

1. Even though Byron is frequently glib, it is still hard to dismiss him as a ____ thinker.

- A. superficial
- B. profound
- C. lightweight
- D. lucid
- E. verbose
- F. uncompromising

2. Far from being an innocent prank, their action is a ____ attempt to spoil my reputation.

- A. malicious
- B. salubrious
- C. naive
- D. saturnine
- E. innocuous
- F. callous

3. Although his findings were initially greeted with ____, the unlikely hero was finally vindicated when the French Academy acknowledged his work.

- A. derision
- B. accolades
- C. commendations
- D. sympathy
- E. jubilation
- F. incredulity

4. Their latest theory aims to integrate the seemingly ____ elements of twenty years of research to form a coherent whole.

- A. relevant
- B. sporadic
- C. incessant
- D. disparate
- E. discrete
- F. extensive

5. Svensson's ____ in his work earned him few friends: his colleagues probably thought that he would be unwilling to overlook their foibles.

- A. xenophobia
- B. mendacity
- C. meticulousness

- D. intuition
- E. punctiliousness
- F. prevarication

6. Icons would be well-advised to write their own memoirs; there are too many ____ writers out there who forego accuracy to pander to the preconceptions of the market.

- A. creative
- B. lackluster
- C. hackneyed
- D. sycophantic
- E. fawning
- F. best-selling

7. Both commentators noted the way that Dylan can submerge himself in tradition while somehow managing to create works of startling ____.

- A. gestation
- B. singularity
- C. provenance
- D. conservatism
- E. nonchalance
- F. originality

8. When aid is given to an autocracy, the donors are prone to rationalize their decision to support non-democratic governments, and thus lay themselves open to the charge of ____.

- A. negligence
- B. hypocrisy
- C. equivocation
- D. slander
- E. autonomy
- F. nepotism

9. The insertion of a fiction into a news bulletin cannot be condoned, but inserting propaganda for a good cause seems less ____.

- A. untoward
- B. democratic
- C. reprehensible
- D. credible
- E. insupportable
- F. utilitarian

10. In showing the shocking images of depravity and degradation, the curators of the art museum said that the importance of historical accuracy outweighed the danger of encouraging _____.

- A. prurience
- B. avarice
- C. vandalism
- D. voyeurism
- E. outrage
- F. torture

Answer Key

- 1. AC
- 2. AF
- 3. AF
- 4. DE
- 5. CE
- 6. DE
- 7. BF
- 8. BC
- 9. CE
- 10. AD