1. Considering his poor academic record, he was surprisingly _____ concerning his chances of being accepted to a top university.

   - preeminent
   - sanguine
   - platform
   - preached

2. At our school, the sports stars were _____ more than the academic achievers.

   - lauded
   - plight
   - nurtured
   - inflicted

3. The people who agree with Ms. Smith's _____ will vote for her in the election.

   - emulate
   - platform
   - alienated
   - plight

4. It was really our grandparents who _____ us; our parents were unable to do that.

   - preached
   - sanguine

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- preeminent
- nurtured

5. She admired her adventuresome aunt and desired to _____ her.
   - preeminent
   - ostracized
   - emulate
   - platform
6. The neighbor upstairs _____ his loud music on us.
   - plight
   - preached
   - preeminent
   - inflicted
7. She carefully _____ her tiny plants.
   - nurtured
   - emulate
   - preached
   - platform
8. He was the _____ portrait painter of his time.
   - plight
   - preeminent

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- ostracized
- inflicted

9. She _____ her friends with her hostility.

- ostracized
- nurtured
- inflicted
- alienated

10. During the war, the community _____ him for being a pacifist.

- nurtured
- inflicted
- emulate
- ostracized

11. He had little sympathy for the _____ of the poor.

- ostracized
- lauded
- plight
- preached

12. She wished her son would _____ his hard-working father rather than these rock stars.

- ostracized
- emulate

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- platform
- preeminent

13. She _____ tolerance to the assembly.

- inflicted
- preached
- emulate
- nurtured

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