

Sentence Completion



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Strategy 1: RIPE Strategy

1. New employees should be aware that while the CEO can sometimes appear so staid as to be _____, she can at other times be downright waggish.
- A. stentorian
 - B. jocular
 - C. liberal
 - D. grave
 - E. despotic



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2. Rumors, embroidered with detail, live on for years, neither denied nor confirmed, until they become accepted as fact even among people not known for their _____.
- A. insight
 - B. tenacity
 - C. introspection
 - D. tolerance
 - E. credulity



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4. Du Bois' foreign trips were the highlight, not the _____, of his travels; he was habitually on the go across and around the United States.
- A idiosyncrasy
 - B result
 - C precursor
 - D culmination
 - E totality



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5. Though feminist in its implications, Rainer's 1984 film _____ the filmmaker's active involvement in feminist politics.
- A. preserved
 - B. reflected
 - C. antedated
 - D. showed
 - E. renewed



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6. The committee was impressed by the fact that even though candidate had prepared a very (i) _____ report, it was presented by her in a very (ii) _____ manner.

Blank (i)

A. abstruse

B. prosaic

C. comprehensive

Blank (ii)

D. erudite

E. succinct

F. diligent



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7. Aalto, like other modernists, believed that form follows function: consequently, his furniture designs asserted the (i) _____ of human needs, and the furniture's form was (ii) _____ human use.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. variability

D. reflected in

B. universality

E. relegated to

C. primacy

F. determined by



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8. The chances that a species will (i)_____ are reduced if any vital function is restricted to a single kind of organ (ii)_____ by itself possesses an enormous survival advantage.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. persist

D. uniformity

B. expire

E. symmetry

C. degenerate

F. redundancy



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9. It is ironic that a critic of such overwhelming vanity now suffers from a measure of the oblivion to which he was forever (i) _____ others, in the end, all his (ii) _____ has only worked against him.

Blank (i)

- A. consigning
- B. hailing
- C. leading

Blank (ii)

- D. self-sacrifice
- E. self-adulation
- F. self-possession



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10. In failing to see that the justice's pronouncement merely (i) _____ previous decisions rather than actually establishing a precedent, the novice law clerk (ii) _____ the scope of the justice's judgment.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. endorsed

D. limited

B. qualified

E. nullified

C. synthesized

F. overemphasized



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11. When theories formerly considered to be (i) _____ in their scientific objectivity are found instead to reflect a consistent observational and evaluative bias, then the presumed neutrality of science gives way to the recognition that categories of knowledge are human (ii) _____.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

A. verifiable

D. fantasies

B. convincing

E. imperatives

C. disinterested

F. constructions



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Strategy 2: Choose a Pair of Synonym

12. Even in this business, where _____ is part of everyday life, a talent for lying is not something usually found on one's resume.
- A. aspiration
 - B. mendacity
 - C. prevarication
 - D. insensitivity
 - E. baseness
 - F. avarice



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13. Many stories about Albert Einstein have been passed down through the generations, but a significant number of them lack the ring of truth and are probably _____.
- A. anachronistic
 - B. unadulterated
 - C. unabridged
 - D. apocryphal
 - E. authentic
 - F. fictitious



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14. A restaurant's menu is generally reflected in its decor; however, despite this restaurant's _____ appearance its menu is pedestrian.

- A. elegant
- B. tawdry
- C. modern
- D. traditional
- E. conventional
- F. chic



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15. This very important class of decisions can be described as _____ because the chain of decisions that will be made in the future changes as a result of each current decision.
- A. recurring
 - B. protracted
 - C. progressive
 - D. dynamic
 - E. prolonged
 - F. significant



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16. Compared mathematically to smoking and driving, almost everything else seems relatively risk-free, _____ almost nothing seems worth regulating.

- A. yet
- B. since
- C. so
- D. even though
- E. therefore
- F. because



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Strategy 3: Understand the Central Idea

17. We've long anticipated this retrospective of the painter's work, hoping that it would make (i) _____ judgments about him possible, but greater familiarity with his paintings highlights their inherent (ii) _____ and actually makes one's assessment (iii) _____.

Blank (i)

- A. transient
- B. settled
- C. detached

Blank (ii)

- D. finesse
- E. ambiguity
- F. delicacy

Blank (iii)

- G. Similarly equivocal
- H. less sanguine
- I. more cynical



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18. Only in a/an (i) _____ contest between two highly trained athletes, two individuals at the pinnacle of their sport, can an audience get as involved with the outcome of the match as those privileged enough to watch the last encounter between Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic did. By the end of a (ii) _____ trial that lasted almost six hours, it can safely be said that the audience felt as (iii) _____ as the men playing on the tennis court did.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A bombastic

D grueling

G. worn

B taxing

E. saturnine

H. ecstatic

C. ineffable

F. ephemeral

I. indefatigable



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19. The development of theatre over the past 2,500 years has been a (i) _____ journey, from the open air stylized performances of Greek tragedies and comedies to the more recent “three walled” room of indoor theater. Yet, much has remained unchanged actors in costume still (ii) _____ the stage before audiences who willingly suspend their (iii) _____ in order to enter into the “reality” of events created for them.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. picayune

D. strut

G. interest

B. modest

E. stalk

H. concern

C. remarkable

F. broach

I. disbelief



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20. Economists hypothesize that consumer spending is a strong economic (i) _____ and, therefore, (ii) _____ of retail stores is a contributing factor to low-performing economies. To improve economic conditions in Obama, Fukui, the city has begun charging residents a public improvement fee, on top of normal sales tax, which will (iii) _____ tax breaks offered to major retailers to attract their business.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. stratagem

D. a paucity

G. indemnify

B. catalyst

E. a surfeit

H. liquidate

C. tenet

F. an apex

I. underwrite



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21. It is part of human nature to resist change and (i) _____ new ideas. This fact is evidenced in many teachers' (ii) _____ adherence to archaic methodologies, which makes education reform difficult to enact. Until some (iii) _____ teachers and administrators begin to welcome new classroom techniques, the attempts of the current administration at modifying the system will be ineffective.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. eschew

D. unwarranted

G. sagacious

B. aver

E. partisan

H. superfluous

C. assimilate

F. dogged

I. obstinate



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22. Medical practitioners have remained (i) _____ in the face of the incredible news that researchers at Johns Hopkins University have discovered a gene that causes cancer. Doctors' reluctance to show excitement is due to their awareness that transforming the mere identification of this gene into usable medicine is a/an (ii) _____ task and will not (iii) _____ the need for uncomfortable and lengthy treatments any time in the near future.

Blank (i)

Blank (ii)

Blank (iii)

A. felicitous

D. schematic

G. obviate

B. morose

E. onerous

H. aggrandize

C. impassive

F. austere

I. endorse





Thank you