C) pragmatic. .counter  
(D) captious. .express  
(E) impolitic. .hide
6. It is no accident that most people find Davis' book disturbing, for it is ----- to undermine a number of beliefs they have long -----.  
  
(A) calculated. .cherished  
(B) annotated. .assimilated  
(C) intended. .denied  
(D) anxious. .misunderstood  
(E) reputed. .anticipated
7. One virus strain that may help gene therapists cure genetic brain diseases can enter the peripheral nervous system and travel to the brain, ----- the need to inject the therapeutic virus directly into the brain.  
  
(A) suggesting  
(B) intensifying  
(C) elucidating  
(D) satisfying  
(E) obviating



## Test 13

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Artificial light ----- the respiratory activity of some microorganisms in the winter but not in the summer, in part because in the summer their respiration is already at its peak and thus cannot be -----.  
  
(A) stimulates. .lessened  
(B) inhibits. .quickened  
(C) reflects. .expanded  
(D) elevates. .measured  
(E) enhances. .increased
2. Doreen justifiably felt she deserved recognition for the fact that the research institute had been ----- a position of preeminence, since it was she who had ----- the transformation.  
  
(A) reduced to. .controlled  
(B) raised to. .observed  
(C) mired in. .imagined  
(D) maintained in. .created  
(E) returned to. .directed
3. The prospects of discovering new aspects of the life of a painter as thoroughly studied as Vermeer are not, on the surface, -----.  
  
(A) unpromising  
(B) daunting  
(C) encouraging  
(D) superficial  
(E) challenging
4. Even those siblings whose childhood was ----- familial feuding and intense rivalry for their parents' affection can nevertheless develop congenial and even ----- relationships with each other in their adult lives.  
  
(A) scarred by. .vitriolic  
(B) dominated by. .intimate  
(C) filled with. .truculent  
(D) replete with. .competitive  
(E) devoid of. .tolerant
5. Because they have been so dazzled by the calendars and the knowledge of astronomy possessed by the Mayan civilization, some anthropologists have ----- achievements like the sophisticated carved calendar sticks of the Winnebago people.  
  
(A) described  
(B) acknowledged  
(C) overlooked  
(D) defended  
(E) authenticated
6. Aptly enough, this work so imbued with the notion of changing times and styles has been constantly ----- over the years, thereby reflecting its own mutability.  
  
(A) appreciated  
(B) emulated  
(C) criticized  
(D) revised  
(E) reprinted
7. The sea was not an ----- the ----- of the windmill; on the contrary, while the concept of the new invention passed quickly from seaport to seaport, it made little headway inland.  
  
(A) element in. .evolution  
(B) issue in. .acceptance  
(C) aid to. .designers  
(D) obstacle to. .diffusion  
(E) impediment to. .creation

## Test 14

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. A computer program can provide information in ways that force students to ----- learning instead of being merely ----- of knowledge.  
(A) shore up. .reservoirs  
(B) accede to. .consumers  
(C) participate in. .recipients  
(D) compensate for. .custodians  
(E) profit from. .beneficiaries
2. The form and physiology of leaves vary according to the ----- in which they develop: for example, leaves display a wide range of adaptations to different degrees of light and moisture.  
(A) relationship  
(B) species  
(C) sequence  
(D) patterns  
(E) environment
3. One theory about intelligence sees ----- as the logical structure underlying thinking and insists that since animals are mute, they must be ----- as well.  
(A) behavior. .inactive  
(B) instinct. .cooperative  
(C) heredity. .thoughtful  
(D) adaptation. .brutal  
(E) language. .mindless
4. Though ----- in her personal life, Edna St. Vincent Millay was nonetheless ----- about her work, usually producing several pages of complicated rhyme in a day.  
(A) jaded. .feckless  
(B) verbose. .ascetic  
(C) vain. .humble  
(D) impulsive. .disciplined  
(E) self-assured. .sanguine
5. The children's ----- natures were in sharp contrast to the even-tempered dispositions of their parents.  
(A) mercurial  
(B) blithe  
(C) phlegmatic  
(D) introverted  
(E) artless
6. By ----- scientific rigor with a quantitative approach, researchers in the social sciences may often have ----- their scope to those narrowly circumscribed topics that are well suited to quantitative methods.  
(A) undermining. .diminished  
(B) equating. .enlarged  
(C) vitiating. .expanded  
(D) identifying. .limited  
(E) imbuing. .broadened
7. As early as the seventeenth century, philosophers called attention to the ----- character of the issue, and their twentieth-century counterparts still approach it with -----.  
(A) absorbing. .indifference  
(B) unusual. .composure  
(C) complex. .antipathy  
(D) auspicious. .caution  
(E) problematic. .uneasiness

## Test 14

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Since most if not all learning occurs through -----, relating one observation to another, it would be strange indeed if the study of other cultures did not also illuminate the study of our own.  
  
(A) assumptions  
(B) experiments  
(C) comparisons  
(D) repetitions  
(E) impressions
2. The new ----- of knowledge has created ----- people: everyone believes that his or her subject cannot and possibly should not be understood by others.  
  
(A) specialization. .barriers between  
(B) decline. .associations among  
(C) redundancy. .complacency in  
(D) disrepute. .concern for  
(E) promulgation. .ignorance among
3. If a species of parasite is to survive, the host organisms must live long enough for the parasite to -----; if the host species becomes -----, so do its parasites.  
  
(A) atrophy. .healthy  
(B) reproduce. .extinct  
(C) disappear. .widespread  
(D) succumb. .nonviable  
(E) mate. .infertile
4. The author argues for serious treatment of such arts as crochet and needlework, finding in too many art historians a cultural blindness ----- to their ----- textiles as a medium in which women artists predominate.  
  
(A) traceable. .prejudice against  
(B) opposed. .distrust of  
(C) referring. .need for  
(D) reduced. .respect for  
(E) corresponding. .expertise in
5. Those who fear the influence of television deliberately ----- its persuasive power, hoping that they might keep knowledge of its potential to effect social change from being widely disseminated.  
  
(A) promote  
(B) underplay  
(C) excuse  
(D) laud  
(E) suspect
6. Because the high seriousness of their narratives resulted in part from their metaphysics, Southern writers were praised for their ----- bent.  
  
(A) technical  
(B) discursive  
(C) hedonistic  
(D) philosophical  
(E) scientific
7. Far from being -----, Pat was always ----- to appear acquiescent.  
  
(A) unctuous. .loath  
(B) brazen. .reluctant  
(C) ignoble. .concerned  
(D) obsequious. .eager  
(E) gregarious. .willing

## Test 15

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. It is assumed that scientists will avoid making ----- claims about the results of their experiments because of the likelihood that they will be exposed when other researchers cannot ----- their findings.  
  
(A) hypothetical. .evaluate  
(B) fraudulent. .duplicate  
(C) verifiable. .contradict  
(D) radical. .contest  
(E) extravagant. .dispute
2. As long as the nuclear family is ----- a larger kinship group through contiguous residence on undivided land, the pressure to ----- and thus to get along with relatives is strong.  
  
(A) nurtured among. .abstain  
(B) excluded from. .compromise  
(C) embedded in. .share  
(D) scattered throughout. .reject  
(E) accepted by. .lead
3. In contrast to the substantial muscular activity required for inhalation, exhalation is usually a ----- process.  
  
(A) slow  
(B) passive  
(C) precise  
(D) complex  
(E) conscious
4. The documentary film about high school life was so realistic and ----- that feelings of nostalgia flooded over the college-age audience.  
  
(A) logical  
(B) pitiful  
(C) evocative  
(D) critical  
(E) clinical
5. Although Georgia O'Keeffe is best known for her affinity with the desert landscape, her paintings of urban subjects ----- her longtime residency in New York City.  
  
(A) condemn  
(B) obfuscate  
(C) attest to  
(D) conflict with  
(E) contend with
6. Even though the survey was designated as an interdisciplinary course, it involved no real ----- of subject matter.  
  
(A) encapsulation  
(B) organization  
(C) synthesis  
(D) discussion  
(E) verification
7. The failure of many psychotherapists to ----- the results of pioneering research could be due in part to the specialized nature of such findings: even ----- findings may not be useful.  
  
(A) understand. .baffling  
(B) envision. .accessible  
(C) utilize. .momentous  
(D) reproduce. .duplicated  
(E) affirm. .controversial

## Test 15

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. In the nineteenth century, novelists and unsympathetic travelers portrayed the American West as a land of ----- adversity, whereas promoters and idealists created ----- image of a land of infinite promise.  
  - (A) lurid. .a mundane
  - (B) incredible. .an underplayed
  - (C) dispiriting. .an identical
  - (D) intriguing. .a luxuriant
  - (E) unremitting. .a compelling
2. Honeybees tend to be more ----- than earth bees: the former, unlike the latter, search for food together and signal their individual findings to one another.  
  - (A) insular
  - (B) aggressive
  - (C) differentiated
  - (D) mobile
  - (E) social
3. Joe spoke of superfluous and ----- matters with exactly the same degree of intensity, as though for him serious issues mattered neither more nor less than did -----.  
  - (A) vital. .trivialities
  - (B) redundant. .superficialities
  - (C) important. .necessities
  - (D) impractical. .outcomes
  - (E) humdrum. .essentials
4. The value of Davis' sociological research is compromised by his unscrupulous tendency to use materials ----- in order to substantiate his own claims, while ----- information that points to other possible conclusions.  
  - (A) haphazardly. .deploying
  - (B) selectively. .disregarding
  - (C) cleverly. .weighing
  - (D) modestly. .refuting
  - (E) arbitrarily. .emphasizing
5. Once Renaissance painters discovered how to ----- volume and depth, they were able to replace the medieval convention of symbolic, two-dimensional space with the more ----- illusion of actual space.  
  - (A) reverse. .conventional
  - (B) portray. .abstract
  - (C) deny. .concrete
  - (D) adumbrate. .fragmented
  - (E) render. .realistic
6. He had expected gratitude for his disclosure, but instead he encountered ----- bordering on hostility.  
  - (A) patience
  - (B) discretion
  - (C) openness
  - (D) ineptitude
  - (E) indifference
7. The diplomat, selected for her demonstrated patience and skill in conducting such delicate negotiations, ----- to make a decision during the talks because any sudden commitment at that time would have been -----.  
  - (A) resolved. .detrimental
  - (B) refused. .apropos
  - (C) declined. .inopportune
  - (D) struggled. .unconscionable
  - (E) hesitated. .warranted

## Test 16

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. While scientists dismiss as fanciful the idea of sudden changes in a genetic code (spontaneous mutation), it is possible that nature, like some master musician, ----- on occasion, departing from the expected or predictable.  
  - (A) repeats
  - (B) improvises
  - (C) ornaments
  - (D) corrects
  - (E) harmonizes
2. Despite the ----- of time, space, and history, human societies the world over have confronted the same existential problems and have come to remarkably ----- solutions, differing only in superficial details.  
  - (A) continuity. .identical
  - (B) uniformity. .diverse
  - (C) actualities. .varied
  - (D) contingencies. .similar
  - (E) exigencies. .unique
3. Although he was known to be extremely ----- in his public behavior, scholars have discovered that his diaries were written with uncommon -----.  
  - (A) reserved. .frankness
  - (B) polite. .tenderness
  - (C) modest. .lucidity
  - (D) reticent. .vagueness
  - (E) withdrawn. .subtlety
4. With the ----- of scientific knowledge, work on the new edition of a textbook begins soon after completion of the original.  
  - (A) limitation
  - (B) culmination
  - (C) veneration
  - (D) certainty
  - (E) burgeoning
5. She is most frugal in matters of business, but in her private life she reveals a streak of -----.  
  - (A) antipathy
  - (B) misanthropy
  - (C) virtuosity
  - (D) equanimity
  - (E) prodigality
6. If the state government's latest budget problems were -----, it would not be useful to employ them as ----- examples in the effort to avoid the inevitable effects of shortsighted fiscal planning in the future.  
  - (A) typical. .representative
  - (B) exceptional. .aberrant
  - (C) anomalous. .illuminating
  - (D) predictable. .helpful
  - (E) solvable. .insignificant
7. Just as some writers have ----- the capacity of language to express meaning, Giacometti ----- the failure of art to convey reality.  
  - (A) scoffed at. .abjured
  - (B) demonstrated. .exemplified
  - (C) denied. .refuted
  - (D) proclaimed. .affirmed
  - (E) despaired of. .bewailed

## Test 16

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. In spite of the fact that it is convenient to divide the life span of animals into separate stages such as prenatal, adolescent, and senescent, these periods are not really -----.  
(A) advanced  
(B) variable  
(C) repeatable  
(D) connected  
(E) distinct
2. Although the number of reported volcanic eruptions has risen exponentially since 1850, this indicates not ----- volcanic activity but rather more widespread and ----- record keeping.  
(A) abating. .detailed  
(B) increasing. .systematic  
(C) substantial. .erratic  
(D) stable. .superficial  
(E) consistent. .meticulous
3. The challenge of interpreting fictional works written under politically repressive regimes lies in distinguishing what is ----- to an author's beliefs, as opposed to what is -----, by political coercion.  
(A) innate. .understood  
(B) organic. .imposed  
(C) contradictory. .conveyed  
(D) oblique. .captured  
(E) peripheral. .demanded
4. I am often impressed by my own ----- other people's idiocies : what is harder to ----- is that they, in their folly, are equally engaged in putting up with mine.  
(A) analysis of. .justify  
(B) forbearance toward. .underestimate  
(C) exasperation with. .credit  
(D) involvement in. .allow  
(E) tolerance of. .appreciate
5. Despite vigorous protestations, the grin on the teenager's face ----- her denial that she had known about the practical joke before it was played on her parents.  
(A) belied  
(B) illustrated  
(C) reinforced  
(D) exacerbated  
(E) trivialized
6. Far from undermining the impression of permanent decline, the ----- statue seemed emblematic of its ----- surroundings.  
(A) indecorous. .opulent  
(B) grandiose. .ramshackle  
(C) pretentious. .simple  
(D) ungainly. .elegant  
(E) tawdry. .blighted
7. Despite the fact that it is almost universally -----, the practice of indentured servitude still ----- in many parts of the world.  
(A) condemned. .abates  
(B) tolerated. .survives  
(C) proscribed. .persists  
(D) mandated. .lingers  
(E) disdained. .intervenes

## Test 17

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. While many Russian composers of the nineteenth century contributed to an emerging national style, other composers did not ----- idiomatic Russian musical elements, ----- instead the traditional musical vocabulary of Western European Romanticism.  
  
(A) utilize. .rejecting  
(B) incorporate. .preferring  
(C) exclude. .avoiding  
(D) repudiate. .expanding  
(E) esteem. .disdaining
2. Because the painter Albert Pinkham Ryder was obsessed with his ----- perfection, he was rarely ----- a painting, creating endless variations of a scene on one canvas on top of another.  
  
(A) quest for. .satisfied with  
(B) insistence on. .displeased with  
(C) contempt for. .disconcerted by  
(D) alienation from. .immersed in  
(E) need for. .concerned with
3. Objectively set standards can serve as a ----- for physicians, providing them ----- unjustified malpractice claims.  
  
(A) trial. .evidence of  
(B) model. .experience with  
(C) criterion. .reasons for  
(D) test. .questions about  
(E) safeguard. .protection from
4. In spite of ----- reviews in the press, the production of her play was ----- almost certain oblivion by enthusiastic audiences whose acumen was greater than that of the critics.  
  
(A) lukewarm. .condemned to  
(B) scathing. .exposed to  
(C) lackluster. .rescued from  
(D) sensitive. .reduced to  
(E) admiring. .insured against
5. The passions of love and pride are often found in the same individual, but having little in common, they mutually -----, not to say destroy each other.  
  
(A) reinforce  
(B) annihilate  
(C) enhance  
(D) weaken  
(E) embrace
6. The necessity of establishing discrete categories for observations frequently leads to attempts to make absolute ----- when there are in reality only -----.  
  
(A) analyses. .hypotheses  
(B) correlations. .digressions  
(C) distinctions. .gradations  
(D) complications. .ambiguities  
(E) conjectures. .approximations
7. A unique clay disk found at the Minoan site of Phaistos is often ----- as the earliest example of printing by scholars who have defended its claim to this status despite equivalent claims put forward for other printing artifacts.  
  
(A) questioned  
(B) overlooked



## Test 17

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. Punishment for violating moral rules is much more common than reward for following them: thus, ----- the rules goes almost ----- in society.  
  
(A) association with. .undefended  
(B) adherence to. .unnoticed  
(C) affiliation of. .uncorrected  
(D) opposition to. .unchecked  
(E) ignorance of. .unresolved
2. Compassion is a great respect of justice: we pity those who suffer -----.  
  
(A) shamelessly  
(B) unwittingly  
(C) vicariously  
(D) intensively  
(E) undeservedly
3. No work illustrated his disdain for a systematic approach to research better than his dissertation, which was rejected primarily because his bibliography constituted, at best, ----- survey of the major texts in his field.  
  
(A) an unimaginative  
(B) an orthodox  
(C) a meticulous  
(D) a comprehensive  
(E) a haphazard
4. In contrast to the ----- with which the acquisition of language by young children was once regarded, the process by which such learning occurs has now become the object of -----.  
  
(A) intensity. .fascination  
(B) incuriosity. .scrutiny  
(C) anxiety. .criticism  
(D) reverence. .admiration  
(E) impatience. .training
5. The senator's remark that she is ambivalent about running for a second term is ----- given the extremely ----- fund-raising activities of her campaign committee.  
  
(A) disingenuous. .reluctant  
(B) futile. .clandestine  
(C) sincere. .visible  
(D) persuasive. .apathetic  
(E) straightforward. .energetic
6. Until quite recently research on diabetes had as a kind of holding action attempted to refine the ---- --- of the disease primarily because no preventive strategy seemed at all likely to be -----.  
  
(A) definition. .necessary  
(B) anticipation. .acceptable  
(C) understanding. .costly  
(D) treatment. .practicable  
(E) symptoms. .feasible
7. Most plant species exhibit ----- in their geographical distribution: often a given species is found over a large geographical area, but individual populations within that range are widely -----.  
  
(A) discontinuity. .separated  
(B) density. .dispersed  
(C) symmetry. .observed  
(D) uniformity. .scattered  
(E) concentration. .adaptable

## Test 18

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. There is hardly a generalization that can be made about people's social behavior and the values informing it that cannot be ----- from one or another point of view, or even ----- as simplistic or vapid.  
(A) accepted. .praised  
(B) intuited. .exposed  
(C) harangued. .retracted  
(D) defended. .glorified  
(E) challenged. .dismissed
2. Although any destruction of vitamins caused by food irradiation could be ----- the use of diet supplements, there may be no protection from carcinogens that some fear might be introduced into foods by the process.  
(A) counterbalanced by  
(B) attributed to  
(C) inferred from  
(D) augmented with  
(E) stimulated by
3. Though he refused any responsibility for the failure of the negotiations, Stevenson had no right to ----- himself: it was his ----- that had caused the debacle.  
(A) blame. .skill  
(B) congratulate. .modesty  
(C) berate. .largesse  
(D) accuse. .obstinacy  
(E) absolve. .acrimony
4. The prevailing union of passionate interest in detailed facts with equal devotion to abstract ----- is a hallmark of our present society: in the past this union appeared, at best, ----- and as if by chance.  
(A) data. .extensively  
(B) philosophy. .cyclically  
(C) generalization. .sporadically  
(D) evaluation. .opportunistically  
(E) intuition. .selectively
5. A century ago the physician's word was ----- ; to doubt it was considered almost sacrilegious.  
(A) inevitable  
(B) intractable  
(C) incontrovertible  
(D) objective  
(E) respectable
6. So much of modern fiction in the United States is autobiographical, and so much of the autobiography fictionalized, that the ----- sometimes seem largely -----.  
(A) authors. .ignored  
(B) needs. .unrecognized  
(C) genres. .interchangeable  
(D) intentions. .misunderstood  
(E) misapprehensions. .uncorrected
7. Robin's words were not without emotion: they retained their level tone only by a careful ----- - imminent extremes.  
(A) equipoise between  
(B) embrace of  
(C) oscillation between

## Test 18

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. That she seemed to prefer ----- to concentrated effort is undeniable: nevertheless, the impressive quality of her finished paintings suggests that her actual relationship to her art was anything but -----.  
(A) preparation. .passionate  
(B) artfulness. .disengaged  
(C) dabbling. .superficial  
(D) caprice. .considered  
(E) indecision. .lighthearted
2. Because of the excellent preservation of the fossil, anatomical details of early horseshoe crabs were ----- for the first time, enabling experts to ----- the evolution of the horseshoe crab.  
(A) scrutinized. .ensure  
(B) verified. .advance  
(C) identified. .distort  
(D) obscured. .illustrate  
(E) clarified. .reassess
3. The philosopher claimed that a person who must consciously ----- his or her own indifference before helping another is behaving more nobly than one whose basic disposition allows such an act to be performed without -----.  
(A) feign. .enthusiasm  
(B) censure. .comment  
(C) embrace. .duplicity  
(D) suffer. .effort  
(E) overcome. .deliberation
4. The senator's attempt to convince the public that he is not interested in running for a second term is ----- given the extremely ----- fund-raising activities of his campaign committee.  
(A) futile. .clandestine  
(B) sincere. .visible  
(C) specious. .apathetic  
(D) disingenuous. .public  
(E) straightforward. .dubious
5. Although a change in management may appear to ----- a shift in a company's fortunes, more often than not its impact is -----.  
(A) hinder. .measurable  
(B) promote. .demonstrable  
(C) accelerate. .profound  
(D) betray. .fundamental  
(E) augur. .inconsiderable
6. The skeleton of ----- bird that was recently discovered indicated that this ancient creature ----- today's birds in that, unlike earlier birds and unlike reptilian ancestors, it had a tooth in its head.  
(A) a primeval. .obscured  
(B) a unique. .preempted  
(C) a primitive. .anticipated  
(D) a contemporary. .foreshadowed  
(E) an advanced. .differed from
7. While many people utilize homeopathic remedies to treat health problems, other people do not ----- such alternative treatments, ----- conventional medical treatments instead.  
(A) distrust. .employing  
(B) embrace. .eschewing  
(C) reject. .envisioning  
(D) countenance. .relying on  
(E) recommend. .turning from

## Test 19

### SECTION 1

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. As businesses become aware that their advertising must ----- the everyday concerns of consumers, their commercials will be characterized by a greater degree of -----.  
(A) allay. .pessimism  
(B) address. .realism  
(C) evade. .verisimilitude  
(D) engage. .fancy  
(E) change. .sincerity
2. Because the lawyer's methods were found to be -----, the disciplinary committee ----- his privileges.  
(A) unimpeachable. .suspended  
(B) ingenious. .withdrew  
(C) questionable. .expanded  
(D) unscrupulous. .revoked  
(E) reprehensible. .augmented
3. People of intelligence and achievement can nonetheless be so ----- and lacking in ----- that they gamble their reputations by breaking the law to further their own ends.  
(A) devious. .propensity  
(B) culpable. .prosperity  
(C) obsequious. .deference  
(D) truculent. .independence  
(E) greedy. .integrity
4. A number of scientists have published articles ----- global warming, stating ----- that there is no solid scientific evidence to support the theory that the Earth is warming because of increases in greenhouse gases.  
(A) debunking. .categorically  
(B) rejecting. .paradoxically  
(C) deploring. .optimistically  
(D) dismissing. .hesitantly  
(E) proving. .candidly
5. The senator's attempt to convince the public that she is not interested in running for a second term is as ----- as her opponent's attempt to disguise his intention to run against her.  
(A) biased  
(B) unsuccessful  
(C) inadvertent  
(D) indecisive  
(E) remote
6. Mac Rory's conversation was -----: she could never tell a story, chiefly because she always forgot it, and she was never guilty of a witticism, unless by accident.  
(A) scintillating  
(B) unambiguous  
(C) perspicuous  
(D) stultifying  
(E) facetious
7. Despite its many -----, the whole-language philosophy of teaching reading continues to gain ----- among educators.  
(A) detractors. .notoriety  
(B) adherents. .prevalence  
(C) critics. .currency  
(D) enthusiasts. .popularity  
(E) practitioners. .credibility

## Test 19

### SECTION 2

Directions: Each sentence below has one or two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Beneath the sentence are five lettered words or sets of words. Choose the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. That she was ----- rock climbing did not diminish her ----- to join her friends on a rock-climbing expedition.  
(A) attracted to. .eagerness  
(B) timid about. .reluctance  
(C) fearful of. .determination  
(D) curious about. .aspiration  
(E) knowledgeable about. .hope
2. Data concerning the effects on a small population of high concentrations of a potentially hazardous chemical are frequently used to ----- the effects on a large population of lower amounts of the same chemical.  
(A) verify  
(B) redress  
(C) predict  
(D) realize  
(E) augment
3. Conceptually, it is hard to reconcile a defense attorney's ----- to ensure that false testimony is not knowingly put forward with the attorney's mandate to mount the most ----- defense conceivable for the client.  
(A) efforts. .cautious  
(B) duty. .powerful  
(C) inability. .eloquent  
(D) failure. .diversified  
(E) promises. .informed
4. The term "modern" has always been used broadly by historians, and recent reports indicate that its meaning has become more ----- than ever.  
(A) precise  
(B) pejorative  
(C) revisionist  
(D) acceptable  
(E) amorphous
5. He would ----- no argument, and to this end he enjoined us to -----.  
(A) brook. .silence  
(B) acknowledge. .neglect  
(C) broach. .abstinence  
(D) fathom. .secrecy  
(E) tolerate. .defiance
6. Originally, most intellectual criticism of mass culture was ----- in character, being based on the assumption that the wider the appeal, the more ----- the product.  
(A) unpredictable. .undesirable  
(B) ironic. .popular  
(C) extreme. .outlandish  
(D) frivolous. .superfluous  
(E) negative. .shoddy
7. Surprisingly, given the dearth of rain that fell on the corn crop, the yield of the harvest was -----; consequently, the corn reserves of the country have not been -----.  
(A) inadequate. .replenished  
(B) encouraging. .depleted  
(C) compromised. .salvaged  
(D) abundant. .extended  
(E) disappointing. .harmed

## Test 1

### Section 1

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. D

### Section 2

1. A
2. E
3. B
4. E
5. D
6. C
7. B

## Test 2

### Section 1

1. A
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. E
6. D
7. E

### Section 2

1. E
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. D

## Test 3

### Section 1

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. B
5. B
6. C
7. D

### Section 2

1. D
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. E
6. B
7. B

## Test 4

### Section 1

1. B
2. E
3. C
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. B

### Section 2

1. C
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. E
6. E
7. D

## Test 5

### Section 1

1. D
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. E
7. D

### Section 2

1. A
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. E
6. C
7. D

## Test 6

### Section 1

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. E
5. C
6. A
7. C

### Section 2

1. E
2. D
3. E
4. B
5. D
6. E
7. A



## Test 7

### Section 1

1. B
2. E
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. E

### Section 2

1. C
2. E
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. B
7. B

## Test 8

### Section 1

1. A
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. E
6. D
7. D

### Section 2

1. E
2. D
3. E
4. E
5. B
6. B
7. E

## Test 9

### Section 1

1. E
2. B
3. C
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. B

### Section 2

1. E
2. B
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. D
7. D

## Test 10

### Section 1

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. E

### Section 2

1. D
2. D
3. E
4. C
5. A
6. A
7. E

## Test 11

### Section 1

1. B
2. B
3. E
4. A
5. A
6. E
7. A

### Section 2

1. C
2. E
3. B
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. E

## Test 12

### Section 1

1. A
2. D
3. E
4. D
5. C
6. B
7. E

## Test 13

### Section 1

1. C
2. E
3. B
4. B
5. E
6. A
7. E

### Section 2

1. E
2. E
3. C
4. B
5. C
6. D
7. D

## Test 14

### Section 1

1. C
2. E
3. E
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. E

### Section 2

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. D
7. A

## Test 15

### Section 1

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. C

### Section 2

1. E
2. E
3. A
4. B
5. E
6. E
7. C

## Test 16

### Section 1

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. E
5. E
6. C
7. E

### Section 2

1. E
2. B
3. B
4. B
5. A
6. E
7. C

## Test 17

### Section 1

1. D
2. A
3. E
4. C
5. D
6. C
7. C

### Section 2

1. B
2. E
3. E
4. B
5. D
6. D
7. A

## Test 18

### Section 1

1. C
2. A
3. E
4. C
5. C
6. C
7. A

### Section 2

1. C
2. E
3. E
4. D
5. B
6. C
7. D

## Test 19

### Section 1

1. B
2. D
3. E
4. A
5. B
6. D
7. C

### Section 2

1. C
2. C
3. A
4. E
5. A
6. E
7. B