

## 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

**View Correct Answer**

**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

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**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

**View Correct Answer**

**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

**View Correct Answer**

**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

- E. incontestable

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**6. Presenting love as foolish, compromised, or dangerous, his love songs are frankly \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. lyrical
- B. antiromantic
- C. conventional
- D. melodic
- E. sentimental

**View Correct Answer**

**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

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**8. For an actor so changeable and unpredictable, even the word \_\_\_\_\_ seems inadequate.**

- A. immutable
- B. mercurial
- C. stoical
- D. placid
- E. obstinate

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**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

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**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

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**10. The pamphlet argues that imagination is not a gift \_\_\_\_\_ to poets, but something everyone possesses.**

- A. relevant

- B. inimical
- C. unique
- D. unrestricted
- E. conducive

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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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