**A. Identifying Adjectives**

Underline each word that is used as an adjective in the sentences below. (Include articles and proper adjectives.)

**1.** The Sahel can support a small pastoral population.

**2.** Nomadic herders, who subsisted on marginal resources, followed rains north into drier areas during the rainy season and retreated to greener southern pastures during dry spells.

**3.** When the African nations gained their independence in the 1950s and 1960s, they began to receive foreign aid, which included new strains of many crops like cotton and peanuts that could tolerate a short season.

**4.** Agricultural production overran lands that were once pastures.

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**5.** When agriculture strips the land of its protective vegetative cover, the relentless action of the wind can carry away the bare soil, and the desert advances.

**B. Using Adjectives**

On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the exercise below. Complete your paragraph by using an appropriate adjective from the words given below the exercise.

The (**1**) _____ Chinese philosopher Confucius lived from about 551 to about 497 B.C. This period was an (**2**) _____ time in Chinese history. The (**3**) _____ barons caused continual wars. The weak (**4**) _____ government was unable to maintain peace. Confucius thought that China should try to recapture the (**5**) _____ and prosperous order of the

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past. A famous saying of Confucius is “Learning without thought is fruitless labor; thought without learning is (**6**)_____.” quarrelsome central peaceful highest unquiet unbiased famous perilous.”

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