401. Miranda considered it a matter of _____ to defend her classmate who was being taunted by the bully, even though she was just as scared.

(A) abeyance
(B) integrity
(C) termination
(D) redolence
(E) extravagance

402. The friendship of a studious and _____ boy like Cliff will be a good influence on my _____ and disrespectful nephew.

(A) factious . . observant
(B) bountiful . . statuesque
(C) intolerant . . frolicsome
(D) vulgar . . baritone
(E) benevolent . . enervating

403. The Texans in the Alamo were unwilling to _____ with or surrender to Mexican General Santa Anna, and they paid the ultimate price.

(A) compromise
(B) bedeck
(C) ostracize
(D) vegetate
(E) convulse

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404. I am not _____: I would much rather drive my dad's vintage Volkswagen Beetle than be seen in my sister's flashy new sports car.

(A) disreputable
(B) fugacious
(C) pretentious
(D) impervious
(E) rampant

405. Roald Amundsen was a(n) _____ explorer; he was the first person to visit both the North and South poles.

(A) abrupt
(B) pugnacious
(C) tranquil
(D) generic
(E) intrepid

406. Every minute of Lara's life was scheduled and carefully planned, leaving no room for fun or _____.

(A) spontaneity
(B) grievance
(C) persecution
(D) absolution
(E) severance

407. Because of the threats against witnesses by gangs in the neighborhood, the best the police could hope for was to receive _____ tips about the brazen shooting.

(A) versatile
(B) palatial
(C) brittle
(D) expressive
(E) anonymous

408. I asked Ellen many intimate questions about my relationship with deceased relatives to see if she could _____ her claim that she is clairvoyant.

(A) contaminate
(B) substantiate
(C) percolate
(D) deluge
(E) stifle

LIVEWORKSHEETS

409. I was amazed at how _____ the mother was in the courtroom, considering the fact that she was looking into the eyes of her daughter's killer; I could not have had the same remarkable self-control.

(A) restrained
(B) studious
(C) astute
(D) livid
(E) expeditious

410. I did not believe that Madelyn was a _____ child until I heard her play the Mozart concerto.

(A) litigious
(B) subservient
(C) precocious
(D) coercive
(E) mediocre

411. The detective _____ every piece of information in the cold case file in an attempt to find new leads.

(A) scrutinized
(B) abominated
(C) deteriorated
(D) refracted
(E) transfused

412. None of what Katherine said about me is true, and I will confront her about making those _____ remarks.

(A) tranquil
(B) spurious
(C) penitential
(D) circuitous
(E) tireless

413. We have such _____ ideas about how to approach economic policy that I don't know how we will ever come to an agreement.

(A) mundane
(B) divergent
(C) negligent
(D) acoustic
(E) conformist

LIVEWORKSHEETS

414. The _____ of the sixteenth-century church was expensive and time-consuming, but the visitors all agreed that it was remarkable to see the building restored to its former glory.

(A) obstruction
(B) capitulation
(C) renovation
(D) jurisdiction
(E) malediction

415. I hope that there are _____ circumstances to justify your arriving home past curfew.

(A) meticulous
(B) translucent
(C) voracious
(D) deplorable
(E) extenuating

416. Eric's ability to avoid jail time is _____ upon his performing 1,000 hours of community service.

(A) devious
(B) nocturnal
(C) ambidextrous
(D) irritable
(E) conditional

417. It seems impossible after our decades-long friendship, but our former _____ has disappeared completely because of your betrayal.

(A) camaraderie
(B) nomination
(C) rebelliousness
(D) intrusion
(E) subsistence

418. The teacher said that Iago was the _____ in Shakespeare's famous play, but I felt that Othello was not exactly the hero of the story, as he also acted cruelly and selfishly.

(A) journalist
(B) matron
(C) laureate
(D) recluse
(E) antagonist

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419. Gwendolyn did not apologize because she cares about Stacy's feelings; she only acted in a(n) _____ way to avoid _____ from her peers, who said she had behaved poorly.

(A) diligent . . lunacy
(B) exemplary . . pantomime
(C) accessible . . mutiny
(D) contrite . . censure
(E) logical . . martyrdom

420. Because Carol was deathly allergic to peanuts, she was forced to _____ from eating many of the treats at Dustin's birthday party.

(A) paralyze
(B) interrogate
(C) castigate
(D) abstain
(E) dilate

421. In this age of viral videos and social media, fame comes quickly, but it is also _____, since people swiftly move on to the next fad.

(A) intracellular
(B) laborious
(C) pastoral
(D) evanescent
(E) redolent

422. The defense lawyer knew that the evidence against his client was unfavorable, so he would have to depend on _____ from the jury to gain _____ for his client.

(A) reminiscence . . turpitude
(B) urgency . . venom
(C) empathy . . leniency
(D) courtesy . . repentance
(E) cynicism . . deformity

423. She was once a(n) _____ person, but she became angry and _____ after the car accident left her paralyzed and scarred.

(A) effervescent . . reclusive
(B) degenerate . . nonpareil
(C) doleful . . obnoxious
(D) expeditious . . rigorous
(E) munificent . . perspicacious

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424. The scientist worked around the clock to find an antibiotic that could eliminate this deadly, _____ strain of bacteria.

(A) ribald
(B) seditious
(C) ignoble
(D) docile
(E) virulent

425. After taking the three-hour tour of the Grand Canyon on foot, the kids and I fell in love with the _____ but beautiful landscape of the Arizona desert.

(A) parched
(B) resilient
(C) ecstatic
(D) inquisitive
(E) furtive

426. Your _____ explanation is making it hard for me to focus and fully understand the complicated physics problem you are talking about.

(A) orthodox
(B) circuitous
(C) averse
(D) inseparable
(E) prominent

427. Eddie's _____ for the band was obvious; not only did he own every album, but he also collected Beatles memorabilia and studio-session recordings.

(A) aversion
(B) coalescence
(C) reverence
(D) dismissal
(E) insomnia

428. Researchers are working diligently on ways to _____ the picture quality of the old films, which have become faded with age.

(A) invert
(B) enhance
(C) paralyze
(D) abase
(E) reprimand

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