

**Instructions:** Choose the best word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. When the forces on an object are balanced, the object is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) colusion  
(B) equilibrium  
(C) colision  
(D) incubation
2. Because of the snowstorm, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ in my flight time. I had to spend an extra night in Norway.  
(A) corollary  
(B) plateau  
(C) culprit  
(D) delay
3. He has been trying to improve his grades, but instead, they have remained \_\_\_\_\_. At least they haven't gotten worse.  
(A) static  
(B) oncoming  
(C) parasitic  
(D) virtual
4. Their hypothesis needs to be analyzed with more \_\_\_\_\_. Experts have raised several questions about it that need answering.  
(A) ritual  
(B) subsistence  
(C) scrutiny  
(D) speciation
5. Nomadic tribes still wander across the Himalayan \_\_\_\_\_ in search of food.  
(A) plateaus  
(B) ravages  
(C) customs  
(D) migraines
6. Health officials are worried that a new \_\_\_\_\_ could spread across the planet, infecting millions of people with a serious, flu-like illness.  
(A) herder  
(B) prey  
(C) stimulant  
(D) pandemic
7. She has devised a \_\_\_\_\_ approach to measuring changes in ocean temperatures. Nothing like it has ever been employed before.  
(A) punctuated  
(B) nomadic  
(C) novel  
(D) manipulative
8. You will find that I manage in a manner quite different from my \_\_\_\_\_. Nonetheless, I hope to maintain the standard of excellence they have set.  
(A) predecessors  
(B) migraines  
(C) rituals  
(D) ravages

**Instructions:** Choose the word or phrase closest in meaning to the underlined part.

9. The famous publisher, David Asper, will be speaking on campus next Saturday afternoon.  
(A) renowned  
(B) static  
(C) parasitic  
(D) subsequent
10. Hybrid automobiles use gas power to work well with electric power.  
(A) dilute  
(B) exterminate  
(C) compensate  
(D) complement

11. I find astrophysics difficult enough, but to add to the problem, my vision is getting worse. I'm going to need to get glasses in order to read what the professor writes on the whiteboard.
- (A) contract  
 (B) compound  
 (C) assert  
 (D) enlist
12. Egyptians began constructing large, important structures thousands of years ago.
- (A) frazzled  
 (B) parasitic  
 (C) monumental  
 (D) renowned
13. The problem, basically, is that American industry depends on oil imported from overseas.
- (A) in a row  
 (B) in essence  
 (C) in charge  
 (D) in jeopardy
14. The local government has officially hired a group of investigators to help solve the city's traffic problems.
- (A) commissioned  
 (B) plundered  
 (C) contradicted  
 (D) migrated
15. Since different continents have different types of flu viruses, it is important to be cautious when traveling overseas during winter.
- (A) advents  
 (B) culprits  
 (C) customs  
 (D) strains

**Instructions:** Write the missing words. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

imperceptible    asserts    peripheral  
 exterminate    dilute

The traditional view of evolutionary theory (16) \_\_\_\_\_ that species develop slowly, in a series of small (17) \_\_\_\_\_ stages. Evidence from the fossil record, however, indicates that species often remain unchanged for long periods, and then new species arise quite suddenly. Punctuated Equilibrium explains that large populations (18) \_\_\_\_\_ new mutations. In contrast, small (19) \_\_\_\_\_ subpopulations occurring in new environments allow beneficial mutations to spread quickly. Furthermore, when new species evolve from this spread, they often (20) \_\_\_\_\_ older species.

**Instructions:** Choose the one word that does not belong.

21. static    equilibrium    pandemic    unchanging  
 22. thrive    undermine    plunder    exterminate  
 23. discei    contradict    bicker    enlist  
 24. vomit    ravages    migraine    complement  
 25. endure    tough out    surrender    suck it up