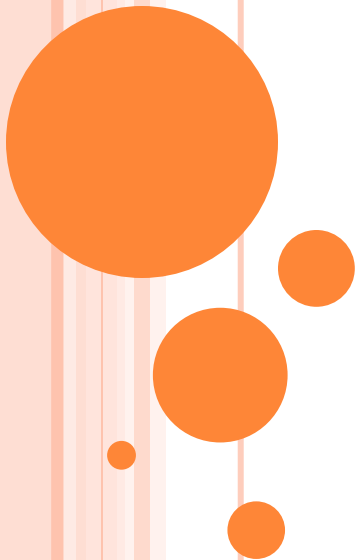




TUTORIAL EXERCISES

SENTENCE COMPLETION



EXERCISE 1.1



Directions: In the following questions sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word. Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the best alternative.





1. Every minister must be made _____ to the _____ for his/her acts of omission and commission.

- A. menacing
- B. acceptable
- C. approachabler
- D. accountable
- E. Dispensable

2. Our job as teachers is to _____ the thirst for knowledge and _____ the spark of enthusiasm.

- A. quench....Ignite
- B. substantiate.....quell
- C. sensitize....douse
- D. sustain mitigate
- E. abate Celebrate





3. The pain medication Kristy received after surgery offered relief; however, the overwhelming feeling of _____ was an unexpected side effect, and she didn't like being groggy

- A. Extortion
- B. compellation
- C. acquisition
- D. affirmation
- E. Lethargy

4. Neem has _____ qualities and in many clinical trials, doctor has saved countless lives by using raw Neem leaves on serious wounds.

- A. remedial
- B. flavouring
- C. inferior
- D. doubtful
- E. Notorious





5. Crestfallen by having done poorly on the GRE, Susan began to question her abilities. Her self-confidence was

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- A. appeased
- B. destroyed
- C. placated
- D. elevated
- E. sustained

6. I have always admired Seymour's _____; I've never seen him rattled by anything.

- A. Aplomb
- B. confluence
- C. propriety
- D. compunction
- E. nostalgia





7. The events of the evening _____ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.

- A. expired
- B. transpired
- C. retired
- D. ensured
- E. extorted

8. Jennifer loves roses for the _____ appeal of their petals and leaves, while I am most _____ by their olfactory properties.

- A. aesthetic . . enthralled
- B. acrid . . interested
- C. nurturing . . persuaded
- D. visual . . displeased
- E. tacit . . Disenchanted





9. After a brief and violent _____ that ousted the president, General Monsanto declared himself the dictator of the country.

- A. nuance
- B. coup
- C. solicitation
- D. upbraiding
- E. Lament

10. His novels are ; he uses a long circumlocution when a direct coupling of a simple subject and verb would be best.

- A. prolix
- B. pedestrian
- C. succinct
- D. vapid
- E. risqué





11. At the end of the long line, the last two men spoke with irritation. The _____ man was particularly _____, and continually voiced his annoyance to the man at the very end of the line.

burly . . . bombastic

penultimate . . . vexed

malicious . . . retiring

secondary . . . exasperated

agitated . . . Annoying

12. Because he was so _____, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.

belligerent

nimble

demure

volatile

speculative





EXERCISE 1.2

DIRECTIONS: COMPLETE THE SENTENCE USING THE WORD OR SET OF WORDS FOR EACH BLANK THAT BEST FITS THE MEANING OF THE SENTENCE AS A WHOLE.

1. Lack of _____ is basic to good team work but our ability to work with others depends on our _____.

- (a) rigidity, compatibility
- (b) dogmatism, motivation
- (c) professionalism, vulnerability
- (d) positivism, flexibility
- (e) consideration, acumen

2. The newspaper accused the politician of _____ for making promises he knew he could not _____.

- (a) revulsion... condone
- (b) liability... improve
- (c) impunity... reprise
- (d) hypocrisy... fulfil
- (e) forgery... overcome





3. Cautioned by an anonymous phone call that an explosion was _____, the anti bomb police squad _____ the building immediately.

- (a) expected.... filled
- (b) ubiquitous... purged
- (c) imminent... evacuated
- (d) eminent... checked
- (e) eminent... entered

4. The Chief Minister was _____ in his commitment to _____ the rise of crime and unemployment among his constituents.

- (a) uncertain... staunch
- (b) headstrong...stem
- (c) faltering...identity
- (d) firm... uphold
- (e) sturdy... counter





5. Sahil's clear _____ of the situation kept the meeting from breaking up into _____

- (a) idea... humor
- (b) notion ... anarchy
- (c) understanding... chaos
- (d) wit... tumult
- (e) report... tumult

6. In the past, the coach had always viewed Kapil's ideas with _____, but today he surprised the team by enthusiastically _____ his proposal.

- (a) disdainrejecting
- (b) empathy... considering
- (c) objectivity.. forgetting
- (d) skepticism ... adopting
- (e) decisiveness .. desired





7. Technology transformed America in the form of the automobile—it connected the vast country through a network of highways and roads, gave peoplemobility, and created the right circumstances for an entrepreneurial population to assert its agency and independence, leading to a economy and culture.

- (a) requiring, unhealthy
- (b) achievable, fake
- (c) unprecedented, thriving
- (d) famous, dominating
- (e) desirous, declining

8. When looking for hotels or a homestay, the first thought that probably crosses your mind these days is, “How many does this place have?” And if you don’t post that picture of you by the pool on your mid-week getaway, complete with location tags, what’s the point of travelling?

- (a) perils, travel
- (b) happenings, staring
- (c) trees, strolling
- (d) appraisals, amusing
- (e) reviews, chilling





9. It's a summer day when I disembark at Oak Park from the Green Line train in from Chicago.

- (a) algid, moving
- (b) huge, dazzling
- (c) sultry, rumbling
- (d) chilled, disappearing
- (e) humidity, mumbling

10. How does over tourism a country like India, where the travel and hospitality sector is an important of revenue?

- (a) implement, work
- (b) affect, source
- (c) impact, event
- (d) attract, desire
- (e) effect, factors





11. Challenges must be _____ to realize the _____ of a greater regional economic integration.

- a. Overcome....Potential
- b. Suppressed....power
- c. Ignored....benefits
- d. Sustained....Advantages
- e. Attempted....battles

12 .Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of _____ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.

- a. hirsute
- b. acrimonious
- c. plaintive
- d. deciduous
- e. votive



EXERCISE 1.3



1. Elise always envisioned the monastery as an austere place of worship; however, upon visiting it, she found it surprisingly_____.

- a) Comfortable
- b) Barren
- c) Strict
- d) Ornate
- e) Simple

2. Although it is necessary to carry a relatively large number of provisions when traversing the Australian Outback, it is _____ that you keep your pack from becoming too _____.

- a) crucial...ponderous
- b) mandatory...insulated
- c) helpful...elongated
- d) imperative...compact
- e) important...convoluted





3. After living a life of depravity and transgression, the offender felt so _____ that he declared he would become a priest, and devote the remainder of his life to _____.

- a) melancholy...sadness
- b) tentative...shame
- c) terrible...sin
- d) contrite...atonement
- e) stolid...repentance

4. He vowed to embrace a newfound _____ once the trial began; nonetheless the accused resorted to his typical manner of _____ as soon as he took the stand.

- a) ingenuousness...naïveté
- b) mendaciousness...deceitfulness
- c) passion...exuberance
- d) candor...duplicity





5. Mr. Plainview is a man of secrecy. He deals with the mob and other _____ organizations, and regularly participates in their _____ activities.

- a. clandestine...unlawful
- b. anarchistic...fraudulent
- c. amiable...illegitimate
- d. disdainful...scrupulous
- e. illegal...exhilarating

6. Even the most _____ gambler stops betting when he or she runs out of money.

- a. intelligent
- b. cautious
- c. hazardous
- d. foolhardy
- e. circumspect





7. Upon hearing the _____ argument for the opposition, Mr. Algene felt _____ that he would win the debate.

- a. dubious...uncertain
- b. substantial...sure
- c. deplorable...convinced
- d. tenuous...confident
- e. hardy...positive

8. The lifestyle of a monk is _____; one must devote oneself to religious exercise, self-discipline, and abstention from material satisfaction.

- a. dull
- b. ascetic
- c. lachrymose
- d. harsh
- e. prodigal





9. The orator's speech was too _____; it would have been more succinct if she avoided discussing _____ subjects.

- a. complicated...germane
- b. prolix...tangential
- c. resplendent...pertinent
- d. convoluted...complex
- e. terse...florid

10. Don was the most _____ individual I had ever met; good fortune eluded him at every turn.

- a. contentious
- b. auspicious
- c. venerable
- d. hapless
- e. ignominious



11. Due to the workers' _____ and unremitting work ethic, the bridge was built in under one month.

- a. assiduous
- b. laborious
- c. stolid
- d. pedantic
- e. jovial

12. It is not a good idea to befriend _____ animals; they are exposed to foreign environments and therefore may carry diseases that the human immune system has not evolved to combat.

- a) Domesticated
- b) Indigenous
- c) Ponderous
- d) endangered
- e) feral





13. Although my sister's _____ with the rock star seemed ridiculous, she actually _____ her dream of going on a date with him last night.

- a. obsession...engaged
- b. fixation...participated in
- c. infatuation...fulfilled
- d. fascination...obliterated
- e. affair...succumbed to

14. With such a (n) _____ personality, it is difficult to imagine what made Amanda feel so melancholy.

- a. ebullient
- b. exciting
- c. passionate
- d. seditious
- e. irascible





15. Being the _____ host that she was, Anika made sure to approach each lodger with _____ disposition.

- a. convivial...an affable
- b. churlish...a reputable
- c. engaging...a specious
- d. wicked...benign
- e. amiable...a scrupulous





EXERCISE 1.4

1. Suganya failed in the examination because none of her answers were----- to the questions asked.
A. pertinent B. allusive C. referential D. revealing

2. His moral decadence was marked by his ----- from the ways of integrity and honesty.
A. departure B. obsession C. opprobrium D. declivity

3. Jack Nicholson was at the _____ of his career when he received the Oscar for Best Actor.
A. detriment B. pinnacle C. oligarchy D. rogue





4. Ariana was outstanding as the moderator; she handled the intensely heated debate with great _____, diplomatically and tactfully keeping the conversation fair and on track.

A. finesse B. pretentiousness C. prowess D. succor

5. The new political candidate refused to print _____ about her aggressive opponent, but that did not stop him from printing lies about her.

A. dispensation B. assignation C. rendition D. libel





6. To settle the dispute, the students elected a faculty member to serve as a(n) _____.

- A. maverick B. dystopia C. arbiter D. fiduciary

7. Ron has few friends because he is _____ and cares only about himself.

- A. mundane B. intrepid C. garrulous E. egocentric

8. Being able to afford this luxury car will _____ getting a better paying job.

- a. maximize b. recombinant c. reiterate d. necessitate e. reciprocate



9. Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and _____ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.

a. reprimand b. upbraid c. abdicate d. winnow e. extol

10. Her _____ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.

a. maudlin b. meritorious c. precarious d. plausible e. schematic



EXERCISE 1.5



1. The Maruti has become so _____ that snobbish customers, who believe their tastes are superior to others, are _____ buy this car of the masses

- a. reputed....shirking from
- b. sought after.... queuing to
- c. ubiquitous.... disinclined to
- d. affordable waiting to
- e. convenient craving to

2. Although Mary expressed much _____ at not being allowed to cook dinner in her own house, she seemed rather _____ when dinner was finally ready.

- A. belligerence...angry
- B. indignation...satisfied
- C. sedition...passionate
- D. benevolence...malignant
- E. magnanimity...ashamed





3. Unfortunately, he had not had time to fully _____ his idea - it was too _____ and could not accompany the final revision of the plan.

- a) explain...dogmatic
- b) appreciate...prolix
- c) contemplate...advanced
- d) develop...inchoate
- e) espouse...revolutionary

4. _____ behavior did not appease the general; rather, it substantiated his belief that the best soldiers must act _____ from time to time.

- a) Obsequious...defiantly
- b) Mendacious...deceptive
- c) Maligned...seditious
- d) Brazen...overconfident
- e) Mendacious...deceptive





5. Although Ben is a hard worker, he always _____ to his every impulse; he would be more productive if he wasn't so _____.

- a) gives in... contemporary
- b) succumbs...demure
- c) permits...idiosyncratic
- d) yields...capricious
- e) appeals...pedantic

