

**Directions:** The following sentences contain a blank space provided for a missing word that will complete their meaning. Choose the word that best fits the meaning of each sentence.

1. His neighbors found his \_\_\_\_\_ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

- A. insentient
- B. magisterial
- C. reparatory
- D. restorative
- E. modest

2. The dress Ariel wore \_\_\_\_\_ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.

- A. titillated
- B. reiterated
- C. scintillated
- D. enthralled
- E. striated

3. Levina unknowingly \_\_\_\_\_ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

- A. coerced
- B. proclaimed
- C. abetted
- D. sanctioned

E. solicited

4. I had the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.

- A. satisfactory
- B. commendable
- C. galling
- D. acceptable
- E. acute

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.

- A. impertinent
- B. supplicant
- C. preeminent
- D. illustrative
- E. kaleidoscopic

6. To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.

- A. prescribe
- B. probe
- C. alienate

D. converge

E. revere

7. Such a \_\_\_\_\_ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.

A. copious

B. flagrant

C. raucous

D. nominal

E. morose

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.

A. bemused

B. prosaic

C. apocryphal

D. ebullient

E. tantamount

9. I have always admired Seymour's \_\_\_\_\_; I've never seen him rattled by anything.

A. aplomb

B. confluence

C. propriety

D. compunction

E. nostalgia

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.

A. gangling

B. studious

C. mimetic

D. abject

E. reserved

11. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.

A. undulated

B. enjoined

C. stagnated

D. permeated

E. delineated

12. Keith was \_\_\_\_\_ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.

A. munificent

B. portly

C. amphibious

D. guileful

E. forensic

13. The high-profile company CEO was given an \_\_\_\_\_ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.

- A. expiation
- B. honorarium
- C. inoculation
- D. interpretation
- E. inquisition

14. Because he was so \_\_\_\_\_, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.

- A. belligerent
- B. nimble
- C. demure
- D. volatile
- E. speculative

15. With sunscreen and a good book, April \_\_\_\_\_ by the pool in her lounge chair while the children swam.

- A. ensconced
- B. sustained
- C. expelled

D. transcended

E. lolled

16. Dogs growl and show their teeth in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the animal or person they perceive as a threat.

A. bolster

B. waylay

C. cow

D. exacerbate

E. appease

17. Oliver was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ himself from the difficulties he had caused by forging the documents.

A. reprove

B. pique

C. oust

D. extricate

E. broach

18. The graph clearly showed the company reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ in profits during the 1980s when the economy was in a boom period.

A. narthex

B. gullet

- C. gamut
- D. quiescence
- E. vertex

19. In the famous balcony scene, Romeo \_\_\_\_\_ Juliet's beauty in one of the most romantic soliloquies ever written.

- A. sanctions
- B. extols
- C. peruses
- D. beguiles
- E. fetters

20. It is every person's \_\_\_\_\_ to live the life he or she chooses.

- A. composite
- B. eloquence
- C. prerogative
- D. allusion
- E. demise