

1. The prize competition was ____ as a showcase for new technology, but instead the competition was marred by disqualifications and disputes.

- A. disappointing
- B. conceived
- C. touted
- D. heralded
- E. promising
- F. required

2. The new institute provides intensive postgraduate teaching to a wide range of students, in the hope that these students will use their knowledge to boost the country's ____ economy.

- A. languishing
- B. emerging
- C. booming
- D. domestic
- E. bankrupt
- F. flagging

3. Like other metaphors, the "book of Nature" has two facets: it is ____ but if taken literally, it may mislead.

- A. heuristic
- B. perceptive
- C. poetic
- D. insightful
- E. prosaic
- F. iconoclastic

4. The increasing interactivity emerging in the latest computer systems means that the traditional view of the computer as a ____ of information now unduly limiting.

- A. gleaner
- B. transformer
- C. processor
- D. producer
- E. repository
- F. cache

5. Turing's life exerts a powerful and ____ effect on writers – the combination of the highly intellectual and the personally dramatic is hard to resist.

- A. abiding
- B. pervasive
- C. perennial
- D. irresistible
- E. unmitigated
- F. multifaceted

6. As a result of his regimented upbringing, that left him unable to see the nuances of complex situations, he was often accused of being ____ .

- A. indecisive
- B. tyrannical
- C. obtuse
- D. boorish
- E. xenophobic
- F. imperceptive

7. It is paradoxical that String Theory inspires such widespread respect when it is so ____ that few could ever hope to master its claims.

- A. intractable
- B. confusing
- C. elevated
- D. arcane
- E. obscure
- F. rigorous

8. Those with a reputation for ____ behavior seldom inspire respect: unwavering adherence to a viewpoint is more admired than flexibility.

- A. capricious
- B. bombastic
- C. dogmatic
- D. fickle
- E. honorable
- F. stalwart

9. The courtiers of the time had to be ____ in order to survive in an atmosphere where the least sign of rebellion could lead to banishment or worse.

- A. taciturn
- B. fawning
- C. docile

- D. self-serving
- E. upright
- F. servile

10. Forgiveness was fine in theory, but she had trouble in accepting a religion that would allow ____ evil-doers access to heaven.

- A. repentant
- B. contrite
- C. blatant
- D. venial
- E. pardoned
- F. recalcitrant

Answer Key

- 1. CD
- 2. AF
- 3. BD
- 4. EF
- 5. AC
- 6. CF
- 7. DE
- 8. AD
- 9. BF
- 10. AB