Word Choice Assignment

1. This lengthy, protracted book had in the neighborhood of a thousand pages, and those pages included a sixty-three page index.

The book had approximately a thousand pages, including a sixty-three page index.

2. The field of economics was revolutionized by John Maynard Keynes.

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3. Ricardo said that the value added to a product by a man's labor was often greater than the wages paid to the laborer.

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4. In Ricardo's view, there was no viable system workers could utilize to improve their lot: they would always be stuck between a rock and a hard place.

Ricardo felt there was no viable system that workers could use to improve their situation.

5. The lectures were like brilliant comets streaking through the night sky, drenching listeners with a blizzard of insight.

The lectures were illuminating. / The lectures were like brilliant comets streaking through the night sky, illuminating listeners with insight.

6. Nancy was invited by Laura to a party this Saturday night.

Laura invited Nancy to a party this Saturday night.

7. I see no reason at this point in time why we should not rely as has often been the case in the past, on the good offices of the mayor.

There is no reason not to rely on the good will of the mayor.

8. Despite their high-fat diet, Eskimos have low cholesterol because they eat good fat.

Despite their high-fat diet, the Inuit have low cholesterol because they eat good fat.

9. It was a true fact that the confirmed rumor claimed that the first person with the right answer would get a free gift.

It was true that the first person with the right answer would get a gift.

10. All of the firemen who arrived at our house were in full gear to fight a fire, but we just needed them to get our cat out of a tree.

All of the firefighters who arrived at our house were in full gear, but we just needed them to get our cat out of a tree.