

# Test Completion Test 8

1. The crew of the air balloon \_\_\_\_ the sand bags to help the balloon rise over the hill.

- A. capsized
- B. jettisoned
- C. salvaged
- D. augmented
- E. enumerated

2. We were not fooled by his (i)\_\_\_\_ arguments; his plan was (ii)\_\_\_\_. That even he was (iii)\_\_\_\_ by his own reasoning was apparent from his unenthusiastic demeanor.

<p>Blank (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> A. specious</li> <li><input type="radio"/> B. cogent</li> <li><input type="radio"/> C. labyrinthine</li> </ul>	<p>Blank (ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> D. obviously untenable</li> <li><input type="radio"/> E. clearly brilliant</li> <li><input type="radio"/> F. cunningly contrived</li> </ul>	<p>Blank (iii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> G. duped</li> <li><input type="radio"/> H. persuaded</li> <li><input type="radio"/> I. unconvinced</li> </ul>
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3. Hawkins is \_\_\_\_ in his field; no other contemporary scientist commands the same respect.

- A. disparaged
- B. ignominious
- C. obsolete
- D. anachronistic
- E. preeminent

4. The model paraded in front of the celebrities with (i)\_\_\_\_; it was impossible to tell that this was her (ii)\_\_\_\_\_.

<p>Blank (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> A. trepidation</li> <li><input type="radio"/> B. consternation</li> <li><input type="radio"/> C. panache</li> </ul>	<p>Blank (ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> D. first assignment</li> <li><input type="radio"/> E. normal gait</li> <li><input type="radio"/> F. real persona</li> </ul>
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5. English words and expressions have come into being (i)\_\_\_\_, and some common expressions are decidedly illogical. The term lead pencil, for example, is a (ii)\_\_\_\_; pencils are filled with graphite not lead.

<p>Blank (i)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> A. haphazardly</li> <li><input type="radio"/> B. rationally</li> <li><input type="radio"/> C. <i>ab initio</i></li> </ul>	<p>Blank (ii)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> D. misdemeanor</li> <li><input type="radio"/> E. misnomer</li> <li><input type="radio"/> F. euphemism</li> </ul>
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6. When the (i)\_\_\_\_ weather forced us to stay indoors, we resorted to (ii)\_\_\_\_ board games to pass the time. Anything, however (iii)\_\_\_\_, was better in our present troubled state of mind than sitting in silence.

Blank (i) <input type="radio"/> A. congenial <input type="radio"/> B. restorative <input type="radio"/> C. inclement	Blank (ii) <input type="radio"/> D. inane <input type="radio"/> E. exhilarating <input type="radio"/> F. challenging	Blank (iii) <input type="radio"/> G. time-consuming <input type="radio"/> H. vacuous <input type="radio"/> I. versatile
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7. It will be hard to (i)\_\_\_\_\_ Leonid now that you have so (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ him.

Blank (i) <input type="radio"/> A. indict <input type="radio"/> B. mollify <input type="radio"/> C. lampoon	Blank (ii) <input type="radio"/> D. subjugated <input type="radio"/> E. incensed <input type="radio"/> F. bemused
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8. Edward was understandably upset that he had lost the position, but he was (i)\_\_\_\_\_ by the conviction that he had done nothing to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ the dismissal.

Blank (i) <input type="radio"/> A. saddened <input type="radio"/> B. miffed <input type="radio"/> C. consoled	Blank (ii) <input type="radio"/> D. merit <input type="radio"/> E. mar <input type="radio"/> F. delay
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9. She was roundly condemned for her \_\_\_\_\_ ; she betrayed the woman to whom she owed her success.

- A. truculence
- B. perfidy
- C. serendipity
- D. pragmatism
- E. discernment

10. Our grandfather was an entertaining (i)\_\_\_\_\_ ; he used to (ii)\_\_\_\_\_ us with marvelous anecdotes that we, in our childlike simplicity, (iii)\_\_\_\_\_.

Blank (i) <input type="radio"/> A. raconteur <input type="radio"/> B. rascal <input type="radio"/> C. curmudgeon	Blank (ii) <input type="radio"/> D. intimidate <input type="radio"/> E. regale <input type="radio"/> F. bore	Blank (iii) <input type="radio"/> G. accepted unquestioningly <input type="radio"/> H. debated ferociously <input type="radio"/> I. debunked readily
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## Answer Key

1. B
2. ADI
3. E
4. CD
5. AE

6. CDH
7. BE
8. CD
9. B
10. AEG