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Question 1. Second, the state will continue to _____ inefficient state enterprises.

A. bottle up   **B**. back up   **C**. catch up   **D**. prop up

Question 2. Today, I went to kiss my girlfriend on the neck while she was cooking on the stove. Apparently I scared her and now I have a nice _____ mark on my head from the hot frying pan she hit me with.

A. scorch   **B**. shine   **C**. burn   **D**. itch

Question 3. No matter _____ a woman tries to do to improve her situation, there is some barrier or attitude to keep her down.

A. which   **B**. when   **C**. what   **D**. why

Question 4. The masks take the _____ of monstrous, incised faces, sometimes with attached animals.

A. pattern   **B**. configuration   **C**. mould   **D**. shape

Question 5. There has been a _____ increase in inflation since 1990.

A. sharp   **B**. cracking   **C**. zippy   **D**. breakneck

Question 6. The _____ operator has answers for all the questions, but not everything is as it seems.

A. smooth   **B**. silky   **C**. mellow   **D**. mild

Question 7. By the time the loaves are ready, flour is on virtually every horizontal kitchen _____.

A. face   **B**. surface   **C**. side   **D**. peel

Question 8. Another thing you have to do before you serve a meal is set the _____ .

A. chair   **B**. table   **C**. desk   **D**. tray

Question 9. A spell of _____ luck discouraged us.

A. violent   **B**. strong   **C**. stout   **D**. tough

Question 10. She found a small, inexpensive motel on the _____ of the town; it was barren and unlovely.

A. purlieus   **B**. environs   **C**. outskirts   **D**. faubourgs

Question 11. International news broadcasts provide a _____ on the world.

A. aperture   **B**. gap   **C**.space   **D**. window

Question 12. Despite Mumbai being an over-populated _____ jungle, there are still many humble corners where people grow food.

A. mortar   **B**. cement   **C**. concrete   **D**. plaster

Question 13. Litter is another problem that currently casts a blot _____ the landscape of Hayes.

A. on   **B**. to   **C**. in   **D**. at