

## Sentence Completion Practice Test 1

**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.

**Q1. Loved and hated by thousands, Dr. Lucy Bertram may well be the most \_\_\_\_\_ physician ever to become surgeon general.**

- A. controversial
- B. popular
- C. successful
- D. well-trained
- E. professional

**View Correct Answer**

**Q2. Over thousands of years, organisms have \_\_\_\_\_ many strategies to conserve water.**

- A. administered
- B. evolved
- C. organized
- D. questioned
- E. considered

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**Q3. My cat is a creature of contradictions: \_\_\_\_\_ yet affectionate, \_\_\_\_\_ yet alert. A. aloof . . . dreamy**

- B. cruel . . . shrewd
- C. quiet . . . lively
- D. selfish . . . nimble
- E. loving . . . sly

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**Q4. \_\_\_\_\_ for talking too much, the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation by keeping the class 30 minutes longer than the scheduled class time.**

- A. Famous . . . evinced
- B. Renowned . . . overturned
- C. Notorious . . . verified
- D. Illustrious . . . rebutted
- E. Eminent . . . established

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**Q5. If Senator Montana runs for reelection next year, she will have the moneyraising advantage of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. campaigner
- B. favorite
- C. underdog
- D. incumbent
- E. candidate

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**Q6. Using his own home as \_\_\_\_\_, Marlowe obtained a private loan that enabled him to \_\_\_\_\_ his financial obligations to the other partners and emerge free of debt.**

- A. pledge . . . increase
- B. surety . . . augment
- C. collateral . . . discharge
- D. profit . . . eliminate
- E. deposit . . . endorse

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**Q7. The absurdist as opposed to the heroic treatment of war reached maturity in *Catch-22*, and the Vietnam War made this approach, which seemed so \_\_\_\_\_ and shocking, the only way to write about that conflict.**

- A. banal
- B. radical
- C. plausible
- D. cozy
- E. familiar

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**Q8. Because the issue is so insignificant, it was surprising that the disagreement among city council members was so \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. tepid
- B. slovenly
- C. trivial
- D. acrimonious
- E. genial

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**Q9. Many thought Billy Eckstine's band \_\_\_\_\_ because its musicians were young, avant-garde jazzmen, while its lead singer crooned \_\_\_\_\_ popular ballads.**

- A. progressive . . . romantic
- B. old-fashioned . . . unique
- C. inconsistent . . . conservative
- D. unmusical . . . familiar
- E. predictable . . . melodic

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**Q10. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to assume that if aspirin can prevent second heart attacks, it can also \_\_\_\_\_ an attack in the first place.**

- A. fanciful . . . elimina
- B. logical . . . ward off
- C. sensible . . . encourage
- D. reasonable . . . foment
- E. idle . . . defend against

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**Q11. Cigars are not a safe \_\_\_\_\_ to cigarettes because, though cigar smokers do not inhale, they are still \_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of lung and mouth cancers than nonsmoker**

- A. answer . . . responsible for
- B. preference . . . free from
- C. alternative . . . subject to

- D. rejoinder . . . involved in
- E. accent . . . victimized by

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**Q12. Justices Marshall and Brennan opposed the death penalty on the grounds that it failed to \_\_\_\_\_ crimes, since all the available evidence made it clear that far more murders per capita were committed in states or countries with capital punishment than in those without it.**

- A. explain
- B. augment
- C. foster
- D. deter
- E. exculpate

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**Q13. After the smoke and \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, Mr. Fitzgerald was glad to return to the \_\_\_\_\_ air and peace of the mountains.**

- A. hubbub . . . turbid
- B. grime . . . murky
- C. tranquility . . . effulgent
- D. composure . . . brisk
- E. hustle-bustle . . . exhilarating

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**Q14. A strike by Ford workers in Mexico poses a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for the ruling party, which must choose between alienating its union ally or undermining its fight against inflation.**

- A. enigma
- B. dilemma
- C. problem
- D. option
- E. riddle

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**Q15. By combining an American cartoon character with Japanese traditions, the popular comic by Stan Sakai presents as a hero a samurai rabbit, a unique \_\_\_\_\_ of East and West.**

- A. fusion
- B. division
- C. rejection
- D. exclusion
- E. query

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**Q16. A \_\_\_\_\_ that allowed voters to decide on the legality of casino gambling was passed by a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ 9-to-1 margin.**

- A. statute . . . meager
- B. referendum . . . overwhelming
- C. prohibition . . . huge
- D. bill . . . narrow
- E. ban . . . sizable

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**Q17. The \_\_\_\_\_ upon which this fine novel is developed with great \_\_\_\_\_ and intelligence is that nomales live beyond the age of 18.**

- A. theory . . . fatuity
- B. plot . . . understanding
- C. idea . . . recalcitrance
- D. premise . . . subtlety
- E. solution . . . cleverness

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**Q18. The \_\_\_\_\_ use of washing machines and automobiles in the Middle Ages is part of the comedy of this high-spirited film.**

- A. untimely
- B. anachronistic
- C. unconvincing
- D. archaic
- E. supposed

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**Q19. Hoping to escape detection, Minnie \_\_\_\_\_ placed an ace in her sleeve while Rance shuffled the cards.**

- A. brazenly
- B. overtly
- C. furtively
- D. hopefully
- E. eagerly

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