## Sentence Completion

## Directions

Each sentence has one or two blanks. Choose the answer choice that contains the word or words that best complete the sentence.

1. His critical reviews were enjoyed by many of his audience, but the subjects of his analysis dreaded his comments; he was vitriolic, devastation, irritating and never $\qquad$ .
A. analytic
B. Personal
C. constructive
D. Uncharitable
E. controversial
2. Despite the team members 'resentment of the new coach's training rules, they $\qquad$ them as long as he did not $\qquad$ them too strictly.
A. Embraced $\qquad$ follow
B. Condemned formulate
C. Questioned $\qquad$ interpret
D. Challenged ...... implement
E. Tolerated $\qquad$ .apply
3. Given the $\qquad$ state of the published evidence, we do not argue here that exposure to low _ level microwave energy is either hazardous or safe.
A. inconclusive
B. Satisfactory
C. definitive
D. Immaculate
E. Exemplary
4. Tacit us' descriptions of Germanic tribal customs were $\qquad$ by the $\qquad$ state of communication in his day, but they match the accounts of other contemporary writers.
A. Defined ... inconsequential
B. Limited $\qquad$ primitive
C. Enriched ..... antiquated
D. Contradicted ...... thriving
E. Muddled ..... suspended
5. No matter how $\qquad$ the revelations of the coming years may be , they will be hard put to match those of the past decade , which have $\qquad$ transformed our view of the emergence of Mayan civilization.

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A. Minor ......dramatically
B. Profound .....negligibly
C. Striking .....radically
D. Bizarre ....nominally
E. Questionable $\qquad$ possibly
6. Because of its inclination to $\qquad$ , most Indian art is $\qquad$ Japanese art, where symbols have been minimized and meaning has been conveyed by the merest suggestion.
A. Exaggerate .... Related to
B. Imitate $\qquad$ superior to
C. Understate .....reminiscent of
D. Overdraw .... Similar to
E. Sentimentalize $\qquad$ supportive of
7. Irony can, after a fashion, become a mode of escape; to laugh at the terrors of life is in some sense to
$\qquad$ them.
A. Overstate
B. revitalize
C. corroborate
D. Evade
E. License
8. The contract negotiations were often surprisingly $\qquad$ , deteriorating at times into a welter of accusations and counteraccusations.
A. perspicacious
B. Phlegmatic
C. sedate
D. Acrimonious
E. propitious
9. Either the Polynesian banquets at Waikiki are $\qquad$ or the one I visited was a poor example.
A. delicious
B. Impeccable
C. overrated
D. Unstated
E. Unpopular
10. Given the $\qquad$ nature of wood, the oldest totem poles of the Northwest Coast Indians eventually fell to decay; only a few still stand today.

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A. resilient
B. Combustible
C. malleable
D. Perishable
E. solid
11. Lee, who refrained from excesses in his personal life, differed markedly from Grant, who $\qquad$ notorious drinking bouts with his cronies.
A. deprecated
B. Minimized
C. Indulged in
D. Shunned
E. Compensated for
12. The college librarian a new schedule of fines for overdue books with the $\qquad$ if not the outright encouragement, of the faculty library committee.
A. skepticism
B. Acquiescence
C. scorn
D. Applause
E. disapprobation
13. At first $\qquad$ were simply that; straightforward firsthand testimonials about the $\qquad$ of a product .
A. Trademark . contents
B. Creeds ....excellence
C. Prejudices ....flaws
D. Reprimands .....benefits
E. Endorsements virtues
14. By nature Toshiro was $\qquad$ , given to striking up casual conversations with strangers he encountered at bus stops or check- out stands .
A. Diffident
B. Observant
C. reticent
D. Gregarious
E. Laconic
15. In the absence of native predators to stop their spread, imported deer $\qquad$ to such an inordinate degree that they overgrazed the countryside and $\qquad$ the native vegetation.

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A. Thrived .... threatened
B. Propagated ....cultivated
C. Suffered abandoned
D. Flourished .... scrutinized
E. Dwindled $\qquad$ eliminated
16. He was habitually so docile and $\qquad$ that his friend could not understand his sudden $\qquad$ his employers.
A. Accommodating ...outburst against
B. Incorrigible $\qquad$ suspicion of
C. Truculent . virulence toward
D. Erratic .....envy of
E. Hasty .. ....cordiality toward
17. That Mr. Willis's newest film is No. 1 at the box office this week is a testament to the star's $\qquad$ power and not to the review, which were $\qquad$ at best.
A. Waning ....indifferent
B. Ongoing ....glowing
C. Drawing ....modest
D. Increasing .....matchless
E. Unique .....superb
18. He felt the uninspiring routine of office work was too $\qquad$ for someone of his talent and creativity.
A. diverse
B. Insatiable
C. exacting
D. Enthralling
E. prosaic
19. The museum arranged the fossils in $\qquad$ order, placing the older fossils dating from the Late Ice Age on the first floor and the more recent fossils on the second floor.
A. Alphabetical
B. Chronological
C. Random
D. Arbitrary
E. retrospective
20. With the evolution of wings, insects were able to $\qquad$ to the far ecological corner, across deserts and bodies of water, to reach new food sources and inhabit a wider variety of promising environmental niches .

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A. relate
B. Disperse
C. transgress
D. Revert
E. ascend

## Answers

| 1. | C | 2. | E | 3. | A | 4. | B |
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| 5. | C | 6. | C | 7. | D | 8. | D |
| 9. | C | 10. | D | 11. | C | 12. | B |
| 13. | E | 14. | D | 15. | A | 16. | A |
| 17. | C | 18. | E | 19. | B | 20. | B |

