

SENTENCE COMPLETIONS

- I was surprised that my normally ____ dog would exhibit such unruly behavior when brought into contact with other dogs.
 - active
 - submissive
 - domineering
 - pampered
 - unpredictable
- The manager conceded that re-invigorating the corporation represents a monumental task, since the company has been ____ for so long.
 - heralded
 - emulated
 - stagnant
 - intrusive
 - incisive
- The causes of the Permian extinction have been difficult for scientists to ____ since it occurred so long ago that many clues have been ____ by the geological process.
 - prove...offered
 - pinpoint...obliterated
 - decipher...bolstered
 - nullify...eliminated
 - explain...uncovered
- Thomas proved impossible to ____; nothing disturbed his calm, placid demeanor.
 - ruffle
 - adorn
 - exclude
 - stifle
 - compel
- The recent ____ of our coastal shellfish contradicts the company's findings that sewage dumped into the ocean is ____ to animal and plant life.
 - discovery...beneficial
 - growth...complementary
 - contamination...innocuous
 - infestation...irrelevant
 - demise...detrimental
- In order to awaken audiences to the plight of the homeless, the young director has forsaken the ____ documentary format for a more ____ presentation of life in the street.
 - melancholic...cordial
 - popular...trifling
 - mundane...trite
 - exalted...routine
 - conventional...unorthodox
- After enduring the hardships of a long recession, the people welcomed the words of the political pundit who ____ an approaching ____ in the nation's economy.
 - refuted...improvement
 - condoned...plateau
 - predicted...decline
 - presaged...rebound
 - disavowed...advancement
- The fruit fly, with its ____ birth rate, has allowed geneticists to analyze many generations of flies within a very short time frame.
 - latent
 - prodigious
 - improvident
 - tangible
 - erratic
- To the novelist, revisions invariably take the form of deletions, with ineffectual paragraphs summarily _____.
 - collated
 - excised
 - redeemed
 - delineated
 - evaded



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- Among the bony fishes, only the marlin is as _____ as the giant bluefin tuna; both fish can swim at speeds in excess of 55 miles per hour.
(A) common
(B) swift
(C) exotic
(D) prized
(E) limber
- The impressive set design at the opera house is especially _____, using massive sets and intricately painted backdrops.
(A) scant
(B) pragmatic
(C) lavish
(D) pedestrian
(E) pallid
- Management's fears will not be _____ until the contract negotiations are settled and the union's pledge to strike _____.
(A) relieved...satisfied
(B) heightened...resolved
(C) addressed...falsified
(D) calmed...rescinded
(E) disproven...renewed
- Lapresti's analysis, far from showing that we can now _____ the economic tenets put forth in Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, concludes that Smith's principles are even more _____ today than ever.
(A) discard...applicable
(B) comprehend...facile
(C) adjust...malleable
(D) disseminate...valuable
(E) ignore...ludicrous
- Subscribing to the notion that reason should always _____ rhetoric, Jarvis tried to _____ the use of hyperbole during the debate.
(A) supplant...conceal
(B) bolster...delete
(C) prevail over...avoid
(D) conquer...emphasize
(E) succeed...heighten
- _____ by nature, Maschio picked a fight with almost everyone that he met.
(A) Dilatory
(B) Affable
(C) Exultant
(D) Pedestrian
(E) Belligerent
- Lie detector testing, a once _____ technology for identifying criminals, has been stripped of its _____ by a spate of well-regarded articles criticizing the procedure.
(A) questionable...popularity
(B) unassailable...luster
(C) authoritative...anonymity
(D) dubious...ignominy
(E) matchless...deficiency
- Monica's _____ personality contrasted sharply with that of her more gregarious and voluble sibling.
(A) solicitous
(B) boisterous
(C) lenient
(D) sagacious
(E) diffident
- The usual image of the settling of America is one of a frontier line _____ creeping westward as individual pioneers slowly and steadily built homesteads and established new towns.
(A) perniciously
(B) frenetically
(C) lethargically
(D) stealthily
(E) inexorably
- The savvy politician capitalized on the widespread _____ among voters by offering economic hope for the future and invoking change at every opportunity.
(A) discordance
(B) amity
(C) benevolence
(D) malaise
(E) empathy