Sentence Completion Practice Test 2

Directions: Each blank in the following sentences indicates that something has been omitted. Consider the lettered words beneath the sentence and choose the word or set of words that best fits the whole sentence.

1. Understanding the ________ that separate us from each other can also enable us to ________ the complex fabric of our society.
   - A. differences . . . appreciate
   - B. truths . . . combat
   - C. traditions . . . resolve
   - D. similarities . . . enrich
   - E. fears . . . complete

2. What is most needed in a discussion of immigration are solid facts, not wishful thinking; realities, not ________.
   - A. explanations
   - B. reasons
   - C. ideas
   - D. fears
   - E. myths

3. South Korea’s industrial production fell 6 percent last year, the largest annual ________ since 1980, fueling fears that the ________ economy is slipping deeper into recession.
   - A. figure . . . flourishing
   - B. decrease . . . steady
   - C. decline . . . sagging
   - D. change . . . lethargic
   - E. drop . . . booming

4. By gradually winning the support of both liberals and conservatives, both rich and poor, the governor has demonstrated that her remarkable ________ skills go side by side with her willingness to speak openly and ________ on controversial issues.
   - A. interpersonal . . . equivocally
   - B. diplomatic . . . frankly
   - C. organizational . . . covertly
   - D. personal . . . deceptively
   - E. intimidating . . . obscurely

5. Slander and libel laws stand as a protection of an individual’s reputation against the ________ dissemination of falsehoods.
   - A. unintentional
   - B. inevitable
   - C. inferential
   - D. irresponsible
6. Presenting love as foolish, compromised, or dangerous, his love songs are frankly ________.
   - A. lyrical
   - B. antiromantic
   - C. conventional
   - D. melodic
   - E. sentimental

7. By showing that the trainer’s voice ________ gave commands to the horse, he was able to ________ the clever ruse which contended that an animal could add and subtract.
   - A. ostensibly . . . confirm
   - B. never . . . debunk
   - C. covertly . . . unmask
   - D. unwittingly . . . prove
   - E. potentially . . . defend

8. For an actor so changeable and unpredictable, even the word ________ seems inadequate.
   - A. immutable
   - B. mercurial
   - C. stoical
   - D. placid
   - E. obstinate

9. A ________ is distrustful of human goodness and sincerity, and a ________ has a hatred of people in general.
   - A. pessimist . . . ingrate
   - B. siren . . . tyrant
   - C. altruist . . . anarchist
   - D. cynic . . . misanthrope
   - E. philanthropist . . . misogynist

9. With the benefit of ________, it is easy to see the mistakes we made last week or last year.
   - A. hindsight
   - B. prophecy
   - C. insight
   - D. tactfulness
   - E. nostalgia

10. The pamphlet argues that imagination is not a gift ________ to poets, but something everyone possesses.
    - A. relevant
11. That “less is more” is a(n) ______ upon which all of the governor’s conservation program is based.
   - A. hope
   - B. question
   - C. enigma
   - D. image
   - E. paradox

12. Though McCarthy tried to provoke a ______, Eisenhower ignored all the senator’s ______ as if he had not heard them.
   - A. fight . . . avocations
   - B. compromise . . . overtures
   - C. confrontation . . . accusations
   - D. condemnation . . . motives
   - E. consensus . . . implications

13. Again and again, out of indifference or sheer stupidity, we have ______ our resources, assuming that there was no end to the earth’s ______ to recover from our mistakes.
   - A. invested . . . resolve
   - B. expanded . . . ability
   - C. wasted . . . failure
   - D. husbanded . . . inability
   - E. squandered . . . capacity

14. Despite ______ reports of freewheeling spending on political candidates by large corporations, most business contributions are ______ divided between the two major parties.
   - A. lurid . . . equitably
   - B. shocking . . . unfairly
   - C. unfair . . . secretly
   - D. favorable . . . evenly
   - E. encouraging . . . carefully

15. With characteristic understatement, Webster called his client’s embezzlement of 4 million dollars a regretted ______.
   - A. peccadillo
   - B. crime
   - C. atrocity
   - D. theft
   - E. enormity
16. Keynes’s theory that unemployment is caused by a(n) ________ disposition to save cannot explain the high unemployment in ________ countries that have no savings at all.

- A. simple . . . wealthy
- B. bizarre . . . prosperous
- C. orderly . . . rich
- D. individualistic . . . successful
- E. excessive . . . indigent

17. His biographer believed that Pierce’s ________ was caused by his ________ to travel and his refusal to read about any position different from his own.

- A. parochialism . . . reluctance
- B. insularity . . . readiness
- C. bigotry . . . zeal
- D. narrow-mindedness . . . eagerness
- E. magnanimity . . . failure

18. Though she was ________ by the medical establishment, Dr. Sandstrom bravely continued her work until other doctors could no longer deny the ________ of her theories.

- A. ignored . . . conviction
- B. vilified . . . probability
- C. encouraged . . . originality
- D. supported . . . credibility
- E. attacked . . . tenets

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