

Sentence Completion

DIRECTIONS

Each blank in the following sentences indicates that something has been omitted. Consider the lettered words beneath the sentence and choose the word or set of words that best fits the whole sentence.

1. The Platt Amendment, incorporated into the Cuban Constitution in 1901, gave the United States a virtual _____ over Cuba and limited Cuba's _____ by giving the United States the right to intervene at its own discretion.
(a) Claim....democracy (b) protectorate....sovereignty
(c) annexation...amnesty (d) responsibility...imperialism
(e) sanction....expansion
2. American imperialism of the 1890s was spurred on, in part by a shift from a(n) _____ to a(n) _____ economy, which resulted in a surplus of both agricultural and manufactured goods.
(a) peacetime....wartime (b) inflationary.....deflationary
(c) agrarian....industrial (d) expansionist....imperialist
(e) capitalist....laissez faire
3. According to Lincoln's humane plan of Reconstruction, his aim was to _____ the Union quickly with a little _____ as possible.
(a) restore....bitterness (b) solidify.....optimism
(c) force....belligerence (d) reorganize....allegiance
(e) establish....dispatch
4. The impeachment of Andrew Johnson was defeated by the vote of seven Republicans and twelve Democrats who voted for _____.
(a) resignation (b) acquittal
(c) moderation (d) denial
(e) rejection
5. Although there was no real excuse for the incredible blunder of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, President John Kennedy _____ at least some of his popularity by accepting full personal responsibility for the _____.
(a) sacrificed....maneuver (b) decreased....decision
(c) salvaged....fiasco (d) lost....victory
(e) retrieved....coup
6. The New Testament was not only written in the Greek language, but ideas derived from Greek philosophy were _____ in many parts of it.
(a) altered (b) criticized
(c) incorporated (d) nullified
(e) translated
7. John Foster Dulles, an avid anti-Communist, denounced President Truman's foreign policy of mere containment of Communism as too _____.
(a) moderate (b) popular
(c) enforceable (d) expensive
(e) defeatist
8. President Eisenhower was widely _____ for refusing to _____ excesses of the loathed Senator McCarthy.

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- (a) applauded....implement (b) accused....prevent
(c) criticized....curb (d) condemned....promote
(e) supported....ostracize
9. The moralistic theory of art which one finds in Plato was_____by Aristotle, who criticized Plato's shown that art should_____morals.
(a) explained....reflect (b) praised....deny
(c) condemned....negate (d) rejected....teach
(e) sanctioned....extend
10. Truman tried to continue Roosevelt's_____approach to the Soviet Union, but by 1946, he had adopted a much tougher policy toward the Russians.
(a) cursory (b) strict
(c) obligatory (d) uncompromising
(e) conciliatory
11. When I was a small child, the importance of telling the truth was deeply_____on my mind.
(a) wafted (b) engendered
(c) impressed (d) imbued
(e) harbored
12. The_____of Darwin's theory of Evolution on Victorian religion was to create a bitter_____of ideas and beliefs.
(a) result....moderation (b) effect....conflict
(c) extension....growth (d) origin....compromise
(e) influence....solidarity
13. Feeling restless and unhappy, he left the house to take a quiet stroll, hoping the tone of the day would not decline further into_____and uncertainty.
(a) dissonance (b) ardor
(c) perversity (d) pretense
(e) reticence
14. The aging spinster was_____by the_____of her favorite niece.
(a) perplexed....attention (b) heartened....ministrations
(c) discouraged....propriety (d) enamored....ruminations
(e) pleased....aloofness
15. After a barrage of candidates' solicitations and campaign promises, it was_____impossible for even the most scrupulous voter to exercise_____regarding any of the major economic and political issues.
(a) almost....sincerity (b) not....complexity
(c) never....justice (d) intellectually....acumen
(e) nearly....apathy
16. The_____of the power of scientific discovery is often overlooked when only the_____effects are discussed. Scientific technology can be used for evil and destruction as well.
(a) duality....benign (b) awesomeness....economic
(c) impressiveness....cogent (d) objectivity....empirical
(e) magnitude....major
17. He is typical of most fanatics whose capacity for_____surpasses his ability to_____himself.
(a) fun....restrain (b) selfishness....deny

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- (c) evil....control (d) self-belief....delude
(e) work....please
18. Although the seemingly_____nature of the task appeared basic and fundamental, further application of the principles seemed_____.
(a) facile....awkward (b) complex....easy
(c) redundant....impossible (d) parallel....obvious
(e) devious....ambiguous
19. The horrifying_____of the fire was reported on all the news stations, and the arson squad worked later through the week to uncover the_____of the tragedy.
(a) scene....rumble (b) result....jeopardy
(c) aftermath....cause (d) cost....liability
(e) origin....reality
20. As the controversial argument continued, the debaters became more_____and their remarks became more_____.
(a) subdued....hostile (b) vehement....acrimonious
(c) reticent.... cliché (d) affable....adverse
(e) emotional....adroit
21. The fiendish and loathsome tales of Boris Counterpunch filled the boy's nightmares with_____creatures.
(a) mysterious (b) errant
(c) ghoulish (d) gigantic
(e) fanciful
22. After the criminal was arrested, he was brought into court for the judge to_____him for trial.
(a) arrange (b) accuse
(c) set (d) arraign
(e) adjust
23. In spite of competition, the newspaper_____remains among the best_____of communication between advertisers and customers.
(a) cannot....medium (b) never...means
(c) still...media (d) often...measure
(e) consistently....standard
24. Many vacation resorts stress the_____that theirs is an especially_____climate.
(a) claim....healthful (b) fact....healthy
(c) notion...torpid (d) advertisement....progressive
(e) opinion....humid
25. A competent shop foreman knows when to_____authority to subordinates and when to_____it himself.
(a) abrogate....cancel (b) nominate....pursue
(c) deny....abuse (d) delegate....retain
(e) yield....ignore

ANSWER

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| 1. | (b) | 3. | (a) | 5. | (c) | 7. | (e) | 9. | (d) |
| 2. | (c) | 4. | (b) | 6. | (c) | 8. | (c) | 10. | (e) |

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| 11. | (c) | 14. | (b) | 17. | (d) | 20. | (b) | 23. | (c) |
| 12. | (b) | 15. | (d) | 18. | (a) | 21. | (c) | 24. | (a) |
| 13. | (a) | 16. | (a) | 19. | (c) | 22. | (d) | 25. | (d) |

