

1. The Countess dressed with a (an) _____ elegance which seemed to proclaim to the world just how distinguished she was.

- A. studied
- B. pronounced
- C. ingenuous
- D. understated
- E. mannered
- F. rococo

2. It is a waste of time to _____ someone so dimwitted; he is too dull to recognize your barbs.

- A. disparage
- B. ridicule
- C. lampoon
- D. laud
- E. enlighten
- F. train

3. The teacher was so abstracted that she gave a _____ evaluation of what was really an interesting solution to the problem she had set.

- A. philosophical
- B. cursory
- C. detailed
- D. considered
- E. perfunctory
- F. tangential

4. Punishment for transgressions of the law ceases to have a deterrent effect if the punishment is frequently _____ .

- A. arbitrary
- B. changed
- C. waived
- D. lenient
- E. commuted
- F. applied

5. Not only love affects the eye of the beholder; other emotions also _____ the interpretation of the events that we witness.

- A. cloud
- B. trigger

- C. devalue
- D. color
- E. objectify
- F. impact

6. The human mind can often reject the most ____ data in favor of something that, though valueless, at least sounds familiar.

- A. anomalous
- B. inconsequential
- C. peripheral
- D. pertinent
- E. germane
- F. visible

7. ____ behavior never has the effect its practitioners hope for; the attempt to hide only draws attention to what is hidden.

- A. Misogynistic
- B. Puritanical
- C. Covert
- D. Miserly
- E. Prudish
- F. Camouflaging

8. He completed the work with unusual ____ ; his need to get out of the office overcame his habitual torpor.

- A. dispatch
- B. grace
- C. effectiveness
- D. slovenliness
- E. carelessness
- F. celerity

9. When Smithers took over as chairperson, her colleagues were looking forward to a less confrontational time on the board of governors, since they reasoned that no one else was likely to be as ____ as her predecessor.

- A. mordant
- B. aggressive
- C. flexible
- D. bellicose

- E. complaisant
- F. jaundiced

10. When faced with an urgent problem for which there is no immediately obvious solution, we tend to welcome any suggestion, however _____, that might throw light on the dilemma.

- A. unusual
- B. hackneyed
- C. tentative
- D. outrageous
- E. illuminating
- F. flimsy

Answer Key

- 1. AE
- 2. BC
- 3. BE
- 4. CE
- 5. DF
- 6. DE
- 7. BE
- 8. AF
- 9. BD
- 10. CF