

Test Completion Test 7

1. Stephen was always (i)____; in fact, his own father described him as having a(n) (ii)____ vacillation.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
<input type="radio"/> A. indecisive	<input type="radio"/> D. concern for
<input type="radio"/> B. earnest	<input type="radio"/> E. propensity for
<input type="radio"/> C. volatile	<input type="radio"/> F. aversion to

2. The cricket match seemed ____ to our guests; they were used to watching sports in which the action is over in a couple of hours at the most.

- A. unintelligible
- B. inconsequential
- C. interminable
- D. implausible
- E. evanescent

3. Our present accountant is most (i)____; unlike the previous (ii)____ incumbent, he has never made a mistake in all the years that he has worked for the firm.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
<input type="radio"/> A. pusillanimous	<input type="radio"/> D. craven
<input type="radio"/> B. punctilious	<input type="radio"/> E. unreliable
<input type="radio"/> C. asinine	<input type="radio"/> F. mercenary

4. The refugee's poor grasp of English is hardly an ____ problem; she can attend classes and improve within a matter of months.

- A. implausible
- B. insuperable
- C. inconsequential
- D. evocative
- E. injudicious

5. The (i)____ shades of meaning, and still subtler echoes of association, make language an instrument which scarcely anything short of genius can wield with (ii)____ and (iii)_____.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
<input type="radio"/> A. eloquent	<input type="radio"/> D. sincerity	<input type="radio"/> G. alacrity
<input type="radio"/> B. nuanced	<input type="radio"/> E. certainty	<input type="radio"/> H. precision
<input type="radio"/> C. stygian	<input type="radio"/> F. hope	<input type="radio"/> I. disinterest

6. His musical tastes are certainly ____; he has recordings ranging from classical piano performances to rock concerts, jazz and even Chinese opera.

- A. antediluvian
- B. eclectic
- C. harmonious
- D. sonorous
- E. dazzling

7. All the truly outstanding breakthroughs in this area have come from historians who have been willing to adopt innovative techniques and pursue (i) _____ lines of inquiry. Yet we should not (ii) _____ the more (iii) _____ research, which, after all, has given us the solid core of our knowledge of this important era.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)	Blank (iii)
<input type="radio"/> A. conservative	<input type="radio"/> D. decry	<input type="radio"/> G. moribund
<input type="radio"/> B. unorthodox	<input type="radio"/> E. applaud	<input type="radio"/> H. convergent
<input type="radio"/> C. hidebound	<input type="radio"/> F. acknowledge	<input type="radio"/> I. mundane

8. Before his marriage the Duke had led an austere existence and now regarded the affectionate, somewhat (i) _____ behavior of his young wife as simply (ii) _____ .

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
<input type="radio"/> A. restrained	<input type="radio"/> D. delightful
<input type="radio"/> B. frivolous	<input type="radio"/> E. sublime
<input type="radio"/> C. ungainly	<input type="radio"/> F. puerile

9. Wilson (i) _____ that human beings inherit a tendency to feel an affinity and awe for other living things, in the same way that we are (ii) _____ to be inquisitive or to protect our young at all costs.

Blank (i)	Blank (ii)
<input type="radio"/> A. contends	<input type="radio"/> D. predisposed
<input type="radio"/> B. fears	<input type="radio"/> E. taught
<input type="radio"/> C. demurs	<input type="radio"/> F. encouraged

10. The pond was a place of reek and corruption, of _____ smells and of oxygen-starved fish breathing through laboring gills.

- A. fragrant
- B. evocative
- C. dolorous
- D. resonant
- E. fetid

Answer Key

1. AE
2. C

3. BE
4. B
5. BEH
6. B
7. BDI
8. BF
9. AD
10. E