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Description:

Complete the sentence which best fits from given options:-

Question 1: Although there was hardly any scope to find fault with the minister's cautiously worded response, several members of the opposition took _____ it.

Options: exception to
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pleasure in
advice from
liberties with

Answer: exception to

Explanation: take exception to : v. object to.

Hint: objection

Question 2: He believes in getting value for money, and it would be inappropriate to interpret his _____ as _____.

Options: frugality..penury
diffidence..paucity
lassitude..levity
insolence..intransigence
indolence..indigence

Answer: frugality..penury

Explanation: frugality : *n.* thrift ; economy.
penury : *n.* poverty.

Hint: thrift..poverty

Question 3: This _____ verse mourns for the valiant soldiers who lost their lives in the battle.

Options: elegiac
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ironic
desultory
derivative

Answer: elegiac

Explanation: elegiac : *a.* sorrowful ; mournful ; like an elegy or a sorrowful poem.

Hint: sorrowful

Question 4: Many business schools are avoiding an _____ narrow management curriculum because a good manager in today's competitive economic conditions must be well-versed in diverse aspects such as finance, marketing, operations and technology.

Options: overly
ambiguous
endemic
inadvertently
unwittingly

Answer: overly

Explanation: overly : *a.* excessively ; too.

Hint: excessively

Question 5: Although she did not take any formal biology classes in school, her discovery _____ the notion that she was unfamiliar with the way living organisms behaved.

Options: undermined
substantiated
underscored
documented
disseminated

Answer: undermined

Explanation: undermine : *v.* weaken gradually ; weaken the foundations of .

Hint: weaken

Question 6: It is not mere fiction that a dolphin can carry on two conversations simultaneously, one by whistling and the other by making clicking sounds; in fact, the phenomenon is not even _____.

Options: uncommon
true
explicable
substantiated
pragmatic

Answer: uncommon

Explanation: uncommon : *a.* unusual ; rare.

Hint: unusual

Question 7: Scientific experiments demonstrate that the ready availability of food and the lack of stimulation over a prolonged period of time can lead to even

Options: predators transforming into _____ creatures.
placid
carnivorous
frantic
caustic
agrarian

Answer: placid

Explanation: placid : *a.* calm ; peaceful.

Hint: calm and peaceful

Question 8: At the farewell function, the dignitary's address to the young graduates was _____, offering no new words of wisdom but common knowledge.

Options: platitudinous
pragmatic
opprobrious
labyrinthine
ambivalent

Answer: platitudinous

Explanation: platitudinous : *a.* commonplace ; trite.

Hint: commonplace

Question 9: The biologist described how vultures _____ portions of carcasses and play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance as _____.

Options: devour..scavengers
seize..predators
hunt..carnivores
depend on..parasites
gobble..xenophobes

Answer: devour..scavengers

Explanation: devour : *v.* eat greedily and hungrily ; consume avidly.
scavenger : *n.* one who searches for food (or usable items) in decaying flesh (or rubbish)

Hint: consume greedily..ones who search for food in decaying flesh

Question 10: The members of the parliamentary committee had such strongly _____ views that even after several meetings they could not reach a _____.

Options: divergent..consensus
conciliatory..concord
eclectic..consonance
convoluted..resolution
radical..conundrum

Answer: divergent..consensus
Explanation: divergent : *a.* differing.
consensus : *n.* general agreement.
Hint: differing..general agreement

Question 11: The media reports on cross-border terrorism _____ all assertions made by the government that peace had been restored.

Options: belied
substantiated
stipulated
bolstered
buttressed

Answer: belied
Explanation: belie : *v.* contradict ; fail to confirm.
Hint: contradicted

Question 12: The imposition of heavy taxes on industries that emit toxic substances into the environment could prove to be an effective _____ to maintaining a clean, green earth.

Options: incentive
deterrent
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apparition
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Options:
capricious
abstemious
antediluvian
cacophonous
impecunious

Answer: capricious

Explanation: capricious : *a.* unpredictable ; incalculable ; fickle.

Hint: Unpredictable

Question 15: Legislation has been introduced in some states that requires plastic bags be made of biodegradable material which gradually _____ over a period of time when exposed to sunlight.

Options:
decomposes
ossifies
proliferates
secretes
subsides

Answer: decomposes

Explanation: decompose : *v.* decay ; rot.

Hint: decays

Question 16: Nature has an apparently _____ source of plants that can be fruitfully exploited for the herbal cure of many diseases.

Options:
inexhaustible
indefatigable
iniquitous
insuperable
insatiable

Answer: inexhaustible

Explanation: inexhaustible : *a.* available in unlimited quantity.

Hint: available in unlimited quantity

Question 17: The _____ allowance he received as a pension forced him to spend the rest of his life in _____.

Options:
meager..penury
magnanimous..austerity
mundane..malady

mendacious..luxury
munificent..conundrum

Answer: meager..penury

Explanation: meager : *a.* scant in amount.

penury : *n.* poverty.

Hint: scanty in amount..poverty

Question 18: The senior professor was _____ thinker who believed in doing even tedious calculations by hand rather than using a computer.

Options: a doctrinaire
an insensible
an eclectic
an ingenuous
a cogent

Answer: a doctrinaire

Explanation: doctrinaire : *a.* applying principles or theories rigidly ; dogmatic ; unyielding.

Hint: applying principles rigidly

Question 19: The air-conditioning unit was operated so as to strike some balance between the danger of _____ electricity bills and the desire of employees to be comfortable during the summer months.

Options: inordinate
prudent
optimum
inchoate
exigent

Answer: inordinate

Explanation: inordinate : *a.* excessive ; disproportionate.

Hint: excessive

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