

Sentence Completion

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. Mrs. Huntington's piercing stare and _____ brow _____ trouble for someone in the office.

(a) furrowed....presaged	(b) benevolent....obviate
(c) rugged....disguised	(d) youthful....dispose
(e) keen....create	

2. At its _____, the point in its orbit most distant from earth, the spaceship was 1900 miles in space.

(a) apex	(b) apogee
(c) inception	(d) origin
(e) recently	

3. Every time the speaker said, "him and I," "they was" and "he can't hardly believe," the English teacher winced at the _____.

(a) inaccuracies	(b) fallacies
(c) protestations	(d) solecisms
(e) syllogisms	

4. When the wicked and _____ practices of Mr. Barton were exposed many of his victims testified to the _____ nature of his dealings.

(a) nefarious...unethical	(b) presumptuous....clandestine
(c) possessive....virtuous	(d) petty....disinterested
(e) irreproachable....respectable	

5. Although John dislikes crowds and social gatherings, his wife Jennifer is quite _____.

(a) aloof	(b) seclusive
(c) gregarious	(d) hostile
(e) estranged	

6. Phoenician seamen were primarily interested in commerce and may have been the first people to _____ Africa.

(a) circumnavigate	(b) demystify
(c) trudge	(d) mispronounce
(e) expropriate	

7. Humanity is the _____ of a particular human being, but each individual has characteristics which _____ him from other persons.

(a) vagueness...classify	(b) enigma....declassify
(c) progression...isolate	(d) probability....characterize
(e) essence....distinguish	

8. Pastor Starmer said that the present _____ state of man is due to the fall which is _____ in the story recorded in the book of Genesis.

(a) unlawful....encircled	(b) sinful....dramatized
(c) lowly....dispersed	(d) wretched....labeled
(e) legalistic....disjointed	

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9. The word *Sophist* originally meant “wise man” and it was _____ to a relatively small group of persons who devoted their time and _____ to the pursuit of truth.
(a) original....wealth (b) inspired....perspiration
(c) applied....energies (d) bestowed....kinetics
(e) profligated....dissipation
10. Society and civilization have reached very much the same point that was reached eighteen centuries earlier; it is strongly _____ that the only real difference may be that they have held off using nuclear weapons for a slightly longer time, _____ the lesson of the past to some extent.
(a) asserted....clouding (b) believed....knocking
(c) intended....enhancing (d) implied....heeding
(e) expounded....juxtaposing
11. Brandon Smith’s penetrating criticism of the new play, *Zoot Suit*, was as _____ as a surgeon’s scalpel.
(a) truthful (b) catty
(c) succinct (d) trenchant
(e) verbose
12. Prince Albert was an ambitious ruler, who after exclusively controlling the country for fifteen years, bitterly resented the _____ of his authority after the crowning of the new queen.
(a) aggrandizement (b) diminution
(c) extension (d) election
(e) compassion
13. In spite of Reginald’s good-natured personality, his _____ toward Mrs. Snow continued.
(a) lethargy (b) animosity
(c) sympathy (d) magnanimity
(e) decorum
14. Although the thirteen-year-old boys grew _____ under the teacher’s new discipline policy, the girls seemed _____ by it.
(a) anxious....hostile (b) argumentative....frustrated
(c) restive....unperturbed (d) remorseful....ingenuous
(e) taciturn....reticent
15. My wealthy aunt exceeds the trait of being economical. She is so _____ that she washes paper plates to be used again.
(a) affluent (b) parsimonious
(c) indigent (d) impoverished
(e) selfish
16. Because the Arab conquerors were tolerant towards _____ peoples and imposed _____ low taxes, they successfully conquered the Near East.
(a) maladjusted....rather (b) monotheistic....relatively
(c) persuasive....ridiculously (d) itinerant....proportionately
(e) conquered....outrageously
17. During the Pax Romana the _____ of material prosperity in the ancient world was reached
(a) simplification (b) stratification
(c) majority (d) depth
(e) pinnacle
18. GADGET stories are those in which the main interest is in how some machine or set of machines works, or in the _____ of a machine or other technological _____

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- (a) birth....gadget (b) recurring....doodad
(c) rebirth....creature (d) development....device
(e) domination....android
19. Under the general heading of political themes, we find that the nature of power and its effects on those who have it or want it, the nature of leadership, the_____of a system of checks and balances, and the relationships between vision and effective political voice are among the specific_____topics dealt with.
(a) charisma....logistical (b) functions....thematic
(c) purpose....irrational (d) ceremony....subjective
(e) theism....textual
20. Many roundworms are free-living and harmless but some cause serious_____in man and animals.
(a) discomfort (b) pervasion
(c) clarifications (d) innuendos
(e) symbiosis
21. If, as many colonial leaders maintained, colonial legislatures should be given the power to control domestic police while the English Parliament retained_____over intercolonial and foreign matters, a division of_____would have been the result.
(a) taxation....labor (b) sojourn....spaciousness
(c) authority....sovereignty (d) protection....interest
(e) control....domination
22. The Bill of Rights has served as a_____on government by_____lines across which the national government could not step.
(a) restraint....establishing (b) dormer....providing
(c) divining....constraining (d) shield....sheltering
(e) hindrance....assuming
23. A major difficulty encountered in the study of political behavior grows out of the fact that political_____change.
(a) timeliness (b) attitudes
(c) reciprocations (d) futures
(e) parties
24. Blacks were legally_____by ratification of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments and by_____acts of Congress, but enforcement of their voting rights has remained a continuing struggle.
(a) objected....multiple (b) confounded....celibate
(c) litigated....further (d) enfranchised....subsequent
(e) voting....other
25. The thought of a nuclear_____sparked by a misunderstanding poses an awesome_____.
(a) device....reverberation (b) holocaust....specter
(c) endanger...spectacle (d) liaison....probability
(e) explosion....calamity

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| 2. | (b) | 7. | (e) | 12. | (b) | 17. | (e) | 22. | (a) |
| 3. | (d) | 8. | (b) | 13. | (b) | 18. | (d) | 23. | (b) |
| 4. | (a) | 9. | (c) | 14. | (c) | 19. | (b) | 24. | (d) |
| 5. | (c) | 10. | (d) | 15. | (b) | 20. | (a) | 25. | (b) |

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